

October 6, 2020
10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellertson. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Marquart, Klefstad, Fougner and Loibl.

Also present by phone conference were Seth Hamre and Paul Bjornson from KLJ.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the minutes of the September 3rd and 10th, 2020 meetings. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed that the County Highway Department is busy mowing ditches before winter. Seth also discussed that he is busy working on FEMA paperwork.

Seth discussed that the old Quanbeck bridge, south of McVille, will need to be closed per the State. Seth discussed that he will look into getting a quote on removing the bridge.

Seth discussed that he hired a new employee at the Nelson County Highway Department and will start on October 19, 2020.

Seth discussed the Maintenance Agreement from NDDOT regarding our federal aid routes in the County needs to be signed.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to sign the Maintenance Agreement regarding our federal aid route. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to pay the final bill and sign off on the Final Project Certification for the Petersburg project. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The budget hearing began at 11:00 A.M.

The Commissioners discussed on decreasing the Sheriff's Department budget under the County General fund by \$25,000.00 for the new radio system, which will be funded by a grant.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to decrease the County General fund by 1 mill. All members

voted "Yes" with the exception of Commissioner Loibl who voted "No". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the final budget with the change to the County General fund. All members voted "Yes" with the exception of Commissioner Loibl who voted "No". Motion carried.

Budget hearing was closed.

Angela Herda discussed with the Commissioners that she is wrapping up on the spring flooding paperwork. She also gave an update on the lake elevations for Stump Lake and Devils Lake, which are both down from the month of September. Stump Lake elevation is at 1449.02' and Devils Lake elevation is at 1449.00'.

Angela gave an update on COVID. She also discussed all of the positive cases, which Nelson County had 68 positive cases at the time.

There were no public comments.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 130 calls for service in September.

Auditor Wigen discussed with the Commissioners the tax foreclosure property that came back to the county, located in Dahlen Township. A minimum sale price was set on that property to be sold at the county sale on November 17, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the minimum sale price that was set on the tax foreclosure property for the county sale. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Erin Fossen gave an update on the Clerk of Court office due to the COVID changes. Erin checked with the Commissioners about employees working from home due to COVID.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl that the department head will make the decision to allow their employee to work from home due to COVID. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle Linstad presented abatements to the Commissioners on parcels #27-0001-67905-000, #07-0000-01768-300 and #07-0000-01768-600.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the abatements on parcels #27-0001-67905-000,

#07-0000-01768-300 and #07-0000-01768-600. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jenny Wigen presented a quote to the Commissioners on a new server for the courthouse. Jenny discussed that the server is going out and will need to be replaced.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to order a new server for the courthouse. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to reappoint Cecil Stewart to the Nelson County Housing Authority Board. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to pay all the bills as listed. On a roll call voted all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Klefstad to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

**Special Commissioners Meeting
October 9, 2020 - 8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellertson. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Marquart, Klefstad, Loibl and Fougner.

Also present was Angela Herda.

Present by phone conference were Seth Hamre, Kristi Matejcek and Amie Vasichek.

The Commissioners discussed the COVID numbers increasing in Nelson County and what the county can do to stop the increase.

Commissioner Marquart discussed on creating signs and hanging them around businesses in Nelson County requesting people to wear a mask before entering the business.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to create and hang up signs at businesses in Nelson County requesting people to wear a mask before entering the business. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

**Special Commissioners Meeting
October 13, 2020 - 8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellertson. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Marquart, Klefstad, Loibl and Fougner.

Also present was Angela Herda and by phone conference was Julie Ferry.

The Commissioners discussed with Julie Ferry from Nelson/Griggs County District Health on conducting another mass testing for Nelson County residents due to the COVID numbers rising.

Julie Ferry discussed that she will setup another mass testing for the county.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

**Special Commissioners Meeting
October 27, 2020 - 1:00 P.M.**

Nelson County Commissioners, Seth Hamre, Jenny Wigen and Paul Bjornson met by phone conference with Brian Fuchs, Kent Leben and Paul Benning from NDDOT to discuss the 2021 Federal Aid Program for Nelson County.

Jenny Wigen
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners