

September 7, 2016

9:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flaagan with Commissioners Loibl, Ellertson, Marquart and Fougner present.

Also present Robert Frederick, Tim Lee and Anthony Herman.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the minutes as distributed. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee discussed the request from ND Game and Fish to do some light maintenance on Hoghaug Road and presented a contract for the work needing to be done.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the cooperative agreement between Nelson County and the ND Game and Fish. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim discussed the 2009 Ford F350 that was purchased through the Weed Board to spray weeds.

Anthony Herman informed the Board that work would be started on County Road 1 on Monday, September 12. The work will be done for approximately 5 miles east of ND 1 on County Road 1. Federal funds for this project will not exceed 80.93% of the total eligible project cost.

Elvin Johnson joined the meeting.

There was discussion on the usage of the county credit cards and computer use.

Anthony discussed the progressive estimate for County Road 4a. The road is 100% funded by the state. The grade at the curve is still under discussion. It is not at the correct slat so the speed limit will have to be dropped down from 45 to 25. KLJ will present the Board with some options to correct it at a later date.

Tim Lee reviewed the Road & Bridge budget.

Amie Vasichek presented a deed to the Board to clear the title for the city library project so work could begin on the new addition.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the Quit Claim Deed to remove

Nelson County from the deed. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee reviewed the Weed Board budget.

The Commissioner meeting was recessed.

The section line closing hearing began at 11:00 A.M. with Commissioners Flaagan, Fougner, Ellertson, Marquart and Loibl present.

Also present at the hearing were Bill Franzen, Alan Anderson, Rodney Brossart, Susan Brossart, Jacob Brossart, Heidi Brossart and Thomas Brossart.

The hearing opened with the reading of the petition and the descriptions of the section lines requesting to be closed. A series of questions were asked by Commissioner Flaagan to Bill Franzen. A map of the section lines requesting to be closed was reviewed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Flaagan asked if there were any comments about the section line closings by those in attendance. Rodney Brossart made the comment that he would like to keep them open so he could use the roads.

A roll call vote was taken. All voted "Yes" to close the section line.

Jayne Tenneson will prepare a resolution to be signed by the Chairman and recorded. The hearing was adjourned.

The Commissioners meeting was reconvened.

Keith Olson presented the calls to service and reviewed the Sheriff's budget.

Sharon Young discussed the annual school bus driver workshop to be held on September 28, 2016 at the Lakota Elementary School. The training topic will be defensive driving.

Sharon also discussed the new reverse emergency messaging system that will replace CodeRed called Nixle. Nixle is easier to use and does not limit the amount of messages that can be sent out.

Sharon discussed the Railroad Emergency Plan Annex. Copies of the plan were sent to cities, fire departments and ambulances for their review.

Sharon also discussed that the Devils Lake reporting station reported 19.59 inches of moisture from January 1 to August 31, 2016.

There was also a discussion of the compensation of Sharon's overtime hours.

Sharon reviewed the Superintendent of Schools, Emergency Management, Hazardous Chemicals and Homeland Security budgets.

Katelyn Hain and Kristi Berdal reported on County Agent business. On August 30, a Skype meeting was held with NDSU about cuts in their budget.

Katelyn is currently working on getting ag in the school classrooms and also introducing shooting sports in the schools such as air guns and archery. She also worked with students on land valuations.

Katelyn also discussed the soil amendments project that addresses "sour" ground. She showed the Board samples of Beetlime (Versilime) and gypsum that are added to improve the soil.

Katelyn also talked about Annie's Project which empowers women in ag work.

Katelyn reviewed the County Agent budget.

Ben Varnson from the Nelson County Water Resource Board along with Marvin Narum and Roger Schwan, Michigan Township, Gene Gehrke, Rugh Township, David Sateran, Central Township, Mike Donahue, Forde Township, Kevin Matejcek, David Larson and Elmer Lund, Enterprise Township, Jay Estvold, David Steffan and Scott Nelson, Rubin Township, discussed the drainage dispute with Walsh County.

They discussed the lack of a natural cleanout across the SE of Section 10 and SW of Section 11, the N ½ of Section 14 and the W ½ of Section 13 in Township 156, Range 25 in Shepherd Township, Walsh County.

Also discussed was the illegal drainage across the Sauter and Shepherd Township in Walsh County from the SW corner of Hove Slough into Nelson County.

Some townships have sent formal complaints to the Walsh County Water Board but despite numerous attempts by Nelson County, Walsh County has been uncooperative in settling this dispute. Ben is requesting that the Board get involved by sending a letter to Governor Dalrymple and Todd Sando, State Engineer for the ND State Water Commission asking for their help with this matter. The state needs to get involved because the Nelson County townships and Walsh County cannot come to an agreement.

There was more discussion on the park expenses and Sharon's comp time.

The Board examined the vouchers and instructed the Auditor to pay all bills as listed.

The meeting was recessed.

September 8, 2016 - 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Flaagan with Commissioners Loibl, Marquart, Fougner and Ellertson present.

Employee salaries were discussed.

The Board reviewed the various bund budgets.

Sheila Fisk reviewed the Auditor's budget.

The County Park budget was review.

Jayme Tenneson reviewed the State's Attorney budget.

Stacy Twete reviewed the Veteran's Service budget and the contract amounts with Ramsey County.

Rebecca Nelson reviewed the Recorder's/Clerk of Court budget.

Jeff Ritteman reviewed the Janitor and Building and Grounds budget.

Bernadette Matejcek reviewed the Treasurer's budget.

The meeting was recessed.

September 9, 2016 - 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Flaagan with Commissioners Marquart, Fougner, Ellertson and Loibl present.

At 8:30 A.M. the public health district budget hearing began with Julie Ferry present. Julie reviewed the health district budget.

Marcia Beglau reviewed the Social Services budget and introduced the new Director of Social Services, Mary Langley.

Michelle Linstad briefed the Board on the State Equalization hearing held in Bismarck on August 9, 2016 and reviewed the Tax Directors budget.

Steve Dahl, Brett Poehls and Kalyne Luehring joined the meeting.

At 10:00 A.M. bids for County Road 23 through Tolna were opened from Knife River Materials and Strata Corporation.

Anthony Herman stated the engineers estimate for the construction of the project to be \$380,000.00. The bid for Knife River was \$350,348.80 and Strata Corporation was \$352,292.18.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to accept the bid from Knife River Materials on the condition that all the figures are correct. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The City of Tolna, with a quorum present, accepted the bid from Knife River Materials.

Jayne Tenneson will draw up a contract between the City of Tolna and Nelson County for both parties to sign.

There was a discussion with Anthony Herman about the cross slope on County Road 4a. The cross slopes are similar as to what was there before but it is not correct. Nelson County was not informed of the safety of the current grade on the curve. The speed limit will have to be reduced to 25 mph until the slope is fixed. KLJ should have the responsibility of fixing the curve. KLJ will be meeting with the Commissioners at a later time to discuss options for fixing the grade.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to transfer \$3900.00 from the Enbridge Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The county building in Michigan sustained damage on the door from recent heavy winds. Steve Dahl made suggestion on what we needed to do to secure and repair the door.

Marcia rejoined the meeting and presented her final figures for the Social Services budget. There was also a discussion about the need for a private office for the new director, Mary Langley. Currently she is in a shared office with the social worker, Naomi Ferguson. A need for privacy for both Mary and Naomi is necessary.

Katelyn Hain introduced the new Regional Director Kim Ruliffson.

An abatement on parcel #8-0-1862-0 was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the abatement for the year 2015 taxes on parcel #8-0-1862-0 for inundated land. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed.

September 15, 2016 - 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened with Commissioners Marquart, Ellertson, Loibl and Fougner present.

Commissioner Fougner called the meeting to order.

There was a discussion on the Law Enforcement budget. It was the decision to pay a higher rate to the jail instead of raising their mill levy a ½ mill more.

Dawn Keely from the Red River Regional Council talked about the many projects that the Job Development Authority has helped out in Nelson County. The Petersburg Café, Tolna Business Center and City Park, Lakota Grocery Store, Wagon Wheel Bar and Grill, Michigan JDA, White and Rusty (McVille), Michigan Munchkins and City of Lakota manufacturing company pursuit, just to name a few.

The JDA is requesting 4 mills at approximately \$99,200.00 for 2017 and the RRRC is requesting a full mill of approximately \$28,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to give Red River Regional Council \$16,000.00 and the Job Development Authority 4 mills in 2017. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was more discussion on the credit card usage and the repair of the Michigan building.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to transfer \$1,285.00 from County General to the Victim Witness Advocate Fund. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

A Nelson County resident expressed concerns about the numerous potholes on old Highway 2 and whether they could get fixed.

There was a discussion about bales that are stacked along the county roads and the heavy infestation of rats. The townships should contact landowners that have bales right along the road and ask to have them moved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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