

September 6, 2017

9:30 A.M.

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

Also present at the meeting were Tim Lee, Elvin Johnson and Anthony Herman from KLJ.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Elvin Johnson suggested taking down the RR Crossing sign on County Road 6 north of Lakota so it is easier to maintain with the grader. Tim Lee said that there would be no problem removing it since that RR is not being used.

Tim reported that County Road 5 north of Petersburg has been done. Also discussed was the completed job on County Road 1.

Anthony Herman discussed the work that needs to be done on the Galde Bridge (CR20) located roughly 6.5 miles west of Aneta. Movement of the bridge has been 2" over the past 2 years. These repairs will last about 3 to 5 years before something else will need to be done. Quotes for the further repair of the bridge will be presented tomorrow.

Anthony discussed the chip seal on County Road 1. If the chip seal is done next summer, the county would not have to borrow ahead in Federal Funds.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to hire KLJ to design the work for the chip seal on County Road 1 and get it ready for the bidding. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the 35 MPH speed limit for trucks on County Road 35. The speed limit will remain at 35 MPH for truck traffic.

Tim discussed an invoice to a property owner for work done by the Highway Department that is more than 270 days overdue.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to write off the \$50.00 invoice as uncollectable but the Highway Department will not serve him in the future. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee reviewed the Road & Bridge and Weed Board budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to pay 100% for dust control on haul roads. On all other roads, the county will pay 25% and 75% will be paid by the landowner requesting the dust control chemical. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jeff Ritteman discussed the problem with the generator for the courthouse. Larry Ohnstad explained what work needs to be done to get it up and running. Ohnstad Electric presented an estimate for \$5,328.00 to fix the generator.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to accept the estimate from Ohnstad Electric for \$5,327.12 to repair the generator. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Commissioner Fougner left the meeting.

Keith Olson presented the Call for Service. There was a discussion about the Law Enforcement Grants for Impaired Driving and Underage Drinking. The Law Enforcement incarcerations and the jail bill were also discussed.

Keith Olson reviewed the Sheriff and Contract Police budgets.

The re-designation hearing began at 1:40 P.M.

Present for the hearing was Jeff Russo.

Jeff Russo expressed his concerns on the re-designation of the County Auditor position. There was a discussion on his concerns and questions. The appointment process was also discussed.

The re-designation hearing ended with no other public input.

Kristi Berdal has been working with Julie Garden-Robinson, Professor and Food & Nutrition Specialist at NDSU and another agent about getting a men's health program started. She presented a letter to the Board to sign in support of the application for funding the men's health program titled "Health Wise for Guys". It's a program that reaches men with cancer prevention and screening information. If it is successfully funded, Kristi will be offering pilot programs in Nelson County.

Kristi Berdal reviewed the County Agent budget.

Sharon Young discussed the school bus driver workshop to be held September 27th. She also discussed the Active Shooter Training which was held on August 21st.

Sharon also discussed the ND Flood Risk Map Kickoff Meeting which was held on August 9th. The State Water Commission and FEMA talked about updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and improve information used to assess flood risk.

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

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to pay all the bills as listed. All members voted "Yes". Motioned carried

Meeting recessed.

September 7, 2017 - 8:30 A.M.

The Veteran's Service and other various budgets were reviewed.

Jeff Ritteman reviewed the Janitor and Building & Grounds budgets.

Stacie Sevigny, Red River Regional Council and Steve Forde talked about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Nelson County Health System is applying for a grant to fund the repairs to the elevator at the hospital.

Nelson County is helping out because the hospital cannot directly apply for these funds as CDBG requires a city or county to be the applicant. The county will act as a pass through for the CDBG funds, if awarded.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to give all employees a 3% raise effective January 1, 2018 and continue to pay for full benefits. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee and Sean Mayfield from KLJ, talked about the integrity of the Galde Bridge (approximately 6.5 miles west of Aneta). The piers on the bridge are angling in because of the bank erosion. The bridge has shifted approximately 2" in 2 years due to the pressure of the banks. KLJ presented 3 quotes to repair the bridge. Swingen Construction for \$64,000.00, Industrial Builders for \$66,269.00 and On the Level Construction for \$76,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to repair the bridge and use Swingen Construction Company out of Grand Forks to do the work. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the culvert that was put in on County Road 5 in Nash Township.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to bill Nash Township for 50% of the cost of the 2 culverts, 50% of the surface gravel and \$200.00 for excavation. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about concerns on County Road 22. The road was raised and culverts put in. Now that the water has gone down, the culverts are too high in the road to allow water to flow to the pump station. The culverts need to be relayed properly.

Commissioner Fougner left the meeting.

Stephanie Morris discussed an incident that occurred in her office with an abusive property owner.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to not allow Rodney Brossart to have communication with any Nelson County employee unless it is in writing. We need to keep our employees safe. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Departmental budgets were reviewed.

Meeting recessed.

September 8, 2017 - 8:30 A.M.

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

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

Mary Langley reviewed the Social Services budget.

Michelle Linstad reviewed the Tax Director's budget.

Michelle Linstad presented abatements for inundated land acres.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the abatements for parcel #20-0000-05905-500, #20-0000-05906-000, #20-0000-05907-000, #20-0000-06011-500, #20-0000-06012-000 and #10-0000-02168-500. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Dawn Keeley presented the Job Development Authority budget. There were several businesses that the JDA worked on last year including the Tolna Business and Events Center, Petersburg Café, Lakota City Library, Lakota Grocery and Consolidated Newspapers (Lakota). The Nelson County JDA requests Nelson County to continue funding at four mills.

Dawn Keeley presented the Red River Regional Council budget. They are requesting a \$16,800.00 contribution for 2018.

Ben Varnson and Todd Whitman, Nelson County Water Resource District, Danielle Gorder, Red River Regional Council, Tim Lee and Sharon Young joined the meeting.

Ben Varnson briefed the Board on the Sheyenne River Snag & Clear Project. He presented a Resolution of Necessity for the Commissioners to sign if they support and approve the project.

Danielle Gorder explained the snag & clear project. The project consists of 8.1 river miles of the Sheyenne River. The project would remove and dispose of log jams, leaning trees acting as a snag and of tree down falls within the channel and adjacent to the perimeter.

This topic will be tabled until a later date so the Commission can talk to local residents and get their input on the snag and clear project.

Commissioner Marquart left the meeting.

Michelle Linstad updated the Commission on the State Equalization hearing in Bismarck.

Meeting recessed.

September 18, 2017 - 8:30 A.M.

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

Several fund budgets were reviewed and discussed.

There was a discussion on the fees for the setup of Statewide Automated Victim information and Notification (SAVIN). SAVIN provides victims and other concerned citizen's free, prompt and confidential notification and status information. There will be payments of \$536.00 per year for the next 2 years. The amount will be taken out of the Clerk of Court department budget. There was also a discussion about Safe Alternatives for Abused Families (SAAF) contribution.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to pay SAAF \$500.00 out of the Witness Victim Advocate fund. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the Sheyenne River Snag and Clear Project.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to not approve the Resolution of

Necessity for the Sheyenne River Snag and Clear Project. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

James Schmidt and Kevin Sundre from Petersburg and Andrew Aakre, PE Project Manager for Moore Engineering joined the meeting.

James Schmidt explained the Petersburg paving project and the suggestion to reroute County Road 5 to the west entrance into Petersburg instead of on 5th Street (Main Street). The City of Petersburg was awarded a Corp of Engineers grant to replace the sewers. They are asking the County to pave part of 5th Street and 1st Avenue where there are no sewer lines since the grant will not cover paving of any street without a sewer under it. The County could use state funding to help pay for their portion of the project.

The discussion was tabled for a later time until they can get more information from the State's Attorney on rerouting a county road and what the procedure would be.

Meeting adjourned.

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