

November 7, 2014

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

Chairman Olson opened the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Olson took roll call and present were Commissioners Wakefield, Pedersen, Dahl-absent, Steffen and Olson. Also present were Auditor Anton, Treasurer Eslinger, Clerk of Court/Recorder Vincent, Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, KLJ Krause, States Attorney Tenneson, NDSU District Director Flage, NDSU Administrative Assistant Stabenow, IT Palm, Griggs County Township Officer Association Rothert, Griggs County Water Board Member Brooks, Tom Gilbertson from Tom Gilbertson and Sons, and Citizen Dennis Halvorson.

Chairman Olson opened floor for any changes to the agenda and it was moved by Steffen to accept the agenda as presented, second by Pedersen and called for discussion three times with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson asked that they review the minutes from October 10 & 17. Motion by Steffen to dispense with reading of the minutes and to approve the October 10, 2014 minutes as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried. Motion by Steffen to dispense with reading of the minutes and to approve the October 17, 2014 minutes as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor for discussion on bills presented. There was discussion on some bills. Motion by Wakefield to accept the bills as presented and to send a cancellation notice to Main Street Storage to not allow the Sheriff's office to rent from them, second by Pedersen and called for discussion three times with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor for review and discussion on monthly office reports. Motion by Steffen to accept the monthly office reports as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Clerk of Court/ Recorder Vincent. COC/R Vincent reported on the update of the Kevlar situation. She reported that they have been granted two metal detectors and an x-ray machine instead of installing the Kevlar.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to NDSU District Director Flage on the Extension Office. NDSU will be advertising for an extension agent and DD Flage had discussion with the Commission about the process of hiring an agent, asked that a Commissioner serve on the search committee, and the furniture that is being stored by former Extension Agent Haakenson. The furniture will be brought over and stored in the new courthouse. Steffen volunteered to serve on the search committee.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/ 911 Coordinator Oien. RS/911C Oien gave the floor to Water Board Member Brooks. There was discussion about the County slope standards in ditches.

Motion by Wakefield to take a 10 minute recess, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson reconvened the meeting and opened the floor to Road Superintendent/ 911 Coordinator Oien and KLJ Krause on road bids. KLJ Krause opened the two bids that were received with three alternates each. First bid came from Tom Gilbertson & Sons and they bid the first alternate at \$224,810.90, second alternate at \$161,266.75, and third alternate at \$382,843.08. The second bid came from Boarder States Paving

and they bid the first alternate at \$390,262.00, second alternate at \$368,182.00, third alternate at \$700,945.00. KLJ Krause is going to look over the bids to make sure there is nothing wrong with them. Motion by Wakefield to award the bids to Gilbertson & Sons if the bids come back that everything looks alright, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. RS/911C presented a reimbursement request for the chip seal and overlay projects to be signed. Motion by Steffen to request reimbursement for the engineering cost on the chip seal and overlay project, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on the future road projects. Motion by Wakefield to advertise for bids on the chip seal project on County Roads 2, 19, and 26 to combine the design and construction engineering into one, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to IT Palm to discuss the Security Breach. IT Palm reported on the program that was detected on Auditor Anton's computer and the security changes going forward.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Treasurer Eslinger to discuss the Treasurer's Office. There was discussion on courthouse employees donating sick leave. Motion by Pedersen to allow the two employees to donate sick leave to Christy Ronningen for maternity leave, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the State/County Agreement with social services. Motion by Steffen to have Chairman Olson sign the agreement, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss Colonial Insurance. There was discussion on allowing Colonial Insurance to continue to be offered to the employees since our past representative changed companies. Motion by Wakefield to allow the representative from Colonial Insurance to come, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Deputy Auditor Quast. There was discussion about the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas. The Commission asked that Deputy Auditor Quast get a majority vote from all the employees if they would take a vacation day/no pay and the offices would be closed. There was also discussion about who would make the call to close the courthouse because of weather. Motion by John that the chairman be the contact person if there is a question on courthouse closure due to weather, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion about probation raises.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the workers comp meeting. Motion by Wakefield to allow two hours on November 20th to have the workers comp meeting, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the GASB 68 Employer Training in Bismarck. Motion by Steffen to allow Treasurer Eslinger and Deputy Auditor Quast to attend the Training in Bismarck and be paid out of Social Security and Health budget for travel, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the old courthouse/new courthouse and the letter from Construction Engineers' Attorney. There was discussion on going into executive session. Motion by Wakefield to move into executive session to discuss the letter from Zimney Foster P.C., second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson reconvened the meeting and there was discussion on the invoice to Griggs County Building Authority.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the COPS Grant. Motion by Steffen to table it till next meeting, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

There was continued discussion on the old courthouse/new courthouse and the letter from Construction Engineers' Attorney. Motion by Wakefield to instruct State's Attorney to let Construction Engineers know that we would like to proceed with mediation, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Motion by Steffen to adjourn meeting at 5:07 pm and meet again in special session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 10:30 am and regular session on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 1 pm, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: _____
Deputy Auditor

Chairman