

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

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

Chairman Wakefield took roll call and present were Commissioners Averill, Tranby, Zorn-phone, Edland, and Wakefield. Also present was Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, Sheriff Hook, Treasurer Eli, and State’s Attorney Tenneson

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor for any changes to the agenda. Motion by Edland to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of the Sales Ratio Study, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to accept the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion by Tranby to approve the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss bills. Motion by Edland to approve the bills as presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Edland-aye, Zorn-aye, Wakefield-aye and carried.

12169-12190	Payroll	37,603.95
30355	Aramark	175.63
30356	Bin City Bulk	1703.40
30357	Christian Chrysler	143.55
30358	City of Cooperstown	203.43
30359	Cooperstown Hardware	20.98
30360	Rick Cushman	675.00
30361	Dakota Mailing	40.26
30362	DNA Mobility	855.90
30363	Office Experts	250.00
30364	Otter Tail Power	1171.64
30365	RDO	1517.62
30366	Verizon	327.19
30367-30394	Cities/Townships	73066.98
30395-30397	Schools	7631.62
30398-30407	Other entities	2517.20

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Monthly Office Reports. Motion by Edland to approve the monthly office reports as presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Finley Farmers Elevator Appraisal. There was discussion on the issue and the Commission would like State’s Attorney Tenneson to research it further.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. No discussion was held.

Motion by Tranby to amend the agenda to add the City Policing Contract, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the City Policing Contract. Sheriff Robert Hook reported on the issue and the City will be meeting on Monday night to discuss it.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Sales Ratio Study. There was discussion on the contract that was presented. Motion by Zorn to open the floor to discuss the contracts that were presented, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Motion by Zorn to enter the Sales Ratio Contract with Allan and Kimberly Vietmeier DBA Spectrum Photography ND, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-aye, Edland-nay, Wakefield-aye, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the 2024 Budget. There was discussion on the 2024 budget that was presented. Motion by Tranby to take a 5 minute recess, second by Edland and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Chairman Wakefield reconvened the meeting and reopened the floor to continue discussing the 2024 budget. There was continued discussion on the 2024 Budget. Motion by Averill to put the Assistant County Agent at two days a week, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with 4 ayes, 1 nay, and carried. Motion by Averill to approve the 2024 budget as amended, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-aye, Edland-aye, Wakefield-nay, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss future business. Motion by Averill to reach out to Cooperstown Township Member Urness regarding the Finley Farmers Elevator Appraisal and discuss it at the next meeting, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Motion by Tranby to adjourn meeting at 6:07 pm and meet again in regular session on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm, second by Edland and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson  
Auditor

John Wakefield  
Chairman