

March 3, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

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

Chairman Pedersen took roll call and present were Commissioners Wakefield, Tranby, Urness, Edland-present by zoom, and Pedersen. Also present was Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, KLJ Bjornson and State's Attorney Tenneson.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor for any changes to the agenda. Motion by Wakefield to accept the agenda as presented with the deletion of Treasurer's desk with Treasurer Eslinger's objection noted, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to accept the Feb. 17th meeting minutes. Motion by Tranby to approve the February 17th meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss bills. Motion by Urness to approve the bills as presented with the exception of Commercial Lighting bill of \$2,406.17, second by Edland and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Tranby-aye, Urness-aye, Edland-aye, Pedersen-aye and carried.

11473-11493	Payroll	22742.79
28456	James Anderson	114.00
28457	Arrowwood Prairie Coop	1050.00
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28459	Bin City Bulk	1803.20
28460	Butler Machinery Co	347.72
28461	Cardmember Services	653.55
28462	City of Cooperstown	306.08
28463	Cooperstown Hardware	144.79
28464	Dakota Mailing Shipping Equipment	101.19
28465	DNA Mobility Inc.	1039.50
28466	Dollar General	25.90
28467	Edlund Motor Co	59.40
28468	EMC Insurance Companies	889.29
28469	H.E. Everson Co	168.00
28470	Fargo Freightliner	110.88
28471	Gilbertsons	899.20
28472	Jamestown Communications	231.00
28473	John Deere Financial	344.98

28474	Little Falls Machine Inc	2269.75
28475	Jennifer Martinson	53.22
28476	Mchenry Ambulance Service	2169.78
28477	ND Attorney General	1525.00
28478	NDACo Directory Sales	30.00
28479	NDACo	132.30
28480	ND Sheriffs and Deputies Association	68.00
28481	New Century Press	204.72
28482	Northern Salt	3350.22
28483	Ottertail Power Company	2561.95
28484	RDO Equipment Co	13269.31
28485	State Treasurer	10605.57
28486	The Home Shop	88.80
28487	Tolna Fire District	307.91
28488	Town and Country Coop	7226.92
28489	Verizon Wireless	671.02
28490-28517	Cities/Townships	425322.53
28518-28523	Schools	915537.59
28524	Aneta Ambulance	172.98
28525	Com Medical Hosp Dist	46452.34
28526	Cooperstown Ambulance	17676.92
28527	Garrison Conservancy District	9531.74
28528	Griggs County Council on Aging	37978.90
28529	Griggs County Fair Board	6958.77
28530	Griggs County Historical Society	2322.52
28531	Griggs County Library	31444.89
28532	Griggs County Soil Conservation	23375.84
28533	Nelson Griggs Health District	14305.22
28534	Water Management Board	76071.30

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss the Monthly Office Reports. Motion by Urness 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 Pedersen opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911Coordinator Oien and KLJ Bjornson. Bjornson presented a handout on state funds available. Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien mentioned an email Auditor Larson received from the NDDOT regarding the paperwork required for the seal coat project #SC-2000(017). He noted that 2 RFPs for engineering the project were received: from Ackerman Estvold and from KLJ. A time has to be set to go through the bids and then set up interview times with each firm. Discussed the process of firm selection. Date of March 17 at 1:00 p.m. chosen for the engineering selection committee meeting.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. It has to be updated now and he has been working on it. Discussion of process to get the plan in place.

There is a grant to pay for updating the plan and he just needs to sign it and return. Motion by Urness to accept bid from Heartland Contracting to update the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and accept the grant from the ND DES, second by Tranby and called for discussion three times with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Tranby-aye, Urness-aye, Edland-aye, Pedersen-aye and carried. Two commissioners need to be assigned to the plan.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss the ballot measures. State's Attorney Tenneson has language to continue the 10 mills for the highway department. Discussion of whether this needs to go on the ballot this year. State's Attorney Tenneson will research for next meeting. Combination of offices question for ballot was discussed. State's Attorney Tenneson presented the process to put this on the ballot. There will be more research done by State's Attorney Tenneson for the next meeting.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss the Employee Manual. Motion by Wakefield to table until next meeting, second by Urness and called three times with all ayes, no nays and carried.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's Retirement Letter. Discussion held on the Commission's options to fill the position. State's Attorney Tenneson will research these.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to the tax abatement presented. Motion by Urness to approve the application for abatement for parcel 12-0000-03132-010, second by Tranby and called for discussion three times with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Tranby-aye, Urness-aye, Edland-aye, Pedersen-aye and carried.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. State's Attorney Tenneson had a response from the bond attorneys and will follow up with the Bank of North Dakota and the lending bank.

Chairman Pedersen opened the floor to discuss future business. Items to discuss at next meeting are Social Service Director position, Permission for State's Attorney Tenneson to run in both counties, combination of Auditor & Treasurer offices and the county road mill levy should be discussed.

Motion by Urness to adjourn meeting at 4:01 pm and meet again in regular session on March 17th at 2:30 pm, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: _____
Treasurer recording for Auditor

Chairman