

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, November 21, 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, Steffen and Olson. Commissioner Dahl was absent. Also present were Treasurer Eslinger, Clerk of Court/Recorder Vincent, and Mayor Paintner.

Chairman Troy Olson opened discussion on the presented agenda. There was discussion on adding the New Courthouse/Old Courthouse to the agenda. Motion by Shawn Steffen to approve the agenda as amended and make Old Courthouse/New Courthouse as a standing agenda item, second by Dale Pedersen and called for discussion three times with all ayes, no nays and carried.

Chairman Troy Olson opened the floor for discussion on November 7, 14, and 18th minutes. Motion by Steffen to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve November 7 minutes as amended, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried. Motion by Steffen to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve November 14th minutes as presented, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Motion by Steffen to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve November 18th minutes as presented, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Troy Olson opened the floor on discussion on presented bills. Motion by Steffen to approve the bills, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

6719-6754	Payroll	31,434.02
18926	Griggs County	15,393.00
18927	Griggs County	17,189.12
18929	Access Printing Solutions LLC	205.00
18930	Bank of the West	1,650.00
18931	Cardmember Service	179.95
18932	Campbell Bros	7,146.00
18933	Diane Cowdrey	30.00
18934	Dakota Rose Floral	56.98
18935	Helene Fossum	30.00
18936	Griggs County	1,260.00
18937	Information Technology Department	433.10
18938	John Deere Financial	1,887.08
18939	Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, PC	7,160.15
18940	NDACO	175.00
18941	NDDOT	47,695.81
18942	Quill	55.43
18943	Schulz Plumbing	1,032.80
18944	Betty Stabenow	56.00
18945	Tom Gilbertson & Sons	69,349.00
18946	Verizon	105.94
18947	Verizon	44.50
18948	Kelly Vincent	55.00

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the increase in State Lodging Rates. Motion by Wakefield to match the county's reimbursement rates to the state rates, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss Day after Thanksgiving/Day after Christmas. The employees agreed to take Vacation/No pay time for both the day after Thanksgiving/day after Christmas. Motion by Wakefield to get a majority vote each year to take vacation or no pay for day after Thanksgiving/day after Christmas and if there is a majority vote, to allow all county offices to close, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Weed Bookkeeper & Risk Manager. Former Auditor Anton had these duties assigned to her and got additional compensation to perform them. The Commission agreed that if it is a budgeted item, then Auditor Quast will perform these duties and get the compensation that former Auditor Anton was receiving and will let the Commission know if it was budgeted or not.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Quarterly Extension Ad. There was discussion about the ad that will be run.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Cindy Anton's Resignation Letter. Motion by Wakefield to accept Cindy Anton's Resignation Letter as County Auditor, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Christmas Fund. Motion by Pedersen to approve the disbursement of the Christmas fund, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Commission's Salary. Motion by Wakefield to set the Commission's salary at zero for 2015, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the North Dakota Newspaper Association. The Commission had already taken action for this in the Quarterly Extension Ad discussion.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to South Central Human Service Center Advisory Council Appointment. Motion by Wakefield to reappoint Dahl to the South Central Human Service Center Advisory Council, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Signatures on checks. Motion by Wakefield to revise all signature cards to read Samantha Quast, Connie Eslinger, and Christy Ronningen, and delete Cindy Anton's name, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to COPS Grant/DOT. There was discussion if the county should accept the COPS Grant or to table till next meeting. Motion by Pedersen to table this till next meeting when Sheriff/DES Hook could attend the meeting, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Myhre Law Office Letter. There was discussion about the letter and what should happen going forward.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the County Library. Commissioner Dahl reported on the Library and some options that the County Library came up with to buy the Bank of the West building for the new location for the library.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Recorder/Clerk of Court Vincent. R/COC Vincent reported that she will be closing an office space and combining both offices into the Recorders office space. Sheriff/DES Hook will be occupying the Clerk of Court office space. R/COC Vincent also reported that she went back to listen to the recording from May 7, 2013 for the discussion on her salary and there was no motion at that time. She asked that the Commission grant her the 100% of what former Recorder/Clerk of Court Steffen was making. There was discussion about the date of the recording and about getting a copy of all the recordings that former Auditor Anton has.

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

Chairman Olson reconvened the meeting and reopened the floor to Recorder/Clerk of Court Vincent on her salary. There was continued discussion about the recording that R/COC Vincent had listened to. Motion by Dahl to accept R/COC Vincent proposal to get 100% of former R/COC Steffen's salary, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Motion by Steffen to amend the agenda and add missing tape recordings, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion about what action should be taken going forward. Motion to have Auditor Quast call Cindy Anton and have her return all the recordings by Monday morning or sooner or consequential action will be taken, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Motion by Wakefield to adjourn meeting at 2:57 pm and meet again in regular session on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 1 pm, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Quast
Auditor

Troy Olson
Chairman