

The Board of County Commissioners met in Regular session on Thursday, December 17, 2015 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. Also present were State's Attorney Tenneson, Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, Weed Officer Wallery, Clerk of Court/Recorder Vincent, and Tax Director Lorenzen.

Chairman Olson opened the floor for any changes to the agenda. Motion 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 opened the floor to approve the December 4th meeting minutes. There was discussion on some changes to the Minutes. Motion by Steffen to approve the December 4th meeting minutes as amended and dispense with the reading, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to approval of the bills. Motion by Steffen to pay the November bills and December vouchers as presented, 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.

7593-7626	Payroll	30939.94
20603	ND Post Board	45.00
20604	Griggs County	15746.24
20605	Messerli & Kramer	266.69
20606	Wold, Johnson PC	200.00
20607	Comfort Inn	80.00
20608	Rick Cushman	200.00
20609	Lori Eggermont	7.94
20610	Emergency Communications Net	1000.00
20611	LeAnn Gilbertson	48.73
20612	Griggs County	5712.44
20613	Griggs County	20698.22
20614	ITD	511.75
20615	Anthony Klubben	43.00
20616	Matthew Bender & Co	117.60
20617	McHenry County Auditor	36.71
20618	ND Dept of Human Services	2810.47
20619	ND State Board of Law Examiners	184.93
20620	NDSU Ag Communication	80.00
20621	Net Center Supply	29898.95
20622	New Century Press	246.35
20623	Ottertail Power Co	31.90
20624	Deborah Pfeifer	19.35
20625	Pitney Bowes Inc	150.00
20626	Zeurcher Technologies LLC	900.00

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Tim Wallery to discuss the Weed Officer Position. There was discussion on the position and what the position entails. Motion by Wakefield to offer the Weed Officer position to Tim Wallery for a contracted position of \$4,200, 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. The Commission would like the County to pay Tim quarterly.

Motion by Wakefield to take a 5 minute recess, second by Pedersen 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. There was discussion on the Rail letter that was tabled at the last meeting. Action was taken on this letter last year so no action was required to be taken. There was also discussion on the #15 Easement that was presented. State's Attorney Tenneson hasn't completed the easement from the County to Dan Odegaard to present, so the Commission would like to wait to take action on the easement from Dan Odegaard to the County. RS/911C Oien reported on the Road Departments performance. There was discussion on the status of the Easement with State's Attorney Tenneson.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was discussion on the courthouse lawsuit. The County received a Reply Brief from the Building Authority in response to the County's Reply Brief. State's Attorney Tenneson reported on the steps that the County will take going forward. The County is in the process of requesting an estimate of how much it will take to finish the new courthouse.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Clerk of Court/Recorder Vincent to discuss the Courthouse Facility Grant. COC/R Vincent presented a letter to have Chairman Olson sign for reimbursement. Motion by Steffen to have Chairman Olson sign the letter for reimbursement, 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.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Weed Cost Share Application that was presented. Motion by Wakefield to authorize Chairman Olson to sign the Weed Cost Share Application, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the City of Cooperstown letter on the County owned property. There was discussion on the letter and the proper procedure. Motion by Wakefield to sell the 12 lots on block 41 to the City for \$1 per lot, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion; there was continued discussion. Chairman Olson called for continued discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson reopened the floor to the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. Motion by Wakefield to sign the letter from the Bank of North Dakota that was presented, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the 2015 Budget Amendments. There was discussion on how the Commission would like to proceed with amending budget. The Commission would like to wait until their special meeting on the 31st to make sure the amending of the budgets is correctly done after all bills are paid for the year.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Tax Director Lorenzen to discuss Vanguard. TD Lorenzen presented information for the Commission. There was discussion on the Vanguard Software that the Tax Director's Office currently uses. The Commission would like State's Attorney Tenneson to draft a letter to the City of Cooperstown regarding Vanguard software.

Chairman Olson reopened the floor to Clerk of Court/ Recorder Vincent to discuss maximizing the Court Facility Grant.

Chairman Olson reopened the floor to the Old Courthouse/ New Courthouse. There was discussion on

the process of getting an estimate of finishing the new courthouse and the estimated time line that they foresee.

Motion by Steffen to adjourn meeting at 3:30 pm and meet again in special session on December 31st and regular session on January 8th and January 22nd 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