

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, February 20, 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 Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, and State's Attorney Tenneson.

Chairman Olson opened floor for any changes to the agenda. There are a few additional items of information that RS/911C Oien would like to add to the agenda. The Commission added these issues to the time that RS/911C Oien previously had. 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 accept the February 6, 2015 meeting minutes. There was discussion on a typo in the minutes. Motion by Pedersen to approve the February 6, 2015 minutes as amended and dispense with the reading, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Chairman Olson read the minutes from the January 13, 2015, meeting.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the bills. There was discussion on the Cornerstone Church bill. Motion by Steffen to approved the February vouchers with the exception of the Cornerstone Community Church for the \$10,050.00, 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. There was also discussion on the process that the checks should take. Motion by Dahl to revise the process so that the Auditor signs the checks and brings them to the County Commission to be approved and then they get sent to the Treasurer to be signed and sent off, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

6921-6953	Payroll	29,305.84
19335	Griggs County	13,841.08
19336	Ameripride Services	67.21
19337	Bank of the West	1,650.00
19338	Bohlman Pest Control	89.00
19339	Cardmember Services	655.92
19340	Rick Cushman	460.00
19341	Ellefson Sales and Excavating	1,383.26
19342	Farm & Home Publishers	362.00
19343	ITD	431.75
19344	Betty Kolofsky	221.28
19345	Matthew Bender & Co Inc.	37.08
19346	ND Supreme Court	25.00
19347	New Century Press	450.32
19348	Pitney Bowes Inc.	159.58
19349	Jayme Tenneson	180.08

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien. There was discussion on the Utility Permit that was presented. Motion by Wakefield to pass along the Utility Permit to State's Attorney Tenneson for him to review, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on the lease of a John Deere tractor for the Road Department use. Motion by Pedersen that RS/911 C Oien pursue a lease on a John Deere tractor, 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. There was discussion on the FAR Tax Levy, future road projects, and plowing of the street in front of the new courthouse building. There was discussion on the letter from the North Dakota Highway Patrol on

railroad. There was also discussion on requesting assistance on road restrictions. Motion by Wakefield to request assistance for the load limits in 2015, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Library Tax Levy. There was discussion on the process of how Auditor Quast got the calculation and how the Library got the funding they received. The Commission ask that Commissioner Dahl let them know how the funding plays out for State Funding.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Water Board Letter. State's Attorney Tenneson informed the Commission on the issue with the water board and drafted a letter for the Commission to sign to be in opposition to the issue.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the County Policy. There was discussion on what an employee should do if they have a grievance.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Tax Director update. There was discussion on the position and if Foster County would be willing to hire a Tax Director jointly. The Commission would like to table this issue until State's Attorney Tenneson could get in contact with Foster County.

Update on the Cornerstone Church bill. Commissioner Wakefield got in contact with Sheriff/DES Coordinator Hook and the Building Authority paid this bill.

Motion by Steffen to take a ten 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 the Tax Director Position. Motion by Wakefield to have State's Attorney Tenneson get in contact with appropriate officials in Foster County and let them know that we would be in agreement of a joint powers agreement for a Tax Director and cost will be proportional to the usage, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Township Officers Association invite. There was discussion on who would be able to attend this meeting. All the Commissioners plan to attend this meeting.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Walt Kerbaugh's funeral. There was discussion on if the County should send a memorial to the funeral. Motion by Pedersen to send a memorial to Walk Kerbaugh's funeral, 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 the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was discussion on the letter from Kraft Architects concerning the cancellation of their contract. There was also discussion on future funding issues. State's Attorney Tenneson drafted a letter to the Building Authority and have a copy go to the Bank of North Dakota concerning \$290,000 discrepancy in funds paid by Griggs County to the Bank of North Dakota. Motion by Wakefield to have SA Tenneson correct the address on the letter and have Chairman Olson sign and send it off, second by Dahl and called two times for discussion. There was discussion on how to proceed with this issue. There was also discussion on having a date be put into the letter on when final action should be taken. Called for further discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was also discussion on the EOC Center and how to go about finishing it. There was also discussion on mediation. There was discussion on the Mediation Agreement Contract. Motion by Steffen to sign the Mediation Agreement Contract and go forward with mediation. There was discussion on the questions that are on the contract. State's Attorney Tenneson read the questions to the Commissioners and would like to discuss the questions in executive session. The Commissioners would like to answer as many questions as they can outside of executive session.

Wakefield seconded the motion and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Wakefield to recess and go into executive session, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson reconvened the meeting and reopened the floor to the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. No action was taken in executive session. Motion by Wakefield to have State's Attorney Tenneson return the Mediation Agreement pending the approval of the Commission. Second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Motion by Pedersen to adjourn meeting at 4:36 pm and meet again in special session on March 3, 2015 at 8:30 and regular session on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1 pm and March 20, 2015 at 1 pm, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Quast  
Auditor

Troy Olson  
Chairman