

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 9:30 am.

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-absent, Zorn, Edland, and Wakefield. Also present was States Attorney Tenneson and Sheriff Beaver.

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

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to accept the February 5th meeting minutes. Motion by Averill to approve the February 5th meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Edland 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 Averill and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Edland-aye, Zorn-aye, Wakefield-aye and carried.

12450-12470	Payroll	37791.55
31082	Arrowwood Prairie	3398.47
31083	Barnes Co Correctional	1295.00
31084	CENTRAL Business Systems	33.50
31085	Christian Chrysler	190.00
31086	City of Binford	55.00
31087	City of Cooperstown	204.49
31088	Cooper Collision	291.50
31089	DNA Mobility	2228.00
31090	H E Everson	266.90
31091	Gilbertsons	597.66
31092	Great America Financial	105.00
31093	Griggs Co	347.77
31094	Tami Beckley	308.00
31095	Info Technology	694.10
31096	Samantha Larson	35.92
31097	LEAF	112.89
31098	Loffler	95.34
31099	NDACO	760.39
31100	NACO	450.00
31101	ND Clerk of Courts	100.00
31102	ND County Recorder	200.00
31103	ND DOT	305.12
31104	New Century Press	184.98
31105	Office Experts	303.72
31106	Otter Tail Power	198.71
31107	Pitney Bowes	421.08
31108	RDO	922.00
31109	Reitens	1267.37
31110	State Treasurer	5601.71
31111-31133	Cities/Townships	276596.14
31134	Schools	417440.80

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to State's Attorney Tenneson. There was discussion on the way the meetings are ran and SA Tenneson cautioned the Commissioners on different meeting procedures.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to Sheriff Beaver to discuss Sheriff Office Update. There was discussion on the information that was presented. Motion by Edland to amend the Sheriff's Budget to use \$56,403.70 from the Chief Deputy line item and allocate them for safety equipment from Axon, second by Averill and called for discussion. There was continued discussion on the issue. Chairman Wakefield called three times for further discission with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Zorn-nay, Edland-aye, Wakefield-nay, and failed. The issue will be back on the agenda for the next meeting when Commissioner Tranby can be available.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to Clerk of Court/Recorder Palm to discuss the Supreme Court Letter. There was discussion on the information that was presented. Motion by Edland to enter into a funding agreement with the State of North Dakota for Clerk of Court Services, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Zorn-aye, Edland-aye, Wakefield-aye, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Tax Director Position. There was discussion on the information that was presented. Motion by Edland to accept the contract as presented. Motion dies for lack of second. There was discussion on the Farmstead, Veteran, and Homestead Credit application. Motion by Edland to authorize Commissioner Wakefield to sign off on them, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on the issue.

Motion by Averill to take a 5-minute recess, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield reconvened the meeting and opened the floor to discuss the MLGC Service Agreement. Motion by Edland to approve the MLGC Service Agreement as presented, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Tax Abatement that was president. Motion by Edland to reject the application as nonapplicable, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Senior Citizens Budget. There was discussion on the services that the Senior Citizens provide and the funding shortfall. The Commission will discuss at the next meeting, putting a levy increase on the ballot in June.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Games of Change Permit. Motion by Edland to approve the Games of Chance and presented, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

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

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss future business. The Commission will discuss Sheriff's Office, Senior Citizen Budget, and the Sales Ratio Contracts.

Motion by Averill to adjourn meeting at 11:15am and meet again in regular session on March 4th at 9:30 am, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson
Auditor

John Wakefield
Chairman

