

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, March 18, 2016 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 was Sanford AirMed Representative Kressin and State’s Attorney Tenneson.

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

Chairman Olson opened the floor to accept the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes. There was also discussion on the meeting minutes from the March 9th special meeting. Even though a quorum of the Commission was not met at this meeting the Commission would still like to have minutes for this meeting. Motion by Dahl to approve the March 3, 2016 minutes as amended and dispense with the reading, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Motion by Wakefield to approve the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes as amended, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the bills. Motion by Dahl to approved the January bills and vouchers as presented with the addition of the Verizon of 44.72 and Bank of North Dakota of \$125,729.77, 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.

7789-7821	Payroll	28700.92
21032	Griggs County	14381.70
21033	Wold Johnson PC	100.00
21034	Almklovs Pharmacy	2.59
21035	Ameripride Services	107.67
21036	Arrowwood Prairie Coop`	1247.06
21037	LaDonna Leingang	125729.77
21038	Brown & Saenger	11.97
21039	Comfort Inn	80.00
21040	Lori Eggermont	115.78
21041	H. E. Everson Co	172.16
21042	Fargo Rubber Stamp Works Inc	32.20
21043	General Equipment and Supply	331.01
21044	Griggs County	325.58
21045	Griggs County	20716.81
21046	Griggs County Courier	40.00
21047	Griggs County Sheriff’s Dept	50.00
21048	ITD	553.75
21049	Lyle Signs Inc.	692.38
21050	NDSU Extension Service	11348.00
21051	New Century Press	190.52
21052	Ottertail Power Co.	88.69
21053	Purchase Power	1005.00
21054	Samantha Quast	115.78
21055	Reiten Inc.	59.67
21056	Schulz Plumbing, Heating	325.00
21057	T & K Sales	30.19

21058-21059	Verizon Wireless	151.76
21060	WW Wallwork	6508.03
21061	Tim Wallery	1050.00

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Katy Kressin to discuss the Sanford AirMed services. Kressin reported and there was discussion on what the service will provide for the County.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Attorney General Response. There was discussion on what was sent, the reply that Auditor Quast received, and how the Commission would like Auditor Quast to respond.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Nelson County Joint Powers Agreement. There was discussion about the agreement. Motion by Dahl to sign the agreement, 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 township budget software. Motion by Wakefield to purchase the software and bill the Township Association, 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 Tax Abatements. Motion by Steffen to approve the tax abatements for Parcel # 21-4001-04759-000 and (2) 21-4002-05110-000 as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

The Commission had further discussion on the Attorney General Response.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Tax Director Lorenzen's Resignation letter. Motion by Steffen to accept the resignation letter from Lorenzen, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the election polling place. There was discussion on moving the polling place to the Community room in the EOC part of the Courthouse. The Commission would like to keep the polling place at Cooperstown City Hall.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the March 3rd Executive Session. State's Attorney Tenneson clarified for the record that executive session was called on March 3rd to consult with the County's Attorneys at the request of Attorney Gigler and Gausted to discuss the new courthouse litigation. There was discussion on the situation as a whole.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Initiative Courthouse Ballot Question. There was discussion on adding a measure to the ballot in the Primary election and how the County would like to go forward. Motion by Wakefield to have State's Attorney Tenneson research the Commission's options and draft a sample wording for the ballot issue and present it to the Commission at the meeting on April 8th, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. The Counter Offer that was received from the Building Authority's Attorney was partially read aloud. Motion by Wakefield to recess and move into executive session by the request of State's Attorney Tenneson to discuss the courthouse litigation, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson reconvened the meeting and states that no action was taken in executive session and the law suit and mediation was discussed. There was discussion on what the County would like to do regarding the counter offer from the Building Authority. Motion by Wakefield to reject the counter offer that was presented,

second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on Mediation. Motion by Pedersen to decline the mediation offer, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on the water leak in the EOC. Auditor Quast will get an update on the issue for the next meeting.

Motion by Pedersen to adjourn meeting at 3:00 pm and meet again regular session on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 1 pm and Friday, April 22, 2016, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Quast
Auditor

Troy Olson
Chairman