

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, April 17, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

Chairman Olson opened the meeting and took roll call and present were Commissioners Wakefield, Pedersen, Urness, Steffen, and Olson. Also present were Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, KLJ Bjornson, and Citizen Ron Dahl.

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 roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to accept the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. Motion by Pedersen to approve the meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the bills. There was discussion on the 2 add-on bills. Motion by Pedersen to approve the bills as presented with the addition of Arrowwood and Tom Gilbertson & Son's, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

10535-10555	Payroll	27729.29
26407	Ameripride Services, Inc	113.37
26408	Arrowwood Prairie Coop	1351.18
26409	Bin City Bulk	823.44
26410	Cooperstown Hardware	38.75
26411	3D Specialties Inc	460.22
26412	DNA Mobility Inc	2535.20
26413	Dollar General	32.39
26414	H.E. Everson Co	45.98
26415	Tom Gilbertson and Sons	25624.67
26416	Great America Financial Svcs	84.14
26417	Information Technology Dept	42.00
26418	Inter Community Tel Co	150.00
26419	Kelly Printing Supplies	121.95
26420	ND State Radio MDT	300.00
26421	New Century Press	74.00
26422	Office Experts	71.50
26423	Ottertail Power Co	96.75
26424	Reiten Inc	6.37
26425	Chi St Alexius Medical Center	250.00
26426	Stutsman County Correctional	560.00

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien & KLJ Bjornson. There was discussion on County Road 8 that is flooding. Motion by Wakefield to approve submitting the Emergency applications for the County Road 8, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. There was continued discussion on the issue.

The Commission discussed the future Commission meeting because Auditor Larson was having an issue

getting the public access to the livestream link being outside the courthouses network. The Commission would like to give the public the phone number to dial in and do away with the live stream link.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the NDSU Extension. There was discussion on the information that was presented regarding splitting an extension agent 50% with NDSU. Motion by Wakefield to instruct Commissioner Steffen to give NDSU the Go-Ahead with a temporary part time MOU, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Sales Ratio Study. The Commission would like Auditor Larson to contact Steele County Tax Director Gates to request help. Motion by Wakefield to public the Tax Director Position in the County paper for 3 weeks, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss Abatements. There was discussion on the applications that were presented. Motion by Wakefield to approve the abatements as presented pending authorization to do so by the State's Attorney. There was continued discussion on the applications that were presented. Motion by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss ballot measures. Auditor Larson reported to the Commission that the 5 mill road levy will be on the ballot in June and there was discussion on the issue.

Vice-Chairman Steffen opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. Commissioner Urness will have an update on the chandelier at the next meeting. Auditor Larson reported that she has not heard back from NDSU and suspects that she won't with the pandemic going on.

Vice-Chairman Steffen opened the floor to discuss Future Business.

Motion by Pedersen to adjourn meeting at 4:02 pm and meet again in regular session on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson  
Auditor

Troy Olson  
Chairman