

May 6, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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, Zorn-present by Phone, Edland, and Wakefield. Also present was States Attorney Tenneson, Treasurer Eli, Deputy Treasurer Trostad, Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, Extension Agent Stachler, Recorder/Clerk of Court Palm, and Citizens Beaver-Eslinger, NDACo Attorney Burst, Eckman, Fredrick, Hanson, Flaten, Bergstrom, Lund, Schneider, Lund, McCardle, Fiebiger, Hohertz, Kiefat, Therkelson, Larson, Rahlf, Duchscherer, Paulson.

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

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to accept the April 22nd meeting minutes. Motion by Edland to approve the April 22nd meeting minutes as amended and dispense with the reading, second by Zorn 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.

12558-12579	Payroll	35031.02
31381	Barners County Correctional	1800.00
31382	City of Cooperstown	247.11
31383	Cooperstown Hardware	50.97
31384	DNA Mobility	894.90
31385	Election Systems	11.60
31386	John Deere Financial	49.78
31387	KLJ	8370.00
31388	Leaf	124.63
31389	Loffler	77.93
31390	New Century Press	116.92
31391	Office Experts	297.00
31392	Otter Tail Power	1651.01
31393	Reitens	52.00
31394	Axon	31834.90

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Monthly office Reports. The Reports were reviewed.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Clerk of Court Contract. The Clerk of Court Contract/Recorder Palm reported on the contract that was presented. Motion by Averill to approve the Clerk of Court Contract that was presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien. There was discussion on the information that was presented regarding Sheyenne River Water Trail Agreement. The Commission would like to table the issue at a future meeting. There was discussion on County Rd 8.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to Sheriff Beaver to discuss the Policing Issue. There was discussion on the email that State's Attorney Tenneson presented and the discrepancy from the original email that was presented by Sheriff Beaver at the last meeting. The public commented on the issue. There was discussion on how the County would like to move forward. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Audio can be heard at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03hCsSkgZmg>

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Fair Board County Property. State's Attorney Tenneson hasn't had time to look into the issue. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Sales Ratio Study. States Attorney Tenneson is still working on the issue.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Cooper Municipal Board Information. The Commission Reviewed the information that was provided.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Tax Abatement. There was discussion on the Abatement that was presented. Motion by Edland to approve the abatement as presented, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the County Audits. There was discussion on the information that was presented. Motion by Edland to put the Building Authority in the Audit as an Adverse Opinion, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion. There was continued discussion on the issue. Chairman Wakefield called for further discussion with one aye, four nays, and failed. Motion by Averill to have Auditor Rotunda put the building authority in the audit as an adverse opinion and bring it to the Commission for review, second by Tranby 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. There was discussion on the old courthouse.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss future business. The Commission will discuss the Fair Board County Property, Sheriffs Office, Sales Ratio Study and County Audits at the next meeting.

Motion by Tranby to adjourn meeting at 12:25 pm and meet again in regular session on May 20th 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