

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 2:30 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-absent, Pedersen, Urness-absent, Steffen, and Olson. Also present were Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, and States Attorney Tenneson.

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

Chairman Olson opened the floor to accept the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion by Steffen to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended and dispense with the reading, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss bills. Motion by Pedersen to approve the bills as presented with the addition of Tom Gilbertson & Son's, Arrowwood Prairie Co-Op, and Bin-City Bulk, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

10619-10639	Payroll	27232.24
26593	Arrowwood Prairie Coop	1322.65
26594	Elva Bailey	151.20
26595	Bin City Bulk	932.59
26596	Cardmember Services	78.09
26597	Central Business Systems	270.30
26598	Cooperstown Hardware	12.28
26599	Diane Cowdry	200.00
26600	Election Systems and Software	49.26
26601	Electro Watchman Inc	935.40
26602	H.E. Everson	13.96
26603	Tom Gilbertson & Sons	181215.25
26604	Great America Financial Svcs	111.83
26605	Griggs County	176.74
26606	Information Technology Dept	42.00
26607	Abbee McCardle	200.00
26608	New Century Press	499.40
26609	Ottertail Power Company	66.37
26610	Pitney Bowes Global Fin Svcs	435.00
26611	Purchase Power	2015.00
26612	Quill	78.98
26613	William Rahlf	156.87
26614	Farrah Saxberg	129.60
26615	Stutsman County Correctional	2310.00
26616	Phyllis Trostad	108.00
26617	Madison Wallace	50.17

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien. There was discussion on the Dekker Bridge that was planning to be funded with the Prairie Dog money from the State. There was also discussion on the County Road 8 project.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Tax Equalization. There was discussion on the Sales Ratio Study and the bids that the County received and presented at the last meeting. Motion by Pedersen to approve the bid by AE2S Nexus to complete the Sales Ratio Study, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Motion by Pedersen to recess regular meeting and go into Tax Equalization.

Chairman Olson reopened the Tax Equalization. The letter from the State Tax Commissioner was discussed. There was discussion on what Townships had a qualified assessor do their assessments. Motion by Steffen to accept the City of Cooperstown recommendation for parcel # 21-4001-04988-000, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call, Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Pedersen to approve the City of Cooperstown recommendations, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Steffen to accept the City of Hannaford's Assessment as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Steffen to approve the City of Binford assessments pending approval of a qualified assessor, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Pedersen to approve Broadview as presented, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Pedersen to approve Sverdrups assessments as presented, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Pedersen to approve Washburn Townships assessment pending review of a qualified assessor, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Steffen to accept the following townships assessments as presented: Romness, Lenora, Greenfield, Ball Hill, Cooperstown, Tyrol, Pilot Mound, Bartley, Helena, Addie, Willow, Dover, Mabel, Kingsley, Bryan, and Rosendal, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Pedersen to approve Clearfield townships assessments pending review of a qualified assessor, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Pedersen-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Motion by Pedersen to recess Tax Equalization and move into regular meeting, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson open the floor to discuss the 2020 Budget. There was discussion on the salaries and the Commission would like Auditor Larson to put all salaries at a 1.6% COLA increase. The Commission will discuss budget again at the next meeting.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the abatement. There was discussion on the abatement for parcel #14-0000-03362-020. Motion by Steffen to approve the abatement as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the DES. State's Attorney Tenneson made a proposal to the County Commissioner to take on the DES position with the resignation of Heartland Consulting. Motion by Pedersen to accept the resignation on Heartland Consulting and hire Jayme Tenneson as the Director of Emergency Services, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss NDSU Extension interview. There was discussion on the schedule of the interviews and if one of the other Commissioners would like to sit in on the interview in Commissioner Steffen's place.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. Auditor Larson reported that the Courthouse doors did unlock to the public on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss future business.

Motion by Steffen to adjourn meeting at 4:03 pm and meet again in regular session on July 10, 2020 at 2:30 pm, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson  
Auditor

Troy Olson  
Chairman