

June 21, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, June 21, 2019 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, Pedersen, Urness, Steffen, and Olson. Also present were Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, KLJ Bjornson, Clerk of Court/Recorder Vincent, Treasurer Eslinger, Sheriff Straight.

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

Chairman Olson opened the floor to accept the June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion by Urness to approve the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Motion by Steffen to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discussion of bills. Motion by Steffen to approve the bills as presented, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

10056-10080	Payroll	28232.80
25392	Cooperstown Hardware	75.69
25393	Dakota Outpost	124.12
25394	Dollar General	55.15
25395	Connie Eslinger	174.00
25396	Farm and Home Publishers	580.00
25397	Griggs County	129.11
25398	Samantha M Larson	209.60
25399	David Lunde	292.94
25400	Millers Fresh Food	16.99
25401	Napa Auto Parts	12.95
25402	NDLTAP UGPTI	100.00
25403	Net Center Supply	115.00
25404	New Century Press	642.70
25405	Ottertail Power Co	43.71
25406	Pitney Bowes Global Fin Svcs	435.00
25407	Ramkota Hotel	169.20
25408	Town and Country Coop	496.12

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien & KLJ Bjornson. There was discussion on the change order #2 and reimbursement request that were presented. Motion by Urness to accept Change order #2 and sign Reimbursement request, 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 discussion on the seal coat project. Motion by Steffen to allow the contractor on the chip seal project to work on July 4<sup>th</sup>, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was also discussion on the future and current road projects and the process going forward. Motion by Urness to set non-crop land value at \$1200/Acre for easements, 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. Motion by Urness to adopt the NDDOT minimum payment standards for easements, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. There was also discussion on the results from the gravel test on County Road 21 that was presented.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Tax Equalization. There was discussion on the Ag land and Commercial valuations that were missed at Tax Equalization. The Commission are unable to reopen the meeting. Motion by Urness to draft a letter to the State Equalization Board requesting that the Ag land be brought up to 90% of the State Threshold for Griggs and the Commercial be brought down to 90% that was missed at Tax Equalization, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson open the floor to discuss the 2020 Budget. There was discussion on the Cost of Living increase that the County would like to use. Motion by Steffen to approve a 2% salary increase, second by Wakefield and called for discussion. Motion by Urness to amend the motion to move it to 3%, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-nay, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-nay, Olson-aye, and carried. Chairman Olson called three times for discussion on the amended motion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-nay, Olson-aye, and carried. There was also discussion on the Longevity Raise that the employees request. No action was taken on the issue. There was also discussion on the County offering full family insurance. Motion by Wakefield to leave the policy the same as last year with only offering single policy health insurance, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Urness-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. The Commission reviewed the budgets that were presented and discussed them with the department heads that were presented. Motion by Steffen to remove the Assessment Software and GIS this year for Tax Director, 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. There was continued discussion on the budget as presented.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss July 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Steffen to close the courthouse offices on July 5<sup>th</sup> and hold the Regular Commission Meeting on the 3rd, second by Urness and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was discussion on the letter from the State Historical Society that was presented. The Commission would like the letter sent to NDSU to receive cost of historical documentation.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss future business. No discussion was held.

Motion by Steffen to adjourn meeting at 5:07 pm and meet again in regular session on July 3, 2019 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