

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 2:30 pm.

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, Edland-by zoom, and Wakefield. Also present was Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, Ambulance Squad Leader Paintner, Treasurer Eli, Editor Larson, Extension Agent Stachler, Recorder/Clerk of Court Vincent, IT Palm, State's Attorney Tenneson, and Citizens Swedberg, Halverson, Hagle-Rolic, Lunde, and McCardle.

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

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to accept the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion by Zorn to approve the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss bills. Motion by Tranby to approve the bills as presented, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Edland-aye, Zorn-aye, Wakefield-aye and carried.

12147-12168	Payroll	35,870.71
30318	Andels Auto Body	422.90
30319	Arrowwood Prairie	1086.99
30320	Arrowwood Prairie	5567.82
30321	Burleigh Morton	1200.00
30322	City of Binford	55.00
30323	DNA Mobility	260.00
30324	Electro Watchman	122.80
30325	Madison Eli	314.48
30326	H E Eversons	152.74
30327	Engraphix	39.32
30328	Griggs County	8.13
30329	Griggs County	1.30
30330	Griggs County	718.56
30331	Griggs County	9518.75
30332	Information Tech Dept	657.50
30333	Innovative Office	41.98
30334	Inter Community Telephone	150.00
30335	Leading Edge Equipment	7996.00
30336	Matthew Bender Co	248.31
30337	Mayo Construction	5987.40
30338	NDACO	828.43
30339	ND Emergency	300.00
30340	ND State Radio	120.00
30341	Otter Tail Power	36.22
30342	CHI St Alexius Medical	1000.00
30343	State Treasurer	1898.17

Motion by Zorn to recess the regular meeting and move into County Tax Equalization, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield reopened Tax Equalization. There was discussion on the Sales Ratio Study and the response that we got back from the ND State Tax Commissioner regarding the issue. The Commission would like Auditor Larson to ask other counties if someone is willing to help with the Sales Ratio Study. Motion by Edland to approve the Township changes as presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-aye, Edland-aye, Wakefield-aye, and carried. Motion by Tranby to recess the Equalization meeting and move back into regular meeting, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the ND Department of Agriculture Letter. The letter was reviewed, and no action was taken.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. The letter for the Griggs County Historical Society was reviewed and discussed.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the 2024 Budget. The budget was discussed as presented. Motion by Tranby to transfer \$25,980 from General to Clerk of Court, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-aye, Edland-aye, Wakefield-aye, and carried. Motion by Averill to do a 4% salary increase across the board, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-nay, Zorn-aye, Edland-nay, Wakefield-aye, and carried. Motion by Edland to have the IT budget be at \$349,960.00. Chairman Wakefield called three times for a second and motion dies for a lack of second. Motion by Averill to cap the levy at \$1,647,260.88, second by Zorn and called for discussion. There was continued discussion on the motion. Chairman Wakefield called three times for further discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-aye, Edland-nay, Wakefield-aye, and carried. Motion by Edland to add an addition \$60,000 to the \$1,647,260.88 to add a full time Tax Director, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-nay, Edland-aye, Wakefield-nay, and carried.

Motion by Tranby to adjourn meeting at 5:38 pm and meet again in regular session on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

These are not approved minutes.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson  
Auditor

John Wakefield  
Chairman