

The Board of County Commissioners met in Regular session on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 1:00 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, Dahl, Steffen, and Olson. Also present were BNSF Railway Lewis Ruder, Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, Water Board member Brooks and Haugen, and Citizen Dennis Halvorson.

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 all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Burlington Northern and BNSF Railway Ruder. There was discussion on the work that is being done in the west side of the county with flooding. BNSF Ruder stated that the fall back for contacting BNSF is to contact their general council.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to approve the July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion by Steffen to accept the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Motion by Steffen to accept the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to approval of the bills. Motion by Steffen to pay the July bills and vouchers as presented, second by Dahl and called for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

7273-7304	Payroll	29815.08
19977	Griggs County	14965.32
19978	Access Printing Solutions	68.00
19979	Almklovs Pharmacy	1.59
19980	Ameripride Services	67.21
19981	Arrowwood Prairie Coop	1320.54
19982	Bank of the West	1650.00
19983	Bin-City Bulk	1263.60
19984	Brown & Saenger	95.89
19985	Campbell Brothers	56.25
19986	Cardmember Services	1387.48
19987	Cooperstown True Value	66.89
19988	Lori Eggermont	40.00
19989	HE Everson Co	110.81
19990	Foster County Independent	100.00
19991	Great America Financial Service	121.41
19992	Griggs County	22840.89
19993	ITD	431.75
19994	Insure Forward	28167.00
19995	Inter Community Telephone Co	150.00
19996	John Deere Financial	3.60
19997	KLJ	9047.78
19998	Anthony Klubben	20.00
19999	Dennis Kubischta	189.84
20000	Megan Minten	267.65
20001	ND Department of Insurance	350.00

20002	ND Insurance Department	1951.29
20003	ND Public Employees Retirement	3451.12
20004	ND State Radio-(911)	3743.46
20005	NDSU	8.13
20006	New Century Press	676.80
20007	Ottertail Power Company	15.21
20008	St Alexius Medical Center	250.00
20009	Team Laboratory Chemical	96.50
20010	Town & Country Coop	3584.93
20011	Vanguard Appraisals	275.00
20012	Verizon Wireless	151.39
20013	Warne Chemical & Equipment	4483.00

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator. RS/911C Oien reports that he will be presenting the road projects as presented on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. There was also discussion on the bridge estimate on County Rd 15 and County Rd 23 KLJ Loegering will have more information for the Commission at the next meeting. There was also discussion on culverts around the county that need to be fixed. RS/911C Oien reported on the weed sprayer and equipment that he would like to pursue. Motion by Steffen to sign the reimbursement requests, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the City of Cooperstown Policing Letter. There was discussion on the letter that was presented from the City offering the County \$40,000 for policing services.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Weed Officer. There was discussion on what the Commission would like to do for a Weed Officer. The Commission has asked that Auditor Quast advertise for a contracted County Weed Officer. Motion by Wakefield to talk to State's Attorney Tenneson about the legalities of hiring a contract and advertise accordingly, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Cheeks Bar Assessment Increase. There was discussion on the increase in value on the Cheeks Bar Addition. Motion by Pedersen to table until Jayme is here to review, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the 2014 Audit. There was discussion on the letter from Auditor Harold Rotunda that was presented and what the Commission would like to do going forward. Motion by Wakefield to instruct Harold to complete 2014 Audit with original proposal and incorporate the following responses: Questions #1: Option 1, Question #2: Option 1, Question #3: Option 1, Question #4: Option 3. There was continued discussion. Second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Tax Director position. Chairman Olson and Steffen recommended Patricia Lorenzen for the position. Motion by Wakefield to offer Patricia Lorenzen the Tax Directors position at the same terms as the last applicant, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Health Insurance. Motion by Wakefield to pay Bryan and Deb the equivalent to two single Health Insurance plans toward their Family, second by Dahl and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Sick Leave donation. Motion by Pedersen to approve the Sick Leave donation, second by Steffen and call for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was

discussion on how the Commission would like to handle vacation and sick leave days.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the 2016 budget. Auditor Quast reported on the process for the 2016 budget and what that plan is going forward.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was discussion on the letter that was presented and about the Courtroom Facilities Grant.

Motion by Wakefield to take a 10 minutes recess, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson reopened the floor to the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was continued discussion on the Court Facilities Grant that Kelly has been working on. There was discussion on the electrical work on the EOC and other work that is being done.

Chairman Olson reopened the floor to the City of Cooperstown Policing Letter. Motion by Wakefield to counter offer \$67,500, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion. There was further discussion on how the Commission would like the letter to read. Chairman Olson called for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. Mayor Paintner joined the meeting by phone about getting on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting.

Motion by Steffen to adjourn meeting at 3:35 pm and meet again in regular session on August 7, 2015 at 1 pm, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Quast  
Auditor

Troy Olson  
Chairman