

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, August 4, 2017 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 Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien, State's Attorney Tenneson, KLJ Loegering, Chief Deputy Straight, Treasurer Eslinger, Recorder/Clerk of Court Vincent, Social Services Director Gronneberg, LSW Neurauter, IT Palm, Nelson County Commissioner Ellefson, and Citizen Halverson.

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 for discussion three times with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to accept the July 21st meeting minutes. Motion by Steffen to approve the July 21st 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 discussion of the bills. There was discussion on a few 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, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

8811-8840	Payroll	30778.15
23000	Colonial Life Ins.	343.00
23001	Griggs County	17392.07
23002	Griggs County	12538.82
23003	Wold Johnson PC	150.00
23004	Ameripride Services Inc.	88.65
23005	Arrowwood Prairie Coop	1383.80
23006	Barnes County Correctional	9165.00
23007	Cardmember Services	771.13
23008	Cardmember Services	80.11
23009	City of Cooperstown	332.67
23010	Cooperstown True Value	253.91
23011	H.E. Everson Co.	106.38
23012	Garrison Conservancy District	504.62
23013	Tom Gilbertson & Sons	366538.99
23014	Great America Financial Services	121.41
23015	Griggs County	20926.48
23016	Griggs County Historical	8.85
23017	Griggs County Telephone	1648.16
23018	ITD	509.45
23019	Inland Truck Parts & Service	1009.31
23020	Inter Community Telephone Co.	150.00
23021	John Deere Financial	92.55
23022	Marco	1117.50
23023	Miller Fresh Food	24.81
23024	Megan Vig	503.00
23025	Napa Auto Parts	11.99
23026	ND Attorney General	155.00
23027	NDACO	407.24
23028	ND Dept. of Insurance	400.00

23029	ND State Radio	3707.88
23030	New Century Press	535.44
23031	Otter Tail Power Co.	1091.14
23032	Schulz Plumbing Heating	10158.03
23033	State Treasurer	33.19
23034	TJ's Electronics	4371.51
23035	VW Motors	1030.15
23036	Valley City Times Record	96.75
23037	Verizon Wireless	469.07
23038	WM D Scepaniak Inc.	355352.21
23039-23048	CWB	1147.96
23049-23076	Cities/Townships	38510.36
23077-23079	Schools	5387.51
23080	Community Medical Center Hospital District	354.47
23081	Cooperstown Ambulance	64.25
23082	Griggs County Council on Aging	70.87
23083	Griggs County Fair Board	24.89
23084	Griggs County Library	1455.21
23085	Griggs County Soil Conservation	360.54
23086	Nelson-Griggs Health District	59.87
23087	Water Management Board	1231.85

Chairman Olson opened the floor to review Monthly Office Reports. Motion by Steffen to accept the monthly office reports, second by Pedersen and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Road Superintendent/911 Coordinator Oien. There was discussion on the Dahl bridge pictures that were presented. There was also discussion on the current road projects. Motion by Dahl to approve the Progress Estimate and Reimbursement request that was presented, second by Pedersen. There was discussion on a few sample testing. Chairman Olson called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was also discussion on the dirt for the new courthouse landscaping.

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

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Social Services Director Gronneberg's Resignation Letter and Director Position. There was discussion on cost sharing a director with Nelson County and forming a Social Services District. The Commission would like to have a joint meeting with the Griggs County Commission and Nelson County Commission.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to IT Palm to discuss Google Payment. There was discussion on the billing for the Google email accounts. The Commission approved that the bill go ahead even though it will take the line item over. There was also discussion on the server room AC issue.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss Sheriff Hook's Resignation Letter and discuss the Sheriff Position. The letter was acknowledged.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the meeting with the ND State Water Commission. There was discussion on the information that was presented.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the 2018 Budget. There was discussion on the proposed budget that was presented. Motion by Dahl to continue to use the Social Security Cost Of Living Allowance and

add it into the employee manual, second by Steffen and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried. The Commission went through the General Fund budgets with a few department heads present.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Social Services Building. There was discussion on the direction the County would like to go. Motion by Pedersen to adopt the following resolution, second by Steffen. There was continued discussion on the motion. Chairman Olson called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Wakefield-aye, Pedersen-aye, Dahl-aye, Steffen-aye, Olson-aye, and carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Griggs County Social Services has moved into the new Griggs County Courthouse and vacated the building used solely as the Griggs County Social Service office; and

WHEREAS, Griggs County does not plan on using the office space for any other offices in County government; and

WHEREAS, the Griggs County Commission has discussed divesting the county of the building to recoup a portion of the funds spent on the building and reduce the tax burden on the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, divesting the County of the property is the most beneficial to the tax payers and the City of Cooperstown; and

WHEREAS, the Griggs County Commission discussed listing the property with a real estate agent versus selling the property by sealed or live bids; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that using the marketing expertise of a real estate agent would be the most effective and beneficial to the tax payers of Griggs County.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED :

1. That Griggs County does not use the former Griggs County Social Service building located in Cooperstown and the County will not utilize the building as an office in the future.
2. That the Griggs County Commission decided to divest the County of the property after determining that it is in the best interest of the tax payers.
3. That the best method of divesting of the property is to contract with a realtor to sell the property.
4. That the Griggs County Commission may seek proposals and list the property with a realtor for sale for any price that the Griggs County Commission sees fit.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss the Tax Director. The Commission received an application and there was discussion on the position itself. There was discussion on the NDTAP information that was presented.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was discussion on winterizing the old courthouse as well as the old social services building.

Chairman Olson opened the floor to discuss future business. There was discussion on the Social Services joint special meeting.

Motion by Steffen to adjourn meeting at 5:39pm and meet again in regular session on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 1 pm, second by Wakefield and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson

Troy Olson

Auditor

Chairman