

March 4, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 9:30 am.

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, and Wakefield. Also present was Sheriff Beaver.

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

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to accept the February 26th meeting minutes. Motion by Edland to approve the February 26th 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 Edland to approve the bills as presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Edland-aye, Zorn-aye, Wakefield-aye and carried.

12471-12492	Payroll	33781.93
31164	Cooper Catering	715.00
31165	Cooperstown Hardware	98.72
31166	DNA Mobility	855.90
31167	Dollar General	53.50
31168	GC Courier	45.00
31169	Hannaford Community Center	100.00
31170	Handson Electric	418.79
31171	John Deere Financial	148.92
31172	Andrew Marquart	198.00
31173	ND Recorders Association	200.00
31174	Otter Tail	1841.48
31175	Jeff Stachler	265.14
31176	Jayne Tenneson	249.00
31177	Workforce Safety	250.00

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to Sheriff Beaver to discuss the Sheriff Office Update. There was discussion on the Barnes County Correction Contract. Motion by Edland to approve the Barnes County Correction Contract as presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on the City Policing Contract that was presented. Motion by Averill to enter discussion on Axon, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Motion by Edland to amend the Sheriff Budget by \$56,403.70 to purchase safety equipment from Axon, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Tranby-aye, Zorn-nay, Edland-aye, Wakefield-nay, and carried.

Motion by Averill to take a 5 minute recess, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Tax Director Position. The position will continue being advertised.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Sales Ratio Study. There was discussion on the issue and the contract that was presented. Motion by Zorn to approve the Advertisement that was added to the packet, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Senior Citizen Budget. There was discussion on the situation. The issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. No discussion was held.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss future business. The Senior Citizens Budget and Sales Ratio Study will be on the next agenda.

Motion by Tranby to adjourn meeting at 10:58 am and meet again in regular meeting on March 18th, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson
Auditor

John Wakefield
Chairman