

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker, Chairman

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

Marty Meyer

Chairman Zenker called the August 16, 2023 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:02 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Meyer moved to approve agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hochhalter. All present voting aye; agenda approved.

Moved by Commissioner Hochhalter and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to approve August 2, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was accepted. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to renew certificate of deposit 0221 with Dakota Community Bank & Trust and increase the base amount of to \$200,000. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Old business:

New business:

Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$89,076.51. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote- Meyer-aye, Hochhalter– aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.

Advanced Business Methods 36.83
Als Exhaust System and Body Shop 1730.15
BEK 121.37
Big O Tires 3,198.00
City of Elgin 49.60
Dairyland 135.00
Farm and Home Publishers LTD 450.00
GS Publishing LLC 1,117.00
Integrety 8,767.36
Jacobson Memorial Hospital 120.00
Lind Gas & Equipment 709.15
Napa Glen Ullin 67.57
Nutrien Ag Solutions 28,419.15
Schirado Enterprises LLC 400.00
Software Innovations 1,100.00
Jackie Steinmetz 182.70
Steins Inc 829.58
Strata Corporation 39,002.40
TDS Metrocom 33.52
TK Vet Service 182.01
Mor Gran Sou 56.79
Visa 98.59
WRT 1,239.25
ITD 854.25
WRT-Tower 176.24

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Jackie Steinmetz presented planning and zoning permits. Meyer moved to approve UTL19/20-13585-47-A and seconded by Hochhalter. All in favor voting aye. Permit approved. Hochhalter moved to approve UTL17/18-13689-71-B and seconded by Meyer. All in favor voting aye. Permit approved.

Patrick Diehl and Tessa Osterbauer gave an update on the anthrax cases in the county.

Motion was made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve an hourly wage increase for 2024 of \$2.00 per hour for all hourly wage county employees. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve a salary increase for 2024 of 8% for all salaried county employees. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Let the record show Commissioner Meyer would decline the 8% increase for himself. AZ, SEM

Salary of \$6,000.00 was added to the Planning and Zoning Board account for administrator position.

Preliminary budgets for 2024 were approved upon the calculation of salaries, wages and payroll deductions and benefits.

County Board of Commissioner \$77,791.09
County Auditor/Superintendent of Schools/Election Board \$203,487.87
County State's Attorney \$126,690.47
County Clerk of Court/Recorder/Court Costs \$138,780.45
County Director of Tax Equalization \$169,956.11
Buildings & Grounds and Non-Departmental \$308,857.54
Zoning & Planning Board \$20,543.27
County Sheriff Department \$659,478.72
Disaster Emergency Services \$71,524.91
Insurance Reserve \$57,300.00
Human Services \$12,050.00
Federal Aid Road \$511,500.00
Road & Bridge (Unorganized Road & Bridge) \$3,114,272.20
Veterans Service Officer \$11,202.14
Prisoner Care \$60,000.00
County Extension \$125,550.93
Noxious Weed Control Board \$174,185.00
911 Emergency Service \$63,223.78
County Hazardous Material \$0.00

Grant Applications LACTF were approved to pay City of New Leipzig \$3500.00 and Elgin Library \$3500.00. Additional funds will be made available to current applicants after the County receives them.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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FYI: next scheduled meetings will be September 6th and 20th. Preliminary budget hearing will be held September 13th at 9:00 am Mountain Time.

X *Alton Zenker*

Alton Zenker, Chairman

X *Sara Meier*

Sara Meier, County Auditor