

Meeting Minutes  
Grant County Commissioner  
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker, Chairman	Commissioners: Al Roy Hochhalter	Marty Meyer
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Chairman Zenker called the December 20, 2023 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:03 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Public present: Riley Dahl, Grant County News.

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

Moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Hochhalter to approve December 6, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes as amended. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Old business:

New business:

Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$102,877.90. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote- Meyer-aye, Hochhalter- aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.

A&s Country Market 106.56  
Als Exhaust System and Body Shop 132.65  
Amand Dahners 20.85  
Auto Value Mandan 306.48  
Capital Industries Inc 1,381.88  
Charles Westphal 6,645.00  
City of Carson 298.90  
City of Elgin 39.80  
Elgin True Value 502.71  
Galls Inc 59.06  
GS Publishing LLC 644.16  
HA Thompson & Sons 67,242.00  
Johnsen Trailer Sales Inc 388.00  
Merlin Leithold 397.58  
Missouri Slope Areawide United Way 500.00  
ND Weed Control Association 285.00  
Newman Signs Inc 1,134.39  
Tessa Osterbauer 131.41  
PowerPlan 8,474.34  
Schaff Electric Inc 1,100.00  
Southwest Grain Administrative Office 3,805.57  
Tyler Technologies 3,360.00  
Uniform Center 1,824.98  
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services 572.96  
West River Health Services 110.00  
AT&T Mobility 737.79  
MDU 1,572.30  
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Sheriff Harding presented a donation from New Salem Civic Club for \$4,000.00. The funds will be used to purchase additional firearms in 2024.

Sheriff Harding updated the Board on the seatbelt and speeding campaigns. The vouchers will be adjusted to account for the income tax, and the mileage cost will be applied for repayment.

Discussion on establishment of 2024 Election polling locations, precincts, election worker wages, vote by mail, and polling hours was had. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to establish Rural Grant County, City of Carson, City of New Leipzig, City of Elgin and City of Leith as voting precincts. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion approved.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to establish polling places located at Grant County Courthouse and Elgin Community Center. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to establish vote centers located at Grant County Courthouse and Elgin Community Center. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Hochhalter to establish polling hours as opening at 7:00 am Mountain Time and close at 7:00 pm Mountain Time. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to establish vote by mail for all Grant County precincts. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to pay election workers \$25.00 per hour plus mileage for training and election day hours worked. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve calendar for 2024 Regular Board meetings, County Board of Equalization, 2025 Budget hearing, pay dates and paid holidays. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering presented estimate to repair subgrade, reshape and gravel 15 miles south of Carson. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to submit plan and estimated cost to ND Department of Transportation. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve 2024 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of New Leipzig. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve 2024 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Carson. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve 2024 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Elgin. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to make the following appointments for 2024:

Lewis and Clark Region Development committee – Zenker;

Local Emergency Preparedness Committee – Hochhalter;

Three Rivers Human Services Zone – Meyer;

Director of Tax Equalization – Jackie Steinmetz;

County Coroner – Carey Rivinius;

County State's Attorney – Grant L Walker;

Administrator of the Planning and Zoning Board – Jackie Steinmetz;

County Emergency Management Director – Patrick Diehl;

Risk Management Director – Patrick Diehl;

Weed Board Officer – Merlin Leithold.

Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter to apply for Court Facilities Improvement Grant Funds to install bullet proof panels in courtroom. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 12:45 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Courthouse will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Years Day and January 15<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr Day.

X *Alton Zenker*

Alton Zenker, Chairman

X *Sara Meier*

Sara Meier, County Auditor