

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker, Chairman

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

Marty Meyer

Chairman Zenker called the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Public present: Riley Dahl, Austen Dahl, Jackie Steinmetz, Patrick Diehl, and Anthony Moore.

Additions to the agenda: Residential rental agreement, road project schedule, Zoning and Planning Board member appointment, and health insurance for County Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Hochhalter to approve agenda. All present voting aye; agenda approved.

Moved by Commissioner Hochhalter and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to approve January 18th, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Old business: None

New business:

Meyer moved to approve bills totaling \$42,468.20. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Meyer-aye, Hochhalter– aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.

Amanda Dahners 58.89
AT&T Mobility 692.20
Bobcat of Mandan 978.96
City of Carson 307.12
Dept of Transportation 1,366.96
Double R Meats 39.49
Farstad Oil Inc 27,857.92
Fireside Office Solutions 459.25
I-State Truck Center 73.44
John Deere Credit Inc 3,879.90
Linstar 101.80
ND Treasurers' Association 100.00
NDACo Resource Group 260.00
New Salem Journal Inc 104.00
ND Association of Counties 685.10
ND Clerks Association 100.00
ND Records Association 200.00
Progressive Agriculture Foundation 75.00
Sara Fisher 50.00
Visa 5,078.17

Hochhalter presented a bill from Heath's Service Center for \$4,373.72 for motor and core charge. Moved by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion approved.

Jackie Steinmetz updated the Board on the agricultural valuation assessment updates.

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Abatement application 2023-01-03 was submitted for approval. The abatement was for a Homestead Credit for 2022 tax year. Meyer moved to approve application for abatement. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote –Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion approved.

Patrick Diehl presented an estimate of \$357.10 from Guardian Lock & Security to rekey exterior doors. Motion to accept estimate by Hochhalter. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Meyer- aye, Hochhalter-aye, Zenker – aye.

Matthew Hager met with the Board about County Zoning and Planning board appointment. Motion to appoint made by Meyer, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer- aye, Hochhalter-aye, Zenker – aye.

Julie Fischer, Recorder/Clerk of Court informed the Board that a grant for facility improvement was approved by the State Supreme Court. The grant will be used for storage cabinets for records. Fischer presented draft resolution in response to 2023 Senate Bill No. 2277 which would centralize the Clerk of Court office and eliminate the elected position. Motion to adopt Grant County Resolution No. 2023-1 made by Meyer, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer- aye, Hochhalter-aye, Zenker – aye.

Sheriff Deputy Anthony Moore visited with the Board on the rental agreement for the Grant County residential property. He asked that consideration for a companion animal be made in the rental agreement. He stated that the hiring Sheriff told him he could live in the residence and have an animal. No authorization was given by the Board of County Commissioners to the hiring Sheriff to offer the residence to a new occupant. The Board will allow a companion animal for a deposit of \$400.00 paid within 2 weeks of the signing of the lease. A deposit and rent payment of \$800.00 is due on the day of the signing of the rental agreement. Monthly rent paid on or before the 10th day of the month for the life of the agreement. Both parties are in agreement. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve rental agreement as of February 1, 2023. Roll call vote - Meyer- aye, Hochhalter-aye, Zenker – aye.

Meyer moved for Grant County to join National Opioid Settlements class action lawsuit, against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Seconded by Hochhalter. All in favor voting aye.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering and Jon Alt, Road Superintendent met with the Board to discuss future federal aid route projects.

Jon Alt presented an estimate from Ryan Kohn for \$9,815.00 to repair overhead door and wall in Carson shop. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to hire Ryan Kohn to complete work. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to reimburse David Reineke for \$100.00 medical fees associated with CDL physical.

Hochhalter asked if compensation is payable to county employees and commissioners who do not take the option of the health insurance offered by the County. Auditor Meier said no compensation or adjustment in pay is allowable to county employees who opt out of the health care plan offered by the County.

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Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 12:23 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be February 15th and March 1st, 2023. The Courthouse will be closed February 20th for Presidents Day.

X *Alton Zenker*

Alton Zenker, Chairman

X *Sara Meier*

Sara Meier, County Auditor