

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

John Reinhardt

Commissioner Zenker called the February 2, 2022 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order 9:04 a.m.

Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Hochhalter to approve agenda. All present voting aye; agenda approved.

Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Hochhalter to approve minutes. All present voting aye; minutes approved.

Old business: Commissioner Reinhardt will contact companies for cost estimates for trenching and tank installation for water and septic at Elgin Shop in Elgin. Hochhalter will continue to work with City of Elgin on cost.

Application deadline for Southwest Water Authority vacancy is February 10, 2022.

The Board discussed the request by Three Rivers Human Services Zone remodeling project in the Morton County Courthouse to house zone workers. Grant County Commissioners are opposed to paying any portion of the indirect costs to Morton County for the cost of remodeling.

New business:

Reinhardt made a motion to approve bills totaling \$10,924.36. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Reinhardt – aye, Hochhalter– aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Advanced Business Methods 1,128.29
Amanda Dahners 68.26
Auto Value 584.01
Butler 293.68
Drug & Alcohol Testing 50.00
I-State Truck 5.45
ITD 545.05
Jakes Auto Glass Inc 293.97
Julie Fischer 9.43
NRG 685.10
ND One Call 7.50
Tessa Osterbauer 18.00
Powerplan 63.47
Southwest Grain 1,527.60
Steins Inc 609.49
The Table – Joann Schatz 400.00
Tyler Technologies 1,290.00
Visa 3,168.82
WRT 176.24

Jackie Steinmetz, Director of Tax Equalization presented the 2022 Agricultural Land Value as certified by the Office of State Tax Commissioner. The 2022 average All Agricultural Land value for Grant County is \$373.24 per

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acre. This is a decrease of 1.314% from 2021 average value of \$378.21. State Board of Equalization requires the average value to not deviate by 10%, and must not be over 100% of the certified average value. Motion by Hochhalter and seconded by Reinhardt to decrease the average value by 1.32%. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion approved. Auditor Meier informed the Board that as interest rates increase, the average value may decrease. This can become an issue with budgeting since mill levies are limited.

Application for abatement for parcel 60017900 for 2021 was heard by the Board. Tax has not been paid on the property so no refund is required. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Reinhardt to approve abatement application. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Abatement approved.

Application for abatement for parcel 60017900 for 2020 credit was heard by the Board. Tax has not been paid on the property so no refund is required. Motion made by Reinhardt and seconded by Hochhalter to approve abatement application. Roll call vote – Reinhardt – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Abatement approved.

Application for abatement for parcel 09600801 for 2021 for duplicate assessment was heard by the Board. The residential structure is assessed and taxed as a mobile home and added as omitted property to the 2021 tax list. Tax has not been paid on the property so no refund is required. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Reinhardt to approve abatement application. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Abatement approved.

Auditor Meier informed the Board of funding received from the ARPA, and HB 1505. Courthouse improvements including air filtration, and HVAC system upgrades were discussed.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering and Jon Alt, Road Superintendent met with the Board to projects for graveling and crushing.

Motion made by Hochhalter to purchase two 2022 John Deere 772G motor graders from RDO Equipment Co. on a 5 year contract payment. Seconded by Reinhardt. Roll call vote – Reinhardt – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter to purchase a 10' X 70' and 2- 6' X 66' culvert to replace existing deteriorating culverts. Seconded by Reinhardt. Roll call vote – Reinhardt – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 2:08 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be February 16 and March 2, 2022.

X 
Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor

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