

Meeting Minutes  
Grant County Commissioner  
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker

Commissioners:  
Al Roy Hochhalter

John Reinhardt

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Commissioner Zenker called the July 21, 2021 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order 8:59 a.m. Present were Commissioner Reinhardt, Commissioner Hochhalter, Sara Meier, Auditor, and Grant Walker, County States Attorney. Public present was Dean Richter, Russ Wahl, Julie Buckman Meidinger, Vill Schneider, Karen Bauman, Brian Roth, Keith Doerr, Lana Schmidt, Barbara Kraft, Jerry Woodbury, Shannon Wangsvick, LeAnn Hoherz, Amamnda Dahner, Jim Gray, Tessa Osterbauer, George Owen, and Gregory Bruce.

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:

Chairman Zenker informed all present that the hearing for removal of the occupation restriction for Red Rock Resort was held during the last meeting, and only those called upon to answer questions or provide comment on the topic will be heard. The Chair called upon Lana Schmidt from Custer Health to address the concerns on the possible septic and sewer issues at the resort is occupancy is year round. She stated that the homeowners association restricts drain field on properties that are less than 40,000 square feet. The drain field must be pumped with the occupancy being year round. The small lots at the resort cause concern because they lack the area for a septic system. The Chair called on Brian Roth from South West Water Authority. SWWA would like as many interest to sign up so engineering can determine the size and placement of the pipes. Many that have signed up in the last campaign are rural and pasture taps. Reinhardt asked if the 911 and home addresses have been place. Bill Scheider answered yes they are in place. Chairman Zenker asked for a motion on the occupation restriction. Hochhalter moved to approve change and lift the restriction. Seconded by Reinhardt. Roll call vote- Reinhardt – aye, Hochhalter– aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

New business:

Reinhardt made a motion to approve bills totaling \$75,660.28. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

A&S Country Market 164.53  
Advanced Business Methods 32.31  
Als Exhaust and Body Shop 72.40  
Amanda Dahnners 142.94  
AT&T Mobility 815.15  
Barry Striegel 47.88  
BEK 127.52  
Cenex 369.59  
City of Carson 349.59  
Department of Transportation 1,774.70  
EIDO 294.00  
Elgin True Value 159.31  
GS Publishing 102.00

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ITD 1,477.75  
JIA Schaaf Trucking Inc 4,410.00  
Jacqueline Steinmetz 88.90  
John Ternes 1,650.00  
Kalyssa Leithold 114.00  
Lorele Leithold 400.00  
Kramer Chevrolet 78.58  
Mariann Leithold 114.00  
MDU 1,830.04  
ND State Radio 6,850.92  
Nutrien Ag Solutions 11,083.20  
Randall or Colleen Volk 24,568.32  
Sauber Engineering Inc 4,584.40  
TDS Metrocom 61.62  
Terry Dillon 315.00  
Tessa Osterbauer 400.39  
Thomson Reuters 146.00  
Tyler Technologies 1,420.00  
Visa 3,854.76  
Wallwork Truck 32.58  
Winckler Trucking LLC 7,291.20  
WRT 260.49  
WRT 176.24

Jim Gray, Amanda Dahner and Tessa Osterbauer met with the Board. Dahner and Osterbauer gave the quarterly report on extension activities. Jim Gray wanted to bring the attention to an expiring mill levy for extension. The excess levy of 2 mills will need to be voted upon prior to the levying in 2024. Auditor Meier recommended the question be voted upon in the 2023 election. A petition will need to be circulated to place the question on the ballot. Currently the levy is 4.00 mills. The maximum allowed would be 2.00 mills without voter approval, and will cut the budget of NDSU extension for Grant County in half.

Julie Leveron, Harold Gaugler, and Gary Meyer presented the County Water Resource District budget and 2021 mill levy request to the Board. Reinhardt moved to approve the preliminary tax levy of \$70,390. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Reinhardt made a motion to appoint Harold Gaugler to a 3 year term on the County Water Resource District beginning 2022. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Erin Ourada from Custer Health presented the budget and mill levy request to the Board. Reinhardt moved to approve the preliminary mill levy of 3.35. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Merlin Leithold from the County Weed Board present the budget and mill levy request. The Board is considering purchasing a new spray truck in the next couple years. Reinhardt moved to approve the preliminary budget of

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144,303.00. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Robert Campbell and Jody Fuchs representing the Fair Board met with the Board to request funding for the 2022 Grant County Fair. Reinhardt moved to approve \$17,500 for 2022 budget. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Grant Walker asked if the Board had any reservation of the court being held by Zoom Meetings. Jury trial will still be held in person. The Board did not have any issues with continuing with Zoom Meetings for court hearings.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met with the Board to discuss the progress of Johnson Bridge located north of Carson. The beams have cracks and the bridge has been closed to traffic for over a year. Department of Transportation is requesting a decision on the structure. Hochhalter moved to remove the bridge and close the road. Seconded by Reinhardt. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Jackie Steinmetz requested an increase in salary as part of the 2022 budget request. Steinmetz requested a salary of \$42,000, an increase of \$7,680 from the 2021 approved salary. Hochhalter moved to increase the salary to \$40,000. Auditor Meier stated this salary would be higher than some of the employees who have worked for the county many years. Seconded by Reinhardt. Roll call vote- Hochhalter– aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 2:13 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be August 4, and August 21, 2021.

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Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor