

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

Alton Zenker, Chairman

Marty Meyer

Chairman Zenker called the May 3, 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. Public present: Merlin Leithold, Marie Klein, Shannon Wangsvick, Reva Weekes, Amana Petrick, Justin Vetter, Colleen Vetter, Terry Traynor.

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

Moved by Commissioner Hochhalter and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to approve April 19th, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Old business:

New business:

Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$59,155.58. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote- Meyer-aye, Hochhalter- aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.

A&S County Market 85.59
Acme Tools 643.38
Allstate Peterbilt of Bismarck 466.46
Auto Value Mandan 679.72
City of Carson 245.77
Hertz Brothers Inc 328.16
John Deere Financial 1,090.87
Morton County Highway Dept 65.00
PJs Farm Supply 46.43
PowerPlan 2,936.72
Prairie Mtn Electric Motor Inc 1,790.00
ProForms 443.92
Steins Inc 1,139.33
True North Steel 32,809.84
Wades 90.00
ND Association of Counties 823.85
NDACO Resources Group 4,981.03
NDSU Extension Ag Budget Office 10,489.51

Motion made by Hochhalter to pay \$192.31 to Heath's Service Center for repairs to 2005 Chevy 2500 HD. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote- Meyer-aye, Hochhalter- aye, Zenker – aye. Bill approved.

Patrick Diehl presented the 2023 Fire Emergency and Burn Ban. Motion made by Meyer to approve 2023 Fire Emergency and Burn Ban effective May 3, 2023. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. 2023 Fire Emergency and Burn Ban approved.

North Dakota State University Extension Agents Tessa Osterbauer and Amanda Dahnners presented the quarterly report to the Board.

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Jackie Steinmetz presented information for Bob Ehler, Vanguard Appraisals Inc. on how map factor are determined, site adjustments for cabin areas, and availability for the June 7th County Board of Equalization meeting. Sales data is used to determine the map factor and site adjustments for properties within cities and in rural developed areas. Ehler will be available for the June 7th meeting. Auditor Meier asked for a data set for the cabin area sales that are used to determine the site adjustment and map factor.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met with the Board to discuss upcoming projects. Motion to terminate contract on Project No. BRJ-0019(020) with Quality Dirtworks, LLC made by Meyer. Hochhalter seconded motion. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Knopik will complete the Wutzke Pit. An additional 2500 yards has been approved for the contract if specifications are met.

Motion to appoint Carrie Rivinius as County Coroner, seconded by Hochhalter. RC – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Shannon Wangsvick asked the Board if any was available from Vanguard Appraisals on the questions asked at prior meetings. Chairman Zenker stated it had been discussed during an earlier time of the meeting.

Motion to form an advisory committee, as provided in North Dakota Century Code chapter 57-12-01.1, to the County Board of Equalization made by Meyer, and seconded by Hochhalter. The committee will do an independent review of the 2023 residential and commercial values that have been presented by the County Assessor's office and Vanguard Appraisal. The committee will report to the County Board of Equalization on June 7th findings from spot check assessments. The committee members are Colleen Vetter, Martin Schock and Sara Meier. These reviews do not constitute an appraisal for any other purpose than as an advisory source for the 2023 Board. Role call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Representatives from Grid United presented information on the permitting and construction of a transmission line that will traverse 38 miles in Grant County. Construction is planned for 2028/2029. Set backs are to be 500' from any dwelling. The company will be pursuing special use permits through the County Planning and Zoning Board. A combination of lattice style and monopole construction will be used depending on the terrain.

Sara Meier requested an increase in salary of 8% and prorated for the remaining 8 months of the 2023 budget year. May 1 is the beginning of the second term for Meier as Auditor/Treasurer. Meier presented salary information for Auditor and Auditor/Treasurer positions for counties with similar population across the state. Moved by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve the salary increase of 8% prorated from May 1 December 31, 2023. Roll call vote Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 1:22 p.m.

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FYI: next scheduled meetings will be May 17th and June 7th, 2023. County Board of Equalization will meet June 7th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Grant County Courthouse courtroom. The Courthouse will be closed May 29th for Memorial Day.

X *Alton Zenker*

Alton Zenker, Chairman

X *Sara Meier*

Sara Meier, County Auditor