

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker, Chairman

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

Marty Meyer

Chairman Zenker called the November 15, 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: Lowell Malard – Butler Machinery.

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 November 1, 2023 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes as amended. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old business:

New business:

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to renew Certificate of Deposit #0326 with First International Bank & Trust for a term of 13 months. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$60,408.10. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote- Meyer-aye, Hochhalter– aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.

A&S Country Market 29.10
Acme Tools 787.01
Als Exhaust System and Body Shop 89.80
Amanda Dahners 298.78
Auto Value Mandan 215.52
Butler Machinery Inc 28.51
Capital Trophy Inc 35.00
Cenex Fleetcard 83.62
City of Elgin 30.00
Elgin True Value 99.61
Farm & Home Supply 479.74
Farstad Oil Inc 27,470.30
GS Publishing LLX 330.18
Hertz Brothers Inc 582.48
I-State Truck Center 85.01
Melanie Wells 30.00
Napa Auto Parts Glen Ullin 119.40
NDEMA 50.00
North Dakota County Commissioners Association 1,085.00
Tessa Osterbauer 446.78
PJs Farm Supply 477.88
PowerPlan 4,505.16

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SW Grain 9,861.85
Steins Inc 482.03
Stelter Repair Inc 343.55
Terracon Consultants Inc 3,354.00
Thomson Reuters – Western Publishing 178.15
Tuff-E Manufacturing 122.41
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services 572.96
White Cap 139.83
AT&T Mobility 737.79
Mor Gran Sou 56.96
North Dakota Association of Counties 6,153.00
ITD 870.45
WRT -Tower 176.24

Sheriff Garrett Harding informed the Board of proceeds received from the Attorney General's office from appropriation of 2023 House Bill 1307 "Back the Blue." Award must be used for retention, recruitment, or training of law enforcement officers. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to distribute proceeds to the six law enforcement officers in 24 equal pay period payments for the 2024 payroll year. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Patrick Diehl presented changes to be made to the Model "B" Ordinance Floodplain Management. Revisions to be reviewed at subsequent meetings.

Lowell Malard from Butler Machinery presented quotes for motor graders.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to amend Sheriff Department budget items: decrease 4722 by \$1100, increase 4329 by \$600, and increase 4320 by \$500. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Deon Roth asked for improvements to section line road on the west and south sides of section 9 in Township 133 North, Range 90 West. The Board will discuss with Jon Alt what changes would benefit the area.

Meeting recessed.

Chairman Zenker opened the 2023 omitted property hearing at 10:24 a.m. Present were Dwight Edinger, Andrew Rosin, Don Mistelski, Janice Steinmetz, Curtis and Marcy Hepper.

Applications for the farm residence exemption were not received, or were not complete for several residential properties. The attending property owners were allowed to offer testimony.

Several stated they did not receive the applications in either the spring or the follow up letter that was sent in October. Marcy Hepper stated that she had been in contact with the Property Tax Division of the Tax Commissioners Office, and the personnel emailed her that, "the final determination of eligibility must be done through the county the farm is located in." Ms. Hepper asked the Board to make that determination. Dwight Edinger stated he has submitted additional tax information for his application.

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Andrew Rosin stated his residence was constructed in 2017, and he followed the proper permitting process, and no one has looked at his property until now.

Motion was made by Meyer to reject the omitted property assessment of \$50,000 for the residential properties listed. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Meyer-aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye.

Meyer asked Jackie Steinmetz, Director of Tax Equalization why there was no value for the Ulrich Manufacturing building. Steinmetz replied that it was not finished yet. Meyer stated that they had concrete poured last winter.

Auditor Meier presented a list of mobile homes that had been added to the real property assessment list for 2023 as commercial structures. Steinmetz stated that she had been instructed to add the properties as commercial property by Auditor Meier and the previous Auditor. Meier stated that is false. Meier proposed that the value of the structures will not be changed, only the classification. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to correct the classification of properties from commercial to residential. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Zenker closed the hearing on omitted property.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Auditor Meier requested the Board to approve the 2023 General Fund Mill levy. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to set the 2023 County General Fund mill levy at 50.25 mills. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with North Dakota Association of Counties for collection and distribution of Next Generation 9-1-1 and state imposed fees associated with statewide interoperable radio network (SIRN). Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter reject participation in the Public Safety Defined Hybrid Retirement Plan. The plan would increase the county contribution for retirement for the correction officer, peace officer, or firefighter of a political subdivision. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Notice will be published reminding property owners and operators not to push snow into the county roads or right of way.

Jon Alt will work on upgrades to the road department radios.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 1:56 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be December 6th and 20th, 2023. The Courthouse will be closed November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

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Sara Meier, County Auditor