

MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 2023

Chairman Todd Lutz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with roll call of commissioners. Tom Geerts and Devan Laufer also in attendance. Road Superintendent, Elliott Finck, was also in attendance.

Geerts motioned to approve the minutes from July 26th, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Laufer motioned to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

The County Park board met prior to the commissioners meeting and funds will be distributed out to the county parks in the near future. The commissioners will be attending the SW District Health meeting later this month. Laufer reported that Tim Millerin will be retiring from being the Weed Officer for the county, but he is still willing to continue to spray for noxious weeds.

Laufer made a motion to approve the following vouchers with Geerts seconding the motion. Roll Call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

14877 VISA \$416.59; 14876 THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES \$657.06; 14875 PHARMCHEM, INC. \$63.90; 14874 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$255.00; 14873 NDACO RESOURCES GROUP \$692.97; 14872 ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS \$120.00; 14871 JACS MARKET \$901.39; 14870 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. \$215.80; 14869 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$110.00; 14868 CENEX FLEET FUELING \$1,154.06; 14867 WILBUR-ELLIS CO \$75.00; 14866 VISA \$586.73; 14865 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. \$6,205.32; 14864 TRUENORTH STEEL \$12,985.30; 14863 TODD LUTZ \$32.75; 14862 SW MULTI-CO. CORRECTION CENTER \$3,050.00; 14861 SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$56.61; 14860 SOUTHWEST DIESEL & REPAIR \$14.21; 14859 SLOPE ELECTRIC COOP \$128.25; 14858 SIDWELL \$195.00; 14857 REGENT AMBULANCE DIST. \$10,000.00; 14856 RDO EQUIPMENT CO \$272.38; 14855 OIEN GROCERY \$59.26; 14854 NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE \$6,815.72; 14853 NDSU \$35.00; 14852 ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS \$10,689.60; 14851 ND ASSOC. OF COUNTIES \$785.90; 14850 MOTT EQUITY EXCHANGE \$2,068.90; 14849 MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$59.00; 14848 MARCO, INC \$549.69; 14847 MARCO \$160.00; 14846 M. D. U. \$1,350.88; 14845 LIBERTY DIRTWORK LLC \$17,875.85; 14844 KNOPIK PIT MANAGEMENT, LLC \$302,771.70; 14843 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. \$709.00; 14842 HEIDI MARXEN \$62.02; 14841 FRIEZE AUTO PARTS, INC. \$152.42; 14840 FITTERER SALES \$208.65; 14839 EIDO PRINTING \$288.00; 14838 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$3,760.15; 14837 DAN KOPPINGER \$28,623.38; 14836 DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC. \$75,546.78; 14835 DAKOTA DUST-TEX \$175.10; 14834 COREY WARNER \$3,348.15; 14833 CONSOLIDATED \$910.56; 14832 CITY OF MOTT \$220.05; 14831 BUTLER MACHINERY CO. \$213.09; 14830 ALEX AIR APPARATUS 2, LLC \$10,000.00.

Jeri Schmidt, current County Superintendent of Schools Designee, mentioned to the board that she recommends Sheila Steiner for this position. Geerts motioned to appoint Steiner as County Superintendent of Schools, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Laufer motioned to appoint Sarah Warner as the county's NDACo delegate, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

The ARPA committee met on Tuesday, August 8th, and submitted to the commissioner their recommendation of funding for the following: \$114,000 for Hydraulic Elevator upgrades and \$6,800 to the New England Park Board. Geerts motioned to approve the recommendations as requested, seconded by Laufer.

Sheriff Sarah Warner submitted to the board her monthly sheriff's report.

Scott Meske and Ted Ueker, board members for the Enchanted Highway Foundation, met with the commissioners and gave a very nice presentation of the Foundation's hopes for the Enchanted Highway's future. They mentioned that they will ask for and will need a county's letter of support in upcoming fund-raising efforts.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his report. Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, mentioned that he has been contacted by the owners of adjacent property about a fence that they want to have replaced, but was taken down for Dale Roth, whose property the fence was on. This was needed for work to be done on the Bentley Bridge. Roth did not want to replace the fence on his property as he was not planning on putting any cattle in that area. Doerr explained that if we did put up a fence, it would have to go on the adjacent owner's property, and would be an added cost to the county. The commissioners made no change to their decision and will not put up a new fence.

Doerr also mentioned that Bituminous Paving will be starting on work next week on the Juniper Drive and the road entering Regent.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST _____
Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Todd Lutz, CHAIRMAN