

MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 13, 2023

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

Laufer motioned to approve the minutes from August 9, 18 and 28, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Each of the commissioners reported on their other boards or committees they are on.

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

14886 BITUMINOUS PAVING, INC. \$30,267.00; 14887 BROSZ ENGINEERING, INC. \$7,117.50; 14888 BUTLER MACHINERY CO. \$579.06; 14889 CATHY EBERT \$325.49; 14890 CITY OF MOTT \$248.41; 14891 CONSOLIDATED \$1,066.68; 14892 COREY WARNER \$3,348.15; 14893 DAKOTA DUST-TEX \$110.10; 14894 DAKOTA WEST INSPECTION SERVICES \$1,893.75; 14895 DAN KOPPINGER \$510.00; 14896 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$362.33; 14897 EIDO PRINTING \$500.00; 14898 ERICKSON HEATING AND AIR \$4,200.00; 14899 FITTERER SALES \$245.89; 14900 FRIEZE AUTO PARTS, INC. \$345.99; 14901 GREFF ELECTRIC, LLC \$1,708.08; 14902 GS PUBLISHING \$913.98; 14903 HARRISON KIRSCHMANN \$2,402.95; 14904 HEIDI MARXEN \$256.70; 14905 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. \$674.00; 14906 INTERMOUNTAIN SLURRY SEAL INC. \$10,000.00; 14907 KNOPIK PIT MANAGEMENT, LLC \$500.00; 14908 KONE CHICAGO \$34,199.10; 14909 LIBERTY DIRTWORK LLC \$24,027.50; 14910 M. D. U. \$1,281.81; 14911 MARCO \$163.19; 14912 MOTT EQUITY EXCHANGE \$2,025.66; 14913 NDSU VET LAB \$35.00; 14914 OIEN GROCERY \$107.39; 14915 PAT MERRIMAN \$87.34; 14916 RAMKOTA HOTEL BISMARCK \$264.60; 14917 RDO EQUIPMENT CO \$836.40; 14918 SIDWELL \$487.50; 14919 SLOPE ELECTRIC COOP \$143.64; 14920 SOUTHWEST DIESEL & REPAIR \$1,075.29; 14921 SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$55.99; 14922 STEIN'S, INC. \$298.24; 14923 STELTER REPAIR INC \$213.68; 14924 SW MULTI-CO. CORRECTION CENTER \$11,900.00; 14925 THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES \$2,709.10; 14926 TOM GEERTS \$78.60; 14927 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. \$6,242.44; 14928 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (QUADIENT-POC) \$1,000.00; 14929 VISA \$397.10; 14930 WEST RIVER MECHANICAL \$3,016.03; 14931 WILBUR-ELLIS CO \$326.58; 14932 ADAMSON POLICE PRODUCTS \$541.67; 14933 AT&T MOBILITY \$693.44; 14934 CENEX FLEET FUELING \$1,423.60; 14935 ENCHANTED CASTLE \$870.00; 14936 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY \$215.80; 14937 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$80.00; 14938 PHARMCHEM, INC. \$127.80; 14939 THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES \$611.85; 14940 VISA \$947.45.

Geerts motioned to transfer \$150,000 out of the Road and Bridge Fund and into the Highway Distribution fund, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Geerts motioned to sign the NDDOT form for stating the county is using local tax funds for the bridge inspection, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Tracy Kruger, 911 Coordinator, met to the commission to present the Resolution for the Joint Powers Agreement with ND Association of Counties for the collection and distribution of 9-1-1 Fees, whereas the county auditor has been doing this. Laufer motioned to approve signing this Resolution, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

Heidi Marxen, County Agent, submitted to the board her recommendation of Janine Wangsvick for Administrative Assistant for the Extension Office. Geerts motioned to approve, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried. She submitted an updated budget for the Extension Office, with numbers slightly lower than the preliminary. Marxen submitted her resignation to the board and mentioned that her supervisor, Jim Gray, will be opening up the position. Sheriff Sarah Warner submitted to the board her monthly sheriff's report stating there was 150 calls for service. Among them for the county was a drug case, juvenile runaway, suicidal death, domestic disturbance, death notice, stolen vehicle recovery, animal neglect, road rage and a protection order violation. In the cities, it was reported in Mott - Vandalism, Harassment; New England - Search Warrant, Drug Case, K9 Sniff at DWCRC, Criminal Mischief x2, Juvenile Case, Vandalism and Scam; Regent - Domestic and Terroizing.

Emma Cook, with the ND Department of Commerce, wanted to meet with the commissioners to make them aware of the Main Street Initiative, which provides community leaders with direct access to tools, technical assistance, and resources to capitalize on their community's strengths and make sound planning decisions.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his report. He would like to hire Isaac Frey to the road crew. Geerts motioned to hire Frey, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, phoned in to let the commissioners know the status the bridge projects. The Kouba bridge is having some environmental work done. The NDDOT will be sending paperwork to sign for the 3 Bridge project.

The ditch mowing ad will be placed in the paper soon.

The commissioners took a break for lunch and returned in the afternoon for the 2024 Budget Hearing at 1:00 p.m.

The board had one person, ReMae Kuehn, appear to discuss the budget for the Weed Control. She felt that the budget may be too low for the needs of the residents. Commissioner Laufer, and Auditor/Clerk of Weed Board, Schmidt, explained that that chemical ordered is a supplemental for control of noxious weeds. Some information Kuehn would like to know would be better asked with the board itself. Schmidt will let Kuehn know when the weed board will meet next.

With no other information to be discussed with the budget, Geerts made the motion to approve the 2024 Final Budget, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR Todd Lutz, CHAIRMAN