

SPECIAL MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 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 10th, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

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

A Condition Use submitted by LCC Telecom Services, on behalf of BVB BTSS II LLC (dba "Vertical Bridge") Zoning Hearing for Cell Tower with a Zoning Board Recommendation of approval, Laufer motioned to approve, seconded by Geerts. Christopher Madigan, with LCC Telecom Services, was present to answer questions the commissioners had.

Lutz reported that the Sales Committee met and the funds received for last year will be disbursed to their respective fire and ambulance districts/services. The County Park board should be meeting soon.

Laufer reported that the county fair has been held.

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

14829 WOLF BODY & GLASS \$1,852.60: 14828 TOP LINE ENGINE & REPAIR \$215.13: 14827 THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES \$906.84: 14826 LEXIPOL LLC \$2,728.02: 14825 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. \$202.80: 14824 HETTINGER CO. HERALD \$45.00: 14823 CANINE SEARCH SOLUTIONS \$400.00: 14822 AT&T MOBILITY \$693.44: 14821 WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOCIATION \$1,500.00: 14820 TODD LUTZ \$53.71: 14819 TIM MILLIREN \$1,920.13: 14818 THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES \$2,043.39: 14817 SCOTT G. WINTER \$1,350.00: 14816 ROD SCHAEFFER \$400.00: 14815 RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK \$176.40: 14814 NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL \$1.30: 14813 NDLTAP-UGPTI/ND SU \$300.00: 14812 ND ASSOC. OF COUNTIES \$60.00: 14811 LIBERTY DIRTWORK LLC \$71,449.99: 14810 JERI SCHMIDT \$142.79: 14809 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. \$685.70: 14808 H.A. THOMPSON & SONS \$58,897.50: 14807 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$143,546.84: 14806 TAYLOR ZENTNER \$98.28

Geerts made the motion to appoint Devan Laufer to SW REAP and Todd Lutz to Vision West boards, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, and Devan Laufer, Commissioner, met with the Regent City Council last month to discuss the road going through the city of Regent. They discussed that thirty (30) feet, fifteen (15) feet on each side of the middle of the road could be the portion that the county may be responsible for. Engineers need to need to be hired for the ADA sidewalk and then for the road to be done, with a note that until the sidewalks become ADA compliant, the work cannot be done. Once the pre-requisite is complete, we will get a maintenance agreement completed.

Cathy Ebert, Tax Director, Heidi Marxen, County Agent, and Sheriff Sarah Warner met with the commissioners to give their respective monthly reports and/or discuss their 2024 budgets.

Sherry Adams, SW Health District, met with the board to discuss the district's 2024 budget request. She mentioned that the district again will hold at the previous year's request and not have any increase.

Holly Praus and Amber Hofstad from the Sunrise Youth Bureau, met with the commissioners to let them know of the services provided to the county. The request of \$2,500 will be entered into this program for the 2024 county budget, which is the same as in previous years.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his report. Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, mentioned that the Bentley Bridge is complete and the work has started on the Kouba Bridge and they are waiting to hear from the NDDOT for a contract for the 3 bridge project. Knopic Pit Management is finishing up on the gravel crushing. Finck mentioned that he wants to get the Bomber Club Road on his list for work to be done. Finck also mentioned that the gravel price is now \$10/yard. He will check into the milling cost per yard.

The commissioners continued on working on the 2024 budget. Health insurance cost will be given next week. They will be approving the preliminary budget on August 9th.

With nothing further to discuss, Laufer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried! Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST _____
Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Todd Lutz, CHAIRMAN