

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 8, 2023

Chairman Todd Lutz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with commissioners Devan Laufer and Tom Geerts in attendance as well as Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Geerts motioned to approve the minutes from January 11, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Geerts motioned to approve the agenda with an addition of discussing the commission policy handbook, motion seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Reports: Geerts mentioned that there was an open position on the Zoning Board and he motioned to approve Keith Witte to the Zoning Board, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Laufer reported that the fair board will be meeting tonight and that they have been looking to book the entertainment for the fair. Laufer also mentioned that it looks like the fair won't be having a demolition derby this year. The weed control board will be meeting in the beginning of March. Geerts reported that the JDA had their annual meeting last night.

Laufer made a motion to approve the bills as presented for the following: General \$66,365.32; Highway Distribution \$361.08; R&B \$227,987.71; Emergency 911 \$12,788.94; ARPA \$6,653.69; County Agent \$5,980.69; Veterans Service Officer \$13,000; Preservation \$3,043.51; Sheriff \$7,482.35; 24/7 \$40.00; Sheriff Drug Canine \$201.97. AT&T Mobility invoice has not arrived yet, but approved to pay, once it arrives. Geerts seconded the motion to pay bills. Roll Call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Myra Klein, JDA Director, appeared before the board to give her Director's report. She's currently busy with visiting the businesses in the county and she's had applications for the store front grant.

Robin Ulrich, Deputy Recorder/Clerk of Court, met with the commissioners on the behalf of Sylvia Gion, Recorder/Clerk of Court. Ulrich told the commissioners that Tracy Kruger will be appointed by Gion as the Deputy Recorder/Clerk of Court. This then leaves the positions of Emergency Manager and Sheriff's Office Deputy open, which Sheriff Warner would like to appoint Kyle DeMark into the Sheriff's Office Deputy and this position will then be called Administrative Sergeant Demark as this is his current rank. DeMark has shown his interest in serving the Emergency Manager position. Geerts made the motion to appoint DeMark to the transitioning of the Emergency Manager, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried. Sheriff Warner will be looking to appoint another Deputy into her office after all the transitions of the positions are complete.

Heidi Marxen, County Agent, presented the commission of the request to appoint Karagan Freidt to the position of Administrative Assistant in the Extension Office. Laufer made the motion to appoint Freidt to this position, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his report. The time arrived for the bid opening for a new motor grader. Steve Meier of RDO and Derek Northrop of Butler Machinery were present. The board opened the two bids received and after a long discussion of the pros and cons from each respective bid, Geerts motioned to accept the bid from Butler Machinery, but without the V-plow, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, appeared during this time. He told the board of the progress being made on the Bentley Bridge.

Laufer made the motion that should an invoice come in that needs to be paid due to late fees or penalties/interest, the invoice can be paid if the chairman of the board is contacted and told of the expenditure. The invoice must be noted in the next months commissioners meeting. This motion was seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

Geerts motion to sign the Certification off Local Match for Bridge Inspection/Load Rating, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Cathy Ebert, Tax Director, has received abatements for 2021 and 2022 Farm Residence Exemption. Geerts motioned to approve the abatements, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Todd Lutz, CHAIRMAN