

SPECIAL MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
November 15, 2022

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

The commissioners opened the four gravel crushing bids received. Commissioner Carlson came in at this time. Lutz made the motion that after the contract with the gravel pit landowner is signed, the bid be accepted from Knopik at \$5.95 per cubic yard, seconded by Carlson.

Lutz made the motion to approve the bills as presented for the following: General \$25,674.38; Highway Dist. \$770.90; R&B \$23,271.88; Emergency 911 \$11,514.92; ARPA \$58.00; 24/7 180.00; Sheriff Drug Canine Fund \$44,197.57; County Agent \$5,728.62; Sheriff \$41,500.07. Seconded by Carlson

Lutz motioned to void and reissue check #10362 in the amount of \$12.87 for lost check, seconded by Carlson.

Sheriff Warner came to the meeting at Carlson's request to explain the JAG Grant and the SW Drug Task Force's revenue reimbursement that offsets the expenditures.

A recommendation of approval for a variance was given to the commissioners from the zoning board. The resident requested a 75' variance for a shop building. Lutz motioned to approve the zoning boards recommendation, seconded by Carlson.

The annual Maintenance Certification for County Federal Aid Projects was presented for signatures. By signing the certification, the county confirms all federal aid highway projects have been inspected and are being maintained in a good and safe condition for the general public use in accordance with the NDDOT "Construction & Maintenance Agreement".

Lutz made the motion to sign, seconded by Carlson.

Sheriff Warner stopped in to ask if a bill from Shallow Creek Kennels could be added in for the bills to pay. Lutz motioned to pay, seconded by Carlson.

There is a need of twelve thermostats to be replaced in the courthouse. The county received a bid for replacement by Martin's. Carlson felt we should get another bid. Geerts will ask Corey Warner, custodian at the courthouse to get another bid.

The auditor presented an abatement request on behalf of the Tax Director, Cathy Ebert, as she was unable to attend the meeting. This abatement had to go to the City of Mott first and they had rejected the request due to the damage done to the building was not due to fire, but by the owners, as the fire was contained in the smoker. Carlson made the motion to reject the abatement in support of the city's findings, seconded by Lutz.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the commissioners will meet next month for a Special Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. with another one Special Meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 a.m., which will be utilized as the regular meeting of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Tom Geerts, CHAIRMAN