

SPECIAL (REGULAR) MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
April 25, 2022

Due to the Winter Blizzard, the regular meeting being changed to this date, Chairman Tom Geerts called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with commissioners Todd Lutz and Angela Carlson in attendance. Also in attendance, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Carlson motioned to approve the previous minutes for March, along with the Special Meetings of March 16, March 28 and April 11, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Lutz made the motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Carlson.

Commissioners gave their reports from their other boards. Carlson mentioned that Megan VanLishout received her 3 year award with working with the Roughrider North Human Services Zone. Carlson also noted that Rachelle Juntunen of the SWMCCC will meet with the commissioners in the near future to let them know more about the correction center. Lutz told the board that the upcoming chemical disbursement will be May 18.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with the board to present the commissioners with the annual Fire Emergency and Burn Ban Declaration. Carlson motioned to put in effect, seconded by Lutz. Kruger also presented the board with a Snow Emergency Declaration due to the blizzard that impacted the county recently with upwards of 20" of snow. Lutz motioned to approve, seconded by Carlson. Kruger also updated on the website.

Sheriff Warner attended the meeting to give the monthly sheriff report. Due to credit card we are looking into the different possibilities that can be presented in more detail at the next meeting.

Heidi Marxen, County Agent, met with the board and gave her monthly report. She received one application for the position that was opened for 100 hours of help during the fair period. Lutz made the motion to hire Karagan Friedt, seconded by Carlson.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his monthly report. There was one bid received for the truck bid. Lutz motioned to accept the bid from Westlie Truck, seconded by Carlson. Lutz made a motion to sign the Certification of Local match for Bridge Inspection/Load Rating, seconded by Carlson.

Finck mentioned he had applied for a Special Road Fund Grant to do some work in Indian Creek along the dam road. His application was accepted.

Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, attended the meeting to update the board on the costs of the pre-engineering for the Bentley Bridge, where he mentioned that all costs are pretty much complete. The proposal is with the state and the bidding for the project is to be done May 13. Once this is done, the commissioners are to go through the process of hiring an engineer for this project.

Karen Kouba, Auditor for the City of Regent, wanted to discuss with the commissioners the possibility of the city and county working together so that main street in Regent could be fixed. It was mentioned that first the city would need to become ADA compliant and get a quote for that. Second would be to get a full quote for the cost and then thirdly would be getting together for a plan.

Terry Kirschmann, Deputy Treasurer, was asked to the meeting to explain some of the investments we currently have. Commissioners will be sending a letter of support for the Enchanted Highway, to the ND Tourism Division in the hopes that they will consider assumption of responsibilities of this tourist attraction.

Lutz motioned to accept the Blading Agreement for Kennedy Township, seconded by Carlson.

Carlson made the motion to accept the bid received from Olson's Carpet & Furniture to do the flooring in the Recorder's office, seconded by Lutz.

Robin Ulrich, met with the board to ask for her budget for the flowers and suggested to also include the other times she works on the décor in the courthouse. Lutz motioned to approve up to \$1,000, seconded by Carlson.

Cathy Ebert, Tax Director, came in to touch base with the commissioners with her new position.

The JDA has made the request to have Troy Mosbrucker appointed to their board. Carlson motioned to appoint Mosbrucker, seconded by Lutz.

The Association of Counties sent a Joint Powers Agreement for purchasing GIS services with their association. Carlson motioned not to purchase at this time, seconded by Lutz.

Lutz motioned to sign the annual lease with the NDDOT for the shop building used in New England, seconded by Carlson.

Lutz motioned to designate the Commercial Bank of Mott as the county's depository bank for the years 2022 and 2023, seconded by Carlson. Designation of depository is done every even numbered year.

The commissioners reviewed the pledge of assets received by the Commercial Bank of Mott.

Carlson made the motion to appoint Jason Jung as the Inspector of Elections for the June Primary, seconded by Lutz.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Tom Geerts, CHAIRMAN