

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 3, 2020

Regular meeting of September 3, 2020, 8:30 a.m., all voting in favor and motions carried unless noted otherwise. Members present were Ron Friedt, Angela Carlson and John Plaggemeyer. Also present, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Plaggemeyer motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Carlson.

Carlson made the motion to approve bills as presented: General 17,382.77; Road & Bridge 28,274.81; County Agent 5.79; Weed Control 2,025.221; Preservation 1,280.00; Sheriff 2,291.84; 24/7 Program 424.20.

Plaggemeyer seconded the motion to approve bills.

Elliott Finck gave the road supervisor report. Conversation of grain bins being built without permits were brought up. The main reason for the application for the permits being submitted were to make sure they were not being built in right-of-ways.

County Fair Board representation of Heidi Marxen and Garrison Risner met with the board along with State's Attorney David Crane, Duaine Marxen, Jenna Kilzer and Mark Resner. Crane answered some questions that had to deal with the money received for the new fair building. After discussion the motion was made by Plaggemeyer and seconded by Carlson that the county create a "Hettinger County Fair Building Fund" that would be able to receive and disburse the funds. It was also noted that the Fair Board agreed to pay the outstanding loan with the county.

State's Attorney Crane gave his opinion that funds received from the County's General fund could be used for concerts, dances and derby according to North Dakota Century Code 11-39-02 paragraph 3.

Duaine Marxen, County Agent, gave a short note on his monthly report and will include more next month.

Robert Carlson met with the commission regarding the roads in St. Croix Township. They are trying to conserve their roads, and the heavy traffic and the fast traffic causes the roads faster deterioration, as it does to all the county roads. His township has placed lower speed limits on their roads, but is finding that this isn't working, and wants the Sheriff's office to patrol.

Sheriff Warner mentioned her office has been out patrolling and they haven't found that speeding has been an issue when they have been there, and according to the state, the speed limit is 50 mph on the country gravel roads. Assistant State's Attorney, Pat Merriman mentioned she would not be able to make any traffic stops, give warnings, or turn on her lights to try and slow traffic due to the lower speed limit signs, as they do not comply with the state. There is a list of steps that would need to be done to actually lower the speed limits.

Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, gave the board an update on the engineering for the Bentley Bridge. Finck mentioned the NDDOT has put the New England Bridge by the city on a critical structure status. He has closed the bridge for now.

Discussion was held on the county website. Tracy Kruger and Chad Kelsch will present the commission their findings next month.

Chad Kelsch, Tax Director, met with the board to let them know that he was able to cancel the contract with Sidwell as he will be able to do this mapping project himself.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with the board to see if they would like clarification for extension on the Resolution regarding COVID-19 they enacted back in March of this year. Plaggemeyer made the motion that this resolution is to be automatically extended until there is a motion made by the board to terminate, seconded by Carlson.

Kruger mentioned she has passed a stage level regarding her Emergency Manager position. Carlson made the motion to increase her Emergency Manager salary by two percent, seconded by Plaggemeyer.

Plaggemeyer made the motion to appoint Jason Jung as the Inspector for the General Election, seconded by Carlson.

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Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Ron Friedt, CHAIRMAN