

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlson at 8:30 a.m. with commissioners Lutz and Geerts in attendance. Also present, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Lutz motioned to approve the March minutes as presented, seconded by Geerts. All voting aye, motion carried. Geerts made the motion to approve the agenda with the following additions, of NDIRF proxy, Zoning Book, resident letter of concern, motioning to move the Court Grant to Capitol Improvements, touring the Clerk of Court office, the new Fair Building and Social Service Building. Lutz seconded the additions, all voting aye, motion carried.

Troy Mosbrucker, who is overseeing the work being done at the new fair building, asked the commissioners if he could have the authority to get some of the work that needs to be done utilizing the funds that are available. Lutz motioned to approve Mosbrucker's authority, seconded by Geerts. All voting aye, motion carried.

Finck gave the road supervisor report. He will be getting a gravel crushing ad in the paper. He mentioned some of the upcoming projects the road crew will be doing. Finck ordered culverts he needed to have on hand as he heard the prices were going up. There was a letter received regarding some road and bridge questions from Marlene Kouba that Finck will reply to.

Sheriff Warner gave her monthly report. She asked if an Asset/Forfeiture Fund be added to the County funds. This fund needs to be set up should ever need to be used. Geerts motioned to create an Asset/Forfeiture Fund, seconded by Lutz. After discussion, Geerts retracted his previous motion and motioned to move this request to next month along with a policy to utilize these funds, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Kelsch, Tax Director, showed the provisional county website to the commissioners, it is not quite ready to go live. Commissioners will preview it again, prior to it going live. At this time, Kelsch, mentioned he is submitting his resignation. He will be working through the end of this month and then will continue part-time until a new Tax Director is chosen and he has helped them get familiar with this position. The commissioners thanked him for his work and wished him well in his next endeavor.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with board to let them know that an LEPC meeting should be held in the near future as there has been some changes in the board. She will look into setting up a meeting prior to July.

Alex Aldinger, met with the board to clarify some insurance questions they had on the county's policy. Since the county is the owner of the fair building, Lutz made the motion to add the buildings to the county's policy, seconded by Geerts. All voting in aye, motion carried.

Geerts made the motion to approve the bills as presented: General 69,363.42; Road & Bridge 26,240.16; County Agent 2,038.45; Capital Improvements 5,024.50; New Fair Building 38,609.12; Weed Control 84.00; Preservation 329.99; Sheriff 17,717.45; 24/7 Program 338.55. Motion to second, Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the pledge of securities issued from the Commercial Bank of Mott. They were also given the financial report to review for the first quarter.

Geerts motioned to purchase three tablets for the commissioners, along with one cloud service for four, which includes the commissioners and Road Supervisor, motion was seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioners at this time did not want to change from our current computer support of NRG. This may be revisited again at budget time.

A NDIRF proxy will be filled out and mailed back to them.

The current Planning and Zoning Book will get a quote for updating it for budget time.

The County Weed Board has asked the commissioners to make increase the weed board from a five to a seven member board. Geerts made the motion to approve the following **RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, the Hettinger County Board of County Commissioners has heretofore established a County Weed Board with five at large members; and WHEREAS, it is now deemed beneficial to increase the Hettinger County Weed Board from five to seven at large members; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to its authority under NDCC §4.1-47-06(2), the Board of Commissioners hereby increases the membership of the Hettinger County Weed Board from five members to seven members. All members shall be appointed at large.** Lutz seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried. Geerts then made the motion to appoint the weed boards request of Commissioner Todd Lutz and the County Agent to the weed board, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried

The following building applications were submitted for approval: Todd and Joleen Kautzman – 152x64 Cold Storage Building – Geerts motioned to approve, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.; Jim Haberstoh – Variance and Grain hopper - Geerts motioned to approve, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried; Craig Miller – grain bin - Geerts motioned to approve, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried. Art Willnow – Living quarters in Quonset, which was completed prior to application – County Building Inspector, Mel Zent couldn't approve until some criteria was met, the Commissioners did not act on this and turned this back to the State's Attorney and Zoning Board to what should be done.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Angela Carlson, CHAIRMAN