

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 13, 2021

Regular meeting of January 13, 2021, 8:30 a.m., all voting in favor and motions carried unless noted otherwise. Members present were Angela Carlson, Todd Lutz and Tom Geerts. Also present, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Geerts motioned to approve the December minutes as presented, seconded by Lutz.

Oaths of office were signed by the new commissioners, Todd Lutz and Tom Geerts.

Commissioners were given the end of year reports for 2020 of the Budget to Actual and the Expenditures, and the Revenues prior to the meeting. The board reviewed at this time.

Lutz made the motion to designate the Commercial Bank of Mott as the county's main depository, seconded by Geerts. The designation of depository will now be made in January of each even-numbered year.

The new Fair Building has met their matching amount the commissioners requested of \$50,000. Geerts made the motion to transfer the county's final portion of \$30,000 as \$20,000 was transferred over last month. Lutz seconded the motion.

Geerts made the motion to approve bills as presented: General 103,655.47; Road & Bridge 30,837.81; County Agent 808.01; New Fair Building 11,299.69; Weed Control 275.00; Sheriff 7,012.38; 24/7 Program 383.55.

Lutz seconded the motion to approve bills.

The board reviewed the fees received from the Sheriff and Recorders offices.

The zoning board submitted their recommendation of approval (with slight changes) for a tree variance submitted by Jenna Palczewski and Trae Spillum. Geerts motioned to approve, seconded by Lutz.

The zoning board also submitted a recommendation of approval for Adam Greff's building application for a house. Lutz made the motion to approve, along with making sure that an ad gets placed in the paper stating building applications, (for whatever is getting built) must be submitted and approved prior to construction. Not doing so, results in a \$200.00 fine. Geerts seconded this motion.

Jim Gray, from the State Extension office, met with the board to let them know that he has received a letter of resignation from our County Extension Agent, Duaine Marxen. He will be working on getting an agent in filling this position.

Geerts also made the motion to transfer the remaining match funds of \$30,000 to be moved to the New Fair Building fund, as the match has been met.

Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, met with the board. With the Prairie Dog funds on hold, there was not much to report at this time.

Sheriff Warner gave her sheriff's report.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with board to discuss the status covid vaccinations and the state SIRN program, which is funded through the 911 fund. She also mentioned that the fee of 911 for landlines and wireless lines should be looked at and to go on the ballot for the voters at our next election.

The time arrived for interviewing of the Road and Bridge applicants. After interviewing, the board offered the position to Mason Friedt, which he accepted.

County portfolios were discussed and were made as follows: Todd Lutz-Road & Bridge and Weed Control; Tom Geerts-Courthouse and County Agent; Angela Carlson-Sheriff and Emergency Mgmt.

Auditor will look into getting tablets available for the commissioners.

Elliott Finck gave the road supervisor report. A clothing allowance motion to increase to \$400 was made by Lutz, seconded by Geerts. Costs could be \$60,000 to \$70,000 to gravel 60th Street west of New England. Striping on the Enchanted Highway will need to be done in the near future. 74th Street in Kennedy Township needs work to be done.

Geerts made the motion to sign the "Volkswagen Settlement Rebate Grant Agreement" for \$62,000 that is available towards a new truck purchase, Lutz seconded. This grant is available through 2023.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Angela Carlson, CHAIRMAN