

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 13, 2021

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

Geerts motioned to approve the June minutes with the corrections addressed by Chairman Carlson, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Geerts made the motion to accept the agenda with Chairman Carlson's additions, seconded by Lutz.

The review and the updated Employee Policy Manual has been completed by the selected committee. The approved phone greeting will be inserted and Juneteenth as a holiday. It will be sent to the State's Attorney for their review.

The Sheriff's office and the SWMCCC will be looking at the possibilities of utilizing the funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Sheriff Warner met with the commissioners to give the monthly Sheriff's report. She then presented her proposed budget to the commissioners.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with the board and Load Pass permits for heavy trucks or equipment traveling on the county roads. Aggregate Construction, Inc. came to start their gravel crushing for the county. Finck reached out to portfolio holder Lutz, Kruger, and made other calls, as the fee was excessive for the 11 miles that would be traveled on the county road. So that the work could get started, Lutz waived the permit fee for this instance.

Kruger also presented her 2022 Budget request.

Heidi Marxen, County Agent, gave her monthly report. The Administrative Assistant position for this department will be opened up again as part-time for twenty-four hours a week. There is the ability to get an intern through the NDSU Extension office in the summer months. Marxen was asked about the 2022 budget for the fair, as she is on the board, and she didn't have it available at this time.

Elliot Finck, Road Supervisor, presented his report. He reported that a traffic count was done and the busiest grave roads in the county are 60th Street west of New England and 90th Avenue south of Mott. The striping will be done on the Enchanted Highway in August. The road crew was short a blade-man for a while due to surgery. Finck has been training a new blade-man. The actual sale of the blue truck is still pending. The gravel crushing started yesterday and weather permitting, should go about five weeks. The demo of the new mulcher was seen prior to this meeting and Finck mentioned he will be purchasing it through his current budget. It will save a lot of hours on the blade equipment. Finck is also looking into the options for graveling the Bomber Club road. The commissioners reviewed the 2022 budget request presented. The problem is finding funding for the bridges that are in need of repair. Lutz and Finck will try to get with the legislatures for the county and discuss this issue.

Measurements taken for Carson Kouba's grain bins location are too close to the road. He will be required to file a variance.

The board broke for lunch and when they returned, they interviewed three candidates for the Tax Director position. The board chose Lisa Aune and she accepted the position.

Geerts made the motion to approve the bills as presented with holding the insurance bill to Cardinal Insurance and the travel reimbursement to Mark Resner for SWREAP meetings until more information is known: General 18,673.81; Road & Bridge 52,799.83; County Agent 1,382.18; New Fair Building 1,919.18; Weed Control 740.20; Preservation 1,089.11; Sheriff 6,998.42; 24/7 Program 663.45. Motion to second, Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Geerts motioned to distribute the County Park Grant the following way; New England \$6,500, Regent \$4,000, Mott \$6,500. Lutz seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

The commissioners continued work on the 2022 Budget.

There will be a Special Meeting to continue with the budget on Monday, July 19th. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4th, due to the time constraint on approving the Preliminary Budget.

Lutz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Geerts.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Angela Carlson, CHAIRMAN