

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 10, 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.

Geerts motioned to approve the February minutes as presented, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Lutz made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of having Chad Kelsch present abatements. Geerts made the motion to accept the building permit application submitted by Dennis Wegh for a 120x60 shop/cold storage building, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chad Kelsch met with the board to discuss has found a web designer for the new website and figured all costs associated should be less than \$1,000.00. Geerts motioned to pay up to the amount of \$800.00, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Kelsch, as Tax Director, presented the commissioners with a couple of abatements which were needed to do. Janikowsky abatement for software import error on inundated land was motioned to accept by Geerts, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried. Thomas Zahn abatement on mistake of data entry of acres was moved to approve by Lutz, seconded by Geerts. All voting aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Warner gave her monthly sheriff's report. She mentioned getting a bid for camera system update and will request a bid from others to get into next year's budget. The department will be getting a new vehicle and will use the current county vehicle as trade. They will get the 2014 vehicle ready for county use.

Sheriff Warner informed the commissioners that her department will be hosting Easter Egg Hunt in Mott, on March 27 and in New England on April 2.

Troy Mosbrucker, new fair building project manager, met with the commission to request more funds for the fair building due to inspection requirement. Lutz motioned to approve \$10,000 at this time, seconded by Geerts. All voting aye, motion carried.

Cardinal Insurance representative Alex Aldinger updated the board with our insurance policies and recommendations.

John Krueger & Roger Krueger of GPBC Employer Advisors, talked with the commissioners regarding their work on the county's employee manual. Geerts made the motion to form a committee to review, update and bring back their recommendations back to the commissioners. The committee to consist of Sondra Bullinger in Human Resources, Sylvia Gion, Sarah Warner, Jeri Schmidt, Elliott Finck, along with Commissioner Geerts, if available, Commissioner Carlson, if Geerts is not available. Motion seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, met with board to update the current burn ban. Geerts motioned to rescind the 2020 Burn Ban, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Lutz motioned to initiate the 2021 Burn Ban, seconded by Geerts. All voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioners broke for lunch break.

Finck gave the road supervisor report.

Geerts made the motion to approve the bills as presented, along with paying the bill for \$115 for Sheriff's convention and holding the payment to the Hettinger County Activities Association to check on the amount, seconded by Lutz. The bills were as follows: General 21,175.09; Road & Bridge 31,774.93; Emergency 911 2,379.78; County Agent 65.00; Capital Improvements 2,979.54; Senior Citizens 23,030.00; Odessa Township 125.00; Indian Creek Township 125.00; Alden Township 125.00; Sheriff 4,119.30; 24/7 Program 560.00.

The County Water Board requested reappointment of Gary Friedt to their board. Geerts motioned to reappoint Friedt, seconded by Lutz. All voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioners received a resignation letter from Cindy Marxen, Administrative Assistant in the Extension Office. Geerts made the motion to forward calls from the extension office to auditor's office, Lutz seconded.

All voting aye, motion carried. Geerts motioned to allow for temporary/part-time for work with 4H only, seconded by Lutz. Discussion was held to postpone any decision until they talked with the 4H Leaders. Roll call on part-time work: Geerts, aye; Lutz, nay; Carlson, nay, motion failed. Commissioners will discuss with the State Extension office on the steps to take going forward

Lutz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Geerts. All voting aye, motion carried.

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Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

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Angela Carlson, CHAIRMAN