

REGULAR MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 12, 2022

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

Lutz motioned to approve the previous minutes of the December meeting with adding the approved motion for the polling place for elections this year to be held in Regent at the Enchanted Castle, seconded by Carlson. All voting aye, motion carried.

Carlson made the motion to accept the agenda as presented with additions, seconded by Lutz.

There was no reporting for the commissioner portfolios for the month of December.

Sheriff Sarah Warner attended the meeting to give her monthly sheriff report. She is waiting for another bid to do the ceiling in her offices and hopefully can present next month. She mentioned that her department is checking into the costs for a canine drug dog. We will add Sheriff Radios and Body Cams to the list of the possible uses for the ARPA funds.

Tracy Kruger, Emergency Manager, mentioned that the 2021 Burn Ban can be rescinded due to changed conditions.

Carlson motioned to rescind the 2021 Burn Ban, seconded by Lutz.

Heidi Marxen, County Agent, met with the board and gave her monthly report.

Lutz motioned and Carlson seconded the signing of the Gravel Contract with Martina Stagl on the property of the NE1/4 of Section 5 in Township 135N96W. All in favor motion carried.

The commissioners received four bids for 2022 gravel crushing on the Stagl property. Carlson motioned to accept the lowest bid received by Aggregate Construction, Inc., seconded by Lutz. All in favor, motion carried.

Carlson motioned to sign the Certification of Local Match for Bridge Inspection/Load Rating, seconded by Lutz. All in favor, motion carried.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his monthly report. He showed the commissioners a plan that would enable the New England Bridge to be open. He will check with the New England City Council to see if they approve of a Low Clearance structure of 10 feet put up on both sides of the bridge with a three-ton limit sign.

Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, met with the board to discuss upcoming projects. He gave a listing of four bridges that Elliott recommended to submit for the HB1505 funding. The commissioners agreed, but want the Kouba bridge to be included also.

Abatement #459 was received for Disabled Vet Credit. Lutz motioned to approve, seconded by Carlson.

A letter from Lisa Aune, Tax Director, letting them know that she cannot get her required time in that is needed to fulfill the duties of the Tax Director. Carlson made the motion to open this position up as full-time, seconded by Lutz. Aune will stay with the new person to help train as long as she is needed. The possibility of getting some help from other county Tax Directors will be pursued to try and help.

Lutz made the motion to approve the bills as presented, with correcting an error that was discovered while reviewing the invoices: General 82,677.07; Road & Bridge 120,568.02; County Agent 1,048.49; Veteran Service Officer 13,000; Sheriff 31,889.77; 24/7 Program 190.00. Motion to second made by Carlson. Roll call with all voting aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST

Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR

Tom Geerts, CHAIRMAN