

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, August 16, 2022

The second regular August meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Lee. Present were Commissioners Lee, Steve Cottingham, and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson, Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen, States Attorney Ladd Erickson, Road Superintendent Jim Grey, Sheriff J.R. Kerzmann, Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnson, and David Jeffrey of Garrison.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on August 2, 2022, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Erickson discussed an email he received from Judge Bruce Romanick inquiring if there is space available at the courthouse to house a State Clerk. Discussion followed.

Grey was present with an update on department operations reporting that right-of-way mowing continues and he was going to visit the Benedict and Butte area to access damage from recent storms.

Grey presented a boring permit request from McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District. The permit requests to bore the south side of 9th Street SW, in Section 19, Township 144 North, Range 81 West, and then head east for one mile and tie into an existing line on the west side of 23rd Avenue SW, to provide service to Knife River.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the boring permit request from McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a boring permit request from McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District. The permit requests to bore the north side of 9th Street SW, in Section 17 and 18, Township 144 North, Range 80 West, to tie into existing line on the west side of 16th Avenue SW and then head west for 1.25 miles, to provide service to Jacob Ruff.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the boring permit request from McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Building and Maintenance Supervisor Curt Malo joined the meeting.

Jeffrey addressed the commission inquiring on the cost for McLean County Sheriff Department to contract with the City of Garrison again for policing. Kerzmann stated that City of Garrison didn't renew the contract and the Three Affiliated Tribes White Shield Segment picked up those hours. Discussion followed with Lee stating an official request would be needed from the City of Garrison to pursue the matter.

Property Assessor Elizabeth Patterson joined the meeting.

Malo requested approval to accept a portion of the bid from A & C Land Development Inc. of Washburn in the amount of \$19,700.00 for the removal of the entrance curbing as previously presented at the commission meeting held on July 19, 2022.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to accept that portion of the bid from A & C Land Development Inc. in the amount of \$19,700.00. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Malo discussed the previously accepted bid from Prairie View Landscaping and Nursery to repair the retaining wall. He requested approval to replace the retaining wall instead of repair it. Discussion followed with no action taken.

Patterson presented an application submitted by Bruce C. Schreiner, whose post office address is Garrison, ND, requesting approval of a subdivision plat involving land located in the S½SE¼ and NW¼SE¼ of Section 24, Township 148 North, Range 84 West. The above-named applicant seeks approval of a subdivision plat to develop a 15-lot rural residential subdivision to be known as Schreiner Centennial Second Addition.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the subdivision plat request involving land located in the S½SE¼ and NW¼SE¼ of Section 24, Township 148 North, Range 84 West. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Patterson presented an application submitted by Shannon K. and Kari L. Cree, whose post office address is Minot, ND, requesting a variance of the setback requirements of the McLean County Zoning Ordinance involving land located in Lot 9 of Paradise Retreat (Horseshoe Valley Township). The above-named applicants seeks a variance to allow the construction of a structure closer than the required 15 feet from the side lot lines and 25 feet from the front lot line, as proclaimed in Subsection 4 of Section 5.2.4 of the revised McLean County Zoning Ordinance as adopted on September 1, 1982 and as amended on March 26, 2020.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the variance request involving land located in Lot 9 of Paradise Retreat (Horseshoe Valley Township). Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank. The total public deposits were \$15,577,181.62 and the total pledged securities were \$17,895,652.02 on June 30, 2022.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to accept the Pledge of Securities from TruCommunity Bank. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson informed the commission that signed police contracts from the following cities have been received: Max and Washburn.

Knutson discussed the NACO Leadership Academy Training which has offered five individual discounted rate course sessions to be completed in 2022 and 2023. Discussion followed included naming the five individuals who would be Knutson, Recorder Heidi Anderson, Chief Deputy Auditor Lori Foss, Deputy Recorder Lori Blotske, and Property Assessor Elizabeth Patterson.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to authorize the five individuals to take the NACO Leadership Academy Training courses. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson informed the commission that the North Dakota Department of Transportation meeting will be held at the North Dakota Association of Counties conference at 8:45 a.m. on October 3, 2022.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

A detailed list of checks is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Lee, Chairperson

Diane L Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor