

## McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

The first regular September meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chairperson Steve Lee. Present were Commissioners Lee, Steve Cottingham, and Barry Suydam via teleconference. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson, Highway Superintendent Jim Grey, Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen, Wold Engineering representative Mike Rivinius, and James C. Falcon, Editor, McLean County Independent.

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

Grey was present with an update on department operations, he reported the mowing of right-of-ways continues. The Gilbertson Gravel Pit west of Garrison has been completed by Aggregate Construction Inc.

Grey presented the commissioners with a boring permit from Reservation Telephone Cooperative. The request is to bore under County Road 11, west of Garrison, ND, 100-feet with 1¼ conduit and 96 feet of fiber optic cable to provide internet service to Seclusion Addition.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to approve the boring permit request from Reservation Telephone Cooperative as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an estimate to replace the thermal garage door at the Washburn Shop from Midwest Doors Inc., Bismarck, ND.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to accept the estimate from Midwest Doors Inc. which included installation, for a thermal garage door at Washburn Shop in the amount of \$7,061.00. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey requested permission to advertise for bids for the purchase or lease of one or more motor graders. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to authorize Grey to advertise for bids for the purchase or lease of motor graders. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius informed the commissioners of their scheduled meeting with the North Dakota Department of Transportation set for October 4, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., during the NDACo convention, to discuss any future Federal Aid projects. He presented a 5-year paved road plan which included two options each for the years of 2021 and 2022. He stated that he had visited with the North Dakota Department of Transportation. They approved the bridge project for construction fund bid opening hearing set for November 2022 with construction starting in the following summer of 2023.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to authorize Wold Engineering to move ahead with preliminary engineering for the project. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson informed the board that the transmission on a Weed Control spray truck went out, Weed Control Officer Vance Tomlinson received an estimate of \$4,600.00 to have the transmission replaced.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from Farmers Security Bank of Washburn, ND. The total public deposits on July 31, 2021, were \$12,634,298.86 and the total pledged securities were \$13,695,863.04.

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

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Office in the amount of \$9,364.10 for the month of August.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,786.80 for the month of August.

Knutson discussed changes made to the final budget, with the final budget hearing being set for September 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Kyle Patterson, Regional Coordinator from Vision Zero, joined the meeting to introduce himself and to discuss what the department can offer.

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

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

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried. Suydam abstaining from voting.

Knutson presented the current list of delinquent tax payers owing more than \$4,000.00.

Knutson presented the budget narrative for period ending July 31, 2021. She presented data showing property tax collections are at 93% collected including 97% with discount for 2021 or \$18,268,325.48; Government Reimbursement revenues totaled

\$1,789,657.79 compared to \$1,805,261.76 in 2020; Fees and Miscellaneous revenues totaled \$1,429,774.41 compared to \$1,473,398.32 in 2020; and expenditures were at 57.85% of total budget for 2021.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <http://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

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Steve Lee, Vice-Chairperson

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Diane L. Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor