

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, November 15, 2022

The second regular November meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Lee. Present were Commissioners Lee; Barry Suydam; and Steve Cottingham. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen; Road Superintendent Jim Grey; Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke; Wold Engineering representative Mike Rivinius; Director of Disaster Emergency Services/Risk Manager Noelle Kroll; and James Falcon of NorDak North Publishing.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that snow removal from the recent storm is finishing up. Grey also stated that one of the plow trucks at the Garrison Shop has been retired due to its condition.

Grey presented a quote from Subsurface, Inc. of Moorhead, MN, for culvert repair in the amount of \$95,500.00. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to accept the quote from Subsurface, Inc. as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a boring permit request from Blue Flint Sequester, LLC. The permit requests to bore the intersection of 3rd St SW, in Section 17, Township 145 North, Range 82 West, and 29th Ave SW, in Section 19, Township 145 North, Range 82 West, to install a 4" Flexsteel CO2 pipeline in 8" steel casing to deliver captured CO2 liquid from Blue Flint Ethanol plant to an injection well.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the boring permit request from Blue Flint Sequester, LLC. as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a letter from the United States Air Force Base in Minot, ND, requesting to change TE Route. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to respond with disapproval of change to the TE Route. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius presented the engineering contracts for the Max West Paving Project SC-2804(055). Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve engineering contracts as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius requested to advertise for Construction Engineering for Project BRJ-0028(051) on County Road (CR21). Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve advertising for Construction Engineering for Project BRJ-0028(051) as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kroll informed the commission that all cities located in McLean County have adopted the McLean County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the plan is ready for the county to adopt it.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to adopt the resolution as follows:

McLean County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, McLean County recognizes the threat that natural, man-made or technological hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce and/or eliminate the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, McLean County participated in the preparation of this plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

Whereas, adoption of the McLean County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan demonstrates the commitment to hazard mitigation; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the McLean County Commission adopts the McLean County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Signed this _____ day of November, 2022.

Attested: _____
Beth A. Knutson, Auditor

Signed: _____
Steve Lee, Chairperson
McLean County Commission

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

Randy Hoovestol from RDO Equipment Co in Bismarck, ND, joined the meeting.

Knutson informed the commission that North Dakota State Fair (NDSF) Delegate Sarah Bedgar isn't able to attend the meeting. Bedgar discussed with Kathy Neumiller about being appointed as the new NDSF Delegate.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to appoint Kathy Neumiller as the NDSF Delegate. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lowell Malard from Butler Machinery Company in Bismarck, ND, joined the meeting.

Chairperson Lee opened the 9:00 a.m. loader bid opening.

Titan Machinery Inc. bid the new Case 621 GTS loader at \$185,000.00.

RDO Equipment Co. bid the new John Deere 544P loader at \$179,500.00.

Butler Machinery Co. bid the new Cat 930M loader at \$257,300.00.

Grey requested time to review bid proposals and will return with a recommendation.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank. The total public deposits were \$17,677,187.44 and the total pledged securities were \$19,660,145.00 on October 31, 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 called for nomination of officers for Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the upcoming year.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to nominate and elect Steve Cottingham as Commission Chairperson effective December 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to nominate and elect Barry Suydam as Vice-Chairperson effective December 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson discussed a request received from UND Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) requesting a letter of support for the Carbon Capture Project.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve sending the requested letter of support to UND EERC. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented a request from the Sheriff's Department to purchase a laptop computer and mouse to be paid out of the department's Office Supply budget.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve the purchase as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the following 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: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey and Verke rejoined the meeting to recommend awarding the loader bid to RDO Equipment Co. in the amount of \$179,500.00.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to accept the bid from RDO Equipment Co. in the amount of \$179,500.00. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 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