

## McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, January 03, 2023

The first regular January meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Cottingham. Present were Commissioners Cottingham, Steve Lee, and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen; Road Superintendent Jim Grey; and Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that widening of the roads has started. Grey requested approval to add additional assistance if needed in road widening efforts.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to authorize the highway department to add additional assistance if needed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey informed the board a 2003 Sterling plow truck was purchased in the amount of \$36,050.00. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to reappoint Don Flinn, Darwin Saari, and Rick Hultberg to the Planning & Zoning Commission for four-year terms; Shannon Jeffers to County Water Resource Board for a three-year term; Mike Thyberg and Paul Jacobson to the County Weed Control Board for four-year terms; Howard Anderson to Dakota Central Human Service Zone Board for a three-year term; Marshall Maxwell to the McLean County School Reorganization Committee for a three-year term; and Barry Suydam, and Kayla Oberlander to the McLean County Library Board for three-year terms, effective January 1, 2023. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to appoint Todd Schreiner as Tax Director/Land Use Administrator for a one-year term; Todd Schreiner as Veterans Service Officer for a one-year term; Richard Johnson as E-911 Coordinator for a one-year term; Bonnie Bohnsack as Clerk of District Court for a one-year term; Jim Grey as Road Superintendent for a one-year term; and Noelle Kroll as Emergency Manager for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2023. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to accept the change in mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicles increasing from \$0.625 to \$0.655 as instituted by the North Dakota Association of Counties effective January 1, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of December in the amount of \$1,510.32.

Cammie Wright of NorDak North Publishing joined the meeting.

Moved by Suydam, 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: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the current list of delinquent tax payers owing more than \$4,000.00 showing 27 taxpayers owing \$248,814.24 in back taxes.

Knutson presented the Uncollected Tax List for years 2020-2022 showing a total of \$16,268,471.91.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

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Steve Cottingham, Chairperson

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Diane L Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor