

McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, January 04, 2022

The first regular January meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 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, Highway Superintendent Jim Grey, Director of Disaster Emergency Services/ Risk Manager Noelle Kroll, and Ralph Mancini of BHG News Service.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the minutes from December 7, 2021, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey was present with an update on department operations, informing the board that the Highway Department has hired Cole Seidler to under fill the open Equipment Operator III position as Equipment Operator II.

Kroll was present with the Risk Management accident statistics for 2021, showing seven accidents needing medical attention and 12 accidents not requiring medical attention.

Kroll requested approval to donate 15 used AED units that are not being utilized to local first responders and community groups. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to authorize the donation of the 15 used AED units to area first responders and community groups. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Steve Lee to the Dakota Central Human Services Zone Board for a three-year term. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to reappoint Steve Cottingham to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Ben Gehring and Paul Sannes as County Coroner for a five-year term; Curtis Olson and Rick Hultberg to the County Park Board for three-year terms; Gerard Goven to the County Water Resource Board for a three-year term; Dalen Schaefer to the County Weed Control Board for a four-year term; Todd Schreiner as Tax Director/Land Use Administrator for a one-year term; Todd Schreiner as Veterans Service Officer for one-year term; Richard D 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 County Highway Superintendent for a one-year term; Noelle Kroll as Emergency Manager for a one-year term; and Renee Klabunde to the McLean County School Reorganization Committee for a three-year term. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the 2022 Beer and Liquor License renewal application from McLean County Racers Inc. of Underwood.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Beer and Liquor License application from McLean County Racers Inc. of Underwood. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank, formerly known as Farmers Security Bank of Washburn, ND. The total public deposits on December 31, 2021, were \$13,514,576.33 and the total pledged securities were \$15,016,872.75.

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

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to accept the list of depositories for county funds for the year 2022 which includes TruCommunity Bank formerly known as Farmers Security Bank of Washburn, Bank of Turtle Lake, and Garrison State Bank and Trust; Bravera Bank formerly known as American Bank Center of Underwood; Union Bank of Wilton; and BNC National Bank of Garrison. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to accept the list of depositories for county funds for the year 2022 as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the commission with the Land Use Department's permit statistics for review.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Office in the amount of \$10,585.80 for the month of December.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$783.56 for the month of December.

Knutson presented the budget narrative for period ending December 31, 2021. She presented data showing property tax collections are at 95% collected including 99% with discount for 2021 or \$18,616,831.82; Government Reimbursement revenues totaled \$2,609,629.95 compared to \$2,283,204.90 in 2020; Fees and Miscellaneous revenues totaled \$2,135,448.20 compared to \$4,206,368.99 in 2020; and expenditures were at 84.84% of total budget for 2021.

Knutson presented the Uncollected Tax List for years 2019-2021 showing the total amount of \$322,459.67.

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

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

Knutson discussed the upcoming township meetings scheduled for January 12, 2022. The meeting venue in Garrison has been moved to the Cubby Hole. Payment in the amount of \$50.00 is needed to rent the venue.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve the \$50.00 rental fee for the Cubby Hole, Garrison, for use of the township meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lee recessed the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Chairperson Lee reconvened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <http://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Lee, Chairperson

Diane L. Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor