

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

The second regular January meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chairperson Cottingham. Present were Commissioners Cottingham and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson, Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen, Highway Superintendent Jim Grey, Wold Engineering representative Mike Rivinius, Director of Disaster Emergency Services / Risk Manager Noelle Kroll, and Ralph Mancini of BHG News Service. Absent was Commissioner Lee.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the minutes from December 28, 2021, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam and Cottingham. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lee. Motion carried.

Rivinius discussed with the commission plans for the 2022 chip seal projects for County Road (CR) 9, CR 12, CR 27, CR14, and Underwood Loop. He informed the commission that prices have increased since last year due to oil and labor costs. Requested the bid opening date and time to be set for 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2022.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to set the bid opening for the chip seal projects and directed Rivinius to advertise for bids. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam and Cottingham. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lee. Motion carried.

Knutson informed the commissioners that the Dispatch Service Agreement has been received from the City of Garrison.

Knutson informed the commissioners that all of the 2022 Beer and Liquor Licenses applications have been received and issued.

Knutson informed the commissioners that unorganized township disbursement funds were received in the amount of \$263,859.42, and the remainder was disbursed to the organized townships with the total amount being \$526,185.42.

Knutson informed the commissioners that the NDACo sent the State travel reimbursement rates for 2022. Travel in the city of employment and use of personal vehicle both increased to .585 cents per mile, and charter and lease of an aircraft increased to .8775 cents.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to increase travel reimbursement for the county to match the State rates discussed in effect as of January 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam and Cottingham. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lee. Motion carried.

Knutson informed the commissioners that TruCommunity Bank would like to place an ATM machine at the courthouse. Discussion followed regarding the possible placement location and costs.

Knutson received a phone call from Bob Frohlich, of North Dakota Game and Fish (NDG&F), informing the county that the agreement has expired for the high water ramp at Sportsmen Centennial Park. Knutson signed a new agreement and the NDG&F is hoping to have the project completed this spring.

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 and Cottingham. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lee. Motion carried.

Sheriff J.R. Kerzmann joined the meeting via phone requesting approval to change the open Captain position to a Detective position.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the creation of an additional Detective position and eliminate the Captain position. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam and Cottingham. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lee. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnson joined the meeting.

Kerzmann requested permission to order four 2022 Ford Expedition SUVs for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$40,848.00 per unit for a total of \$163,392.00. He also requested approval to order two 2022 Ford F150 pickups at a cost of \$35,774.00 per unit for a total of \$71,548.00. Discussion followed.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the purchase of the Sheriff's Department vehicles as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam and Cottingham. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lee. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <http://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Cottingham, Vice-Chairperson

Diane L. Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor