

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

The first regular February meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:41 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; Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnson; and Road Superintendent James Grey.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on January 23, 2024, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the following resolution authorizing Grey to implement restrictions effective 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2024:

Resolution

Whereas, NDCC '39-12-03 provides that whenever any highway will be seriously damaged or destroyed by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic condition unless the weight of vehicles, trucks, or other commercial vehicles thereon is limited, local authorities may by resolution impose restrictions as to the weight of the vehicles and the same shall be noticed by erection of signs designating the provisions of the resolution at each end of the portion of the highway effected thereby; and

Whereas, the Board of McLean County Commissioners has determined that highways which are under its jurisdiction may be seriously damaged by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions unless the weight of vehicles, trucks, or other commercial vehicles thereon is limited;

Therefore, It Is Hereby Resolved; that 6 ton per axle not to exceed 65,000 pounds road restrictions are imposed on all McLean County asphalt roads except McLean County 18/3rd St. SW to the Rainbow Energy Center;

That 6 ton per axle not to exceed 65,000 pounds road restrictions are imposed on all other McLean County roads except McLean County Road 16/39 ½ Ave NW extending 7 miles south of Riverdale to the Fisher Industries (Sand and Gravel) Plant.

It Is Hereby Ordered that the McLean County Highway Superintendent shall cause notice of such restrictions to be posted at each end of the portion of the highway effected thereby. Road restrictions imposed shall begin within 24 hours after said signs have been erected.

Dated: This ___ day of _____, 2024.

McLean County Board of Commissioners

Steve Cottingham – Chairman

Barry Suydam

Steve Lee

Attest:

Beth A. Knutson, Auditor

It Is Hereby Resolved that the above-stated road restrictions are hereby removed.

Dated: This ___ day of _____, 2024.

McLean County Board of Commissioners

Steve Cottingham – Chairman

Barry Suydam

Steve Lee

Attest:

Beth A. Knutson, Auditor

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

Grey discussed updating the Road Policy with the commission. Discussion followed which resulted in the item being tabled for now.

Grey requested permission to purchase three 2017 Peterbilt trucks for a total amount of \$195,000.00. Discussion followed. Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to authorize the purchase of three 2017 Peterbilt trucks in the amount of \$195,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey requested permission to advertise for two or more Equipment Operator III (EO III) positions with possible underfill of Equipment Operator II (EO II) for the Washburn area. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to advertise for two or more EO III with possible underfill of EO II for the Washburn area. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Johnson requested permission to advertise for two or more Jailer/Dispatcher I positions.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to authorize advertising to fill two or more Jailer/Dispatcher I positions. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Auditor Lori A. Foss joined the meeting to present an NRG Technology Services quote for one new laptop for the total amount of \$1,856.54. Discussion followed.

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

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank. The total public deposits were \$31,425,919.22 and the total pledged securities were \$32,163,790.60 on January 31, 2024.

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

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the Dakota Central Human Service Zone (DCHSZ) Transfer of Funds Resolutions and the McLean County Auditor's Sweep Account Transfer of Funds Resolution both from December and January. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

DCHSZ Transfer of Funds Resolutions and the McLean County Sweep Account Transfer of Funds Resolutions are on file in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Department for the month of January in the amount of \$7,301.71.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of January in the amount of \$1,473.10.

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 Uncollected Tax List for years 2021-2023 showing a total of \$10,038,868.72.

Knutson presented the budget narrative for period ending January 31, 2024. She presented data showing property tax collections are at 53% collected including 56% with discount for 2024 or \$11,641,791.63; government reimbursement revenues totaled \$218,281.85 compared to \$153,461.20 in 2023; fees and miscellaneous revenues totaled \$105,904.44 compared to \$121,202.35 in 2023; and expenditures were at 8.20% of total budget for 2024.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Cottingham, Chairperson

Diane L. Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor