

## McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

The second regular February meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 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; Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke; Director of Disaster Emergency Services Noelle Kroll; and Wold Engineering Representative Mike Rivinius.

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

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that the snow blower listed online with the Steffes Group, Inc. Online Auction sold for \$9,300.00.

Sundre Sand & Gravel Representative Joe Mayer joined the meeting.

Grey requested approval to reopen the advertisement for one or more Equipment Operator II position in the Garrison area. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to reopen the advertisement for one or more Equipment Operator II positions in the Garrison area. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius discussed his evaluation of increasing the speed limit to 65 mph for vehicles and 55 mph for trucks on a seven-mile stretch of County Road 9 (CR9). He found three areas needing improvements before the speed limit should increase. Rivinius recommended adjusting the line stripping, extending the culverts, and placing an advisory speed limit sign on the curve. Discussion followed which resulted in the commission requesting Grey to look into the costs of the recommendations.

Kroll presented materials for an Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop (IPPW). Kroll requested permission to identify five to seven threats, hazards, and risk for McLean County. Kroll identified six items included armed assault, epidemic (human or livestock related), winter storm, dam failure, hazardous materials release, and utility disruption. Lee suggested adding train derailment to the list.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the request as presented with addition of train derailment. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kroll requested permission to advertise for bids for a full scale exercise utilizing awarded funds from the Homeland Security Grant.

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

Knutson stated that McLean County needs to appoint an authorized signatory for an opioid lawsuit. Discussion followed.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve appointing Auditor Beth A. Knutson as authorized signatory. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Local Raffle Permit Application submitted by McLean County Speedway for 50/50 drawings and raffle to be held on nine dates at the McLean County Speedway. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson discussed agreements with North Dakota Game and Fish (NDG&F) for Sportsmen's Centennial Park's replacement of main ramp and extension of the low water ramp.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve moving ahead with the agreement as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented agreements with NDG&F for Sportsmen's Centennial Park's replacement of outdoor toilets.

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

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.

Grey and Verke rejoined the meeting for the 9:00 a.m. Class 5 Gravel Crushing and Equipment Rental bid opening. Aggregate Construction, Inc. of Minot, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$3.55 per ton. Fisher Sand & Gravel of Dickinson, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$5.13 per ton. Gravel Products, Inc. of Minot, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$3.00 per ton. Sundre Sand & Gravel of Minot, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$2.85 per ton. Equipment rental bids were received from Sundre Sand & Gravel of Minot, and Hanson Excavating Equipment Rental of Des Lacs.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept all equipment rental bids submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept all gravel crushing and stockpiling bid except for Fisher Sand & Gravel. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 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