

McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

The second regular August 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 James Grey, Building Maintenance Supervisor Curt Malo, and Jay Fisher of L & Q International Inc.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 8, 2023, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations stating that the motor grader has been delivered and mowing has started.

Grey requested to advertise for bids for one or more motor graders to be purchased in 2024.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve advertising for bids for one or more motor graders and set bid hearing date of September 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey discussed a request to place a speed advisory sign east of Turtle Lake on County Road 7. Grey stated there are speed limit signs that are missing but the pole is still there. Discussion followed regarding replacing the missing speed limit signs.

Grey stated he received a call regarding dust control on the road leading into Wolf Creek Subdivision. Fisher was invited to discuss the dust control product L & Q International, Inc. provides.

Grey informed the board that Timothy Hans has been hired to fill one of the Equipment Operator II (EO II) positions for the Garrison area and Richard Hollesen has been hired to fill the Equipment Operator III (EO III) position for the Butte area. Grey requested to readvertise for one or more EO II with possible overfill as EO III or underfill as Equipment Operator I (EO I). Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to readvertise for one or more EO II positions in Garrison with possible overfill as EO III or underfill as EO I. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Property Assessor Elizabeth Patterson joined the meeting to present applications from the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held on August 21, 2023.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the variance request submitted by Tonya Sue and Michael W. Harden of Velva, ND, involving land located on Lot 33, Otto's West Side Addition, Otis Township. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the variance request submitted by Karla Backes, of Minot, ND, involving land located on Lot 4R, Replat Slaters Resort, Otis Township. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the variance request submitted by Michael and Jaycee Urbanec, of Bismarck, ND, involving land located on Lot 91, Snake Creek Cottage Site, Malcolm Township. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded Lee, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the variance request submitted by R. Patrick and Laura L. Morelli, of Minot, ND, involving land located on Lot 13, Otto's West Side 1st Addition, Otis Township. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam and Cottingham. Nay: Lee. 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.

Malo rejoined the meeting.

Knutson presented bids from Roy H. Dietz & Sons, Inc., of Bismarck, and Oxentenko Inc., of Bismarck, for painting the inside of the Law Enforcement Center.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept the quote from Roy H. Dietz & Sons, Inc., of Bismarck, in the amount of \$57,884.00. Discussion followed with Knutson stating the funds will be paid out of the Law Enforcement Center's turnkey funds. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Malo presented a quote from Electric Systems Inc, of Bismarck, in the amount of \$54,940.00 to replace the existing lighting in the Law Enforcement Center with LED lights. Discussion followed with Knutson stating a lighting grant would be applied for to assist in the cost.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept the quote from Electric Systems Inc, as presented contingent on qualifying for the grant. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 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