

McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

The third regular October meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Cottingham. Present were Commissioners Cottingham, Steve Lee, and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson, Administrative Assistant/Receptionist Lynda Snyder, and Road Superintendent James Grey.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 2, 2024, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that graveling continues around the Garrison area. Mowing is nearly complete. Discussion followed.

Grey informed the Commissioners that he has remained in contact with Steffes Auctioneers preparing for the upcoming auction. Pictures of items being auctioned were taken this week. Discussion followed.

Grey presented two boring requests from RTC Networks requesting to bore under 32nd Ave NW with a 1¼ inch HDPE conduit and four fiber optic cables just south of Jerome Finkbeiner in Section 23 Northwest to Section 22 Northeast, Township 150 North, Range 83 West to provide service for Brandt Schwartz at 3268 26th St NW and to bore under County Road (CR) 6, Township 149 North, Range 86 West, Section 23 to Section 26 North and South with a 1¼ inch HDPE plastic conduit for fiber optic cable to the home of Michael and Connie Iglehart

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve both boring permit requests from RTC Networks as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cottingham opened discussion on a notice received from Paragon concerning the geophysical permit to conduct seismic mapping. Discussion followed.

Knutson presented Ashley Woolley as the new nomination for the ND State Fair delegate as Kathy Neumiller was not able to be the delegate due to a previous commitment.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to appoint Ashley Woolley as the ND State Fair Delegate. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson stated that the Clerk of Court position was offered to and accepted by Gwyn Bosch, effective November 1, 2024. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to appoint Gwyn Bosch as the McLean County Clerk of Court, effective November 1, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent Sarah Bedgar joined the meeting to give an update on NDSU Extension activities. Bedgar presented a quarterly narrative to the Commissioners. Discussion followed.

Assistant Director of Tax Equalization Elizabeth Patterson joined the meeting to present the application from the Planning and Zoning Meeting held on October 21, 2024.

Moved by Lee, Seconded by Suydam, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Bruce and Frankie Buchert involving land identified as Outlot A located in NW1/4NE1/4 & NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 146 North, Range 83 West, containing 3.07 acres. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson and the Commissioners discussed the remaining delinquent properties and two deeds were presented to be signed back to the land owners. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the vouchers below as presented.

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: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Cottingham, Chairperson

Lynda Snyder, Administrative Assistant