

McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

The first regular November meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:31 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, Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke, Wold Engineering Representative Mike Rivinius, and Dan Johannes.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 17, 2023, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that graveling and mowing will continue weather permitting.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve overtime hours to be worked as needed in the Highway Department. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented two quotes from Northern Plains Equipment, of Garrison, and Duppong Inc. of Glen Ullin, for two sickle mowers.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept the quote from Duppong Inc, of Glen Ullin, in the amount of \$10,700.00 per unit for a total of \$21,400.00. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a quote from RDO Equipment Co, of Bismarck, for a Little Falls reversible plow for a loader.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept the quote from RDO Equipment Co, of Bismarck, in the amount of \$9,900.00. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a quote from Titan Machinery, of Bismarck, for a progressive linkage hydraulic thumb for the excavator.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to accept the quote from Titan Machinery, of Bismarck, in the amount of \$10,330.00 plus freight. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius requested approval to for an engineering contract to start design on Option 2 of the five-year paved road plan for 2024. Option 2 includes: 1) overlay on County Road (CR) 33 south of Butte; 2) CR 6 west of Garrison; 3) CR 15 north and south of Garrison; and 4) the Garrison frontage road.

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

Johannes was invited to discuss his concerns regarding the road conditions on CR 15. Discussion followed.

Deputy Auditor Kayla Oberlander joined the meeting.

Chairperson Cottingham opened the 9:00 a.m. hearing for acceptance of minimum sale prices for 2020 Delinquent Tax Properties for the upcoming Tax Sale set for November 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

With no additional attendees from the public or cities, and no discussion, the minimum sale prices stand as set on October 3, 2023. Chairperson Lee closed the hearing at 9:04 a.m. and immediately reconvened the commission meeting.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank. The total public deposits were \$22,417,765.48 and the total pledged securities were \$22,882,391.00 on October 31, 2023.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, 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. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, 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.

Knutson requested approval for Deputy Auditor Kayla Oberlander to receive the \$30.00 monthly cell phone reimbursement for taking calls on her personal cell phone related to risk management duties, with a retroactive date of September 1, 2023.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the \$30.00 monthly cell phone reimbursement for Deputy Auditor Kayla Oberlander with a retroactive date of September 1, 2023. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson requested approval to advertise for the nine county appointed positions and the two vacant positions that expire on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve advertising for the nine county appointed positions and two vacant positions. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Department for the month of October in the amount of \$8,022.80.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of October in the amount of \$1,386.33.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

A detailed list of checks is available for public inspection anytime during regular business in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

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

Knutson presented the Uncollected Tax List for years 2020-2022 showing a total of \$670,804.12.

Knutson presented the current list of delinquent tax payers owing more than \$4,000.00 showing 43 taxpayers owing \$373,269.99 in back taxes.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 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