

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

June 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Rostad at 9:00 a.m. with Comms. Fjeldahl, Louser, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads: Amanda Schooling, Betty Braun, Bob Barnard, Dana Larsen, Devra Smestad, John Crosby, Kerrienne Boetcher, Leona Lochthowe, Robin Finneseth and Roza Larson.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser, to approve the Agenda with changes. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl, to approve the County Equalization Board meeting minutes from June 1 and June 5, and the regular Commission meeting minutes from the June 5 meeting. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Louser, to approve regular bills totaling \$748,220.09 and Social Services bills totaling \$8,236.45. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Dennis Reep of HDR Engineering, Inc. presented bid received for the raising of homes at Rice Lake. Funding to raise seven homes and relocate two homes along Rice Lake was awarded under the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. Only one bid was submitted for \$1,819,090.69 from Craft Builders. It is HDR Engineering's recommendation to reject this bid. Robert Hargrave, Rice Lake resident, appeared in support of this recommendation.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl, to reject the bid of \$1,819,090.69 from Craft Builders. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Amanda Schooling from Emergency Management appeared with a request to approve grant funding for \$1,000 to Ward County Emergency Management and \$1,000 to Ward County Dive Team.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve the grants as presented. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, Ward County Engineer, presented an agreement for a railroad signal upgrade over Ward County Road 10, in the City of Burlington. The estimated project cost is \$307,549.33. The project cost share will be 90% Federal and 10% County funds.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Louser, to approve the railroad signal upgrade over County Road 10 and authorize the Chairman to sign contract. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Leona Lochthowe from Facilities Management appeared with a request to address the Human Resource Department building needs. A DIRTT wall system was discussed at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl, to approve funding up to \$25,000 to install a wall within the HR Department office. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Devra Smestad appeared:

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl, to Receive and File the following correspondence: ND Trust Grant, Department of Transportation – Surrey Improvements Application, ND, State Auditor – Approval of Audit Review. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Comm. Weppler requested Weather Modification flight summary and NDIRE – 2016 Hail Claims be pulled for review.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser, to Receive and File the following correspondence: Weather Modification flight summary. NDIRE – 2016 Hail Claims. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl, to Receive and File the Monthly Reports including financials: County Recorder; Sheriff's Department; Tax Equalization. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser to Receive and File SRJB – Souris River Joint Board – Regular Meeting Agenda item 13. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve Event Permit application for Lawdawgs, LLC on June 23, 2018. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to recognized Minot Symphony Association as a public-spirited organization. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve Raffle Permit for Minot Symphony association. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve Gaming Site Authorization for the ND Hostfest at the North Dakota State Fair Center. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser, to approve the following payroll amendments: Blowers, J. – IT Department (Level 30); Osadolor, I. – IT Department (Level 23); Jenkins, J. – IT Department (Level 23); Bini, K. – Sheriff's Department (Level 23); Schwede, T. – Sheriff's Department (Level 18); Vandemark M. – Sheriff's Department (Level 18); Peterson, A. – Highway

Department (Level 15); Medler, J. – Highway Department (Level 20); Hanson, I. – Highway Department (Level 15); Everson, H. – Highway Department (Level 15), Vande Wall, E. – State’s Attorney. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

There was discussion regarding vote by mail precincts.

Moved by Comm. Wepler and seconded by Comm. Louser to table vote by mail precincts discussion until next meeting when vote totals are available. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.