

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: May 7, 2024

The board convened at 9:00AM, May 7, 2024 members (present) Mickelson, Abrahamson, Poitra, Schlenvogt via Phone. Member LaRocque presiding.

Also, Present Nate Gustafson, Mitch Slater, Mark Allery, Ben Walters, Adam Bryant, Crystal Armstrong, Kelly Johnson, Brian Grosinger

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Mickelson to approve the agenda with additions.

Clean Water Grant – Peace Gardens

Butler Equipment Rental

93rd Street Update

Township Dues

On roll call vote, all members voted, “AYE”. Motion carried unanimously.

- Extension Office – Crystal Armstrong

Started in the NDSU Extension Office on January 9, 2024. Currently working on 4-H projects. Annual Report to Weed Board was discussed. Commissioners offered their help assisting her in any issues/problems that she needs.

- Constructing Road on Section Line – Amanda Christopherson via Zoom

Amanda Christopherson spoke with the Commissioners in regards to getting a road constructed to her homestead. Maps were presented for visuals. County currently doesn't have the funding nor the machinery to complete the request. It was suggested by States Attorney Brian Grosinger needs to contact the State Trust Land. It was agreed they would analyze and send a letter at a later date.

- Updates – Ryan Hiatt
 - Recorder for 911 and Radios

This equipment is needed to help keep 911, all calls for service are required to be recorded. 1st contract from Bismarck (\$44,870.00) 2nd Contract from Arizona (\$41,744.00).

Bismarck will finance at 12% interest.

Motion by Mickelson

Motion: To approve purchase of Recorder for 911 from Bismarck. Seconded by Abrahamson.

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Rapid SOS Update

Currently waiting on the installation of Live 911 to servers before it can be completed.

Technicians should be in on Monday.

- Siren Project

Ryan Hiatt brought to the board that the Siren Project started with Mike Stewart and it was agreed that funds for the project would come out the of ARPA account. Instead it has been coming out of a line item for Radio Communication.

- Abatements – Tax Director Wendy Belgarde
 - Rebecca Olander – 2023 tax removal for Residential Structure, lot tax remains
 - Brian Davis – Homestead Credit

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion: To accept Abatements as presented. Seconded by Mickelson

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Sheriff's Report – Nate Gustafson and Mitch Slater
 - K-9 Unit

An update on K-9 Chase was given, Handler is currently in Nashville otherwise he would have brought Chase in to meet the Commissioners. Everything is working great.

- Trespassing and ATVs

It was brought to the Sheriff's attention by Commissioner Abrahamson that with recent activity fences are getting cut, ATV's have been huge thing with lines and coolers (no empties in box of ATVS). Littering and having to continually picking up cans in ditch, yards, and streets. Commissioner Abrahamson is concerned that someone is going to get hurt either drinking and driving or land owners when they confront people about driving through their yards, fields. Deputy Mitch Slater stated he posted NDCC on Facebook, Land Owners need to post on property or there is nothing that can be done. Sheriff Gustafson and Deputy Slater stated they would talk to deputies on nice days/weekends. Adam Bryant made a statement about the amount of littering. He cleaned up a lot of cans by his mail box. It was discussed on posting something in the paper regarding the ATVS and trespassing. It was also discussed that possibly looking into fining ATV drivers for damage and littering. Sheriff Gustafson stated that it was

hard to track down ATV Drivers, they don't want to cause one of them to drive off and get hurt.

- Deputy Mitch Slater

Deputy Mitch Slater stated to the Commissioners that he has put in his resignation for Rolette County last day will be May 16th 2024. Commissioners expressed their thanks for all the Deputy Slater has contributed to Rolette County.

- Road Report – Mark Allery

Kelly Johnson spoke with Commissioners regarding Rolette Golf Course Road. Kelly Johnson believes that the gravel wasn't mixed correctly to stop it from running off the sides, and that the blades weren't doing a good enough job on these roads. Road Supervisor Mark Allery stated that currently with how wet the roads are, sending the blades out would do more damage than good.

Lake Schutte RD – Dust control was discussed as an option for the 11 miles. It is believed that it should be tested on the first 3 miles to make sure product can withstand the amount of traffic seen on road before spending \$55,000.00 on chemical that might not work.

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion: Get estimates for the first 3 miles and an estimate for the entire 11 miles, send estimate via email and commissioners would be able to vote that way. Seconded by Mickelson

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

Plow truck is broken down, it was discussed parting it out and using what they could. Possibly scraping the rest.

St. John Shop fence looks horrible on St. John Main street, it was discussed to fix the fence and changing the color to white to make it more appealing and nicer. If costs stayed under \$1000.00 it would be completed and if price increased it would be brought before the board for approval.

Road Operator Brady Langan last day with Road Department for Rolette county will be Tuesday May 14 2024. Resignation letter sent to Auditor.

- Advertisement was discussed on hiring 2 full time road operators. It was approved to place in Turtle Mountain Star and Facebook.

Motion by Poitra

Motion: to advertise for 2 full time employees for 2 weeks in the paper, with resignation from Brady Langan. Seconded by Mickelson

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring 2 part time truckers were discussed when gravel hauling started up.

An estimate from Butler for Derric's Machine was brought before the board &11,610.00. Mark will find materials at shop to make fenders. It was stated to go ahead and call Butler to replace moldboard pivot (\$3060.00).

- Building Inspectors for Zones
 - Zone 1 – Dunseith – Kent Abrahamson
 - Zone 2 – St. John – Henry LaRocque
 - Zone 5 – Rolette – Commissioners will keep looking
- Township mileage dues are needed to be filled out and sent in.
- Butler Rental Agreement

Motion by Poitra

Motion: Approve renting equipment from Butler for \$7000.00 up front for 250 hours. And remaining balance upon returning. Seconded by Abrahamson.

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- April 16 2024 Minutes

Motion by Mickelson

Motion: To accept minutes presented with correction to 1 spelling correction. Seconded by Poitra

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Bills

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion: Adding Butler's Rental to bill and accept bills. Seconded by Mickelson.

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Peace Garden

Clean water grant needs to grow through public entity to pass. Information will be sent via an email for next meeting.

- Agenda

Commissioner Schlenvogt had some concerns about receiving agenda 3 business days ahead of meeting to insure all material is available to all commissioners. Commissioner Poitra stated that he'd like to see the Agendas and paperwork on Thursdays and nothing being added until

morning of meetings. If materials need paper work possibly putting on next agenda and meeting. States Attorney Brian Grosinger stated that special meetings and Executive meetings need to be posted before on agenda.

Meeting adjourned.

Motion by Poitra, seconded by Abrahamson, and unanimously approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry LaRocque
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Roulette County, North Dakota

ATTEST

Lisa Tackett
Roulette County Deputy Auditor