

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: 12/17/2024

The board convened at 9:00am, DECEMBER 17, 2024 members (present) Abrahamson, Zaste Member LaRocque presiding. ZOOM: Schlenvogt and Poitra

Members Not Present:

Also, present Sheriff Nate Gustafson, Brian Grosinger, Lyman Bercier, Barb Frydenlund, Wendy Belgarde, Jodi Jeanotte, Mark Allery, Gary Davis

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Zaste to approve the agenda with addition of Time Clocks and Commissioner Attendance Issue

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

Motion by Zaste, seconded by Abrahamson to go into Executive Session

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

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- Barb Frydenlund-FYI on Mental Health Training (Free of Charge) and Drive Road Leadership that is \$250 per person for January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion: Barb Frydenlund updated the board on the trainings that will be available to all County employees.

- Dakota Prairie Community Action- Appointing of a Commissioner to Serve on the Board

Discussion: Ross Zaste stated he would be on the board.

- Water Board-Henry LaRocque

Discussion: Henry Larocque started with there are issues with the board. They are not having meetings, bills are not being paid. (No one from the water board showed to meeting)

Abrahamson aske what authority does the commission have on restructuring the water board?

Tabled to next meeting with the Water Board Present.

- Wendy Belgarde Tax Director- Presented abatements on homestead credit

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to approve the abatements, Seconded by Zaste

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

- Liquor License for Rolette Country Club and International Peace Gardens

Motion Abrahamson

Motion to approve license for Rolette Country Club and International Peace Gardens,  
Seconded by Zaste

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

- Pay dates/ Holiday for 2025

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to approve Pay dates and Holiday dates for upcoming year 2025, seconded by Zaste

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

- Sheriff Report

Discussion: Sheriff Gustafson updated the Commission on the power to the cold storage building. Still waiting for it. Bob Cat needs to be plugged in and will be stored at the Court House over winter. Still will need flushing done at jail they are having heating issues.

Road Dept.

Discussion: St. John Shop need electrical work on lights. Henry will get estimates. A pick -up needs tires and alignment they will get that done.

Ross asked if down or short a person at a shop what is the process for work. He was informed to reach out to the other shops everyone helps out were needed.

Discussion: Construction Road 15 in spring from Betty's Bar to Rolette will have an additional cost of \$110,000. We will get a complete estimate with out the addition on signs for next meeting.

- Culverts: Rolette/Bottineau County

Motion: Schlenvogt

Motion to purchase the 4 remaining culverts needed for project. Rolette county provides supplies and Bottineau County labor. Seconded by Zaste

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

- Time Clocks for Court House Employees

Discussion: Time clock is in and the Court House Employees have been clocking in and out. Brian had concern on secretary Crystal having to come in and clock in first before running errands off site. He stated it is an inconvenience for his employee and would like to stick to the way it was with filling out time and he approves it. Sara Bruce (Recorder) stated she has the same concern on why all the departments have to and that each department head has to approve of the hours of their staff. Commissioner Abrahamson stated they are a county employee and there is no reason they are not using a time clock to clock in and out.

Tabled to next meeting

- 5-year development plan for Rolette County Housing

Motion by Zaste

Motion to approve 5-year Development Plan, seconded by Schlenvogt

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

- Jodie Jeanotte- Treasurer

FYI: Updated the board on the Primary Resident Credit and how it is being processed to individuals. The state will reimburse the county in June for the individuals that were approved. We have a list in office and can either give a refund or deducted it when they come to pay taxes.

- Absent of Commissioner

Discussion: Abrahamson stated he has received many phone calls and concerns on Commissioner Poitra not attending meetings and if he is not present in doing the duties sworn into do as a County Commissioner then why should he be getting paid by the county. Abrahamson asked commissioner Poitra if he has done anything with the Rolette Shop? Commissioner Poitra stated I was once but I do other stuff and I talked to Allen to do the Road Crew. Mark Allery and Gary Davis Road Crew from Rolette Shop were asked if they have seen or heard from Commissioner Poitra at all in the time that the commissioners became supervisors. Both stated they have not heard or seen commissioner Poitra. Commissioner Schlenvogt stated he agreed to be the running the Rolette area. Abrahamson stated if you are paid to attend meetings and you do not attend or do your duties do you thing you should be paid for it and that policy should be looked at on paying commissioners if they do not attend meetings without a good reason. Commissioner LaRocque stated we are elected to serve the Rolette county public in meetings. Tabled to next meeting for a policy review.

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to Place a policy that commissioners will be paid by meeting attendance.

There was no second: Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to approve minutes from Dec 3 with correction of typo error, Seconded by Zaste

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

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to approve all bills. Seconded by Schlenvogt.

On Roll call vote, all members Abrahamson, Zaste, Poitra, LaRocque voted "AYE" Schlenvogt abstained from vote. Motion carried

- Meeting adjourned.

unanimously approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST

Kimberly Wuori  
Rolette County Auditor