

Commissioners Proceedings

On April 18, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session, with all members present. The commissioners began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nick Moser called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

Richard Ring made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by David Zeis; motion carried. Elsie Magnus made a motion, seconded by Stanley Dick to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:

85281	ALKEN GLASS UNLIMITED	\$765.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
85282	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$142.50	WEED CONTROL
85283	CHOICE FINANCIAL GROUP	\$29,089.43	ROAD & BRIDGE
85285	MARTIN MECHANICAL DESIGN, INC	\$17,500.00	GENERAL
85286	NICK MOSER	\$161.57	COMMISSIONERS
85287	RICHARD RING	\$27.82	COMMISSIONERS
85288	STANLEY DICK	\$71.69	COMMISSIONERS
85289	COUNTRY MEDIA, INC.	\$535.26	COMMISSIONERS
85290	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$24.50	CLERK
85291	ANDREW MARQUART	\$355.76	STATE'S ATTORNEY
85292	WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$207.97	STATE'S ATTORNEY
85293	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$71.00	NON-DEPT
85294	HOAG & SONS'	\$250.00	NON-DEPT
85295	BEST WESTERN PLUS KELLY INN & SUITES	\$163.80	SHERIFF
85296	CARLA SYMONS	\$500.65	DISPATCHERS
85297	AT&T MOBILITY	\$710.02	SHERIFF
85298	HIGH POINT NETWORKS	\$412.50	SHERIFF
85299	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	\$120.00	SHERIFF
85300	REARDON OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$52.88	SHERIFF
85301	MID-CONTINENT CABLE CO.	\$78.46	SHERIFF
85302	LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS, INC	\$39.00	SHERIFF
85303	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$1,715.92	SHERIFF
85304	LANGDON COMMUNITY DRUG	\$32.52	SHERIFF
85305	SENIOR MEALS AND SERVICES	\$199.50	SHERIFF
85306	LEEVERS FOODS	\$4.18	SHERIFF
85307	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$39.25	DISPATCHERS
85308	BALCO UNIFORM CO. INC.	\$915.00	SHERIFF
85309	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,572.19	GENERAL/R&B
85310	LANGDON CITY	\$357.53	GENERAL/R&B
85311	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$3,257.76	GENERAL
85312	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$240.92	GENERAL/SHERIFF/R&B
85313	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$359.81	SHERIFF/F-M/R&B
85314	CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP.	\$108.58	ROAD & BRIDGE
85315	WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,874.00	GENERAL/F-M/R&B
85316	CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP.	\$250.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
85317	NEWMAN SIGNS	\$1,132.11	ROAD & BRIDGE
85318	WALHALLA COOP OIL CO.	\$126.17	ROAD & BRIDGE

85319	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$7,954.96	ROAD & BRIDGE
85320	ERLING'S OIL, INC.	\$1,496.45	ROAD & BRIDGE
85321	DAHL TRUCK & AUTO	\$66.97	ROAD & BRIDGE
85322	BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$1,215.51	ROAD & BRIDGE
85323	RICHARD'S WELDING, INC.	\$1,122.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
85324	BL INDUSTRIES	\$88.60	ROAD & BRIDGE
85325	KAREN KEMPERT	\$118.80	EMG MNGR
85326	CAVALIER COUNTY AUDITOR	\$10.59	EMG MNGR
85327	NBTC	\$128.03	E-911 PHONE EXCISE TAX
85328	KAREN KEMPERT	\$373.43	EMG MNGR
85329	LANGDON AMOCO	\$107.94	VSO
85330	NDSU EXT SERVICE	\$22,470.10	COUNTY AGENT
85331	M. GAIL PEARSON	\$91.00	COUNTY AGENT
85332	MACINE A LUKACH	\$47.08	COUNTY AGENT
85333	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$79.07	COUNTY AGENT
85334	CAVALIER COUNTY AUDITOR	\$282.55	COUNTY AGENT
85335	XEROX CORPORATION	\$245.67	COUNTY AGENT
85336	QUILL CORPORATION	\$183.12	COUNTY AGENT
85337	NDSU - DEPT 3110	\$99.99	COUNTY AGENT
85338	LEEVEFS FOODS	\$33.04	COUNTY AGENT
85339	RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL	\$90.00	WEED CONTROL
85340	LEON PEDERSON	\$203.30	WEED CONTROL
85341	RICHARD FLANDERS	\$170.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
85342	VERA MCINTOSH	\$85.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
85343	DAVID J. ZEIS	\$170.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
85344	STANLEY DICK	\$85.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
85345	MELODY KING	\$107.07	SOCIAL SERVICES
85346	VISA	\$80.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
85347	LINDA GEISEN	\$50.89	SOCIAL SERVICES
85348	SUSAN K. (FETSCH) CROCKETT	\$50.89	SOCIAL SERVICES
85349	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$673.54	SOCIAL SERVICES
85350	LANGDON CITY	\$108.90	SOCIAL SERVICES
85351	AMERIPRIDE	\$47.90	SOCIAL SERVICES
85352	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$33.96	SOCIAL SERVICES
85353	LEEVEFS FOODS	\$90.65	SOCIAL SERVICES
85354	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$60.50	SOCIAL SERVICES
85355	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$31.80	SOCIAL SERVICES
85356	LANGDON DAY CARE CENTER	\$154.00	SOCIAL SERVICES

There was discussion on the upcoming Vanguard reassessment, and the fact that the tax-exempt properties cannot be included in the reassessment. There was also discussion on the removal of all modifiers. With the county having no list of modifiers submitted to the state for 2017, no abatements would be allowed for the modifiers being removed. Timelines for landowner applications for Native Woodlands and inundated lands were discussed. It was decided that a phone conference would be set up with Sidwell to review the upcoming soils program updates the county needs.

Nick Moser stated he had talked to Jolene Ullyott, contracted HR, and with all the projects she is working on, she is asking for more hours per week to get everything accomplished. **Elsie Mangus made a motion to increase the contracted HR hours to 16 hours per week through May and reevaluate the hours the first meeting in June, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.**

A Culvert Request from Grey Township to replace a culvert between Sections 22 and 223 was reviewed. Richard Flanders stated he was not sure if it would need to be replaced, but wanted to make sure the request was submitted in case it does. **Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the Culvert Request, seconded by Richard Ring, motion carried.**

Nick Moser stated a Disaster Declaration was signed on April 5, 2017, due to the saturated soils and overland flooding. **Elsie Magnus made a motion to approve the Disaster Declaration, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.**

Utility Permits submitted by United Communications were reviewed. **Richard Ring made a motion, seconded by David Zeis, to approve the Utility Permits, motion carried.**

Gravel budgets for each district for 2017 were discussed. The following amounts were requested: District 1 (Hannah/Sarles) \$100,000; District 2 (Munich) \$100,000; District 3 (Osnabrock) \$80,000; District 4 (Langdon) \$80,000; District 5 (Vang) \$60,000 (\$10,000 more than 2016). **Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the gravel budgets, seconded by Richard Ring, motion carried.**

Frost Fire's CDBG application was reviewed, due to the fact that the Pembina Gorge Foundation needs the county to sponsor the application in order to apply. Lisa Gellner, Auditor, stated that she and Carol Goodman, JDA, had assisted Red River Regional Council with completing the application. **David Zeis made a motion to approve and sign the application, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried. Richard Ring made a motion, seconded by David Zeis, to pay for the publication fees for the public hearings required for the grant, motion carried.** Elsie Magnus recused herself from voting on both motions, due to her being a member of the Pembina Gorge Foundation Board of Directors.

Carol Goodman met with the commissioners and presented JDA's semi-annual department update.

The commissioners had a phone conference with Bob Ehler, Vanguard, regarding the upcoming residential/commercial reassessment. Residential inspections are set to begin in June, with the project completed in early 2018 in time for equalization meetings.

Richard Flanders met with the commissioners and expressed his concern about the upcoming reappraisal process. He stated he did not feel it was necessary to have Vanguard reassess the rural residences. The commissioners explained to Flanders that the reassessment was needed to equalize values cross the entire county.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. Stanley Dick made a motion to recess the commission meeting to open an abatement hearing, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried. At approximately 11:25 a.m. Elsie Magnus made a motion to end the abatement hearing, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried. Elsie Magnus made a motion to reconvene the commission meeting, seconded by Richard Ring, motion carried.

Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the 2015 and 2016 abatement on Parcel #60614000, reducing the true and full value for both years to \$62,100, due to the property being incorrectly assessed for a basement, seconded by Elsie Magnus, motion carried.

Richard Ring made a motion to approve the 2015 and 2016 abatements on Parcel #6145600, reducing the true and full value for both years to \$49,800, due to the property being incorrectly assessed for storage tanks on the property, seconded by Elsie Magnus, motion carried.

Bill Hardy met with the commissioners and stated he received a significant increase in value due to modifiers being removed from his property. It was explained that there were modifiers put on improperly and they all needed to be taken off in order to get it straightened out. The soils committee explained they are working on implementing cropland and noncropland valuations for next year, which will help even out the values, and possible eliminate the need to use modifiers. Landowners were encouraged to turn their FSA maps in to their township assessors to specify how many cropland and noncropland acres they have.

Cody Bartholomew, Martin Mechanical, met with the commissioners to review the progress on the courthouse boiler pipe project. Bartholomew stated he would do a walk through and create a final punch list of items that need to be completed. He stated he was hopeful that the final bills would be able to be submitted by May 16, 2017 to wrap up the project.

The roadmen had their semi-annual meeting with the commissioners. Modifying the hook ups for the front plows on the snowplow trucks to make them all universal was discussed. The roadmen were commended for their dedication to keeping the roads open through the winter months.

At 1:25 p.m., Elsie Magnus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Richard Ring; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

Nick Moser - Chairman

Stanley Dick - Vice Chairman

Richard Ring

David Zeis

Elsie Magnus

Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor