

Commissioners Proceedings

On January 3, 2019, 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 meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman David Zeis called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

Nick Moser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Austin Lafrenz; motion carried.

There was discussion on equipment repairs in the road districts. Stanley Dick stated he talked to the ND Association of Counties regarding the upcoming meeting in Bismarck on transportation/infrastructure, and it was decided that he would wait until there was a legislative hearing to attend. Dick also stated that Housing would start using an office at the Social Services building rather than in the courthouse.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, met with the commissioners and reviewed current road projects. There was discussion on the Sharq Edges. It was decided to order some of the flat edges for the Vang District. There was discussion on some United Communications pedestals that were blocking snow and it was decided to see if they could be vaulted to prevent it in the future. There was also discussion on putting specs together to advertise for a new motor grader. It was decided to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Austin Lafrenz asked if the Langdon snowplow truck could have a wing put on it. Johnston stated it had been taken off and that he did not advise a wing be put on a single axle truck.

Stephanie Bata, Tax Director, brought the Forest Stewardship Contract renewals to the commission. There was discussion on whether or not to approve the renewals for 2019. Stanley Dick stated he did not feel it was fair for the landowners with Forest Stewardship Contracts to be taxed less than the landowners without contracts. **Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the current list of Forest Stewardship Contract renewals, based on there being 678 acres combined with the new/renewal contracts, seconded by Nick Moser for discussion. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting “yes” except Stanley Dick voting “no”, motion carried.** It was decided to invite the ND Forest Service to a commission meeting to explain the Forest Stewardship Program, as well as the current contract holders to let them know the commission is considering not renewing future contracts. There was also discussion on adding the subject to the agenda for the Cavalier County Township Officers annual meeting.

The following Weed Board members met with the commissioners: Mark Schneider, Allen Kingzett, Steve Ratzlaff, and Greg Hoffman, as well as Leon Pederson, Weed Officer. They board members expressed their desire to keep a 7 member board, and felt they had individuals that would consider filling the vacant board position. It was decided to reach out to the board members that have not been active to see if they still wanted to be on the board, and appoint board member(s) at the next commission meeting.

Anita Beauchamp, Clerk of Court, visited with the commissioners about her office supplies line item in her budget that was entered incorrectly. The commissioners were on board with letting the line item go over budget so she would still be able to track the total amount spent.

Clay Smaaladen, Butler, met with the commissioners and presented extended warranty options for the 2011 CAT motor grader in the Hannah District. Smaaladen explained that the county would have to pay for an inspection of the machine before the extended warranty would go into effect. **Austin Lafrenz made a motion to purchase the additional 2-year/1000 hour warranty for \$6,200, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.**

The commissioners reviewed the updated Vanguard website contact and asked Stephanie Bata, Tax Director, to have Scott Stewart, State’s Attorney, review it before she signs it.

The commissioners discussed the abatement process for the upcoming meeting on January 15th.

Nick Moser made a motion, seconded by Stanley Dick, to transfer \$2,050.00 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion, seconded by Nick Moser, to transfer \$547.65 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Excess Levy Fund, motion carried. Austin Lafrenz made a motion, seconded by Stanley Dick, to transfer \$54.76 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion, seconded by Nick Moser, to transfer \$3,949.76 from E-911 Fund to County General Fund, motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion, seconded by Austin Lafrenz, to transfer \$174.13 from VSO Fund to County General Fund, motion carried.

Stanley Dick made a motion, seconded by Greg Goodman to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:

89690	CAVALIER COUNTY TREASURER	\$1,351.50	PROPERTY TAXES
89692	NICK MOSER	\$117.82	COMMISSIONERS
89693	STANLEY DICK	\$56.13	COMMISSIONERS
89694	AVI SYSTEMS, INC	\$1,195.67	CLERK
89695	US BANK	\$15.41	AUDITOR
89696	FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK	\$22,343.93	RECORDER
89697	SIDWELL	\$13,910.00	TAX DIRECTOR
89698	JOSH PLUMMER	\$990.00	GENERAL
89699	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	\$750.00	GENERAL
89700	LANGDON BLDG. CENTER	\$166.95	SHERIFF/R&B
89701	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$636.04	CLERK/AUD/RECORD/F-M
89702	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$178.62	GENERAL/SHERIFF/R&B
89703	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$131.01	GENERAL/F-M/WEEED
89704	D & B MOTORS	\$208.00	SHERIFF
89705	LEXIPOL, LLC	\$2,777.00	SHERIFF
89706	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	\$84.60	SHERIFF
89707	CURT FISCHER	\$86.16	SHERIFF
89708	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$244.23	SHERIFF
89709	NICK HOFFMAN	\$15.00	SHERIFF
89710	CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC.	\$1,987.50	FARM - MARKET
89711	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$9.37	ROAD & BRIDGE
89712	BRUCE WIRTH	\$152.60	ROAD & BRIDGE
89713	MAC'S INC.	\$227.52	ROAD & BRIDGE
89714	STEIN AUTO BODY, INC.	\$14.71	ROAD & BRIDGE

89715	ON THE RUN SERVICE	\$1,060.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
89716	TUOMALA PLUMBING & HEATING	\$168.08	ROAD & BRIDGE
89717	RDO TRUST ACCOUNT #80-5800	\$3,424.94	ROAD & BRIDGE
89718	BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$1,942.30	ROAD & BRIDGE
89719	FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK	\$29,766.05	ROAD & BRIDGE
89720	ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	\$179.38	ROAD & BRIDGE
89721	KADRMAS, LEE, & JACKSON INC.	\$4,321.72	ROAD & BRIDGE
89722	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$373.70	E-911 EXCISE TAX
89723	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$194.18	E-911 EXCISE TAX
89724	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$37.42	EMG MNGR
89725	VICTOR HECK	\$19.50	VSO
89726	NDSU - DEPT 3110	\$36.58	NDSU EXT.
89727	NDSU - DEPT 3110	\$60.00	NDSU EXT.
89728	DAN'S TRUCK & CAR WASH	\$46.71	WEED CONTROL
89729	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$11.46	WEED CONTROL
89730	C&R SUPPLY	\$824.43	WEED CONTROL
89731	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$337.12	WEED CONTROL
89732	BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA HOTEL	\$219.98	WEED CONTROL
89733	JOSH PLUMMER	\$520.00	SOCIAL SERVICES

At 11:45 a.m., Austin Lafrenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nick Moser; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

David Zeis – Chairman

Nick Moser – Vice Chairman

Greg Goodman

Austin Lafrenz

Stanley Dick

Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor