

Commissioners Proceedings

On September 17, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session. David Zeis was not in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Nick Moser called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

Moser asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Austin Lafrenz; motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Stanley Dick; motion carried.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, met with the commissioners and presented a culvert request from Storlie Township to replace a rusted-out culvert between Sections 32 and 33. **Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the culvert request, pending Terry Johnston's inspection and approval, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.** Gravel budgets and future road projects were reviewed.

There was discussion on the proposed Road Foreman job description. It was decided that once all commissioners are in attendance and approve, the position would be opened internally.

There was discussion on Jim Rademacher filling in as a snowplow operator as needed for the coming season. **Austin Lafrenz made a motion to pay Rademacher \$25/hour based on his prior experience, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.**

Current financials as of August 31st were reviewed.

Greg Goodman made a motion to approve a Raffle Permit for Our Lady's Preservation, seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried.

Stanley Dick made a motion to transfer \$160,000.00 from Road and Bridge Fund to Special County Highway Fund, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to transfer \$88.20 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion to transfer \$1,810.00 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to transfer \$882.03 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Excess Levy Fund, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.

Austin Lafrenz informed the commissioners that the engine had been taken out of the motor grader from the Langdon District, but Butler did not have an update on what was wrong.

The commissioners visited with Terry Girodat and discussed the grant that had been received from the Dept. of Homeland Security for the courthouse doors. Girodat was in agreement that the commission would not have to levy for the full amount of the door project as he had remaining funds in his capital outlay budget.

Stanley Dick made a motion to recess the regular meeting for the annual budget hearing at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried. At 11:08 a.m., with no one in attendance to voice any concerns with the county budget, Greg Goodman made a motion to reconvene the regular commission meeting, seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried.

Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the 2020 County Budget as published, seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried.

There was discussion on salary adjustments. Stanley Dick stated the salary increases/adjustments need to be decided in a more timely manner so the departments can include the increase amounts in the budgets when they are presented, and employees will not be left not knowing if and how much their salary will increase. It was reiterated that the employees (with the exception of Social Services and the Weed Officer) will receive a 3% increase for 2020 and that any proposed adjustments are still under consideration, awaiting the comparison of benefits. Greg Fetsch, Sheriff, stated he needed to know what his employees would be getting paid for the Stonegarden Grant. Fetsch was advised to use the larger salary amount, with the intention of lowering it if the adjustments are not granted. Karen Kempert, Emergency Manager, stated she still had the same concerns with her salary comparison. The commissioners stated the budgets could not be increased at this point.

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

91498	ND STATE TREASURER	\$2,426.69	E-911/MED LEVY/DOM VIOLENCE
91499	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$466.59	E-911 PHONE TAX
91500	CAVALIER COUNTY MVD	\$16.50	SHERIFF
91501	NICK MOSER	\$212.28	COMMISSIONERS
91502	LANGDON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$175.00	COMMISSIONERS
91503	NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL	\$300.00	COMMISSIONERS
91504	COUNTRY MEDIA, INC.	\$474.72	COMMISSIONERS
91505	SLEEP INN & SUITES	\$76.00	AUDITOR
91506	WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$240.60	STATE'S ATTORNEY
91507	R. SCOTT STEWART	\$38.86	STATE'S ATTORNEY
91508	STEPHANIE BATA	\$317.50	TAX DIRECTOR
91509	MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$413.16	GENERAL
91510	SAMSON ELECTRIC LTD.	\$641.26	GENERAL
91511	TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,000.00	GENERAL
91512	SANFORD HEALTH OCC-MED CLINIC	\$340.00	GENERAL
91513	MAILFINANCE	\$891.24	GENERAL
91514	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$1,100.00	GENERAL
91515	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$4,401.27	GENERAL
91516	LANGDON CITY	\$371.30	GENERAL/R&B
91517	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$108.87	CLERK/GENERAL
91518	LANGDON AMOCO	\$455.63	GENERAL/EMG MGR/F-M/R&B
91519	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,613.69	GENERAL/R&B
91520	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,302.22	GENERAL
91521	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$41.49	DISPATCHERS
91522	JODY M. GIRODAT	\$105.00	SHERIFF
91523	GREGORY FETSCH	\$91.00	SHERIFF
91524	LEEVEFS FOODS	\$29.50	SHERIFF
91525	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$1,732.88	SHERIFF
91526	LEEVEFS FOODS	\$6.49	SHERIFF
91527	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$40.07	SHERIFF
91528	JOSH PLUMMER	\$100.00	SHERIFF
91529	CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC.	\$126.60	SHERIFF

91530	SENIOR MEALS AND SERVICES	\$136.50	SHERIFF
91531	MID-CONTINENT CABLE CO.	\$99.57	SHERIFF
91532	AT&T MOBILITY	\$649.44	SHERIFF
91533	DAHL TRUCK & AUTO	\$660.68	SHERIFF/F-M
91534	CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP.	\$73.84	ROAD & BRIDGE
91535	WALHALLA FARMERS GRAIN	\$124.87	ROAD & BRIDGE
91536	CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC.	\$35,980.00	F-M/R&B
91537	LANGDON FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$270.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
91538	ERLING'S OIL, INC.	\$86.50	ROAD & BRIDGE
91539	WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$54,888.00	F-M/R&B
91542	BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$10,641.14	ROAD & BRIDGE
91543	RICHARD'S WELDING, INC.	\$47.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
91544	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$1,633.01	F-M/R&B
91545	DUBOIS OIL CO.,INC	\$1,956.65	ROAD & BRIDGE
91546	PENGUIN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$1,968.00	EMG MNGR
91547	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$195.25	E-911 EXCISE TAX
91548	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	\$253.80	EMG MNGR
91549	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$44.08	EMG MNGR
91550	NDTC	\$127.97	E-911 EXCISE TAX
91551	KAREN KEMPERT	\$47.98	EMG MNGR
91552	RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL	\$249.00	EMG MNGR
91553	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$374.00	E-911 EXCISE TAX
91554	LANGDON AMOCO	\$59.70	VSO
91555	STEIN AUTO BODY, INC.	\$60.00	VSO
91556	ANITHA CHIRUMAMILLA	\$726.96	NDSU EXT.
91557	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$59.29	NDSU EXT.
91558	XEROX CORPORATION	\$244.94	NDSU EXT.
91559	XEROX CORPORATION	\$15.00	NDSU EXT.
91560	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$27.56	WEED CONTROL
91561	COUNTRY MEDIA, INC.	\$26.00	WEED CONTROL
91562	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$10.49	WEED CONTROL
91563	DAN'S TRUCK & CAR WASH	\$349.66	WEED CONTROL
91564	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$615.55	WEED CONTROL
91565	SIMPLOT GROWER SOLUTIONS	\$1,476.50	WEED CONTROL
91566	CAVALIER COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY INC	\$335.00	WEED CONTROL
91567	LINDA GEISEN	\$50.89	SOCIAL SERVICES
91568	QUALITY SPECIALTY PRODUCTS & PRINTING	\$324.73	SOCIAL SERVICES
91569	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$19.97	SOCIAL SERVICES
91570	LANGDON COMMUNITY DRUG	\$219.15	SOCIAL SERVICES
91571	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$44.25	SOCIAL SERVICES
91572	DACOTAH PAPER CO.	\$70.27	SOCIAL SERVICES
91573	HANSEL PLUMBING & HEATING	\$87.10	SOCIAL SERVICES
91574	SAMSON ELECTRIC LTD.	\$78.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
91575	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$696.59	SOCIAL SERVICES
91576	COUNTRY MEDIA, INC.	\$287.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
91577	LANGDON CITY	\$114.40	SOCIAL SERVICES
91578	AMERIPRIDE	\$159.08	SOCIAL SERVICES
91579	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$34.29	SOCIAL SERVICES

91580	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$349.41	SOCIAL SERVICES
91581	SUSAN K. (FETSCH) CROCKETT	\$50.89	SOCIAL SERVICES
91582	VISA	\$155.32	SOCIAL SERVICES
91583	PEMBINA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	\$86.00	SOCIAL SERVICES

At 11:10 a.m., Austin Lafrenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Goodman; 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