

## Commissioners Proceedings

On December 1, 2020, 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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there was limited audience capacity in the courthouse meeting rooms. Webex was utilized for those wanting to attend the meeting virtually. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nick Moser called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

Lafrenz asked if there were any changes to the agenda. David Zeis made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Stanley Dick; motion carried. Austin Lafrenz made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17 & 18, 2020, seconded by Greg Goodman; motion carried.

David Zeis and Greg Goodman acknowledged and signed their Oaths of Office as newly re-elected County Commissioners. Stanley Dick made a motion to appoint Austin Lafrenz as Commission Chairman and Greg Goodman as Vice-Chairman. David Zeis seconded the motion and asked for nominations to cease and for the nominees to be appointed, motion carried. Austin Lafrenz took over as Chairman and thanked Nick Moser for his role as Chairman this past year.

Steph Welsh, Public Health Nurse, met with the commissioners and informed them that her office received 100 rapid point of care tests. Welsh suggested these tests be made available by appointment for symptomatic county employees and family members in their household. The commissioners were in agreement. Welsh stressed that those utilizing the rapid test need to be symptomatic, as the test is not overly accurate for asymptomatic individuals. Lisa Gellner, Auditor, agreed she would notify the employees these tests were available.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, met with the commissioners and reviewed the project status updates from KLJ. Possible bridge projects for federal aid were discussed. Johnston suggested using federal aid to remove closed major structures. Greg Goodman discussed some eroding along the gravel near the gorge on County 55, which would most likely need to be budgeted to repair in 2021. Johnston informed the commissioners that there were two townships with 2017 FEMA funds left to collect and then he would be able to close it out.

The commissioners interviewed for the Water Board position. Following the interviews, the commissioners did a private vote for the Water Board position. **Based on the vote results, Nick Moser made a motion to appoint Brian Hardy to the Water Board, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.**

**Greg Goodman made a motion to re-appoint Chad Henderson to the Soil Committee, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to appoint Darrin Romfo to the Public Health District Board, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.** There were no letters of interest submitted for the Education Board. A number of names were brought up for the two open positions. Later in the meeting **Nick Moser made a motion to appoint Katie Henry to the Education Board, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.** The other Education Board position was left open until somebody is found to fill it.

Steph Bata, Tax Director, joined the meeting via Webex to review the proposed 2-year contract with Sidwell. Bata stated she had Scott Stewart, State's Attorney, review the contract and that they will be getting some clarification on reference to deeds recorded in the past two years. **Stanley Dick made a**

**motion to approve the contract with Sidwell once they received clarification, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.**

At 10:30 a.m. Nick Moser made a motion to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss possible litigation for damage to a guardrail on County 55, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried. At 10:40 a.m. Stanley Dick made a motion to end executive session and re-convene the regular commission meeting, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.

**Nick Moser made a motion for Scott Stewart, State's Attorney to contact the potential defendant regarding the guardrail damage and to proceed to file a complaint in Small Claims Court, if needed, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.**

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

94684	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 47.54	EMG MNGR
94685	ERLING'S OIL, INC.	\$ 924.56	ROAD & BRIDGE
94686	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE CENTER	\$ 4,968.00	GENERAL
94687	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE CENTER	\$ 342.80	GENERAL
94688	CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL	\$ 50.00	CLERK
94693	NICK MOSER	\$ 152.95	COMMISSIONERS
94694	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$ 280.99	AUDITOR
94695	ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	\$ 240.00	GENERAL
94696	T R WAIND INSURANCE AGENCY	\$ 398.00	GENERAL
94697	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$ 281.17	GENERAL/ROAD & BRIDGE
94698	ND COUNTY COMMISSION ASSOC.	\$ 1,650.00	COMMISSIONERS
94699	DOCUMENT OUTPUT CENTER LLC	\$ 2,211.80	TREASURER
94700	JOSH PLUMMER	\$ 693.00	GENERAL
94702	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 1,151.64	GENERAL/ROAD & BRIDGE
94703	HIGH POINT NETWORKS, LLC	\$ 403.75	SHERIFF
94704	D & B MOTORS	\$ 117.15	SHERIFF
94705	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$ 480.86	SHERIFF
94706	BALCO UNIFORM CO. INC.	\$ 1,395.87	SHERIFF
94707	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$ 261.97	SHERIFF
94708	BALCO UNIFORM CO. INC.	\$ 149.00	SHERIFF
94709	CAVALIER COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 12.50	ROAD & BRIDGE
94710	NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER	\$ 60.50	ROAD & BRIDGE
94711	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$ 666.82	GENERAL/FARM-MARKET
94712	RAZOR TRACKING, INC.	\$ 300.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
94713	MCCURDY, INC.	\$ 200.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
94714	NEWMAN SIGNS	\$ 1,830.68	ROAD & BRIDGE
94715	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 2,660.84	ROAD & BRIDGE
94716	DUBOIS OIL CO.,INC	\$ 2,110.08	ROAD & BRIDGE
94717	LANGDON STORE ALL	\$ 525.00	FARM - MARKET
94718	ND DES	\$ 1,154.20	E-911 EXCISE TAX
94719	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 373.70	E-911 EXCISE TAX
94720	WALHALLA BUILDING CENTER	\$ 26,777.00	EMG MNGR
94721	KAREN KEMPERT	\$ 33.35	EMG MNGR
94722	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$ 339.00	NDSU EXT.

94723	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$	64.78	NDSU EXT.
94724	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$	65.44	NDSU EXT.
94725	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$	108.20	VSO
94726	C & M HOME MARKETING	\$	40.00	VSO
94728	JOSH PLUMMER	\$	600.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
94729	AMY KRAM	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94730	JANNE MYRDAL	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94731	KAREN ANDERSON	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94732	DAVID J. ZEIS	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94733	STANLEY DICK	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94734	MANNY DOYLE	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94735	ANN WEST	\$	50.00	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94736	VISA	\$	56.49	HUMAN SERV. ZONE
94737	LANGDON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$	4,000.00	SS - CHRISTMAS CHEER
94738	CAVALIER COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY	\$	300.00	SS - CHRISTMAS CHEER

At 11:00 a.m., Nick Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Zeis; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners  
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

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Austin Lafrenz – Chairman

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Greg Goodman – Vice Chairman

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Stanley Dick

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David Zeis

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Nick Moser

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Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor