

Commissioners Proceedings

On March 2, 2021, 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 Austin Lafrenz called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

Lafrenz asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Lisa Gellner, Auditor, added “discussion on possible building purchase” to the agenda at 11:00 a.m. David Zeis made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition to the agenda, seconded by Greg Goodman; 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 reviewed the contract with ND DOT for the County 13 gravel project (SC-10-1359). **David Zeis made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.** The road project updates from KLJ were reviewed. Johnston shared information on motor grader operator training he received from NDLTAP. The commissioners stated they would check with the roadmen and asked Johnston to look into dates available for the training.

The bridge/culvert project south of Milton was discussed. Johnston suggested that KLJ get the environmental study done by KLJ in case the bridge went out and the county had to use federal bridge funds to replace it, the project would be able to move forward quicker. **Stanley Dick made a motion to have KLJ do the environmental study, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.**

It was decided to have Phil Wold, Shawn Hall, and Shawn Amundson come to the next commission meeting to discuss the prep work that would need to be done on County 13 prior to the gravel project.

Johnston discussed a culvert between Sections 29 and 30 in Moscow Township on a legal drain which had now been cleaned out by Fish & Wildlife. Johnston explained that the current culvert would most likely be replaced by two 36” culverts or a 48” arch pipe with the county cost sharing 40% of the cost. **Nick Moser made a motion to cost share 40% of the culvert(s), contingent on the Water Board paying 60% of the project, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.**

Bids for a new pickup were opened from Christie Motors and D&B Motors. **Stanley Dick made a motion to purchase a 2021 Ford F250 regular cab long box from Christie Motors for \$35,949.56 and a 2021 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD regular cab 8-foot box for \$31,800.00, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.** It was decided to pay for the pickups and accessories (running boards, bed mat, mud flaps, and strobe light) from R&B Equipment Replacement Fund.

District gravel budgets for the coming year were decided as follows: District 1 - \$100,000; District 2 - \$100,000; District 3 - \$80,000; District 4 - \$90,000; District 5 - \$70,000; with remaining \$10,000 to be decided based on needs at a later date.

The commissioners reviewed an opinion from Scott Stewart, State’s Attorney, regarding the county purchasing real property. Later in the meeting the commissioners discussed various ideas and reviewed a proposal they had received to purchase a shop if they were to begin centralizing some of the road equipment.

Karen Kempert, Emergency Manager, met with the commissioners and reported that Towner County had approved the 2020 pro-rated E-911 Contract in the amount of \$22,500.00. The contract will be re-negotiated in June for 2022. **Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the E-911 Contract with Towner County, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.**

Nick Moser made a motion to approve a seasonal Beer & Liquor License for Langdon Country Club, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.

Kaitlin Atkinson, Vision Zero, met virtually with the commissioners and explained their mission to eliminate motor vehicle crashes in the state of North Dakota. Lisa Gellner, Auditor, asked if they had any training that could be used for Bus Driver workshops and Stanley Dick asked if they had any training for youth on driving ATV/UTV. Atkinson stated she would follow up on both.

David Zeis made a motion to appoint LeRoy Gasner to the Cavalier County Library Board, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.

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

95502	KAREN KEMPert	\$965.24	E-911
95503	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$681.44	NVHSZ
95504	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$143.67	SS
95505	NICK MOSER	\$168.00	COMM
95506	STANLEY DICK	\$147.28	COMM
95507	KEVLOTT TESTING SERVICES	\$453.65	GEN
95508	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$666.82	GEN/F-M
95509	JOSH PLUMMER	\$846.00	MAINT
95510	STEIN AUTO BODY, INC.	\$20.00	SHERIFF
95511	LANGDON FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$180.00	MAINT
95512	QUALITY SPECIALTY PRODUCTS & PRINTING	\$27.50	TX DIR
95513	QUALITY SPECIALTY PRODUCTS & PRINTING	\$29.78	REC
95514	HANSEL PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC	\$85.00	SHERIFF
95515	GALLS, LLC	\$105.92	SHERIFF
95516	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$261.97	SHERIFF
95517	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$2,109.78	GEN/R&B
95518	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$74.46	SHERIFF
95519	NDCCAA C/O CASS COUNTY JAIL	\$100.00	SHERIFF
95520	NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER	\$55.00	R&B
95521	RAZOR TRACKING, INC.	\$300.00	R&B
95522	RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$2,780.14	R&B
95523	KEVIN MIKKELSEN	\$78.98	R&B
95524	DAHL TRUCK & AUTO	\$129.60	R&B
95525	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$42.67	R&B
95526	D & B MOTORS	\$642.74	R&B
95527	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$118.44	WEED
95528	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$34.18	WEED
95529	ANITHA CHIRUMAMILLA	\$99.68	NDSU EXT.
95530	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$373.70	E-911

95531	JOSH PLUMMER	\$600.00	SS
95532	QUILL CORPORATION	\$112.44	NVHSZ
95533	DISCOVER	\$309.15	NVHSZ
95534	ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	\$112,100.40	HEALTH INS
95535	ND STATE TREASURER	\$20,252.03	FEES
95536	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$172.96	FEES

At 11:50 a.m., Nick Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Zeis; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

Austin Lafrenz – Chairman

Greg Goodman – Vice Chairman

Stanley Dick

David Zeis

Nick Moser

Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor