

## Commissioners Proceedings

On May 4, 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. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Greg Goodman; motion carried. Stanley Dick made a change to the minutes to add 2% "COLA" to the discussion on increases for 2022. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the minutes with that change included, seconded by Stanley Dick; motion carried.

It was decided to change the first meeting in October to Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, due to the NDACo conference. There was discussion on legislative funding approvals, as well as future votes required for the county road levies.

Scott Stewart, State's Attorney, met with the commissioners and suggested they may want to consider meeting with him in executive session later in the meeting. **Greg Goodman made a motion to put executive session on the agenda at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the legalities of the County 13 road project contract, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.**

Greg Goodman reviewed documents he had received from Scott Stewart, State's Attorney, on the ownership of dams in the county.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, and Jeff Daley, KLJ, met with the commissioners and discussed the KLJ design engineering contract for the County 6 overlay project. **Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.**

There was lengthy discussion regarding other options the county had for the County 13 gravel project. Chris Mikkelsen joined in the discussion with options for various classes of gravel and PI requirements.

Johnston presented a culvert request in Moscow Township for replacement of a 60"X 48' culvert between Sections 9 and 10. Current culvert is rusted it. Johnston is checking if this is an assessed drain. **Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the culvert request, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.** There was a request to replace an 18" X 50' culvert in County Rd 45 between Sections 8 and 9 of Montrose Township. Current culvert is in poor condition and full of dirt. **Nick Moser made a motion to replace the culvert, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.** The commissioners reviewed pictures of a bridge between Sections 21 and 28 in Montrose Township which is in poor condition. It was decided to post a low load limit until a decision is made on what to do with the bridge.

Johnston reviewed updates to the Culvert & Bridge Policy with the commissioners, addressing qualifications for areas of cities that are platted vs. not platted. It was decided to put it on the agenda for next meeting for approval.

Karen Kempert, Emergency Manager, met with the commissioners and asked them to consider using some of the federal COVID funding to assist the rural fire departments with purchasing mobile radios, if it is an allowable use when the guidelines come out for the funding. Kempert also suggested using

some of the funding for an electronic sign on the south side of the courthouse, which would be used for public safety and awareness on many levels, including public notice requirements to qualify for grant opportunities in Public Health. The commissioners stated they will review the ideas brought forward once the guidance comes out on allowable use of the federal COVID funds.

Kempert also reviewed a proposed amendment to the Emergency Declaration related to the COVID pandemic. Steph Welsh, Public Health Nurse, also joined the meeting via phone conference to discuss the need to continue the Emergency Declaration while the vaccination process continues. Welsh stressed the importance of continuing mitigation to prevent the spread of COVID, and the virus variants of the disease, until all ages can be vaccinated. There was also discussion on keeping the declaration in place for pandemic funding purposes. Welsh suggested reviewing the Emergency Declaration in 2 or 3 months and see where we are at with the recovery process. After much discussion, **David Zeis made a motion to amend the Emergency Declaration, seconded by Nick Moser. A roll call vote was taken: Nick Moser-yes; Greg Goodman-no; Stanley Dick-no; David Zeis-yes; Austin Lafrenz-yes. Motion carried 3 to 2.**

At 10:45 a.m. David Zeis made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session per NDCC 44-04-19.1, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. At 11:08 a.m. Greg Goodman made a motion to close executive session and reconvene the regular meeting, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. No action was taken following executive session.

**David Zeis made a motion to approve a Gaming Site Authorization at the Langdon Country Club for the Langdon Firemen’s Association, seconded by Stanley Dick. Nick Moser and Austin Lafrenz abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.**

The DOT contract for the County 13 gravel project was signed, based on the Resolution approved at the last meeting.

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

95997	PREPPER GUN SHOP	\$	3,109.95	SHERIFF
95998	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$	153.90	GEN/F-M/R&B/WEED
95999	JOSH PLUMMER	\$	900.00	MAINT
96000	ANITA BEAUCHAMP	\$	97.26	CLERK
96001	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$	556.84	GEN/F-M
96002	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$	1,482.01	GEN
96003	D & B MOTORS	\$	582.58	GEN/F-M/R&B
96004	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC.	\$	137.88	SHERIFF
96005	D & B MOTORS	\$	102.22	SHERIFF
96006	GABE JOHNSTON	\$	242.80	SHERIFF
96007	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$	261.97	SHERIFF
96008	SIRCHIE	\$	36.80	SHERIFF
96009	GALLS, LLC	\$	52.94	SHERIFF
96010	VICKI KUBAT	\$	136.64	REC
96011	NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER	\$	63.00	R&B
96012	BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	\$	352.38	R&B
96013	MARCOTTE BUILDER'S SUPPLY CO.	\$	28.99	F-M
96014	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$	288.46	R&B
96015	CLYDE FARM SERVICE & SUPPLY	\$	89.00	R&B

96016	NEWMAN SIGNS	\$	617.33 R&B
96017	RAZOR TRACKING, INC.	\$	300.00 R&B
96018	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	\$	903.94 F-M
96019	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$	373.70 E-911
96020	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	\$	1,093.04 E-911
96021	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$	39.60 WEED
96022	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$	663.87 WEED
96023	VICTOR HECK	\$	27.75 VSO
96024	JOSH PLUMMER	\$	600.00 SS
96025	ARAMARK	\$	80.13 SS
96026	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$	248.73 SS
96027	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$	95.18 SS
96028	DACOTAH PAPER CO.	\$	144.33 SS
96029	DISCOVER	\$	148.83 NVHSZ
96030	NICK MOSER	\$	203.84 COMM
96031	DAVID J. ZEIS	\$	82.32 COMM
96032	UNIFORM CENTER	\$	195.00 SHERIFF
96033	STREICHER'S	\$	64.98 SHERIFF
96034	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$	86.38 WEED
96035	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$	52.85 WEED

At 11:40 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