

## *Cavalier County Commission Proceedings*

On August 1, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session. Austin Lafrenz was not in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Greg Goodman called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

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

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, and Jeff Daley, KLJ, met with the commissioners. Johnston brought Memorandum of Understandings received so far from townships wanting the county to submit damages to FEMA on their behalf. Greg Goodman signed the MOU's as commission chairman. Gravel budgets and KLJ project updates were reviewed.

Bids were opened for 5 proposed gravel projects that were advertised in the newspaper. One bid was received from Mikkelsen Aggregate for Project #3 (County 24) in the amount of \$272,800. **Nick Moser made a motion to deny the bid, seconded by Stanley Dick. A roll call vote was taken with all voting in favor.** After much discussion, the commissioners decided to designate approximately \$100,000.00 of House Bill 1505 funds to each district for gravel maintenance. Each commissioner will reach out to contractors in the bid book to schedule graveling in their district.

Greg Goodman stated he would look for a contractor to do some updates to the inside of the current shop in Vang. Various locations were discussed for a new shop in Langdon. Commissioners will update next meeting.

Greg Goodman discussed the progress on hiring for the Deputy Tax Director position.

Kathy Jordan, Jon Iverson and Terry Jacobson, on behalf of Soil Conservation, met with the commissioners and reviewed their 2023 budget, as well as various tree grants available.

Shane Gallagher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, met with the commissioners to discuss challenges with recruiting officers. Gallagher presented a salary comparison from other counties, as well as proposed increases for 2023. Gallagher stated he did not feel the \$200/month proposed increase for 2023 was adequate with the large increase in cost of living and potential large salary increases in other counties. The commissioners agreed to adjust the increase to \$400/month for the 7 full-time officers in the Sheriff's 2023 budget and reduce the amount budget for Board of Prisoners, leaving the total budget amount the same. The commissioners suggested the Sheriff's Department work on a step system for years of service to assist in recruiting officers in the future.

**Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the 2023 Preliminary Budget as presented with 40 mills levied for County General, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.**

Drug and alcohol testing options were discussed. The commissioners decided to proceed with having Global Safety Network come on-site for testing. The possibility of only testing DOT and safety-sensitive employees was discussed. Lisa Gellner, Auditor, stated she would look into who would be required to be tested.

Carol Goodman, CCJDA, met with the commissioners and discussed the sale of the Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex to Bitzero Blockchain Inc., which plans to invest \$500M in the project. The company has an agreement with goals that include providing 35-50 high skilled jobs by 2027. If the list of goals is not met, CCJDA will receive additional compensation from the company with buy back options.

David Zeis made a motion to transfer \$364.47 from Road & Bridge Fund to Road & Bridge Excess Levy Fund, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion to transfer \$549.00 from Road & Bridge Fund to Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion to transfer \$133,700.00 from County Road Fund to Road & Bridge Fund, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.

Clay Smaaladen, Butler Machinery, met with the commissioners and presented an agreement to be signed allowing Butler to check the codes on the CAT motor graders. Smaaladen reviewed the timeline to get new motor graders as well.

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

99365	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 1,579.51	SS/NVHSZ
99375	THE SIDWELL COMPANY	\$ 15,655.00	MISC
99376	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE CENTER	\$ 812.26	MISC
99377	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE CENTER	\$ 1,049.67	MISC
99378	MARK SCHNEIDER	\$ 115.00	WEED
99379	ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	\$ 111,402.38	HEALTH INS
99380	ND STATE TREASURER	\$ 2,286.88	FEES
99381	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$ 449.65	FEES
99382	JACLYN NYE	\$ 162.75	TX DIR
99383	JUNQUE DECOR	\$ 512.32	MAINT
99384	DAVID J. ZEIS	\$ 51.25	COMM
99385	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$ 643.06	GEN/F-M
99386	MORGAN PRINTING, INC.	\$ 716.97	GEN
99387	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	\$ 4,394.96	ELECT
99388	HANSEL PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC	\$ 199.00	MAINT
99389	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$ 223.15	AUD
99390	ANITA BEAUCHAMP	\$ 22.73	CLERK
99391	QUALITY PRINTING	\$ 51.00	TX DIR
99392	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 173.61	GEN/R&B
99393	OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR	\$ 14,000.00	MISC
99394	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$ 1,200.00	MISC
99395	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 520.20	SHERIFF
99396	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$ 275.69	SHERIFF
99397	GALLS, LLC	\$ 146.31	SHERIFF
99398	GLENN'S APPLIANCE CENTER	\$ 20.00	SHERIFF
99399	HIGH POINT NETWORKS, LLC	\$ 187.50	SHERIFF
99400	ROLETTE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	\$ 1,470.00	SHERIFF
99401	D & B MOTORS	\$ 682.98	SHERIFF
99402	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$ 113.78	SHERIFF
99403	ND SECRETARY OF STATE	\$ 36.00	DISP

99404	MARCOTTE BUILDER'S SUPPLY CO.	\$ 32.97	R&B
99405	CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC.	\$ 29,115.59	F-M/R&B
99406	WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$ 28,024.90	F-M
99407	CLOSE CONSTRUCTION	\$ 630.00	F-M
99408	JONASSON RENTAL	\$ 150.00	R&B
99409	RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$ 8,731.81	R&B
99410	HIGH PLAINS EQUIPMENT	\$ 380.00	R&B
99411	NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$ 309.88	R&B
99412	NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER	\$ 63.00	R&B
99413	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	\$ 771.66	R&B
99414	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 9,955.00	R&B
99415	NEWMAN SIGNS	\$ 501.78	R&B
99416	ULMER FARM SERVICE	\$ 7,640.00	F-M
99417	CLOSE CONSTRUCTION	\$ 4,210.84	R&B
99418	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$ 198.39	MAINT/R&B
99419	RAZOR TRACKING, INC.	\$ 325.00	R&B
99420	HOME OF ECONOMY	\$ 36.96	R&B
99421	FARMERS UNION OIL OF DEVILS LAKE	\$ 4,361.76	R&B
99423	MIKKELSEN BROS. CONSTRUCTION	\$ 38,274.02	F-M/R&B
99424	TIM DOWNS	\$ 87.50	R&B
99425	KENT MIKKELSEN	\$ 68.75	R&B
99426	CLOSE CONSTRUCTION	\$ 23,140.50	F-M/R&B
99427	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	\$ 5,304.15	F-M
99428	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 373.70	E-911
99429	WEEDBUSTERS BIOCONTROL, LLC.	\$ 2,300.00	WEED
99430	MORGAN PRINTING, INC.	\$ 68.40	WEED
99431	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 21.75	WEED
99432	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$ 40.12	WEED
99433	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$ 1,324.52	WEED
99434	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$ 49.99	WEED
99436	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$ 21.75	SS
99437	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$ 260.13	SS
99438	LANGDON FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 105.00	SS
99439	ARAMARK	\$ 85.94	SS
99440	RORY JOHNSON	\$ 600.00	SS
99441	LERNA PAULSON	\$ 95.36	NVHSZ
99442	VALLEY TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE INC	\$ 809.53	R&B

At 12:40 p.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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Greg Goodman – Chairman

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Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor