

## Cavalier County Commission Proceedings

On February 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session, with all members present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman David Zeis called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

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

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, and Sheldon Romfo, Road Foreman, met with the commissioners and reviewed upcoming road projects. Load limits were discussed and it was decided that the county will monitor if the state load limits go on in this area in the coming weeks. The call for gravel bids was reviewed and approved for publication. Angelo Mondragon, State's Attorney, met with the commissioners to discuss the contract for the Vang storage building. Mondragon suggested that the county get an Affidavit of Possession and Warranty Deed from the sellers for the additional property at Vang being there is not an abstract to review. The commissioners were in agreement. It was decided that Mondragon will work with Sheldon Romfo and Langdon Building Center to complete the contract for the storage building.

The commissioners reviewed additional state bid quotes from Nelson Auto Center for a pickup for the Road Foreman. **Stanley Dick made a motion to purchase a 2023 Ford F-150 SuperCrew from Nelson Auto Center for \$43,069.92, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.** It was decided that \$9,746.06 would be paid with the insurance check deposited into Road & Bridge, with the balance from Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement. When the road department vehicles that are no longer in use are sold on public auction, the funds will be deposited into Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement.

Greg Goodman updated the commissioners on funding options presented at a meeting with Josh Wayt from Moore Engineering, for the County 55 Gorge project. Goodman stated he will keep in contact with Wayt on funding options.

After re-advertising for bids for the Langdon Shop, bids were opened from Spanier Farms, Forest Flying Service, and Kevin Landsem. After much discussion, **Stanley Dick made a motion to purchase the shop from Kevin Landsem for \$625,000, as well as the Pallet racking \$2,500; Tool Boxes under bench \$5,000; and 2012 Caterpillar Forklift \$30,000 included in Landsem's bid, seconded by David Zeis. A roll call vote was taken: Dick – Yes; Moser – No; Lafrenz – No; Zeis – Yes; Goodman – abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion failed due to a tie vote.** After additional discussion and review of the bids, **Stanley Dick made a motion to purchase the shop from Kevin Landsem for \$625,000, as well as the Pallet racking \$2,500; Tool Boxes under bench \$5,000; and 2012 Caterpillar Forklift \$30,000 included in Landsem's bid, seconded by David Zeis. A roll call vote was taken: Moser – No; Lafrenz – Yes; Dick – Yes; Zeis – Yes; Goodman – abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried 3 to 1.** It was decided that funds would be transferred from County General for the purchase.

Matt Wright, Sheriff, met with the commissioners and reviewed the 2023 Annual Report for the Sheriff's Department.

Cindy Stremick, Treasurer, met with the commissioners to review the Certificate of Deposits that had matured at Horizon Financial. **Stanley Dick made a motion to reinvest \$800,000 from County General Fund in a 6-month Certificate of Deposit at Horizon Financial with 5% interest rate; reinvest \$900,000 from Prairie Dog Fund in a 6-month Certificate of Deposit at Horizon Financial with 5% interest rate; invest \$555,870 from Capital Improvement Fund in a 6-month Certificate of Deposit at Choice Financial with 5% interest rate; and invest \$1,000,000 from Special County Highway Fund in a 6-month Certificate of Deposit at Choice Financial with 5% interest rate; seconded by Austin Lafrenz, motion carried. Greg Goodman abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest.** It was decided to deposit the interest earned from the mature Certificate of Deposits at Horizon Financial into County General.

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

103717	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$8,976.00	MISC
103718	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$178.38	NVHSZ
103803	QUENTIN AMES	\$1,200.27	ABATEMENT
103804	DALE & JANICE SAMUELSON	\$496.64	ABATEMENT
103805	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$7,403.98	GEN
103806	ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	\$200.00	REC
103807	LANGDON FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$80.00	MAINT
103808	QUADIANT FINANCE USA, INC	\$117.44	MISC
103809	ECOLAB INC.	\$129.00	MAINT
103810	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC	\$3,300.00	TX DIR
103811	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$49.00	TX DIR
103812	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$40.49	REC
103813	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	\$1,650.51	MAINT
103814	WALLACEBURG BOOKBINDING & MFG CO LTD	\$127.16	MISC
103815	DOLLAR GENERAL -REGIONS 410526	\$53.25	SHERIFF
103816	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,538.25	GEN/R&B/VSO
103817	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,594.00	GEN/R&B
103818	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$1,926.10	GEN/R&B
103819	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$4,534.69	GEN/E-911
103820	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$581.42	GEN/R&B
103821	MID-CONTINENT CABLE CO.	\$120.83	DISP
103823	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	\$2,619.98	GEN
103824	STEIN AUTO BODY, INC.	\$1,523.02	SHERIFF
103825	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$149.00	SHERIFF
103826	FARMERS UNION OIL OF DEVILS LAKE	\$634.02	R&B
103827	SCHILL'S SHOP	\$49.32	R&B
103828	CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP.	\$151.86	R&B
103829	BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$1,150.24	R&B
103830	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	\$6,644.25	R&B
103831	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$47.50	EMG MGR
103832	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$53.52	EMG MGR
103833	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$201.15	E-911
103834	NDTC	\$128.03	E-911
103835	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$49.00	VSO
103836	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$204.97	NDSU EXT.

103837	LEEVEERS FOODS	\$46.57	NDSU EX TR
103838	KATIE HENRY	\$63.08	NDSU EXT.
103839	BAILEY REISER	\$213.06	NDSU EXT.
103840	LEEVEERS FOODS	\$13.47	NDSU EXT.
103841	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$61.30	NDSU EXT.
103842	UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE	\$6.60	RECORDER
103843	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$144.97	SS
103844	LANGDON CITY	\$120.50	SS
103845	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	\$500.00	NVHSZ
103846	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$1,304.00	NVHSZ
103847	NICOLE RUST	\$225.00	NVHSZ
103848	MICHELLE MANLEY	\$138.08	NVHSZ
103849	BROOKS FUNERAL HOME	\$3,500.00	NVHSZ
103850	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$30.97	NVHSZ
103851	ARAMARK	\$113.50	NVHSZ
103852	QUILL CORPORATION	\$618.44	NVHSZ
103853	BRENT'S PIT STOP	\$795.00	NVHSZ
103854	TOLLEFSON FUNERAL HOME	\$3,500.00	NVHSZ
103855	NORTH WEST YOUTH ASSESSMENT CENTER	\$3,640.00	NVHSZ
103856	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$325.00	NVHSZ
103857	PEMBINA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	\$204.97	NVHSZ
103858	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$146.99	NVHSZ
103859	VISA	\$2,269.50	NVHSZ

At 1:30 p.m., Greg Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nick Moser; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners  
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

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David Zeis – Chairman

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Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor