

## **Slope County Commission**

**April 6, 2022**

### **Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9 A.M. by Chairman Ouradnik with Commissioners Sonsalla and Teske present.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Kristie Jacobson, Slope County Recorder and Amidon City Auditor, met with the commissioners to inquire about the best way for the City of Amidon to get dust control on the city streets. They will coordinate with Nathan. Also was discussed was if the courthouse will be going to summer hours this year.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, met with the commissioners to present the investment report for March.

Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, met with the commissioners to discuss the gravel purchased from the Erickson pit. Since it will need to be hauled as soon as possible he will contact the lowest bidder dirt work bidder and see if they are available. Also discussed was who is responsible for maintenance on the road to Davis Dam.

Richard Frederick, Slope County Emergency Manager, and Misty Hayes, U.S. Forest Service, met with the commissioners to discuss wording on a possible burn ban. Fire Chief contact information will be put on the county website to make it easier for people to know who to contact. The need for cooperation with the ND Fish and Game was discussed so that hunters would be able to find the information.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to close at noon on Fridays for the months of June, July, and August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Rob Brooks met with the commissioners to clarify some questions concerning the section line between Crawford Township and Hughes Township north of Jaron Reisenauer's.

Billy Doer, Brosz Engineering, and Joel Ficek, Schwartz Construction, met with the commissioners to discuss the bid that Schwartz has on the gravel job on VVV/Rhame Road. Schwartz Construction would like an increase in the contract price due to the increase in fuel cost. No increase was granted.

Dave Juntunen, Larry Lambourn, and Farrell Lorge, representatives of Sand Creek Township met with the commissioners to discuss a road project they have planned. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to have the county supply the gravel for the Sand Creek road project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Connie Gaebe, Slope County Superintendent of Schools, met with the commissioners to discuss her health insurance.

The commissioners met by phone with Karla Germann, Bowman/Slope 911 Coordinator, to discuss a cost share agreement on 911 services. Further discussions will be held at budget time in August to determine how much money will be needed. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to send \$6000 from the 911 monies to Bowman County to help pay our share of 2022 expenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

The commissioners met by phone with Terry Traynor, NDACo, to discuss how to get a variance from TFFR to allow Connie Gaebe to work 1040 hours for the year and still keep collecting her teacher retirement.

Discussion was held on the Roadless Challenge lawsuit and the need to establish proof of specific roads being used prior to 1935. Dean Pearson was suggested as a person who might be interested in doing the necessary research.

Discussion was held on the proposed state/federal land ownership changes.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:45 P.M. The meeting was reconvened at 1:35 P.M. with Commissioners Ouradnik, Sonsalla and Teske present.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor to approve the following vouchers subject to all withholding taxes: 547.80 Bowman Auto Parts Co; 2375.00 Brosz Engineering Inc; 410.00 City of Bowman; 122.00 Dakota's Best Coffee; 2656.86 Dickinson Public Library; 413.30 Dooley Enterprises Inc; 74.98 Double EE Service, Inc; 25856.20 Fox Hills Fencing; 518.75 Information Technology Department; 610.60 Jims Repair; 332.91 John Deere Financial; 37568.00 Knife River Corporation; 1687.28 Krain Creek Fabrication Inc; 172.80 La Quinta by Wyndham Bismarck; 33.00 Marilyn Kutzler; 19720.26 Montana Fluid Solutions; 100.00 NACCTFO; 100.00 ND Clerks Association; 8853.22 ND DOT; 3380.12 ND State Radio Communications; 443.47 Newbys Ace Hardware; 1000.00 Perry W. Homelvig; 433.69 ProPoint Cooperative; 200.00 SeaChange Print Innovations; 1812.87 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 20.00 Southwest Crime Conference; 13411.98 Southwest Grain; 120.03 Southwest Water Authority; 4490.70 Temp Right Service Inc; 318.98 The Badlands Patriot LLC; 3950.00 Vanguard Appraisals Inc; 4613.00 Viking Glass of ND Inc; 191,983.97 Payroll.

Discussion was held on possible uses for the ARPA funds in addition to the HVAC repair and filter. Suggestions included and air exchanger for the shop, a historian to research the roads, SIRN radios, a sheriff vehicle, and needed technology.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Scott Ouradnik, Chairman  
Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor