

February 2, 2022

Regular Meeting

Slope County Commission

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

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

Discussion was held on the application for an anhydrous ammonia facility for Stuart Nielsen. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the Radar Service contract for 2022 in the amount of \$2000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the Clerk of District Court contract and the options for participation. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to enter into a funding agreement with the State for reimbursed Clerk of Court services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management with Adams County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to change the voucher for the SW Narcotics Task Force from \$8000 to \$7000 since only \$7000 was budgeted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

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: 147.07 Advanced Business Methods; 100.89 Boss Office Products; 582.71 Bowman Auto Parts Co; 296.93 Bowman Sales & Service, Inc; 4145.83 Butler Machinery Company; 574.41 Consolidated Telcom; 109.00 Dakota's Best Coffee; 22.99 Deanne Erickson; 117.11 Double EE Service, Inc; 7150.00 Eide Bailly; 29376.00 Farmers Union Service Association; 39900.71 Fisher Sand & Gravel Co.; 9384.00 George's Tire LTD; 563.75 Information Technology Department; 356.04 Inkd Apparel by Sarah; 672.20 John Deere Financial; 228.77 Kris Jacobson; 1126.03 Lawson Products Inc; 420.50 ND Association of Counties; 100.00 ND County Auditors Association; 200.00 ND County Recorders Association; 1221.53 ND DOT; 3228.96 ND State Radio Communications; 2000.00 ND State Water Commission; 100.00 ND Treasurers Association; 150.00 NDACE; 5685.24 NDSU Extension Service; 21626.40 Neal Wahl; 141.65 Newbys Ace Hardware; 3.75 North Dakota One Call; 44.49 Northwest Tire Inc; 479.23 ProPoint Cooperative; 143.94 Randys Welding Inc; 238.35 S & T Custom Plumbing; 1644.20 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 57.89 Southwest Business Machines Inc; 10806.64 Southwest Grain; 31736.47 Southwest Multi-County Correction Center; 7000.00 Southwest Narcotics Task Force; 311.19 Southwest Water Authority; 50.89 Staples Advantage; 230.66 The Badlands Patriot LLC; 567.67 Verizon Wireless; 243.08 West Plains Inc; 256.94 Woodley Construction Supply Inc; 199,393.45 Payroll.

Teresa Urlacher, Marmarth Senior Citizens, met with the commissioners to discuss the petition that they are circulating to get a mill levy increase measure on the June ballot.

Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, met with the commissioners to discuss road work and a potential gravel mining lease on Randy Christianson's property.

Karla Germann, Bowman/Slope 911 Coordinator, met with the commissioners to discuss the 911 budget and what to do with the potential \$55,000 shortfall going forward. A working group consisting of Karla Germann, Lorrie Buzalsky, Mindy Schumacher, and 1 commissioner from each county will be formed to discuss the issue. Karla also delivered the update of the emergency operations plan.

Misty Hays, US Forest Service, met with the commissioners to give them an update on the following items: 1) USFS has hired a new law enforcement officer that should be in the field by the end of June, 2) oil and gas leases are being processed potentially for the summer sale, 3) they are still trying to get funding for a cooperative project on the Brown Road, and 4) the grazing association has a grant through NRCS for range improvements in the Deep Creek area. Discussion was also held on North Dakota's proposed land change with USFS and BLM. Any future Burn Bans should be synchronized with Misty before signing to try to avoid any confusion.

Rob Brooks, Crawford Township, met with the commissioners to discuss improvement of a section line for 1 mile between Crawford and Hughes Townships. Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, will look at the scope of the work to see if the county is capable of doing it or if a contractor will need to be hired.

Shannon Minerich and Kelly Turbiville, Marmarth School Board, and Connie Gaebe, Slope County Superintendent of Schools, met with the commissioners to discuss possible ways for Marmarth School to have a full-time administrator.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:40 P.M. and reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with all commissioners present.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer met with the commissioners to discuss the possible implementation of ITax which is an on-line tax look-up and payment program. Any decisions were tabled until a later date.

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

Scott Ouradnik, Chairman
Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor