

March 2, 2022

Regular Meeting

Slope County Commission

The meeting 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 February meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to appoint Jody Cournoyer to the Slope County Weed Board to fill the spot vacated by Lane Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Discussion was held on the proposed rental increase for the culvert yard. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the proposed culvert yard lease. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske 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: 216.00 Armor Interactive; 461.46 Bowman Auto Parts Co; 103.63 Bowman Sales & Service, Inc; 6085.00 Brosz Engineering Inc; 5279.48 Butler Machinery Company; 574.76 Consolidated Telcom; 4245.85 Dickinson Public Library; 1200.00 Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center; 1127.40 Double EE Service, Inc; 55.00 Hettinger County Herald; 518.75 Information Technology Department; 231.30 Jason Bullis; 218.50 John Deere Financial; 892.95 ND Association of Counties; 400.00 ND Sheriffs and Deputies Association; 54.00 NDACo Resources Group; 125.00 NDACTVSO; 131.87 Newbys Ace Hardware; 355.14 Northwest Tire Inc; 500.00 Perry W. Homelvig; 1095.00 ProPoint Cooperative; 17.83 Randys Welding Inc; 2004.09 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 1506.66 Southwest Multi-County Correction Center; 373.08 Southwest Water Authority; 374.04 Staples Advantage; 1250.00 Sunrise Youth Bureau; 87.74 The Badlands Patriot LLC; 1097.49 The Current Connection Inc; 195,266.65 Payroll.

Discussion was held on updated election agreements with the cities of Amidon and Marmarth. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the new election agreements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Discussion was held on the proposal received from Temp Right Service to install an air purifier on the HVAC system. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to purchase the air purifier from Temp Right using ARPA funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Culvert Bids from Contech and True North Steel were opened at 9:30 A.M.

Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, joined the meeting to discuss load ratings on bridges and the possibility of purchasing the gravel that Knife River has left at the Erickson pit. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to offer Knife River \$5 per yard for the remaining material and to give Nathan the authority to go up to \$6 per yard if necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Bids for fencing were opened at 9:45. Fox Hills Fencing was the only bidder. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to accept the fencing and culvert bids based on price and availability. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Discussion was held on the road to Jaron Reisenauer's. Nathan believes that the county can do the majority of the work but that a scraper may need to be hired for the remainder. Mound Township will need to be consulted about the bridge to the north of Reisenauers that needs to be replaced.

Dirt Work bids received from Melvin Miller Construction, Baranko Brothers, Steve Beylund Construction, Knife River, Wilson Construction, Hlebechek Construction, Edward H Schwartz

Construction, Fisher Sand and Gravel, and Kevin Miller Construction were opened at 10 A.M. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to accept all of the dirt work bids with projects being awarded to the lowest available bidder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

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

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Scott Ouradnik, Chairman
Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor