

**McLean County Commission Proceedings  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

The second regular February meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Cottingham. Present were Commissioners Cottingham, Steve Lee, and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen; Road Superintendent Jim Grey; Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke; Director of Disaster Emergency Services Noelle Kroll; and Wold Engineering Representative Mike Rivinius.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that the snow blower listed online with the Steffes Group, Inc. Online Auction sold for \$9,300.00.

Sundre Sand & Gravel Representative Joe Mayer joined the meeting.

Grey requested approval to reopen the advertisement for one or more Equipment Operator II position in the Garrison area. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to reopen the advertisement for one or more Equipment Operator II positions in the Garrison area. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius discussed his evaluation of increasing the speed limit to 65 mph for vehicles and 55 mph for trucks on a seven-mile stretch of County Road 9 (CR9). He found three areas needing improvements before the speed limit should increase. Rivinius recommended adjusting the line stripping, extending the culverts, and placing an advisory speed limit sign on the curve. Discussion followed which resulted in the commission requesting Grey to look into the costs of the recommendations.

Kroll presented materials for an Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop (IPPW). Kroll requested permission to identify five to seven threats, hazards, and risk for McLean County. Kroll identified six items included armed assault, epidemic (human or livestock related), winter storm, dam failure, hazardous materials release, and utility disruption. Lee suggested adding train derailment to the list.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the request as presented with addition of train derailment. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kroll requested permission to advertise for bids for a full scale exercise utilizing awarded funds from the Homeland Security Grant.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve advertising for bids as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson stated that McLean County needs to appoint an authorized signatory for an opioid lawsuit. Discussion followed.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve appointing Auditor Beth A. Knutson as authorized signatory. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Local Raffle Permit Application submitted by McLean County Speedway for 50/50 drawings and raffle to be held on nine dates at the McLean County Speedway. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson discussed agreements with North Dakota Game and Fish (NDG&F) for Sportsmen's Centennial Park's replacement of main ramp and extension of the low water ramp.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve moving ahead with the agreement as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented agreements with NDG&F for Sportsmen's Centennial Park's replacement of outdoor toilets.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the agreement as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

<b>HIGHWAY VOUCHERS</b>			
<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
307221	ACME TOOLS	REPAIRS ON PAVEMENT BREAKER	282.26
307222	BUTLER	LOAN PAYMENT ON 2018 CAT	81,506.86
307223	GARRISON CITY	WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE	58.05
307224	HIGHWAY 83 LAWN LEISURE	PARTS	822.37
307225	MDU	WASHBURN, TURTLE LAKE, MAX, GARRISON SHOPS	1,718.64
307226	NEFF REPAIR SHOP	PARTS	335.63
307227	PAHLKE STEEL, INC	PARTS	11.80
307228	RIVER AG INC	SUPPLIES	62.66
<b>UNPAID VOUCHERS</b>			
<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
307229	SITTING PRETTY DOG SALON	K9 SERVICES	45.00
307230	BUTLER	TROUBLE SHOOT GENERATOR	863.04
307231	GERARD GOVEN	REIMBURSE WEED BOARD MEETINGS	500.00
307232	ITD	DATA PROCESSING	1,160.90
307233	SHANNON JEFFERS	REIMBURSE WEED BOARD MEETINGS	1,125.00
307234	KRAMER CHEVROLET	BATTERY, FUSES	549.83
307235	MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT	BULBS, WIPERS, OIL	115.61
307236	MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR	NDSU EXTENSION POSTAGE DUE	27.74
307237	MDU	COURTHOUSE, LEC	939.66
307238	MIDCO	JAIL CABLE TV	116.34

307239	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	MCLEAN COUNTY PREMIUM PLUS MANAGED SERVERS, MANAGE 40 WORKSTATIONS, DATTO SERVICES FOR ONE YEAR	2,968.57
307240	NITRO-GREEN	WEEDS AND FERTILIZER	360.00
307241	LYNN OBERG	REIMBURSE WEED BOARD MEETINGS	625.00
307242	SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SENSOR, WD40, SCOOP FOR ICE MELT, FAN, ETC.	134.42
307243	TIMECLOCK PLUS LLC	SCHEDULE ANYWHERE LICENSE	1,848.00
207244	UNICOM	REMOVE EQUIPMENT, GRAPHICS, LIGHTS, CONSOLE, SPEAKER, FUSE	4,737.40
307245	US FOODS	INMATE MEALS	155.16
307246	VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	SERVICE FEES BASED ON 18842 PARCELS	5,500.00
307247	WRT	911 TRUNKING RECURRING	494.36
<b>DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
3706	CURT MALO	REIMBURSEMENT FOR OIL CHANGE	94.61
3707	JUSTIN KROHMER	REIMBURSEMENT FOR K9 SUPPLIES	63.12
3708	TRICIA SABIN	REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLIPPER FOR JAIL	23.22
3709	CHAD WIEGE	REIMBURSE FOR K9 SUPPLIES	62.05
<b>PAID VOUCHERS</b>			
<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
307215	WEX BANK	GAS	567.52
307216	WEX HEALTH	MONTHLY ADMIN FEES	115.50
307217	DACOTA PAPER CO	GARBAGE BAGS, COFFEE FILTERS, ICE MELT	187.00
307218	MIKE NELSON	ANNUAL RENT FOR NDSU EXTENSION	6,600.00
307219	ND SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL FOR ANNA SIX	36.00
307220	DACOTA PAPER CO	DUST MOP & FRAME, GARBAGE BAGS, BLEACH, ETC.	456.75

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey and Verke rejoined the meeting for the 9:00 a.m. Class 5 Gravel Crushing and Equipment Rental bid opening. Aggregate Construction, Inc. of Minot, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$3.55 per ton. Fisher Sand & Gravel of Dickinson, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$5.13 per ton. Gravel Products, Inc. of Minot, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$3.00 per ton. Sundre Sand & Gravel of Minot, bid the crushing and stockpiling at \$2.85 per ton. Equipment rental bids were received from Sundre Sand & Gravel of Minot, and Hanson Excavating Equipment Rental of Des Lacs.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept all equipment rental bids submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept all gravel crushing and stockpiling bid except for Fisher Sand & Gravel. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

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Steve Cottingham, Chairperson

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Diane L Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor