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**TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

November 1, 2022

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on November 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the county courthouse. Chairman Doug Berg called the meeting to order. Present were Vice Chairman David Lagein, Commissioners Matt Odermann, Bob Hallaway and Lance Teubner.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Odermann and seconded by Hallaway. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022 regular meeting was made by Lagein and seconded by Hallaway. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

A farmer in Coolin Township used a scraper in the ditch on County right away and removed dirt. This action was done on a recent federal aid project and is in direct violation of the ND Century Code. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Hallaway to send a notice of encroachment which gives the farmer 20 days to fix it, or the County will fix it and invoice the farmer. If the farmer doesn’t pay the invoice the amount is put on his taxes. Upon roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Voight went over the ADA compliance report. There were minor infractions including a sidewalk crack, a curb not painted blue and a door which stays open during the election is hard to open.

Sheriff Hillier met with Border Patrol about the Stone Garden Grant. The new grant is mainly for border patrol and not for equipment. Hillier is still trying to get bids for the camera grant.

Motion to approve gift certificates for employees by Lagein, and seconded Teubner. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Road Supervisor Kevin Rinas stated he had ordered a new pickup. Rinas stated they had tried out a John Deere blade. Buying a 10,000-gallon gas tank for the Cando shop was discussed.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Teubner to approve a zoning permit for Travis Ozbat. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Lagein, seconded by Hallaway to pay the bills. Upon roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

The Veterans Service Officer position was discussed. Working with another County coming to Towner County at least one day a month was discussed.

Appointing a Towner County representative to the Mountain Lakes Human Service Zone Board was discussed. Greg Westlind is resigning. Names will be brought to the next meeting.

The County Auditor stated that the City of Cando had approached her to cover Auditor duties for the City of Cando. Motion to approve the County Auditor assuming interim City Auditor duties for 6 months with reimbursement going to the County if County time is required by Lagein, seconded by Teubner. Upon roll call vote, Commissioner Teubner, Lagein and Berg voted aye. Commissioners Hallaway and Odermann voted nay. Motion passed.

Clerk of Court Kendall Brehm was on hand to talk about the upcoming courthouse facilities grant. Suggestions of opening a wall in the jury room, new juror chairs, re-upholster benches in the courtroom, and paint and carpet were made. Brehm will get quotes for the next meeting. ARPA funds could be used for the match.

Jessica Tagestad, Wold Engineering, entered the meeting after looking at the damage done by the farmer in Coolin Township. She stated the issue would affect Federal funding and needed to be put back to how it was. They would get estimates of the damage.

The Commissioners questioned Kevin Rinas about purchasing gravel for Townships. Rinas suggested the gravel only be hauled contractors approved by the County in order to control reimbursement. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Teubner to purchase 40,000 yards from the Wolford pit and 40,000 yards from the Kring pit. Upon roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

The next meeting was set for December 6, 2022.

The meeting adjourned by motion at 11:25.

ATTEST:

Doug Berg Joni Morlock

Commission Chairperson Auditor/Treasurer