** TOWNER COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Doug Berg, Chairman**

**David Lagein, Vice Chairman**

**Matt Odermann**

**Robert Hallaway**

**Lance Teubner**

PO Box 603

Cando, ND 58324

**Phone: 701-968-4340 Joni M. Morlock, Auditor/Treasurer**

**Fax: 701-968-4342**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

February 8, 2022

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on, 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.

Commissioner Lagein added the City of Rock Lake to new business on the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Odermann and seconded by Lagein. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried

Commissioner Berg called upon an error in the minutes from January. Error will be corrected and signed at March meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 regular meeting was made by Lagein and seconded by Teubner. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Lindy Berg from NDSU Extension and Towner County Weed Board was present. She stated a new trailer and spray unit had been purchased for the Weed Board. Walker’s Lawncare LLC contract was cut from $30,000 to $15,000. Cheryl Stutz is now the new foreman of the Weed Board and she will be spraying for the townships this year. ARPA application was presented for water for the Highway Shop and the Weed Shed.

Kevin Walford, from Butler, let the commissioners know the motor grader was delayed but it is in route. The lease for the tractor is up in August. Kevin Rinas and Kevin Walfors will discuss the options of refinancing it or buying it out-right.

Sheriff Hillier stated Devils Lake, Ramsey County and Benson County shared with our Sheriff Department the Drone program services they offer. Benson County Canine brought their canine to Towner County to explain the program. Sheriff Hillier stated they are still in the discussion stages of if they would utilize a canine. Sheriff Hillier stated they haven’t received any applications for the open Deputy positions. He mentioned Cavalier County just put an ad out and their starting wage and benefits are better than Towner Counties. He said there are tons of counties and cities hiring. AARP application was discussed. The department application includes premium pay of the 5-law enforcement officers, portable metal detector, red dot sights & weapon mounted lights for rifles. Sheriff Hillier asked for signage at the front door stating all bags are subject to search. Sheriff Hillier stated stops have been down and he believes that is due to the cold weather. Commissioner Hallaway asked where the new security system grant was at. Sheriff Hillier said he will check into it. Commissioner Berg brought up over-load permits.

States Attorney Joshua Frey was present and said the state is looking at making all Clerk of Court positions State positions. There was discussion on mental health services.

Bill Voight, Maintenance Supervisor, stated the grant for new windows for the Commissioner room was approved. The County’s percentage for the windows is 25% which is roughly $8,000.00. Motion to purchase the windows for the grant was made by Lagein and seconded by Odermann. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried. Voight presented an estimate for new windows for the Auditors office. The building committee recommended going forward with the windows in the Auditors office. Motion to purchase the windows for the Auditor’s office was made by Odermann and seconded by Lagein. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Application for Zoning permit from Wes and Ashley Lunde was presented. Motion to approve by Hallaway and seconded by Lagein. All commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

City of Bisbee submitted a Certification of Significant Community Support to purchase a new pick-up. Motion to approve by Teubner and seconded Odermann. All commissioners vote aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Odermann made a motion to approve the funding for the Clerk of District Court services from State of North Dakota Office of State Court Administrator. The motion was seconded by Hallaway. All commissioners voted aye, motion carried

Motion by Lagein, seconded by Hallaway to approve the Golf Course Liquor License. Commissioner Teubner was excused due to conflict of interest. Commissioners Berg, Hallaway, Odermann and Lagein voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Teubner to pay the bills. Upon roll call vote, all commissioners vote aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Odermann for a deadline of April 4th, 2022 for ARPA applications. Commissioner Berg called for a second. The motion died for lack of second. Motion by Hallaway for a deadline of April 1st, 2022 for the ARPA applications and seconded by Teubner. All commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Lagein stated the City of Rock Lake will be submitting a letter of support for the speed limit to be reduced due to the restricted view on the west entrance, Eller Ave, to Rock Lake.

Auditor Morlock requested the transfer of funds from the General fund to the Road Department fund in the amount of $488,056 and from the General fund to the County Agent fund in the amount of $31,852 as budgeted. She also requested to transfer funds from the Weed Board to the General Fund in the amount of $63,665 as also set forth in the budget. Motion by Hallaway and seconded by Odermann to approve the transfers. Upon roll call vote, all commissioners vote aye. Motion passed.

The next meeting was set for March 8th, 2022.

The meeting adjourned by motion.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cari Hallaway Doug Berg, Chairman

Deputy Auditor Towner County Board of Commissioners