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**TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

July 6, 2021

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on July 6, 2021 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 and Bob Hallaway. Commissioner Lance Teubner was absent.

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 June 1, 2021 regular meeting was made by Lagein and seconded by Odermann. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

States Attorney Josh Frey stated his office was still in the process of obtaining right of way for the project east of Cando from the NDDOT. Frey stated the most efficient way to obtain the Eggl property was to use an eminent domain quick take process in order to insure the property was aquired in a timely matter so the project could still be bid this year. Frey explained the process as approving a resolution and board. The board needs to be the County Auditor and 2 other County officials. Motion to proceed with the resolution as presented as well as appointing Commissioner Hallaway, States Attorney Frey and Auditor Morlock to the board by Odermann and seconded by Lagein. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to sell the 2013 140 M2 blade to Butler for $116,000. Upon roll call all voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion to finance the lease of a new 150 15A AWD Motor Grader with American Bank at a rate of 3.24% fixed by Lagein, seconded by Odermann. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Odermann gave a public health update on environmental health. Permitting of a vaulted toilet was a problem in Towner County and the involvement of a State legislator was needed in order to obtain the permit. Local public health would like to contract with someone other than Lake Region District Health.

The dock at Snyder’s lake was discussed.

Commissioner Odermann moved that Lori Beck be nominated for the NDACO Excellence in County Government award. The motion was seconded by Lagein. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hallaway was appointed to the Dakota Prairie Community Action Board.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to approve omitted property as submitted by Auditor Morlock. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to approve the selection consultant interview committee’s recommendation for hiring Wold Engineering, P.C. for construction engineering services for SC-4819(063) gravel and grading of the hog barn road. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to give employees a PTO day for the Juneteenth holiday. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Odermann left the meeting.

Motion by Lagein, seconded by Hallaway to approve a contract with Pierce County to house inmates for 2022 and 2023. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Lagein, seconded by Hallaway to accept the resignation of Towner County Clerk of Court/Recorder Jolene Hoffert. All Commissioner voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2021-01 to change the combined office of Recorder/Clerk of Court from an elected to appointed position by Lagein and seconded by Hallaway. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

The Tax Director position was discussed. An interview committee was appointed with Doug Berg, Lance Teubner and Joni Morlock filling the appointments.

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

Auditor Morlock gave an update on ARPA funds and funding options were discussed.

The next meeting was set for August 3, 2021

The meeting adjourned by motion.

ATTEST:

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Joni M. Morlock Doug Berg, Chairman

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