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**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

April 5, 2022

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on April 5, 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 Lagein. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting was made by Lagein and seconded by Hallaway. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

NDSU Extension Agent Lindy Berg was on hand with estimates from Peterson Construction for digging in water lines to the weed shed. Motion by Lagein, seconded by Odermann to approve up to $14,500 out of ARPA funding for the water project with any additional funding being taken out of the weed fund. Upon roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed. Berg updated the Commissioners on May extension events including a bike safety and babysitting clinic. Berg also stated she was involved in a podcast and a poultry publication. Commissioner Lagein updated the Commissioners on Bergs review stating it went very well.

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Voight stated doors in the Auditors office were installed and finished. Voight stated he was working on the windows in the Courtroom and Auditors office. He was also working with structural engineers to come and assess the building as approve at a previous meeting.

Jessica Tagestad, Wold Engineering, stated that the box culvert project by Perth, BRO-0048(022) was to be bid on April 8th. She recommended moving the completion date to next year due to delays in shipping of the culverts. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Teubner to extend the completion date to August 6, 2023 for project BRO-0048(022). All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed. Tagestad stated all the contracts were in place and a preconstruction meeting would be held soon for the hog barn road project SC-4819(093). An interview committee for hiring a construction engineer for the box culvert project was needed. Commissioners Hallaway and Teubner, Road Superintendent Kevin Rinas, and Auditor Joni Morlock were appointed to the committee. The interviews were scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on April 21st. Motion by Lagein, seconded by Odermann to approve a temporary full-time position for the road department through the end of the year. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Sheriff Hillier stated he is frustrated with the availability of potential hires. Hillier stated he was looking for 10-15 extra people for a motorcycle rally charity event being held in Cando in July. The event will pay for the staffing. Hillier stated he had dealt with several juvenile issues in Bisbee. Hillier also stated they would be getting a vehicle with Stone Garden grant dollars.

A conference call was held with Dylan Kintish, US Dept. of Health and Human Services. Kintish informed the Commissioners of services available by the department, and offered contact information if services were needed in the future.

Commissioner Odermann updated the other Commissioners on the status of the County Veterans Service Officer.

Motion by Lagein, seconded by Hallaway to approve a resolution declaring a snow emergency for the winter of 2021-2022. All Commissioners voted aye, motion passed.

Motion to approve a gaming site authorization to the Park River Fire Department to hold gaming at the Cando Golf Club was made by Odermann, and seconded by Teubner. All Commissioner voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a zoning permit to Scott Lindbo was made by Teubner, and seconded by Odermann. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a lease to purchase a 2017 Challenger MT555E Tractor was approved by Odermann, and seconded by Hallaway. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Teubner to approve a funding agreement for Clerk of Court services. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the bills by Odermann, and seconded by Teubner. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion passed.

ARPA fund applications were discussed. A packet with the applications along with a rating sheet for each application was distributed to each Commissioner. Commissioners would rate each application and turn in at the May meeting. The Auditor would then compile the information and it would be discussed at the June meeting.

The next meeting was set for May 3, 2022.

The meeting adjourned by motion.

ATTEST:

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