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**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

December 1, 2020

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on December 1, 2020 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 Lance Teubner, Bob Hallaway and Matt Odermann.

New Commissioners, Teubner, Hallaway and Odermann were sworn in by Auditor Morlock.

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 November 10, 2020 regular meeting was made by Lagein and seconded by Odermann. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Jessica Tagestad, Wold Engineering, stated that landowners were firm on wanting $3,000 per acre to purchase right-of-way land for the East of Cando project. Commissioners discussed purchasing vs. easements on the land. Motion by Lagein, seconded by Hallaway to purchase the right-of-way land for the East of Cando project for $3,000 per acre. Upon roll call vote, all commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Troy Reemtsma, Legion Commander, talked to the Commissioners about moving the Rock Lake VFW to Cando. Motion to allow Rock Lake VFW to use the Armory as a meeting place under the special events license by Odermann, seconded by Teubner. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Voight stated the new sheriff’s office door had been installed and the extension office door would be installed next week. He stated they were in the process of replacing drywall damage and tiles at the Armory.

Social Services Director Rhonda Allery was on the phone to field questions regarding the social services zone plan. Motion to approve the Mountain Lakes Human Service Zone Plan by Odermann, seconded by Hallaway. All Commissioners voted aye, motion passed.

Sheriff Robert Kennedy was available by phone and welcomed the new Commissioners. He had nothing to report at this time, and would be at the next meeting.

Lyndsie Kennedy, 4-H coordinator, requested a sink be placed in the extension office. She stated they are currently forced to use the bathroom sink for any projects and dishes. Quote for water in the extension office was $815, which includes the faucet and the sink. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to allow the purchase to be taken from the reserves of their fund balance as the purchase was not in the budget. All Commissioners voted aye, motion passed.

Mike Brittain, County Parks was on hand to discuss park issues. He stated dumpsters have been emptied for the winter. Brittain updated the Commissioners on a restroom for Armourdale Park. Brittain discussed the contract with Gary Martin for park mowing. Martin stated he is not interested in renewing the contract. Brittain talked about the mowing of Bisbee Dam. Brittain will attend the next City of Bisbee Council meeting to discuss the issue with them. The City Council will also be invited to the next Towner County Commission meeting to discuss the issue.

Motion by Odermann, seconded by Hallaway to pay the bills. Upon roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed. A financial report was given by Auditor Morlock. Motion to add Lance Teubner as a signer to all Bank accounts by Odermann, seconded by Hallaway. All Commissioners voted aye, motion passed.

Committee appointments were discussed and issued as follows: Towner County Housing – Mike Weisz, Weed Board – Hallaway and Lagein, Building Maintenance Committee – Berg & Teubner, Airport Authority – Hallaway, North Central Planning – Odermann, Veterans Service Officer Supervisor – Odermann, Social Services – Berg, Ambulance South – Berg, Public Health – Lagein, Zoning – Lagein, Odermann, Economic Development – Teubner.

The next meeting was set for January 5, 2021.

The meeting adjourned by motion.

ATTEST:

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