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**TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

October 6, 2022

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 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 Lagein and seconded by Odermann. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2022 regular meeting and the September 21, 2022 and October 3, 2022 special meetings was made by Lagein and seconded by Teubner. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Bill Voight stated he had signed an agreement with ICON for assessment of the courthouse and to determine the cost of building a new courthouse. Voight went over several complaints at the Memorial Building concerning the Towner County Ambulance renting office space. Voight recommended that the board give them a 90-day notice to vacate. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to not renew the rental agreement with the Towner County Ambulance and give them a 90-day notice. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

Sheriff Hillier stated there was a fire at Armourdale Dam. Hillier stated he needed one more estimate for the camera grant. Recruitment and retention of officers was discussed. Commissioners stated that Sheriff Hillier should use his budget to do whatever he felt was needed to recruit new officers.

Wold Engineering presented a payment for the hog barn road project (SC-4819(063). Final inspection was done last week. Reducing speed limits on the roads was discussed with the States Attorney. The NDDOT informed the commissioners, at their special meeting in Bismarck, that speed limits could be reduced for dynamic load issues through resolution of the County. The States Attorney was going to visit with the NDDOT. Motion to post a 45-mph speed limit for trucks on the hog barn road (SC-4819(063) by Odermann, seconded by Hallaway to help with dynamic load issues. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Lagein to approve the final inspection of the hog barn road (SC-4819(063). Upon roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Hallaway, seconded by Lagein to set the minimum prices on the foreclosed properties. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

States Attorney Josh Frey informed the Commissioners the State was working on a pilot program to help with retention and recruitment for States Attorneys in rural areas. A grant was available to help pay off student loans for States Attorneys in rural areas. There was a local match for the grant. Commissioners told Frey to pursue the program and apply for the grant.

The budget hearing was opened. There were no citizens attending the hearing. Motion by Odermann, seconded by Teubner to approve the final budget. Upon roll call vote, all commissioners voted aye. Motion passed.

The next meeting was set for November 1, 2022.

The meeting adjourned by motion at 10:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

Doug Berg Joni Morlock

Commission Chairperson Auditor/Treasurer