

EMMONS COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2024

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING

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Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The January, 2024 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure report were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of

discussion on local emergency planning updates to the commissioners, and discussion relative to the newspaper article published by Francis Krumm. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Miller provided an update on vehicle GPS tracking. Verizon Wireless quoted a monthly per unit fee of \$15.95 for a tracking device that plugs into the vehicle's computer. This device gives more information, including camera's, which Commissioner Miller didn't feel was necessary. GPX Intelligence quoted a monthly rate of \$10.50 per unit for a tracking device that reports the location of the vehicle. The Commission will further continue its research.

Commissioner Materi referenced the article in the Emmons County Record regarding Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting where the group discussed state requirements on hazardous materials, and that Summit Carbon Solutions will be working with Emmons County Emergency Management to schedule a meeting with Emmons County first responders to discuss its project overview, including dispersion modeling. Commissioner Materi requested that the commission be notified on what Summit Carbon Solutions is doing in the county with certain departments, and have those departments provide monthly updates to the commissioners.

Commissioner Eberle brought forward the attorney fees paid to Braaten Law Firm, requesting that the Auditor/Treasurer provide a running total to the commission every month. Commissioner Eberle also commented on the lawsuit of Krumm vs Emmons County where the court ordered the county to pay \$15,695.10 towards attorney fees.

New Business:

Clerk of Court/Recorder, Kathleen Dosch, introduced Robin Mosset, Deputy Clerk of Court, to the board.

Roger Martin, Airport Authority Board Member, appeared to answer questions of the board, and to continue requesting funding for the Airport Apron Rehabilitation Project. The amount of funding that the Airport is requesting from the county is

\$120,000 over a two year period. Discussion was held regarding board member requirements, proposing a county airport mill levy on the county ballot, establishing a county airport board, rental for hanger space, and charging the sprayers/farmers. Roger Martin stated that the Airport Authority is a government entity and not a private business. The Airport is a service and is not there to make a profit; instead, it's there to provide a place for people to make a profit. The Airport is an entity that allows businesses to come in and provide service to the farmers and to the City of Linton and Emmons County. Since 2015, the Airport had forty (40) medical flights with eight (8) of those flights occurring this past month.

Director of Tax Equalization, Wayne Ehley, appeared to present the 2024 agricultural land valuations provided by the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department of the North Dakota State University. NDSU calculated the statewide average values per acre with the following results:

Cropland	\$908.33
Non-cropland	\$161.57
All agricultural land	\$674.04

Emmons County's average value per acre for the year 2024 is as follows:

Cropland	\$894.44
Non-cropland	\$164.12
All agricultural land	\$655.25

North Dakota Century Code ruling requires County's to be within a tolerance level of 90% - 100% on their agricultural land values determined by the North Dakota State University Agricultural Economics Department. Commissioner Hulm motioned to maintain a 92% tolerance level to keep the county average in compliance with state requirements. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Pete Gesellchen appeared for some discussion concerning the Historical Society mill levy funds and questioned why some of the funding isn't sent to Hazelton and Braddock. It was confirmed that the mill levy collections are sent to the Emmons County Historical Society who have their own board membership. States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson will check the NDCC to determine how the Historical Society board members are chosen and how mill levy funds can be appropriated.

Sheriff Gary Sanders introduced Deputy Taylen Mendoza who started her employment with Emmons County on January 1, 2024.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Newly hired road equipment operators, Wayne Nelson, Loren Vaughn and Travis Schafer appeared to be introduced to the Commissioners.

The road department will close the road and clean out the cattle guard on 3rd Avenue, near Section 28, Township 132, Range 77.

Skyler Prellwitz brought forward the road requested by Dave Twardoski on 93rd St. SW, Section 14, Township 130, Range 79 where discussion was held for creating a special district. Further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

Brought forward was the gravel road owned by the county that's on Dennis and Tena Weber's property in Lot 25A, Beaver Bay Subdivision, Section 23, Township 132, Range 79. After discuss-

ing the options of moving the road or the county purchasing the lot, Chairman Magrum will talk to the Webers and report back to the board.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to authorize Chairman Magrum to execute the Langelier's Bay Annual Management Program, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for calendar year 2023 and the Annual Management Program and budget for 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Gerald Hartman to build a residence off site and delivered to Hummels Haven, Section 4, Township 129, Range 75. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Materi and Miller. Magrum abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Morton County for emergency assistance. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the applications for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0012-00717-000, parcel #27-0000-03561-000 and parcel #30-0000-04176-043 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Joe Vetter Construction to erect a 74 X 76 residence with a 36 X 45 garage for Randy Weigel on the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 135, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Your Home Improvement Company to remodel the main floor bath to the residence on the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 129, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers

LP15896-LP15921, LP15923-LP15924,

Payroll - \$118,053.11

Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers

LP15922, LP15925-LP15934, Payroll –

\$66,792.54

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

43836 MDU Utilities 180.89

43837 BNC National Bank Box Rent 15.00

43910 Job Service ND Notice of Reimbursement 1,168.58

43911 Advanced Business Methods Extension Copier Contract 376.43

43912 Armor Interactive Silver Plan Contract 215.00

43913 Auto Value Linton Parts 420.28

43914 Balco Uniform Co., Inc. Uniforms 951.35

43915 Beaström Oil Co. Propane 2,639.40

43916 BEK Communications

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SPORTS: Sports from years ago

title game. LaMoure held a 28-11 lead at half-time, but Linton went on a 32-10 run in the second half, including a 15-4 run in the final period. Kyle Carr's free throws capped a 10-0 run that gave Linton a 40-36 lead with 1:30 left, and he added three free throws over the final :41 to help seal up the victory. Carr finished with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds, while Todd Sathren scored 13 points, and Matt Ferderer added 10 for Linton. Jake Holen scored a game-high 17 points, and Jordan Shockman added seven points for LaMoure.

45 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1979 (JAMESTOWN) — Lenny Ohlhauser poured in a game-high 25 points, and Linton earned a spot in the State Class B Tour-

nament for the first time in 13 years by downing Buchanan, 77-67, in the championship game of the Region V Boys' Basketball Tournament. Paul Balliet added 17 points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds, and Brian Sauter netted 16 points for Linton, which improved to 24-2 on the season. Al Hulm 9, Rich Deis 6 and Daryl Schell 4 completed the scoring for the Lions. Russ Krapp (19), Randy Blaskowski (11), Gary Sorenson (10), Myron Schlapp (10) and Bruce Albrecht (10) all scored in double figures for Buchanan, and Jeff Blaskowski added seven points for the Comets, who finished the season with a 23-3 record.

65 YEARS AGO

March 11, 1959 (JAMESTOWN) — Phil Schlosser poured in 24 points to lead Linton St. Anthony

Telephone Service	1,781.24	43958	ND State Radio Communications
43917 Braaten Law Firm	Legal	43959	Phone Collections
	6,368.00		11,600.94
43918 Burleigh Morton Detention Center	Prisoner Billing	43960	ND State Surplus Property Storage Containers
	2,925.00		1,500.00
43919 Butler Machinery Co.	Parts/Labor	43961	NDSU Extension Service Salary Reimbursement
	1,736.76		13,427.68
43920 Central Dakota Frontier		43962	NW Tire, Inc. Tire Service
	46.64		181.42
43921 Centre, Inc.	Community Service Contract	43963	ODP Business Solutions, LLC Supplies
	1,200.00		691.01
43922 CHS, Inc.	Propane	43964	Payment Remittance Center
	1,609.15		Gas/Fuel/Supplies
43923 Circle H. Lumber	Material	43965	Payment Remittance Center
	74.30		Gas/Fuel/Supplies
43924 Hazelton City Water Bill		43966	Payment Remittance Center
	36.00		Gas/Fuel/Supplies
43925 Linton City Water Bill		43967	Payment Remittance Center
	84.54		Gas/Fuel/Supplies
43926 Code 4 Services, Inc.	Equipment Installation	43968	Payment Remittance Center
	6,531.34		Gas/Fuel/Supplies
43927 Cole Papers, Inc.	Supplies	43969	Pfeifle on 83 Parts and Service
	618.38		1,213.74
43928 Dakota Business Solutions		43970	Pfeifle Parts and Service
Sealing Solutions	48.99		313.24
43929 Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.		43971	Pharmchem, Inc. Sweat
Service	529.15		Patch Analysis
43930 Dakota Mint Cabinets		43972	Power Plan Corp. Parts
	6,000.00		80.69
43931 Deere Credit, Inc.	Tractor	43973	Prairie Heating & Air, Inc.
Lease	3,000.00		Heater Repair
43932 Electronic Communications, Inc.	Microphones	43974	Proforms Checks
	280.00		148.10
43933 Emmons County Record Publishing		43975	Quadient Leasing Postal
	377.64		Machine Rent
43934 Emmons County Treasurer		43976	RDO Truck Center Parts
Current Expense	64.50		470.59
43935 Emmons County Treasurer Postal Machine Use		43977	Renschler, Norman Maintenance to Rice Lake
	374.42		340.00
43936 Emmons County Treasurer City Specials		43978	Schneider, Jackie Food Pantry
	800.24		500.00
43937 Fireside Office Products, Inc.		43979	South Central Crime Conference Dues
Supplies	742.41		100.00
43938 Hulm, Dennis Loader Rental		43980	South Central Regional Water
	1,000.00		84.00
43939 Inland Truck Parts & Service Parts		43981	Strasburg Insurance Agency
	47.22		Endorsements
43940 Jack's Electric Light		43982	Strasburg Insurance Agency
	31.28		Insurance Premium
43941 Jerome Distributing, Inc.			75,699.00
Water Refills	131.25		Expense
43942 Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc.			72.36
Parts	53.70		43984 TC Specialties Service
43943 KEM Electric Coop, Inc.			114.00
Service	400.91		43985 TK Elevator Corp. Elevator Maintenance Contract
43944 Kidder County E911 Sharing	Trunk		1,984.50
	900.00		43986 Tower Communications
43945 Linton Auto Parts Supplies	Parts/		Tower Rent
	882.84		200.00
43946 Martin Oil Co. Gasoline		43987 Tyler Technologies, Inc.	Software
	2,778.62		205.00
43947 MDU Utilities		43988 Unicom Vehicle Graphics	1,186.25