

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
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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 Weber's and report back to the board.

Commissioner Eberle motioned authorizing 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, Magrum, 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 ¼ 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 ¼ 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 Beastrom Oil Co. Propane 2,639.40

43916 BEK Communications

Telephone Service 1,781.24

43917 Braaten Law Firm Legal Services 6,368.00

43918 Burleigh Morton Detention Center Prisoner Billing 2,925.00

43919 Butler Machinery Co. Parts/Labor 1,736.76

43920 Central Dakota Frontier Fuel 46.64

43921 Centre, Inc. Community Service Contract 1,200.00

43922 CHS, Inc. Propane 1,609.15

43923 Circle H. Lumber Material 74.30

43924 Hazelton City Water Bill 36.00

43925 Linton City Water Bill 84.54

43926 Code 4 Services, Inc. Equipment Installation 6,531.34

43927 Cole Papers, Inc. Supplies 618.38

43928 Dakota Business Solutions Sealing Solutions 48.99

43929 Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. Service 529.15

43930 Dakota Mint Cabinets 6,000.00

43931 Deere Credit, Inc. Tractor Lease 3,000.00

43932 Electronic Communications, Inc. Microphones 280.00

43933 Emmons County Record Publishing 377.64

43934 Emmons County Treasurer Current Expense 64.50

43935 Emmons County Treasurer Postal Machine Use 374.42

43936 Emmons County Treasurer City Specials 800.24

43937 Fireside Office Products, Inc. Supplies 742.41

43938 Hulm, Dennis Loader Rental 1,000.00

43939 Inland Truck Parts & Service Parts 47.22

43940 Jack's Electric Light 31.28

43941 Jerome Distributing, Inc. Water Refills 131.25

43942 Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc. Parts 53.70

43943 KEM Electric Coop, Inc. Service 400.91

43944 Kidder County E911 Trunk Sharing 900.00

43945 Linton Auto Parts Parts/Supplies 882.84

43946 Martin Oil Co. Gasoline 2,778.62

43947 MDU Utilities 2,251.10

43948 Newman Signs, Inc. Signs 3,326.72

43949 Nodak True Value Parts/Supplies 572.72

43950 ND Association of County Engineers Dues 275.00

43951 NDACOP Programs 942.20

43952 ND County Auditors Association Dues 200.00

43953 ND County Treasurer's Association Dues 200.00

43954 NDACTVSO Dues 170.00

43955 NDDOT Bridge Inspection 1,535.13

43956 ND One Call Location Request 11.70

43957 ND State Radio Communications LETS Billing 120.00

43958 ND State Radio Communications Phone Collections 11,600.94

43959 ND State Surplus Property Storage Containers 1,500.00

43960 NDSU Extension Service Salary Reimbursement 13,427.68

43961 NW Tire, Inc. Tire Service 181.42

43962 ODP Business Solutions, LLC Supplies 691.01

43963 Payment Remittance Center Gas/Fuel/Supplies 390.76

43964 Payment Remittance Center Gas/Fuel/Supplies 2,250.73

43965 Payment Remittance Center Gas/Fuel/Supplies 344.40

43966 Payment Remittance Center Gas/Fuel/Supplies 665.25

43967 Payment Remittance Center Gas/Fuel/Supplies 708.44

43968 Payment Remittance Center Gas/Fuel/Supplies 486.40

43969 Pfeifle on 83 Parts and Service 1,213.74

43970 Pfeifle Parts and Service 313.24

43971 Pharmchem, Inc. Sweat Patch Analysis 159.75

43972 Power Plan Corp. Parts 80.69

43973 Prairie Heating & Air, Inc. Heater Repair 197.00

43974 Proforms Checks 148.10

43975 Quadient Leasing Postal Machine Rent 402.00

43976 RDO Truck Center Parts 470.59

43977 Renschler, Norman Maintenance to Rice Lake 340.00

43978 Schneider, Jackie Food Pantry 500.00

43979 South Central Crime Conference Dues 100.00

43980 South Central Regional Water Water Bill 84.00

43981 Strasburg Insurance Agency Endorsements 2,193.00

43982 Strasburg Insurance Agency Insurance Premium 75,699.00

43983 Stuckle, Acacia Expense Reimbursement 72.36

43984 TC Specialties Service 114.00

43985 TK Elevator Corp. Elevator Maintenance Contract 1,984.50

43986 Tower Communications Tower Rent 200.00

43987 Tyler Technologies, Inc. Software 205.00

43988 Unicom Vehicle Graphics 1,186.25

43989 Verizon Wireless Cell Service 410.05

43990 Zoom Away Oil Change 102.90

43991 Strasburg City Water Bill 412.84

43992 Information Technology Internet Access and Netmotion 1,440.25

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Eberle motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Approved: March 5, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman

Marlys Ohlhauser

Board of County Commissioners

Emmons County Auditor

(03-14-2024)

Continued from A11

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

to a 58-53 victory over Kensal for the championship of the Class C Region 5 Tournament. The Saints advanced to the State Class C Tournament in only their second year of competition. Francis Burgad added 15 points for St. Anthony, followed by Joe Mischel 8, Mike Nagel 7, Jim Horner 3 and Ed Jahner 1. McBain (no first name listed) scored a game-high 28 points for the Spartans. The previous night, St. Anthony earned a spot in the title game with a 62-49 win over Regan. Burgad (16), Schlosser (14), Horner (12) and Nagel (11) all scored in double figures, while Mischel scored five points, and Jahner and Tommy Schwartz chipped in two points apiece for the Saints. Lien and Olson scored 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the Comets.