

Dickey County Commission Minutes

**Commissioner Meeting
January 2, 2024**

Chair John Hokana called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Present also were Commissioners Jerry Walsh, Kacey Holm, and Marke Roberts. Commissioner Brandon Carlson was in attendance via electronic means. Auditor Sheppard was also present. The media was not present. Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of Court Andi Schimke was present via electronic means.

Holm made a motion to approve the minutes from December 19th and December 27th with corrections. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed a resolution to declare an emergency due to the ice storm from December 24th and December 25th. Roberts made a motion for the Chair and Auditor to sign the resolution. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented three quick claim deeds from the county land sale in November. Walsh made a motion for Chair Hokana and Auditor Sheppard to sign the quick claim deeds. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 9:20.

Auditor Sheppard called the meeting to order at 9:21. Present were Commissions Jerry Walsh, Kacey Holm, Marke Roberts, and John Hokana. Commissioner Brandon

Carlson was in attendance via electronic means.

Sheppard asked for nominations for the Chair position. Hokana made a motion to nominate Jerry Walsh for Chair. Roberts seconded. Sheppard called for other nominations. Hokana made a motion to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Walsh as Chair. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Walsh asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Roberts made a motion to nominate Brandon Carlson for Vice Chair. Holm seconded. Walsh called for other nominations. Roberts made a motion to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Carlson as Vice Chair. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

States Attorney Kim Radermacher and Health District Administrator Roxanne Holm joined the meeting via electronic means at 9:25.

Commissioners discussed the use of portfolios for the Commission board. A decision was made to not use portfolios in 2024. Employees can discuss issues with any of the Commission. The Commissioner should report to Sheppard if anything should be forwarded to the remaining Commissioners. Sheppard will send to all Commissioners, as requested.

Discussion followed concerning the appointment of board appointments that expired at the end of 2023. Sheppard will advertise in the paper for openings on the various boards. Sheppard will send a letter to those with expiring terms to check on their willingness to serve on the board

for another term. These board appointments will be finalized at the February 6th meeting.

Roberts made a motion to appoint Hokana to a five-year term to the Health District. Holm

Seconded. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to appoint Holm to another term on the SouthCentral Dakota Regional Council board. Hokana seconded. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to appoint Walsh to the Job Development Authority board. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Hokana made a motion to increase the meeting payment for the Planning Commission, the Park Board, Weed Board, and the Health District to \$150 per meeting. Roberts seconded. R Holm reminded the Commission that the motion will need to be finalized at the Health District board meeting. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting at 10:02. Lematta discussed with the Commission current rates for CDs at the various banks in the county. A CD has matured at BankNorth and deposited in the county's account. After reviewing the interest rates, Roberts made a motion to invest \$1,000,000 with CDARS through BankNorth for six months. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Lematta updated the Commission on

changes made at BankNorth on Dickey County's account. The change will increase the interest rate to 4.25%, on funds available daily.

Lematta discussed with the Commission the lack of applicants for the part-time deputy treasurer position. Discussion included the importance of the office and the need to have someone trained in the office to support the Treasurer. Roberts made a motion to advertise to hire a full-time deputy treasurer and train the person accordingly. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Sheppard and Lematta will work together to place the job on ND Job Service and Facebook, and the placement of advertisement in the newspaper.

Sheppard presented a quote to update Administrative Assistant/Deputy Auditor Amy Mittleider's desk phone, at a cost of \$351.12. Holm made a motion to authorize Sheppard to sign the quote to buy a new phone for Mittleider. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to authorize the Chair and Auditor to sign the joint exercise governmental powers agreement with South Central Dakota Regional Council for 2024. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to authorize the Chair and County Auditor to sign the Secure Software maintenance agreement for 2024. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Tax Director Don Flaherty entered the meeting at 10:30.

Holm made a motion to open the abatement hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty presented a homestead credit application for the 2023 tax year. Roberts made a motion to approve the application. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to close the abatement hearing. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Charlie Russell joined the meeting at 10:50. Russell updated the Commission on residents without power in Dickey County since the ice storm.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen joined the meeting at 11:00. Discussion followed with Hagen and Russell concerning the ice on County Road #1. Hagen said the crew are trying to break up the ice but cannot guarantee it will work.

Discussion followed concerning equipment needs for the application of the DustPods product. – A packer and a water truck is equipment needed to apply the product. Dakota Improvement was a packer that Hagen rented before.

Commission requested Sheppard get bids for cleaning the courthouse parking lot. The contractor will need insurance.

Holm made a motion to adjourn at 11:50. (January 25, 2024)

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DICKEY COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA
January 2nd, 2024

WINTER ICE STORM DECLARATION

WHEREAS: A major Christmas ICE and wind event coated the county with 2-3+ inches of ICE in conjunction with 40-50 MPH winds severely crippled the electrical grid snapping power poles causing general power outages throughout the region; and

WHEREAS: the inordinate storm damage even took out transmission as well as hundreds of distribution poles causing our Rural Electric Coops (REC) massive overtime as well as replacement costs to restore temporary power for agricultural, rural and city electric and water; and,


WHEREAS: Many residents will be weeks to get power restored. The few rural residents back on now, have been accomplished utilizing temporary repairs and back feeding. The grid will take months to repair and replace down poles and other damaged infrastructure to get back to normal grid operations; and


WHEREAS: the ICE is causing a safety situation on our highways, gravel roads and pedestrian surfaces requiring multiple cleaning and deicing operations by TWP, CITY and County crews to allow safe access to our roads and other infrastructure. ICE removal and control operations have caused extreme wear and tear damage to snowplows and cutting surfaces,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Dickey County Commission declares that a State of Emergency exists in Dickey County, our Townships and Cities requiring the activation and utilization of The Combined Dickey County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures and attachments to monitor the ongoing situation, mitigate where possible; and to provide access and protection to the citizens of Dickey County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all local government agencies and departments are directed to provide protection to the citizens of Dickey County during this event and limit where possible the hardships and impact of said emergency.



Dated and signed in Ellendale this 2nd day of January 2024


John Hokana
Commission Chair


Wanda Sheppard
County Auditor



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RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF Dickey AND South Central DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR PURPOSE OF REGIONAL LIVESTOCK PLANNING GRANT ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS the County of Dickey, on behalf of its County Commission desires to enter into Agreement with the South Central Regional Council to apply for a Regional Livestock Planning Grant which the County is eligible. The Agreement further provides the County with identification of suitable locations for rural economic development, including animal feeding operations, agricultural processing and storage facilities and other agriculture related development.

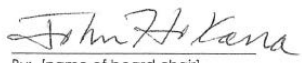
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Dickey, North Dakota as follows:

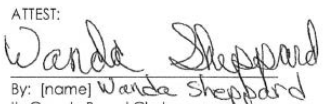
1. Following completion of the site analysis process the county will review county and township zoning and land use regulations. The county may update any zoning or land use regulations based on recommendations of site analysis process. Additionally, county will provide information to townships of said county so they may review and update zoning and land use regulations as they see fit.

2. That John Hokana, the Chair of the County of Dickey, and Wanda Sheppard, the County Auditor, are authorized to sign the Agreement.

Passed and Adopted by the Council on this 27 day of December, 2023.

COUNTY OF Dickey


By: [name of board chair]
Its Board Chair

ATTEST:

By: [name] Wanda Sheppard
Its County Board Clerk

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