

Dickey County Commission Minutes

Commissioner Meeting April 2, 2024

Chair Jerry Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioners John Hokana, Brandon Carlson, Kacey Holm, and Marke Roberts were also present. Auditor Sheppard was also present. The media was not present. Recited was the Pledge of Allegiance. Resident Cindy Bagley attended in person, and Clerk of Court Andi Schimke, Dickey County Sheriff's office staff, and resident Drew Courtney attended via electronic means.

Hanson to request reimbursement for meetings, mileage, and incidentals as a water board expense. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Hansen stated he will bring updates to the Commission as needed.

Health District Nurse Allyssa Moch joined the meeting at 9:36 via electronic means. Recorder Kelly Schmidt joined the meeting at 9:41.

Schmidt discussed with the Commission on the possibility of sending a mailing out to Dickey County residents about the new iDoc system that is now in place. Schmidt has seen activity on the account. After reviewing the quotes, the Commission requested a new quote for a larger quantity of cards. Schmidt will return with a new quote.

McIntosh County Auditor Gina Ketterling, Commissioner Perry Turner, and Commissioner Jim Heinrich joined the meeting at 10:00. Radermacher joined the meeting in person. Turner discussed with the Commission their request for Dickey County to sign a resolution which would allow Radermacher to run for States Attorney in McIntosh County. Radermacher would service both counties. McIntosh has no one interested in running for the position. Emmons County has been assisting McIntosh County, but McIntosh would like to get time from Radermacher to help them out. The Commission discussed their concern is the amount of time the States Attorney's office has available. Discussion included the lack of an administrative assistant in McIntosh County, and Dickey County's administrative assistant would not be able to take on additional work. The resolution presented is a cooperative agreement to work together, which there are counties currently sharing the job. After discussing the resolution, Walsh asked for a motion to pass the resolution. There was no motion made.

The meeting went into recess at 10:30, returning at 10:35.

Discussion followed concerning a building location option for the sheriff storage building. Estes had stated in an e-mail that the motion made to offer \$25,000 at the last meeting is not acceptable for the landowner during a verbal conversation. Sheppard distributed a copy of the purchase agreement, submitted by Radermacher.

Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 10:42 and stated he had talked with the landowner. Estes stated his understanding is that splitting the difference in the bid amount would be acceptable. Estes contacted the landowner to request he come to the meeting.

Bagley requested that the Commission support Oakes Enhancement Inc. (OEI) on the Rural Slum and Blight grant, which OEI has also applied. Roberts made a motion to pass a resolution in support of the OEI grant application. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Resident Lennon Hagen, KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski, Health District employee, Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen, and DES/911 Coordinator Charlie Russell joined the meeting at 10:50.

Lenon Hagen discussed with the Commission his desire to develop a county flag. Hagen would like to get ideas from other residents in the county. The Commission asked Hagen to discuss with Family and Community Wellness Agent Danielle Dinger and request their assistance in the process. The Commission asked Hagen to return to the Commission with progress on the project.

Landowner Hans Gruner joined the meeting at 10:50. The original offer was \$25,000, and Gruner stated he would request \$36,000, but would be willing to negotiate. Discussion followed concerning the status of the building on the property. Discussion included making a counteroffer of \$32,500, which Gruner stated he would accept. Hokana made a motion to offer \$32,500 on parcel description of the South 161' of the West 228' of Block 3, Northport Addition, Ellendale. Holm seconded. Gruner stated he will empty the building before the sale is final. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Hokana made a motion to pay Gruner once upon completion of all paperwork. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Retzlaff Trucking owner Brad Retzlaff joined the meeting at 11:09.

Hokana made a motion to open the gravel bid hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

The Commission opened the gravel bids and compared to discern the best offer. The offers were from Dakota Improvement and Retzlaff Trucking. The bids are on file at the Auditor's office.

Holm made a motion to accept the Retzlaff Trucking bid for section one. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to accept the Retzlaff Trucking bid for section two. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Hokana made a motion to close the bid hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Tykwinski stated that the announcement of the projects approved for the flexible transportation funding should be next week. The township project should be ready for signatures next week as well. Roberts requested an update on upcoming projects. Tykwinski stated:

1) Chip seal of County Road 8 for the portion that resurfaced in 2023 should be on the schedule for this summer or the following summer. The ballpark cost would be \$400,000, which would be all local dollars.

2) The widening of County Road 12 is on the state schedule for 2027 and financed with 90% safety funds and 10% county funds. Local share of costs would be approximately \$270,000.

3) The cost of the bridgework leading to the vineyard would be \$150,000 and could occur next year if approved in the flexible transportation funding.

4) Dickey County #3 east of Oakes is dependent on the flexible transportation funding to pave it. Work on this project could begin once the bidding process-

ing was complete. Our cost would be \$200,000. The discussion earlier was to use the DustPods product on that section of road in 2024 for road stabilization and dust control prior to any paving work.

5) County Road 8 one mile south of County Road 3 to Highway 11 is a project included in the flexible transportation funding applications. The projected local cost for this project is approximately \$500,000.

6) County Road 3 is breaking up at 88th Street and should be on the list of future road projects.

Hagen informed the Commission that the new tractor has arrived and is on contract through March 2025. There was a \$1,200 savings, from the original quote.

Discussion followed about summer help for the Highway Department. Hagen stated he would like to hire a couple of individuals for the summer. Discussion included the use of this help to mow Pheasant Lake and the West Shop. Commission authorized Hagen to place an advertisement in the newspaper for summer help.

Carlson requested information from Hagen on the plans for County Road 14A, now that the water is off the road. Hagen stated the plan is to clean the large rocks on the road off and to place gravel on that stretch of road.

Russell reminded the Commission of the safety meeting scheduled for the afternoon of April 16th.

Russell stated the multi-hazard mitigation meetings will be starting soon. Russell asked that the Commission be involved in these meetings, but no dates have been set at this time.

Sheppard presented the Vanguard contracts discussed at the March 19th meeting for an update from Radermacher. Radermacher recommended the Commission sign the contract as submitted. Holm made a motion to sign the two contracts. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to have Administrative Assistant Amy Mittleler apply for the Rural Slum and Blight grant for the restoration of or removal of the building located at the south 161' of west 228' of Block 3, Northport Addition, Ellendale. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

The current County Park board has too many members, based on ND Century Code. Currently all five Commissioners serve on the Board. For compliance with North Dakota Century Code, Roberts made a motion to decrease the members of the Park Board by eliminating County Commissioner District 2 and District 4 from the board. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Recorder Schmidt returned to the meeting with the quote for the increased print quantity. Carlson made a motion to order 3,000 cards and to mail them with the tax statements. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 12:25.

(April 25, 2024)

GUELPH NEWS... by Rose Sell

Nondenominational services are held every Sunday at the Guelph Community Church at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating. Everyone is welcome to participate and enjoy in the worship of our Lord. Dress is casual.

Friday evening Randy and Anna hosted a tasty prime rib meal that included Bob and Judy German as well as Rod and Rose. This was followed by a rousing game of cards.

Monday, the 15th, the Guelph Community Development meeting was held with 11 members present. Maintenance issues were discussed along with upcoming events. The double ovens in the kitchen needed to be replaced which was a big hit on the budget. Installation of a watering system for the memorial trees was worked out and will be delved into shortly. Grant applications was another source of revenue to be investigated. The volunteerism we have in this community is remarkable!

There was a circus atmosphere at our facility this last week. The Post-Prom Committee was busy decorating the gym to look like a huge circus tent and setting up games of every sort. Of course, there has to be food for these young people so that base was covered, also. These caring parents go thru so much work for their young people.

Are you ready? It's time for our Spring Fling! Doors open on Friday

from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and then again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The gym is full of vendors selling their products which are quite fascinating. The rest of the facility has bargains just too good to resist! See you there!

Tuesday, the 16th, Rod and Rose headed for Fergus Falls. Besides doing business, they got to see their daughter and son-in-law, Renae and Steve Lindgren. From there they went on to Fargo, where they met their son and daughter-in-law, Russ and Kristy Sell, at Doolittles to share a meal and catch up. Then it was time for the finale for the day, a Jazz Concert at MSUM in which their grandson, Nixin, was a percussionist. Even tho' it was a windy rainy day it was all worth it.

Jeanne joined a group of ladies on Friday at Carma Forward's house near Moberg to encourage her during her cancer treatments. They returned home Sunday mission accomplished with lots of card playing, laughter and of course food.

Saturday evening Ross and Larry Thorpe made a trek to Rosholt, SD, to view the Grand March in which Tate and Halle Gaukler were participants.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Just remember, you can do anything you set your mind to, but it takes action, perseverance, and facing your fears."

— Gillian Anderson

Dickey County Court Report

Chaires Hernandez, Cinthia Mag, Edinburg, TX, TR: Driving without a license, Plea, 4/10/24 Guilty.

Pamat Arteaga, Kevin E, Blackwell, OK, TR: Speeding (26-35 mph over), Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty. Quandt, Nathan Lee, Oakes, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/10/24 Guilty.

Eissfeldt, John A, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty.

Garcia, LuisAngel, Jacksonville, FL, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty.

Herrera, Luis Alberto, Britton, SD, TR: Driving without liability insurance-driver-2nd or subsequent violation in 3 yrs., Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty; TR: Failure to wear seatbelt, Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty; TR: Failure to wear seatbelt, Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty; TR: Driving without a license, Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty.

McClellan, Mikayla Renae, Oakes, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/8/24 Guilty.

Petersen, Marla Rae, Ellendale, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 4/12/24 Guilty.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Union combatants.

1882 – French and Vietnamese troops clashed in Tonkin, when Commandant Henri Rivière seized the citadel of Hanoi with a small force of marine infantry.

1898 – Spanish–American War: The United States Congress declares that a state of war between the U.S. and Spain has existed since April 21, when an American naval blockade of the Spanish colony of Cuba began.

1901 – New York becomes the first U.S. state to require automobile license plates.

1915 – World War I: The Battle of Gallipoli begins: The invasion of the Turkish Gallipoli Peninsula by British, French, Indian, Newfoundland, Australian and

New Zealand troops, begins with landings at Anzac Cove and Cape Helles.

1916 – Anzac Day is commemorated for the first time on the first anniversary of the landing at ANZAC Cove.

1920 – At the San Remo conference, the principal Allied Powers of World War I adopt a resolution to determine the allocation of Class "A" League of Nations mandates for administration of the former Ottoman-ruled lands of the Middle East.

1933 – Nazi Germany issues the Law Against Overcrowding in Schools and Universities limiting the number of Jewish students able to attend public schools and universities.

1938 – U.S. Supreme Court delivers its opinion in Erie Railroad Co. v. Tompkins and overturns a century of federal common law.

1944 – The United Negro College Fund is incorporated.

1945 – World War II: United States and Soviet reconnaissance troops meet in Torgau and Strehla along the River Elbe, cutting the Wehrmacht of Nazi Germany in two. This would be later known as Elbe Day.

1945 – World War II: Liberation Day (Italy): The National Liberation Committee for Northern Italy calls for a general uprising against the German occupation and the Italian Social Republic.

1945 – United Nations Conference on International

Organization: Founding negotiations for the United Nations begin in San Francisco.

1945 – World War II: The last German troops retreat from Finnish soil in Lapland, ending the Lapland War. Military actions of the Second World War end in Finland.

1951 – Korean War: Assaulting Chinese forces are forced to withdraw after heavy fighting with UN forces, primarily made up of Australian and Canadian troops, at the Battle of Kapyong.

1953 – Francis Crick and James Watson publish "Molecular Structure of Nucleic Acids: A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid" describing the double helix structure of DNA.

62,000
family caregivers
in North Dakota.

58 million
hours of unpaid family care.

\$17.24
economic value per hour.

\$1.0
billion
estimated
economic value
in North Dakota.

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Yorktown Township

Excess Mill Levy Notice of
Special Election

Notice is Hereby Given that on April 30, 2024 at the home of Mike Beethe in the Township of Yorktown, County Dickey, an election will be held in which the following question shall be submitted to the electors of Yorktown Township. Shall Yorktown Township levy taxes for a five year period commencing in 2024, which shall exceed the legal limit by \$19,566 so that the taxes levied, instead of \$19,571, which is the limit authority by law, shall be \$39,131 () Yes or () No

Be it known that the total income of Yorktown Township from the first day of January 2023, to the last day of December 2023 was \$44,762 and the total warrants issued for said period amounted to \$56,216 resulting to a deficit for said period of \$11,454.

Be it further known that the expected expenditures for each year of a five year period commencing in 2024 are roughly equivalent to \$38,825 spent in 2022.

Be it further known that the current tax levy of 18 mills which produced \$19,571 in income in 2023 is the legal maximum but that a 100 percent excess is authorized for a five year period. If 60 percent of the qualified electors shall approve the above stated question, the levy shall be increased to be the amount of 36 mills upon each dollar of taxable evaluation which increase would have produced \$19,566 in additional income at 2023 valuations.

Be it further known that said election will be open at 7:00 P.M. and will continue open until 8:00 P.M. of said April 30, 2024.

(April 18 & 25, 2024)