

Public Notice

Open Special Council Meeting City of Steele Tuesday, December 17, 2024 7:00 AM In the Steele Community Building

Mayor Jon Harter called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.
Roll Call
Present: Jon Harter, Jason Rutledge, Jorey Kartes, Stuart Blotter, Bob Anderson
Also Present: Leigh Nolan, Norm Fries, Darnell Schmidt, Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Stuart Blotter to approve bidding up to \$ 15,000.00 for a bat wing mower – Motion Carried
Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve a gaming permits for Steele Volunteer Fire Department and Steele Area Lions Club – Motion Carried
Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Bob Anderson to adjourn – Motion Carried
/s/ Jon Harter, Mayor
/s/ Norm Fries, City Auditor

Section 324 Notice

Section 324. In compliance with federal law, the Kidder County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), gives notice that the Kidder County Emergency Operations Plan, which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's), has been received and reviewed by the Kidder County LEPC.
These documents, along with the hazardous materials response plan for Kidder County, are available for public inspection at the Kidder County Courthouse – Emergency Manager's Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA November 8, 2024 10:00am

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, November 8, 2024 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Dan P. Mittleider, Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present.
Also Present: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Nicholas (Nick) Friez, Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering
Chairman Mittleider called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Minutes of October 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Guthmiller moved to accept the minutes. Dronen seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.
The agenda was reviewed. Dronen moved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Guthmiller. Vote 3-0 motion passed.
Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering gave an update on the SRF (Special Road Fund) grant for the Tappen South overlay Project. Discussion was held on the next installment of the Prairie Dog Funding HB 1066 for the Tappen South overlay project. Wold Engineering is working on the Transportation Flex funding. SRF funding paperwork is due by November 30 and there is a \$300,000.00 cap. Estimated project cost is 1.7 million. Discussion was held that spots around the railroad tracks that should be done and working in the railroad right of way. Rivinius left the meeting
Guthmiller talked to NDIRF (North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund) about 17th St SW fence line and billing for the removal should be split between the landowners. Discussion held.

County Tax Sale will be November 19, 2024 at 10:00am, Guthmiller will chair the sale.

Discussion was held on the meetings the Commissioners had with the townships. Due to inflation and the cost of fuel, maintenance, salaries and blades the summer blading certified miles cost will increase. Discussion was held on the amount of the increase and blading being done in townships. Discussion was also held on how many times townships would be bladed.

Dronen made a motion to raise the summer blading to \$75.00 per certified mile with no set numbers of blading's, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion held on spraying shoulders on county roads in 2025 and the county has 75foot right of way and only spraying 4-6 feet. Call for vote: Rollcall: Mittleider, aye, Dronen, aye, Guthmiller, aye, motion carried.

Schoenhard told the Commission the easement for moving 36th Ave SE was not recordable because it was emailed and it is not considered an original document because the signatures are copies and original. The signatures also need to be notarized. She will work on the easement.

Discussion was held on a sprayer at Tappen for spraying county roads

Schoenhard sent out an email to other auditors with the same population as Kidder County to see if their county pays for a SRO (School Resource Officer) or does the schools in their county. Schoenhard received 4 responses; Adams, Bowman and Sheridan counties don't pay for an SRO. Hettinger County is looking into this with the schools. Discussion held on funding, school issue or county issue, grant writer in Bismarck said school can write a grant.

Railroad Safety letter was reviewed. Two crossing should be looked at. Dronen made the motion to submit the railroad safety letter, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion none, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Election update: Schoenhard said we had 718 absentee/mail in ballots 684 election day voters for a total of 1402. Election went well. Discussion was held on the defeat of measure 4 no property tax and measure 5 canablis. Canvassing will be November 18, 2024. Guthmiller will be on the canvassing board for the Commission. NDSU Extension Financial partnership was reviewed and there are no changes.

Discussion was held on the County trade name Paul Erdelt at the Steele Ozone was renewing. Board decided not to renew.

11:00am Notice of hearing on the appraisal for the Foreclosed property. Discussion was held on the minimum bid.No one showed for the hearing. The county will be closed November 28th Thanksgiving Day and November 29th the day after Thanksgiving, noon on Christmas Eve December 24th and closed on December 25th Christmas day. The courthouse will be open on New Years Eve December 31, 2024.

Tentative Commission meeting days were discussed and tabled till the December meeting.

Monthly State Aid was discussed. Tuck pointing was discussed. Discussion was held on paying on the blades. Treasurer Vickie Murray was called to the meeting. Discussion was held with Murray about paying off one of the blades.Murray said we can pay down on the blades but this wouldn't reduce monthly payments and we have a lower interest rate. Discussion held. Mittleider made a motion to transfer 100% Monthly State Aid to Kidder Road, seconded by Dronen, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none. Motion carried. Murray left the meeting.

Trees north of Tappen were discussed they are inside of the 150-foot setback. Letter will be sent to move the trees back. Discussion was held about haybales being to close to the road.

Discussion held about bring the tree issue up at the TOA (Township Officers Association) meeting about the landowners being responsible for trees in the right of way and a letter should be sent noting where the trees are. Townships need to be aware of tree removal and recommend to the townships to send letters to the landowners.

Rocks along and in roads were discussed. Hauling rocks on 34th Ave SE Robinson road north of Robinson where the road is washing away was discussed.

Discussion was held on a bill from Gene Guthmiller.Bill was estimated at \$10,00.00 and Commissioner Guthmiller was told it came in at \$19,000.00.

Round Lake Development was discussed. Lots are staked out but the land has not been platted.Discussion held.

Recess for lunch 12:00pm Resume from lunch 1:00pm all commissioners present, Nick Friez present.

Discussion was held on 36th Ave SE may be eligible for FEMA funds and moving the fence this year. Weed mowing by Dawson, signs on Lake Williams were discussed.

17th St SE removal of the fence line was again reviewed Guthmiller made the motion to send the bill to the landowners for the cost of removing the fence line, seconded by Dronen, discussion none, roll call vote, Mittleider, aye, Dronen, aye, Guthmiller, aye. Motion carries.

Discussion was held on the leased tractor return. Mowing bills discussed.

Gravel billings were discussed. Kingdom Construction bill for gravel was reviewed. Discussion was held on culvert cleaning, hauling gravel vs county owning a truck to haul gravel and gravel pits.

Sheriff Vannatta stopped by and handed in his reports. Discussion held.Vannatta left the meeting November bills were reviewed.

Discussion held on solar & wind. WSI mandatory safety meeting was discussed. Schoenhard will call road crew and watch the video in November.

Courthouse Payroll:
Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Control, Back the Blue Grant. \$45,403.85
Less WH 3,879.03, SS 3,452.87, ND St. Tax WH 250.92, Insurance 1,825.00, Deferred Compensation 1,825.00, FSA 100.00 \$34,527.71

Commissioner Approved Payroll:
General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Library: \$38,692.93
Less WH 2,597.13, SS 2,946.17, ND St. Tax 123.82, Insurance 1,211.01, Deferred Compensation 1030.00, \$30,784.80

Choice Financial Loan Payment..... 14,694.83
Kidder County Dist. Health Opioid Settlement Funds1,083.89
Steele Auto Body Veh. Maint/Equipment.....1,774.14
Shipley Electric Lib Building Repair.....332.96
Cardmember Services Supplies.....322.75
Verizon Tech / Telephones.....425.76
WEX Bank Gas.....338.19
Monica Fitterer Reimbursement.....107.10
Everspring Inn Travel.....594.00
Bismarck Hotel & Conference Travel....198.00
Susanna Ongstad Commodity Mileage.....75.00
South Central Water Dist. Utilities41.20
US Postal Service Postage81.95
Advanced Business Methods Technology.....523.75
Advanced Cleaning & Restoration Vehicle Maintenance200.00
Barbara J. Steinke Travel60.30
BEK Communications Telephone726.21
Cenex Gas/Veh Maintenance....151.73
Chance Schaffner Park Caretaker.....900.00
Countryside Designs & Signs Vehicle Decals.....988.50
Election System & Software Election ...4,450.43
ITD Tech / Tech Support.....888.75
Jean Schoenhard Reimbursement.....8.65
Marlins Quick Stop Gas.....525.51
NDACo Conference/Education.....1,115.00
NRG Technology531.00
Postboard Dues.....45.00
Quill Office Supplies40.64
Sidwell Company Tech Support.....2,900.00
Steele Groc Supplies.....76.88
Tuttle Farmers Elevator Gas139.67
US Postal Service Postage167.20
WEX Health Monthly Fee70.00
City of Steele Utilities.....303.52
Farmers & Merchants Fuel/Gas/Veh Maint.....3,720.94
Master Fire & Safety Fire Ext. Services739.15
MDU Utilities.....1,102.01
Menards Supplies/Maintenance241.86
NDSU Salary.....5,612.29
Creative Product Source Supplies.....206.01
Pharmchem Drug Patch31.95
Centre, Inc Qrly Contract.....1,500.00
Stutsman Co Correct Center Prisoner Board.....200.00
Clare Heinze Reimbursement34.92
Annie Craven Lib Reimbursement.....482.65
BEK Communications Lib Telephone ...160.67
City of Steele Lib Utilities.....90.02
Ingram Lib Books.....809.64
MDU Lib Utilities92.23
Janet Schauer Lib Travel.....40.60
Marcia Fanta Lib Travel.....29.48
Kidder County Fair Assoc. WC - Storage.....100.00
Tuttle Farmers Elevator WC - Gas94.74
Woodworth Farmers Grain Co. WC - Chemicals.....2,274.70
Kingdom Construction Gravel.....9,130.74
Triple M Services Gravel3,052.53

City of Robinson Mowing.....440.00
Farmers Union Oil Pettibone Fuel/Gas/Veh Maint.....7,235.67
Jon Wayne Trucking Gravel26,636.94
Notheran Plains Elec Utilities105.30
Pipe Detectives Clean Culverts.....2,600.00
RDO Equip. Vehicle Maintenance1,633.77
Tappen Farm Supply Vehicle Maintenance.....143.84
Tappen Oil Company Fuel4,146.38

Dronen made the motion to approve the November bills. Seconded by Guthmiller. Vote 3-0. Motion carried. Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$1,679.00 October, 2024. County Sheriff: \$120.00 October 2024.

Discussion was held on salaries, benefits, retaining employees. Bottom line is the budget.

Grants and grant writing were discussed.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25pm seconded by Dronen, vote 3-0 motion carried.

Read and approved this 13th day of December 2024.

/s/ Dan P. Mittleider,
Chairman Board of County Commissioners
/s/ Jean Schoenhard,
County Auditor

Court File No. 22-2025-PR-0000
**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN
DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF
KIDDERSOUTHEAST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF STEVEN LEE STOLZ,
DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Deanna M. Stolz, personal representative of this estate at 524 W Lakeview Lane, Dawson, North Dakota 58428 or filed with the Court. Dated Jan. 8, 2025
.Deanna M. Stolz
524 W Lakeview Lane
Dawson, North Dakota 58428
January 8,15,22 of 2025

Did you know?

Despite what people may believe, colds are not exclusive to the cold weather months and early spring. Although a person is more likely to catch a cold during the winter, it's still possible to get a cold in the summer. During colder months, people tend to stay indoors in close proximity to others. That can make it easier for contagious cold viruses to spread. In addition, during the winter, the air is cold and dry, and these conditions are hospitable to cold viruses. In the summer, humidity can impede the common cold's easy spread, but air conditioning units with recirculated air can reverse the protective nature of this humidity. Even though people may spend more time outdoors during the summer, on especially hot days they may retreat indoors to cool off. That's when cold viruses can thrive. Symptoms of summer colds aren't different from winter colds. However, the heat and humidity of the summer months can make a person feel miserable. Also, when cold symptoms keep people from fun summertime activities, it can seem more impactful than suffering in winter when there's not much to do.



Area Church Schedules

STEELE CHURCHES:
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church–Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church – Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

DAWSON CHURCHES:
Dawson Lutheran Church – Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

TAPPEN CHURCHES:
St. Paul's Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 4:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am
St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod) – Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch.72 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m. Sundays

Tappen Cornerstone Church – Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:
Faith Evangelical Church - Rev. Mike Kraemer, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00 a.m.

MEDINA CHURCHES:
St. Mary's Catholic – Father Peter Sharpe. 2nd and 3rd Saturday,4:00 p.m.; 4th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1st and 5th Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Grace Emmanuel United Church. Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

DRISCOLL CHURCHES:
Grace Lutheran Church - Pastors; Mark Narum and Martha HarriSon Worship service - 9:30 a.m.; Church Council - Meets quarterly; Communion - 2nd and 4th Sundays .

TUTTLE CHURCHES:
English Lutheran Church – Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 a.m.; Communion, 3rd Sunday and Festival Days;
Tuttle Community Church – Sunday School 10:00 a m, Worship service,10:30 a.m.

ROBINSON CHURCHES:
Bethany Lutheran Church – Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, Sunday service every third Sunday 9:30 a.m.

PETTIBONE CHURCHES:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church 104 Main St. N Pettibone. Pastor Robert Hill- Second and Fourth Sundays 8:30 a.m
Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth. - Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, First &Third Sundays, 8:30 am

STREETER CHURCHES:
Hope Ebenezer Church - Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

STERLING CHURCHES:
United Methodist – Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45

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