

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: 09/17/2024

The board convened at 9:00am, Sept. 17, 2024 members (present) Schlenvogt, Mickelson, Poitra, Abrahamson Member LaRocque presiding. Also, Present Sheriff Gustafson, Christina Allard, State Attorney Brian Grosinger, Mark Martinson, Ed and Ben Walters.

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mickelson, seconded by Schlenvogt to approve the agenda with the addition to Cameras at shops and Filters in Shops.

Motion by Schlenvogt, seconded by Mickelson to approve September 2nd, 2024 minutes with spelling changes.

Motion by Mickelson, seconded by Abrahamson to approve September 10th, 2024 special minutes.

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Heart of America Contract/Accurate Controls Contract: Sheriff Gustafson and Jail Admin Christina Allard

Discussion: Contract with Pierce County Jail to re-house inmates when needed during emergency at \$95 per day

Motion by Mickelson,

Motion to accept and sign contract, Seconded by Abrahamson

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner LaRocque-42nd Ave needing culverts

Discussion: The Accurate system (Security System) is becoming out dated and recommended by Sheriff Gustafson to just do an annual contract of the Bronze package of \$17695.15

Motion by Schlenvogt

Motion to accept and sign contract for the Bronze package of \$17695.15 for 1 year, Seconded by Abrahamson

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- NRG packet for new Laptops/Computers for Sheriff and Jail

Motion by Mickelson,

Motion to purchase the laptops and computers for the departments for \$12676.73 to come out of the Sheriff's budget (office supplies, equipment purchase and miscellaneous), seconded by Schlenvogt

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

Sheriff Report: Discussion

- Rolette and St. John Police contracts: Rolette City signed Contract at the 3% raise increase. St. John City has not signed the contract as of yet. They have another city meeting and will have more information on 09/19/2024.
- Tax Director Wendy Belgarde- 2 abatements: 2023 JDA-Rolla and Rod Ostby

Motion Abrahamson

Motion to approve the abatements, seconded by Schlenvogt

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

- Tasha Morin

Discussion: Tasha Morin was in to discuss the purchase of property owned by Rolette County in St. John City. Prior the County was going to sell the property to the St. John Fire Department. Tasha stated she talked to Bob Leonard Jr and he stated the Fire department is not longer interested in the property.

The discussion was table to next meeting requesting Tasha get a letter from St. John Fire department receding their proposal to purchase property and a proposal of purchase offer from Tasha.

- General Election: Inspector/Judge Resolution-Auditor Kimberly Wuori

Discussion: Auditor Wuori presented a list of the Voting Centers and the inspector and judges stationed for the General election on November 5th, 2024 for the board to accept.

Motion by Poitra

Motion to accept the resolution stating the Voting Centers and Inspectors/Judges for the General Election on November 5th, 2024, seconded by Abrahamson

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

- Rolette Memorial Building

Discussion: FYI update on bids for gutters. Abrahamson stated he has one estimate of \$40,000 to install gutters and down spouts and there are no land scaping estimates.

Mickelson asked if the Road Crew can do the land dirt work. Abrahamson stated he will work on more estimates for next meeting.

- Weed Cutting

Discussion: Abrahamson presented a proposal for an add in the paper for land owners to be responsible for cutting and destroying all weeds and grasses growing on regularly traveled roads and highways. If they do not have it completed by a certain time they will be charged. It was discussed on how this can get tricky. Mickelson suggested that instead of a fine maybe a tax credit to the one doing it. It was discussed how this proposal needs to be in place and effective for next year.

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to put a notice in paper informing residence that starting 2025 they will be responsible for mowing starting September 1 to October 15, 2025 as deadline or they will be fined,
Seconded by Poitra

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- 2025- BUDGET

Discussion: Mark Martinson/Ben and Ed Walters had concern on the increase in taxes. Mickelson explained the increase was not on the land but with other entities they were not at the max mill levy. Reason is to prepare if the state measure is passed to eliminated property tax funding will be based of the Counties last Mill Levy. Martinson also had concerns with the Sheriff budget with the new position for maintenance and why are they getting a new vehicle.

Motion by Mickelson

Motion to approve 2025 Budget with the 5% wage increase with of \$4,399,344.56, Seconded by Schlenvogt

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

- Road Crew Hours

Discussion: Abrahamson stated he talked to a majority of the road crew and they would like to stay at 4 days a week with the adjustment of having one person from each shop working on Friday and one on Monday. They will have the option to rotate every month. Poitra was concerned if this is a mandatory change then Policy would need to updated and changed.

Tabled to next meeting

- Cameras in shops/Filters

FYI: Both St. John and Dunseith Shops were broken into. LaRocque will be talking to Russ Lund about the camera's recording footage.

St. John shop has extra old filters and Butler stated they can possibly take back some for credit. They will check with other 3 shops to see if they can use and send rest back.

Motion by Abramson

Motion to approve all bills, Seconded by Mickelson

On Roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry LaRocque
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Rolette County, North Dakota

ATTEST

Kimberly Wuori
Rolette County Auditor