



ROLETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: 03/18/2025

The board convened at 9:00am, March 18th, 2025, members (present) Abrahamson, LaRocque, Zaste, Poitra with Commissioner Schlenvogt presiding

Phone attendance:

Members Not Present:

Also, present: Sheriff Nate Gustafson, Emergency Manger Cody Mattson, Wendy Belgarde, Scott Wheller, Kelly Johnson

Motion by Abrahamson, to accept agenda as is, Seconded by LaRocque

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

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- Fire Emergency and Burn Restriction Declaration-Cody Mattson-Emergency Manager

Discussion: Cody discussed the Declaration for Fire Emergency and Burn Restriction for the County to put into place for this season. He is just getting ahead of the game and getting it in place for the season.

Motion by LaRocque to accept the declaration as presented by Cody Mattson-Emergency Manager, Seconded by Zaste.

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

Discussion: Cody updated the board on the court room grant and he is meeting with individuals at 11am to do a walk through for the new emergency remote system. Cody stated he has been working with the local fire departments and they received a grant to install better protection on water tanks.

- Wendy Belgarde-Tax Director

Discussion: Updated on Tyler data to new system. Equalization meeting set up in June. Been working on abatements.

- Road-Gravel Trailer

Discussion: Even's Trucking has a gravel trailer for \$20000. It will need new brakes at about \$1000

Motion by Abrahamson to purchase gravel trailer from Even's Trucking for the amount of \$20000.00, Seconded by Zaste

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

- Road-St. John Door Estimate from Prouty Remodeling and Garage

Discussion: To fix the Shop door in St. John the estimate is \$1235.08 from Prouty Remodeling and Garage

Motion by Abrahamson to go with Prouty Remodeling and Garage for \$1235.08 to fix the St. John Shop door, Seconded by LaRocque

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

- Sheriff-Nate Gustafson

Discussion: Sheriff Gustafson did not have anything to report. Commissioner Poitra asked if there was an update on the contract if the deputy leaving signed one. Per Sheriff Gustafson the deputy did not sign a contract. He was hired by Rolette City before they made an agreement with the county. Sheriff stated they do have 3 people interested in the position but they will have to go to the academy for training. Commissioner Zaste asked what is the window to take the training can the person get on the job training first. Sheriff Gustafson stated when someone is hired they have to go to the very next academy that is offered. You can fill out a waiver to postpone the first academy but you have to have a very good reason why. Commissioner Poitra asked why the deputy was leaving and asked about pay. Sheriff Gustafson stated he is relocating to a bigger city and stated with the last pay raise and the investments in newer vehicles he stated the department is doing much better and wages are getting competitive.

- March 4th meeting minutes

Motion by Poitra to accept as is, Seconded by LaRocque

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

- March 12th meeting minutes

Motion by LaRocque to accept as is, Seconded by Abrahamson

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

- Scott Wheeler-Lawrence Welk Proclamation

Discussion: Scott Wheeler talked to the board about Lawrence Welk and how they are trying to get a proclamation submitted to the State to make July 2, 2025 Lawrence Welk Day. He is reaching out to all the counties to get a proclamation started at county level and to give to state to be recognized state wide.

Motion by Poitra

Motion to complete a letter of proclamation in support of the Lawrence Welk day, Seconded by Zaste

On roll call, Abrahamson "No", Zaste "Yes", Poitra "Yes", LaRocque "Yes", Schlenvogt "Yes", Motion carried by majority vote

- Bills

Motion by LaRocque to accept bills, Seconded by Abrahamson

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

- Road Supervisor

Discussion: Commissioner LaRocque has a concern about road on 107th he does not think culverts were put in correctly. Sheriff Gustafson stated the road near the dip is bad and was wondering if signs should go up. Abrahamson stated if it is a safety reason yes it needs flags and signed to go up for safety reasons if it can not be fixed right now.

- Kelly Johnson-complaint concerning Employees using vehicles for personal use/leaving Rolette shop door open after hours.

Discussion: Kelly Johnson started his complaint with asking the Commission if they have GPS in the units that are driven. He then started with on Feb 20th an employee left in a county vehicle and left the garage door open at the Rolette shop. Kelly stated he followed the vehicle to the reservation, it turned around went back to Rolette to closed the garage door and then went back to the reservation to his house. Kelly stated the does not think it is correct for an employee to use the vehicle for personal use. Commissioner Poitra stated that employees are allowed to use if it is allowed by supervisor and that it is not something the Commission needs to alert the public to. Commissioner Poitra thanked him for the concern on leaving the door open and that the correct supervisor was alerted. Kelly stated it is not the first time that has happened it has happened 3 different times. Commissioner LaRocque explained how the alarm system works and cameras. He stated that day when he was notified he did look at camera seen the individual walk in and out and leave in truck. Kelly stated he was also speeding in the vehicle. Commissioner Abrahamson stated a few issues for the supervisor to talk to shops but Kelly following the person home is a different issue. Commissioner Schlenvogt stated that is means of harassment and there are other things that Kelly has done to shop that can fall under harassment. Sheriff Gustafson agreed that there are issues that can fall under that. Kelly spoke up about owning a shop next to it and he can be on his property. Commissioner Schlenvogt stated that his time was up and they will not continue with this discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

unanimously approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned.

Allen Schlenvogt
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Rolette County, North Dakota

ATTEST

Kimberly Wuori
Rolette County Auditor