

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: 02/20/2025

The board convened at 9:00am, February 20th, 2025, members (present) Poitra, LaRocque, Zaste with Commissioner Schlenvogt presiding

Phone attendance:

Members Not Present: Abrahamson

Also, present: Wendy Belgarde, Sheriff Nate Gustafson, Steve Mcatee

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by LaRocque, seconded by Zaste to approve the agenda as is.

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

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- Park Board (Steve Mcatee) Cost Share for Vault Toilet at Carpenter Lake

Discussion: Steve Mcatee presented a letter he sent to ND Game and Fish on a cost share project to install a vaulted toilet at Carpenter Lake. The grant would be a 25/75 share. Game and Fish approved the projected which is projected to be about \$15000.00 25% cost to Park Board would be about \$3750 which is in budget to cover. County would pay for the full \$15000.00 and then would get reimbursed the 75% from ND Game and Fish.

Motion by LaRocque

Motion to Accept the grant with the full purchase to be provided by county and 75% reimbursed by ND Game and Fish, Seconded by Zaste

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

- February 3rd Meeting Minutes

Motion by LaRocque

Motion to approve minutes as they are presented, Seconded by Zaste

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

- Bills

Motion by Zaste

Motion to approve bills as they are presented, Seconded by Poitra

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

- Abatements – Tax Director (Wendy Belgarde)

Discussion: 9 abatements: 4 Homestead Credits, 1 Farm exemption, 1-Remove Structure, 1-Mobile Home, 1 Disability and 1-Vet Credit

Motion by LaRocque

Motion to accept the abatements, Seconded by Zaste

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

- North Central Planning Committee Representative

Discussion: Cam Mickelson was the previous representative. Board needs to pick a new representative.

Motion by Poitra

Motion to nominate Ross Zaste to be the new committee representative, Seconded by LaRocque

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

- Road Supervisors

Discussion: Ross Zaste started with the Cameras located at each County Shop and who has supervision to see them. Ross stated that as the supervisor of the Rolla shop he does not believe all the supervisors should have access to see his shop and vice versa he should not have access to theirs. Mr. LaRocque spoke up and stated that commission is all the supervisors of the shops. Mr. Schlenvogt stated each has a direct shop and supervisor to that area and we do not need to be involved in the other areas unless directly contact by that supervisor. Mr. Zaste stated if all are going to be involved in every area it does not work and they need to hire 1 Road supervisor. Mr. Poitra stated we had a road supervisor and it was working it was just that he was not provided the right tools to succeed and was set up for failure. When commissioners get involved it cost the county money historically we know this does not work it cost the county money with a previous employee and a commissioner physically almost in an altercation and termination of an employee. Paper work gets missed or communication is missed so the ball is dropped and things are not accomplished and so much money was pumped into so many different things that a Road Supervisor and Office Assistant could have been hired to just handle all the Road Dept needs so the Auditors office does not have to be burdened with it. Politics do not need to be brought into it. Mr. Zaste stated his crew does have concerns about the situation and if they are being watch and that it is making it a hostile environment to work in. Mr. LaRocque stated this subject needs to be tabled for a full board and if it's hostile get rid of the cameras. Mr. Schlenvogt state those cameras are for security not to check in on workers. Mr. LaRocque stated he only checked because he received an alert that something was wrong in the areas. Mr. Zaste stated he respects the authority of each shop. But, over all no one else needs to be looking at the other shops leave it to the supervisor of that area.

Tabled to next meeting

Discussion: Mr. LaRocque stated shop doors need repair in St. John and Rolette the doors have gaps and rollers are off.

Motion by Ross

Motion to allow someone to get estimates of cost to fix doors, Seconded by Larocque

- Frank Anderson with John Deere Path

FYI: Frank Anderson- RDO John Deere came and presented a new GPS-positioning system-John Deere Path

It is a camera system to allow better positioning during low visibility. In March they will have more information and cost. The Cost will fluctuate with the months it will actually be in use.

- Schlenvogt/Zaste Discussed Capital Connections Conference in Bismarck held on the 18th and 19th. House and Senate leaders came in to discuss different bill and what they are for and not for. Zaste stated he was surprised that no one from the Tribe was there and that we should collaborate more with Tribal entities and set up meetings.
- LaRocque Discussed the Weed Conference and how they will need to come up with a plan to spray gravel pits.

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