

December 4th 2018
Finley ND

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 8:04 am. Present were Chairman Brian Tuite, Commissioners Russell Walcker, Richard Strand, Ted Johnson and Randy Richards. Also present were Matt Roller, Brandon Krueger, and Jake Dickson.

Agenda Additions were: Sheriff Beckman - Tazers

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Strand to approve the agenda addition and the November 2018 minutes. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The Steele County Commission meeting was recessed for the Steele County Park Board meeting at 8:05am. The Steele County Commission meeting reconvened at 8:37am.

Emergency Manager Ben Gates, Sheriff Wayne Beckman, and Road Superintendent Reed Oien joined the meeting.

Oien discussed a culvert approval application for Hefty Seed. The topic was tabled until the project is complete.

Razor tracking reports and blade hours for the road department were reviewed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve and sign the 2019-2020 tractor lease contract with John Deere. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Oien presented the topic of purchasing a new sign truck for the road department as well as the purchase of a new snow plow. The topic was tabled until the January meeting, allowing Oien to do more research.

Mike Bassingthwaite with Interstate Engineering joined the meeting.

Oien and Bassingthwaite provided an estimate of approximately \$35,000 in material and labor to fix the Windloss bridge. It was also noted that Johnson's Stock farm has requested Lakeside Construction to gravel and bill them for 1 mile on County Road 20.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walcker and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve and sign Change order #1 for the County Road 23 west project. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Richards to approve an additional pay estimate # 2 for Central Specialties in the amount of \$131,154.76 and suspend damages from October 31st 2018 to May 15th 2019, weather permitting. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Strand to enter into executive session under N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(9) - Knife River – County Road 23 at 9:35 am.

The Steele County commission reconvened under open session at 10:32 am.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walcker and seconded by Commissioner Richards to approve the motion made in executive session. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

States Attorney Stock will follow up with North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund regarding the issues. Stock also requested that his assistant and himself be placed on the county payroll beginning January 2019.

Emergency Manager Ben Gates provided the board with grant information. He also provided two quotes for new cameras both inside and outside of the courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Gates to move forward with new cameras both inside and outside, estimated at \$5,900 through Electro Watchman. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Walcker to approve a building permit for Hefty Seed, Mark Satrom, and T-Mobile. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Gates discussed Golden Lake township's outstanding bill for the Vanguard appraisal. Gates was informed to contact the secretary for the township for payment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walcker and seconded by Commissioner Strand to approve December 24th off and close at noon on December 31st 2018 with pay. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Bobbie Hepper Olson joined the meeting to discuss the courthouse bathroom construction project. She provided the board with previous projects and references. Olson discussed the county's application for the governors CDBG funds grant. Steele County has been preliminary approved for \$78,022 to update the bathrooms to be handicap accessible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Walcker to hire Hepper Olson as project engineer for the courthouse bathroom project. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Beckman met with the board to discuss the purchase of Tazers that will put him over the amount that was budgeted. Beckman will also need to purchase a new phone that was not part of his budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walcker and seconded by Johnson to keep the Commission portfolios the same and appoint Commissioner Richards as Chairman of the board for 2019. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Richards and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve and sign the 2019 contract with West Traill Ambulance. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the eight abatements presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board Tuite signed the county deeds for the properties that were sold at the November 20th, 2018 tax sale.

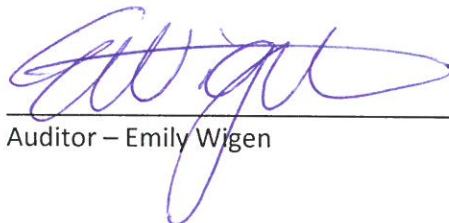
A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Strand to approve the bills as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Wigen provided an office update which included the 2017 audit, the courthouse chimney removal, 2018 mill levies, delayed bills, negative leave balances and the appreciation dinner.

Extension Agent Angie Johnson met with the board and held a weed board meeting at 1:21pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Walcker and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the commissioner meeting at 1:50pm.



Chairman – Brian Tuite



Auditor – Emily Wigen

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The Steele County Park Board meeting was called to order at 8:05am. Present were Chairman Russell Walcker, Richard Strand, Ted Johnson, Randy Richards, Brian Tuite, Matt Roller and Brandon Krueger. Jake Dickson was also present.

Agenda Additions:
Game and Fish correspondence
JDA Funds

A motion was made by Roller and seconded by Krueger to approve the November minutes and agenda additions. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The campground project was discussed. The dirt work is complete, electrical work is nearly complete, and none of the plumbing has been started at this point.

A motion was made by Richards and seconded by Roller to pay Lakeside Construction and Verwest Construction for their work on the campground to date. Roll call vote: Johnson – yes, Richards – yes, Tuite – yes, Walcker – yes, Roller – yes, Krueger – yes, Strand – abstained.

The water heater bill for the café was brought up for discussion. No one was able to contact the contractor to attend the meeting. Dickson and Wigen will try arrange attendance for the January meeting.

The board discussed and will request the \$30,000 in funding from Steele County JDA at their December 12th meeting.

A camper complaint and request for credit was discussed. The board asked Wigen to send a letter declining the request.

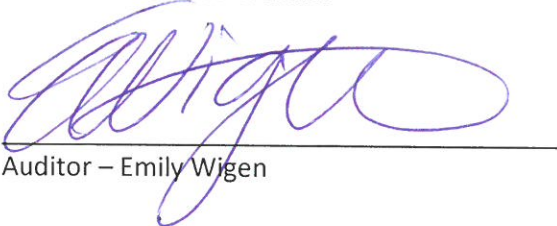
Recent correspondence from Game and Fish was reviewed.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Strand to appoint Matt Roller as Chairman on the Steele County Park Board. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roller and seconded by Strand to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.



Chairman – Russell Walcker



Auditor – Emily Wigen