

January 7th, 2025, Steele County Commission Meeting

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 8:16 am. Present were Commissioners Perry Brown, Brandon Krueger, Richard Strand, Brandon Oxton and Chris Grandalen. Also present, Auditor Jana Flaten.

Commissioner Oxton made a motion to approve the December regular minutes, second by Commissioner Krueger. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve the December special minutes with the addition of liquor and beer license, second by Commissioner Oxton. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to nominate Commissioner Oxton to be 2025 chairman for the board, second by Commissioner Krueger. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Strand made a motion to approve the 2025 mileage rate of \$0.70, second by Commissioner Brown. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve Golden Lake Acres and Hope Golf Course Liquor and Beer licenses. Seconded by Commissioner Grandalen. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ben Gates opened sealed culvert bids at 8:30am. We received one bid from True North Steel. Commissioner Strand made a motion to accept the bid by True North Steel, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the park board members was held. Commissioner Brown made a motion to nominate Commissioners Grandalen, Strand and Oxton to sit on the park board leaving two at large spots. Second by Commissioner Krueger. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

There will be a park board meeting following today's meeting.

Regional Livestock Planning Grant- will be at a later date.

Tax Director Casey Olson discussed the Sidwell grant through the state that he sent in. He was notified that it was approved, and he should be getting back a check in the amount of \$17,000.00. He also gave a brief update of his office.

Gravel jobs were discussed along with using prairie dog funds to help with the cost of those. Mike Bassingthwaite with Interstate Engineering will be at the February meeting to discuss this along with other upcoming jobs the county may want to start on. This would include seal coating and crack sealing.

Ben Gates has reached out to two different architects for the exterior renovation project for the courthouse; Hepper Olson Architect and Foss Architect. Foss Architect was unable to attend the meeting as we had reached out too late to have them prepare a packet. They will attend the February meeting.

Bobbie Olson with Hepper Olson Architect brought an informational packet of previous jobs like the exterior renovation of the courthouse. She discussed these other jobs and what she believes would be a good fit for the courthouse. She discussed the specs of the job and century code as the courthouse is on the historical building list. Discussion was held to have Hepper Olson do a building analysis to see what all needs to be done before a bid is written up and accepted. Having Hepper Olson do the analysis will be about \$3,500.00 and it would be a good idea to help get a proper bid packet made up. This will include everything that should be done (including stairs, ramp, windows and any other upgrades).

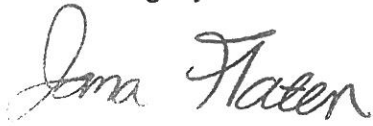
Commissioner Strand made a motion to have Hepper Olson do a building analysis only on the courthouse's exterior for \$3,500.00. Second, by Commissioner Krueger. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Bobbie will have this analysis done for the February meeting and will attend that meeting to discuss it.

Commissioner Strand made a motion to approve the bills, second by Commissioner Brown. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Krueger, second by Commissioner Grandalen. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17am



Chairman Brandon Oxton



Auditor Jana Flaten