

June 4, 2024, Steele County Commission Meeting

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 7:59 am. Present were Commissioners Perry Brown, Brandon Krueger, Richard Strand, Brandon Oxton and Don Huso (attended via zoom). Also present, Auditor Jana Flaten, Ben Gates, Reed Oien, Casey Olson, Matt Roller and Sheriff Wayne Beckman

There are two minutes amendments - update the date and change the time to am instead of pm. Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve the three sets of May minutes, second by Commissioner Oxton. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Agenda additions – load pass, Commissioner Oxton made a motion to approve the agenda additions, second by Commissioner Krueger, no further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Matt Roller called the Steele County Park Board meeting to order at 8:05 am.

Steele County Commissioner meeting reconvened at 8:23 am.

Reed Oien had discussion regarding crack sealing, they have been working down by Hope on County Road 5 and 6. County Road 5 bridge has started, and the detour will get bladed this week. Hoping to be done with the project in 6 weeks. Blading will be done this week to help maintain the washboards on the county roads. Brown mentioned there was a road sign down by the intersection of Co Rd 5 and Hwy 32. Oien will look at it and get it fixed.

Mike Bassingthwaite with Interstate Engineering updated that 3 out of 4 current bridge projects are done. County Road 5's grass is slowly growing, and he would like to see it grow more before finalizing the project. Finley Township bridge is finished and he's hoping to get it seeded. He is thinking both can get approved at the next commissioner meeting.

Hannah Zamora gave an update on the county health office. There are a few applicants and interviews will be taking place later this month. Sam Thykeson and Amber Thykeson will be filling in for the home visits until we can hire a nurse to take that over. Both have a contract with the county. Hannah briefly went over the billing and will work on the claims that are less than a year old, unfortunately anything older than a year, we cannot file the claim. She also mentioned that she feels the funds for the advertisement in the paper for hiring a nurse could be used on social media and would be able to reach a larger target audience. She also discussed the grants she has been working on and everything is going good in the office.

Flaten discussed the police officer retirement plan and the resolution that needs to be signed for a start day of July 1st, 2024. Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Commissioner Oxton. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Gates provided the Riverside load pass agreement that needs approval. Commissioner Stand made a motion to approve the Riverside load pass agreement, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, no further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Olson brought two building permits to the commissioners and is looking for approval. Commissioner Strand made a motion to approve both building permits. Second by Commissioner Krueger, no further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Olson brought one farm abatement to the commissioners and is looking for approval. Commissioner Krueger made a motion to approve the abatement. Second by Commissioner Strand, no further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Olson has sent out 243 farm exempt forms and has received 143 back.

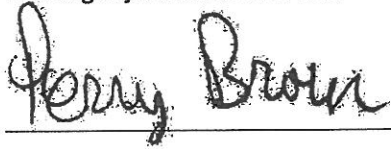
Flaten gave an update on the election that will be held on June 11th, 2024.

Flaten and Gates asked the commissioners to have July 5th off as a paid holiday. Commissioner Krueger made a motion to have July 5th off as a paid holiday. Second, by Commissioner Oxton, no further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

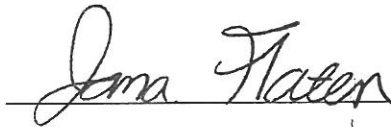
Commissioner Strand made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Huso. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Strand, seconded by commissioner Krueger. No further discussion, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.



Chairman Perry Brown



Auditor Jana Flaten