

October 12th, 2021
Finley, ND

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 8:17 am. Present was Chairman Richard C. Strand, Commissioners Ted Johnson, Brandon Krueger, Brian Tuite and Russell Walcker. Also present was Matt Roller.

Agenda Additions: Public Health Nurse – Kathryn Good
Don Huso declined the offer to be added to the agenda.

The Steele County Commission meeting was recessed for the Steele County Park Board meeting. The Steele County Commission meeting reconvened at 8:29 am.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Walcker to approve the agenda with the addition. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Walcker to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Emily Wigen provided an office update which included a workplace injury, the ARPA funding report, WSI training, redistricting, elevator repair status and the minimum sale price for the back tax properties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the minimum sale prices of back tax properties on the November tax sale. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Wayne Beckman provided an office report as well as reviewed a change in his office fees starting in November.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the Sheriff's Office fee changes. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

AVHSZ Director Kim Jacobson provided a quarterly update regarding their services.

Auditor Wigen clarified a few updates on behalf of Dennis Lindstrom, Veterans Service Officer.

States Attorney Charlie Stock reviewed the policy manual. Stock also provided an office update.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Walcker to approve the policy manual changes as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to take a 5-minute recess at 9:56 am. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:03 am.

Amy Czapiewski, Tax Director, gave an update regarding the property tax appeal results from the state to change commercial land to Agland.

The issues of the courthouse lights flickering were discussed by the board. Ottetail will be contacted to see if there are any solutions they can suggest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger approve Russell and Pam Walcker as Steele County delegates to the State Fair Board. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to pursue, and move forward with the Public Health employee application and second interview. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Walcker to hire, and pay the same wage Angie Johnson received, Carly Idso for Weed Board on an interim basis. The position will be revisited at the time an Extension Agent is hired to determine whether the new agent will want to take it on, or if Idso will uphold the position. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Tuite to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am. Meeting adjourned.



Chairman – Richard C. Strand

Auditor – Emily Wigen