

Finley, ND
November 1st, 2022

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 8:00am. Present were Chairman Russell Walcker, Commissioners Richard C. Strand, Ted Johnson, Brandon Krueger and Brian Tuite. Also present was Dina Splettstoesser and Charlie Stock.

Agenda Additions: Fire system, IT Quote

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the agenda with additions and minutes as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Letter from Walsh County regarding need for jail was reviewed by the Commission. Correspondence from M-power regarding future project in Griggs and Steele County was also reviewed. M-power will be invited to the next commission meeting.

Dina Splettstoesser, Buildings and Grounds, met with the board to discuss other possible options for the building directory. She will get more information on additional signs for the commission.

State's Attorney Stock discussed the open Veteran Service Officer position. No applicants have been received. Traill County VSO is possibly interested. It was discussed that potentially utilizing the Veteran Service Van for rural Traill County residents was an option or not.

Carly Idso discussed her email to the board regarding her potential assistant VSO position and retro active payment for work she has been doing for the past several months.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve payment of \$900 for back pay and \$413 per month to Carly Idso for assistant VSO. Roll call: Strand – yes, Johnson – yes, Krueger – No, Tuite – yes. Motion carried.

Mike Bassingthwaite with Interstate Engineering joined via phone to answer any questions the board may have.

Discussion was held regarding county employees being paid for sitting on addition boards while on county time. State's Attorney Stock will gather information regarding the number of employees, hours and payments for the next meeting.

Emergency Manager Ben Gates met with the board to request the board to approve him taking an online cyber security course through NACo in the amount of \$2,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the cyber security course through NACo for Gates in the amount of \$2,000. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

The quote to replace the courthouse fire protection system panel that is beginning to fail and no longer supported was discussed and reviewed by the commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Tuite to approve the quote to replace the fire protection system. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Tyler Flaten with North Star Electric joined the meeting to discuss the generator that was installed for the courthouse. Road Superintendent Reed Oien is getting fuel delivered for it as well as coordinating the exhaust ventilation. Oien will research a maintenance schedule for the generator.

Oien provided an update regarding the installation of a culvert west of Lake Tobiason, mowing ditches, and County Road 11. There is a blade that is in the shop in Fargo for a replacement hydraulic pump which is estimated at \$9500.

There were no objections to the minimum sale price for the one remaining property in the City of Finley.


The 2023 Budget items were clarified by the board.

The handling of insurance claims was discussed to clarify if the process has changed.

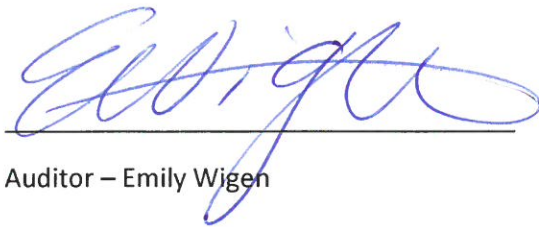
A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve all bills as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the quote for IT to install wiring into the courtroom and Extension Office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.



Chairman – Russell Walcker



Auditor – Emily Wigen