

**January 22, 2019**

The Williams County Commission met in regular session this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019 beginning at 8:00 AM in the Commission Room of the Williams County Administrative Building.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order. Innis took roll call of: Ramberg-here, Hanson-here, Anderson-here, and Kemp-here.

There being a quorum, Chairman Montgomery proceeded.

Kemp moved Hanson seconded approval of the consent agenda:

1. Bills to be paid January 23<sup>rd</sup>, fees from the various departments: Auditor- \$1,705.00; Register of Deeds-\$67,041.70; States Attorney- \$1,858.08 and Sheriff- \$394,999.82; totaling- \$465,604.60.
2. 1% Public Safety Awards- Wildrose Fire Department- \$2,625.00 and Ray Police Department- \$5,000.00. (Copy included in minutes)
3. % Public Safety Applications for Mike Smith -EMS- \$12,500.00. (Copy included in minutes)
4. December 31, 2018 Financials Before Year End Transfers. (Copy included in minutes)
5. Transfer Order #314- 2018 Fiscal Transfers. (Copy included in minutes)
6. December 2018 minutes.

Roll call vote: Ramberg-yes, Hanson-yes, Montgomery-yes, Anderson-yes, and Kemp-yes. Motion carried.

Innis presented the 2019 General Liability/Automobile Insurance proposal submitted from Manger Insurance. The quote increased \$23,511.00 from last year. Kemp moved Ramberg seconded the acceptance of the 2019 General Liability/Automobile Insurance from Manger Insurance, underwriter for NDIRF. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Montgomery-yes, Anderson-yes, Kemp-yes, and Ramberg-yes. Motion carried.

Lindsey Harriman, Communications Official gave a history and impact of SB 2161- Rapid Enrollment Grants and the importance for passage to the County. Ramberg moved Hanson seconded authorizing Harriman to send a letter of support for SB 2161 on behalf of the Commission. Roll call vote: Montgomery-yes, Anderson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, and Hanson-yes. Motion carried.

Karen Prout, Special Assistant States Attorney discussed the one year lease with the Williston State College Foundation for space utilized by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Kemp moved Anderson seconded authorizing the Chairman to sign the lease when Prout has completed the changes to the monthly figure. Roll call vote: Anderson -yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Hanson-yes, and Montgomery-yes. Motion carried.

Ramberg moved Hanson seconded approval of the proposal submitted by Mike Smith, EMS Director for a 911 radio communication tower at the New Williston Airport in the amount of \$190,801.00 from the 911 funds. Roll call vote: Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Hanson-yes, Montgomery-yes, and Anderson-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Dennis Nelson, County Highway Superintendent gave a road update- County Road #42- still working on easements; #9 hoping to get easements tonight at the landowner meeting tonight at 6:00 PM; and #21 completed obtaining easements. The Township meetings are going well, and they are satisfied with the LoadPass Program.

Kameron Hymer, Development Services Director presented the year-end Building Department report, with a 2017 comparison. (Copy included in minutes)

Hanson moved Kemp seconded the appointment of the Williams County Special Assessment Commission of Norm Hanson (term of office January 22, 2019 to April 6, 2021); Jon Hersel (term of office January 22, 2019 to April 4, 2023) and Kelly Everson (term of office January 22, 2019 to April 1, 2025), as appointed by Chairman Montgomery. Roll call vote: Ramberg-yes, Hanson-yes, Montgomery-yes, Anderson-yes, and Kemp-yes. Motion carried. The members will be compensated at a rate of \$100.00 per meeting plus mileage expenses, if applicable.

Ramberg moved Anderson seconded to advertise for bid the Old Highway Department Complex with Prout, Richard Nelson, Facilities Director, and Chairman Montgomery to get the advertisement prepared. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Montgomery-yes, Anderson-yes, Kemp-yes, and Ramberg-yes. Motion carried.

Teigen Hewson, Interstate Engineering representing the City of Ray requesting lower speed limits from Highway 2 north and south on County Road #17, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles as follows- heading north from Highway 2 current 35mph proposed 25mph; north bound past the vertical curve 55mph proposed 35mph transitioning to 55mph north of subdivision approach; and south bound from the vertical curve to Highway 2 currently 35mph proposed 25mph. They are proposing to widen the road for farm machinery traffic. Ramberg moved Kemp seconded approval of the proposed speed limit changes as recommended by the City of Ray. Roll call vote: Montgomery-yes, Anderson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, and Hanson-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Hanson moved Ramberg seconded approval of the two open positions for DMV Technician and Assistant States Attorney as presented by Helen Askim, HR Director. Roll call vote: Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Hanson-yes, Montgomery-yes, and Montgomery-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Chairman Montgomery thanked Askim and Harriman for all of their support and help with the testimony for the Social Services Re-Design and the Prairie Dog Bill before the Legislature and their efforts to go to Bismarck to testify. Williams County thanks them. Askim stated that it was meaningful to be there and spending time with the Legislators. Her experience reinforced how important it is to be down in Bismarck during the session.

Harriman reviewed the upcoming bills for this week. Chairman Montgomery encouraged everyone to sign up for the NDACo Legislative Blog site.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM.