

## October 16, 2018

The Williams County Commission met in regular session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 beginning at 8:03 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, Aberle-here, Hanson-here, and Kemp-here.

There being a quorum, Chairman Montgomery proceeded.

Hanson moved Aberle seconded approval of the consent agenda:

1. Abatements- 2017 Homestead Credit for Richard Schweitzer Hi-Land Heights 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision L9 B1 in the City of Williston, and 2016/2017 Homestead Credit for Loring/Ardis Stevens Gauthier Subdivision L6 & N25' of L5 B2.
2. Bills to be paid October 17<sup>th</sup>, fees from the various departments for September for Auditor- \$2,000.00; Register of Deeds- \$57,499.40; States Attorney- \$1,381.72 and Sheriff- \$875,050.61; totaling- \$917,931.73.
3. September 2018 Financials. (Copy included in minutes)
4. Culvert petitions- Lindahl and 2 from Rainbow Townships. (Copy included in minutes)
5. Transfer order #311 of \$907,547.70 from HTD to Road/Bridge and \$99,106.85 from General Fund to NWYAC. (Copy included in minutes)

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

Dennis Nelson, County Highway Superintendent presented the contract with Interstate Engineering for the 1 mile of work within the City of Tioga and 3 miles of work for the County. Ramberg moved Kemp seconded authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract. Roll call vote: Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, and Ramberg-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Nelson gave a project update.

Nelson presented the Annual Maintenance Certification from the NDDOT. Kemp moved Ramberg seconded authorizing the Chairman to sign the certification. Roll call vote: Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, and Aberle-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Karen Prout, Special Assistant States Attorney received correspondence from Nelson from NDIRF regarding "Slow Children at Play" signs and the possible liability exposure. There are numerous signs along County Roads as well as at County Parks. NDIRF states that it is their position as well as other agencies that this particular sign should not be in use on public roads. They recommend that these signs be eliminated from the Williams County road system. They recommend using the uniform signs. Nelson stated that there are 300-500 of these signs throughout the County. If the signs are not removed it will not affect our liability insurance. Hanson moved Ramberg seconded to ignore the recommendation. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Kemp-no, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-no, and Montgomery-no. Motion failed. Kemp moved Aberle seconded that any new signs that are requested that we use the uniform signs as recommended by NDIRF for County Roads, Parks, and Playgrounds. Roll call vote: Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, and Hanson-no. Motion carried.

Sheriff Verlan Kvande requested changing signers to the Williams County Correctional Center Inmate Trust Account at American State Bank. He is requesting to add himself, Lt. Jeremy Mohl and Tiffany Sickinger. Aberle moved Kemp seconded to authorize the changes. Roll call vote: Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, and Kemp-yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kvande gave an update on the inmate meals and discussed a possible electronic tracking of the meals.

Prout presented the letter to the NDDOT regarding turning lanes for safety purposes along ND Highway #2 as requested by the Commissioners and Judson Township. Ramberg moved Hanson seconded authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter. Roll call vote: Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, and Ramberg-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Katalin Quale, NDSU Extension Agent gave an update on her department. An offer was made to an Agriculture Agent and then they will be fully staffed.

Jim Ryen, Chief Deputy Auditor thanked the Commission for letting the office complete the property listing and Ryan Miles finding apartments. Ryen presented the upcoming properties coming up for this year's Tax Foreclosure sale. The Commission needs to determine today whether they are going to advertise the property for what is owing for back taxes plus a prorated amount for this year's taxes or market value. Kemp moved Ramberg seconded to set the minimum sale price for the annual Tax Foreclosure sale at the market value for the properties. Roll call vote: Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, and Aberle-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes) The Tax Foreclosure Sale will be held November 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM at the Auditor's Office.

Ryen stated that the Commission needs to set a date and time for the public hearing from the entities to agree or protest against the minimum price set for the Tax Foreclosures Properties. Ramberg moved Aberle seconded to set the public hearing at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 8:00 AM. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, and Montgomery-yes. Motion carried.

There are 7-8 Twin Homes that Ryen will write a letter to stating that effective this day they will be paying their rent to Williams County. Kemp moved Hanson seconded authorizing Richard Martin, Facilities Director and the Sheriff's Department will hand deliver the notices to the tenants. Roll call vote: Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, and Hanson-yes. Motion carried.

Ryen stated that we also received a Salt Water Disposal Site on the Tax Foreclosure list also. What does the County do with this site? Kemp moved Hanson seconded to have Martin and the Sheriff's Department also lock the facility. Roll call vote: Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, and Kemp-yes. Motion carried.

Innis, Auditor presented Tax Foreclosure Redemptions for approval. Kemp moved Hanson seconded approval of the application for repurchase from Jeffrey Jon Teskey- City of Williston Bruegger's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition Lot 12 Block 30 contingent that the cost of \$10,746.16 is received. Roll call vote: Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, and Ramberg-yes. Motion carried. Hanson moved Kemp seconded approval of the application for repurchase from Greg A/Patricia K Bjella- City of Epping Lots 8&9 Block 1 in the amount of \$439.35. Roll call vote: Montgomery-yes, Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, and Aberle-yes. Motion carried. Hanson moved Ramberg seconded approval of the application for repurchase from Ronald Feiring- Wheelock Village- A piece of land bounded on the North by the North line of E1/2NW1/4 of Section 35 Township 156 North, Range 98 West, Williams County, North Dakota, and bounded on the East by a line continuing the East boundary of the North Addition to Wheelock, bounded on the South by the North line of the North Addition to Wheelock, and bounded on the West by a line continuing on the West line of the North Addition to Wheelock in said County and State, subject to public roadways or right-of-way and Wheelock Village North Addition to Wheelock North ½ Block 7 in the amount of \$627.54. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, and Montgomery-yes. Motion carried.

Innis requested that the first meeting in November be moved to another day as that is Election Day and she will not be able to attend the meeting. The Commission decided to leave the meeting to be held November 6<sup>th</sup>. Innis reported that Ryen will take minutes at the meeting.

Hanson moved Kemp seconded to approve the Williams County Funding Request for the Tioga Senior Citizens Center in the amount of \$50,000.00. Roll call vote: Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, and Hanson-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

Sheldon Portwine, Ethan Zoeller, and Cal Beckman, XTO Energy present are requesting a variance for a temporary road closure with alternate ways to get around the well pads through the life of the wells. The location is all fenced off and the section line has never been used. Ramberg moved Aberle seconded to approve the variance as long as the landowners are in agreement and to provide copies of the easements to be signed by the Chairman and the section line will not be closed located S2SW4 Section 34 T155 R96 and N2NW4 Section 3 T154 R96. Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, and Montgomery-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in the minutes)

Ed Rintamaki reported that there is nothing new on the Muddy Valley Subdivision and he will get with Planning/Zoning and have a resolution by the next meeting. Sam Henderson, Planning/Zoning Official stated that the preliminary plat review will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Ramberg moved Kemp seconded approval of the Open Positions report for one Social Worker presented by Helen Askim HR Director. Roll call vote: Kemp-yes, Ramberg-yes, Aberle-yes, Montgomery-yes, and Hanson-yes. Motion carried. (Copy included in minutes)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM.