

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2023

9:00 AM

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioners Bryan Bruner (by phone), Brady Nelson, Duane Drader, Armann Anderson and Lance Johnson were present.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Drader to approve the December 6th and 20th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Drader and seconded by Johnson to approve abatements #1441-1448. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the community service report for December.

Brown Township supervisors, Dwight Holmen and Mike Bechtold, met with the board to discuss bridge issues in their township. They would like to be proactive in bridge maintenance, which the board indicated that is also their intent, but it depends solely on funding. The board mentioned townships can help by contacting their legislators during the session to support bridge funding bills. The township plans to evaluate their bridges to determine if any can be replaced by culverts.

Eric Haman met with the board regarding his frustration with the blade service in Smokey Lake Township. The board agreed it has not been ideal due to the blade operator being out for medical reasons, the commissioner in that district encountered an unexpected surgery, a lack of personnel to run the blade continuously, and the blade being down for repairs. A new temporary operator has just been hired, so the service should improve.

Ryan Ackerman met with the board to give an update on the Mouse River Plan. He noted the Velva bridge is planned to be replaced the summer of 2024.

Jason Mayfield and Kent Indvik met with the board to discuss the paving plans on the Russell Road. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Drader to hold the bid letting on February 7th in Bottineau County, due to the joint project. Commissioners Johnson, Nelson, Bruner and Drader voting aye. Commissioner Anderson voting nay. Motion carried.

Sheriff Skager joined the meeting.

Mayfield and Indvik also presented a couple of bridge funding options through the state. It was agreed to apply for historic preservation funds for bridge 25-112-36.0 located in Section 34-154-79. Other bridges to be placed on the list for funding will be 25-113-02.0 located between Sections 7/18 in 159-78, 25-107-26.1 located between Sections 11/12 in 155-80, 25-129-09.0 located in Section 14-158-75, 25-116-35.0 located in Section 29-154-78.

The board recessed for lunch.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Drader to make the following amendments to the 2022 budget: Co Farm to Market from \$110,000 to \$407,496.98, County Road & Bridge from \$1,562,180 to \$1,720,590.88, Senior Citizens from \$93,000 to \$94,451.56. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Black, Jonathan Lemer, Andrew Bromley, Amy Haman, Eric Haman, Randy Berndt, Brian Vollmer and Sheriff Skager joined the meeting. Greg expressed his frustration with the time it took to open his roads. He suggested the county purchase a Cat dozer and an extra motorgrader. Amy and Randy had similar frustrations with the lack of service. Chairman Nelson explained the county's situation as he did earlier with Eric Haman, in which a blade operator was out for medical reasons, the commissioner in that district encountered an unexpected surgery, a lack of personnel to run the blade continuously, and the blade being down for repairs. This was an unfortunate combination of factors that slowed everything down. He mentioned the county will be sending three blades into that area so the roads should be opened quickly. A new temporary operator has just been hired, so the service should improve.

It was suggested by the board to ask townships to consider closing some township roads in order for the blades to get townships opened quicker.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Anderson to approve the pledge of assets from Merchants Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

A consent motion was made by Drader and seconded by Bruner to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #47137-47212; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$146,639.62 paid by warrant checks #27319-27366; Sheriff December statement of fees \$1030.00, Sheriff mileage \$671.00, Deputy reports for Nov/Dec.

The board continued to audit bills until completed. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Johnson that the following bills be approved and the proper checks be issued thereof:

Warrant	Paid	Reason	Amount
85410	Linstrom, Calise	Uniform	186.97
85425	Advanced Business Methods	Copy machine lease	215.67
85426	Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	398.52
85427	Anderson, Armann	Mileage	98.75
85428	Attorney General Office	Program fees	4,425.00
85429	BALCO Uniform Co, Inc	Uniforms	36.41
85430	B & J Excavating, Inc	Log jams	8,615.00
85431	Bruner, Bryan	Mileage	16.25
85432	Burckhard, James	Gravel, culvert	1,395.00
85433	Cenex Fleetcard	Gas	3,619.54
85434	Dirty Dog Digging & Trucking	Snow removal	850.00
85435	DK Service	Diesel, batteries	3,881.60
85436	DMC Wear Parts LLC	Wedges	557.05
85437	Dokken's Automotive LLC	Oil change, patch tire	1,090.85
85438	Drader, Duane	Mileage	65.62
85439	Drake City	Utilities	91.90
85440	Domestic Violence Crisis Center	Fees	167.98
85441	Gerdau Ameristeel	Steel	173.45
85442	Governsoft	Dakota Programs annual support	13,583.00
85443	Golden West Industrial Supply	Knives	310.24
85444	Hansen, Jerry	Mileage	34.38
85445	HACTC	Prisoner board	26,626.66
85446	Hardware Hank	Supplies	303.77
85447	Heilman's Diesel Repair	Parts	101.35
85448	John Deere Financial	Hardware	39.67
85449	Johnson, Lance	Mileage	10.00
85450	Keller, Robert	Snow removal	270.00
85451	Kitzman, Neil	Mileage	115.00
85452	Kiesler Police Supply	Glock magazines	440.00
85453	McHenry County Treasurer	County car mileage	38.80
85454	McHenry County Treasurer	Sheriff's December fees, mileage, tow bill	1,746.00

85455	Metcalfe, Kendra	Program Supplies	24.29
85456	Mouse River Journal	Subscription	36.00
85457	National Association of Counties	2023 dues	450.00
85458	ND Association of Counties	Registration	8,483.00
85459	ND County Commissioners Association	2023 dues	1,650.00
85460	NDACo Resources Group	Datto backup	112.86
85461	ND Dept of Transportation FMD	SC-2500(021), BRC0099(012)	15,704.13
85462	NDSU	Farm books, network adapter	622.00
85463	Nelson, Brady	Mileage	113.75
85464	Nickle, Dominic	Mileage	34.38
85465	Otis Elevator Company	Annual service contract	1,765.08
85466	Otter Tail Power Company	Electric service	5,015.18
85467	PowerPlan	Parts	2,246.93
85468	Quadient Finance USA, Inc	Postage meter lease	2,405.00
85469	RV Enterprises	Gravel, millings	13,932.00
85470	Smette Oil Company, Inc	Diesel	11,980.38
85471	Spartan Firearms	Ammunition	1,450.00
85472	SRT Communications	Phone service	1,153.15
85473	Towner Health & Wellness	Office rent	545.00
85474	Tri N Propane	Propane	1,491.66
85475	Towner City	Utilities	310.59
85476	Towner Parts Equipment	Parts	113.13
85477	Thomson Reuters West	Online fee	368.06
85478	Tritech Software Systems	Annual mobile license	143.59
85479	Upham City	Utilities	38.00
85480	Volk, Mike	Mileage	37.50
85481	Vormestrand, Alan	Mileage	115.00
85482	Wald, Rachel	Mileage	165.00

At 4:10 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Drader to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor

Brady Nelson, Chairman