

## Commissioners Proceedings

On January 5, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session, with all members present. The commissioners began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nick Moser presided and proceeded as follows:

Elsie Magnus made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Richard Ring; motion carried. Richard Ring made a motion, seconded by David Zeis to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:

84362	CLAIR MOEN	\$165.25	VSO
84365	BANK OF AMERICA	\$290.93	TAX DIRECTOR
84366	SIGN IT	\$37.45	TAX DIRECTOR
84367	REARDON OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$549.00	TAX DIRECTOR
84368	SWANSTON EQUIP INCORP	\$64,100.00	FARM - MARKET
84369	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	\$8,200.00	AUDITOR
84370	SIGN IT	\$92.00	AUDITOR
84371	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$435.47	TAX DIRECTOR
84372	JOSH PLUMMER	\$1,080.00	GENERAL
84373	MOSTAD INSURANCE SERVICES	\$410.00	GENERAL
84374	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$2,909.00	GENERAL
84375	LUNSETH PLUMBING & HEATING	\$100,000.00	GENERAL
84376	LUNSETH PLUMBING & HEATING	\$27,100.00	GENERAL
84378	LANGDON DAY CARE CENTER	\$228.94	SOCIAL SERVICES
84379	NORTH DAKOTA P.O.S.T.	\$400.00	SHERIFF
84380	ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	\$59,198.72	HEALTH INSURANCE
84381	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$724.19	E-911 EXCISE TAX
84382	ND STATE TREASURER	\$201.25	DOM VIOLENCE/MED LEVY
84383	STANLEY DICK	\$95.77	COMMISSIONERS
84384	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$35.00	CLERK
84385	ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	\$100.00	CLERK
84386	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	\$550.00	AUDITOR
84387	RUTH ANN JOHNSON	\$204.30	CLERK
84388	STUTSMAN CO AUDITOR	\$133.00	STATE'S ATTORNEY
84389	ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOC.	\$200.00	RECORDER
84390	REARDON OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$268.65	RECORDER
84391	BEHM'S PLUMBING INC.	\$558.37	GENERAL
84392	MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING	\$431.22	GENERAL
84393	DACOTAH PAPER CO.	\$608.63	GENERAL
84394	NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL	\$24,000.00	PLANNING
84395	LEXIPOL, LLC	\$2,475.00	SHERIFF
84396	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$1,064.45	SHERIFF
84397	CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC.	\$79.97	SHERIFF
84398	SENIOR MEALS AND SERVICES	\$165.00	SHERIFF
84399	SPORTS & SHIRTS	\$53.50	SHERIFF
84400	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$198.58	SHERIFF
84401	SIGN IT	\$1,485.00	SHERIFF
84402	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,222.05	GENERAL
84403	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$216.08	GENERAL/HR/R&B/WEED

84404	CAVALIER COUNTY TREASURER	\$1,471.42	GENERAL/F-M
84405	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$397.34	AUD/GENERAL/SHERIFF/R&B
84406	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$645.42	CLERK/AUD/RECORD/F-M
84407	LANGDON AMOCO	\$218.30	GENERAL/F-M/R&B
84408	MIKKELSEN BROS. CONSTRUCTION	\$825.00	FARM - MARKET
84409	FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK	\$24,309.97	ROAD & BRIDGE
84410	FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK	\$29,766.05	ROAD & BRIDGE
84411	FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK	\$26,069.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
84412	NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER	\$51.60	ROAD & BRIDGE
84413	WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$1,110.00	GENERAL
84414	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$5,803.34	ROAD & BRIDGE
84415	MUNICH ELEVATOR & OIL CO.	\$2,525.25	ROAD & BRIDGE
84416	ERLING'S OIL, INC.	\$3,430.21	ROAD & BRIDGE
84417	BUD'S SERVICE PRODUCTS	\$311.79	ROAD & BRIDGE
84418	BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$1,609.54	ROAD & BRIDGE
84419	CARQUEST OF LANGDON	\$588.62	FARM - MARKET
84420	DAHL TRUCK & AUTO	\$2,228.10	ROAD & BRIDGE
84421	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$226.64	ROAD & BRIDGE
84422	MAC'S INC.	\$159.85	ROAD & BRIDGE
84423	RDO TRUST ACCOUNT #80-5800	\$878.58	ROAD & BRIDGE
84424	RICHARD'S WELDING, INC.	\$319.40	ROAD & BRIDGE
84425	SIGN IT	\$125.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
84426	STEIN AUTO BODY, INC.	\$392.50	ROAD & BRIDGE
84427	WALHALLA BUILDING CENTER	\$7.98	ROAD & BRIDGE
84428	ZIMMER PLUMBING & HOME CENTER	\$412.65	ROAD & BRIDGE
84429	KADRMAS, LEE, & JACKSON INC.	\$29,246.08	ROAD & BRIDGE
84430	ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	\$16,720.46	ROAD & BRIDGE
84431	KAREN KEMPERT	\$179.28	EMG MNGR
84432	NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION	\$50.00	EMG MNGR
84433	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$345.26	E-911 EXCISE TAX
84434	POLAR COMMUNICATIONS	\$376.73	E-911 EXCISE TAX
84435	CAVALIER COUNTY REPUBLICAN	\$73.00	VSO
84436	ANITHA CHIRUMAMILLA	\$221.40	COUNTY AGENT
84437	CAVALIER COUNTY AUDITOR	\$58.42	WEED CONTROL
84438	LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL	\$18.81	WEED CONTROL
84439	LANGDON CITY	\$18,000.00	WEED CONTROL
84440	DAVID J. ZEIS	\$45.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84441	RICHARD FLANDERS	\$45.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84442	STANLEY DICK	\$45.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84443	TED DAHL	\$45.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84444	VERA MCINTOSH	\$45.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84445	D & B MOTORS	\$25.90	SOCIAL SERVICES
84446	JOSH PLUMMER	\$520.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84447	JAN F. STEIN	\$2,000.00	SOCIAL SERVICES
84448	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$226.68	SOCIAL SERVICES

The commissioners reviewed the various boards that are currently getting paid both a meeting fee and mileage. Weed Board, Soils Committee, and Social Welfare were asked to review their current compensation and consider only paying either a meeting fee or mileage, not both.

**Elsie Magnus made a motion, seconded by Richard Ring, to appoint David Zeis to the regional Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board (CRIB).**

The commissioners discussed the County Officials Academy being on March 6 & 7, and decided to move their meeting to March 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., but later in the meeting changed it to 8:30 a.m.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor, met with the commissioners and discussed the excess snow accumulation and the fact that we might end up with a FEMA snow disaster if it continues. It was decided that Johnston would send a letter out to the township clerks suggesting that they keep track of all snow removal expenses they are incurring for documentation in case of a FEMA snow disaster.

Nick Moser informed the commissioners that the snow plow truck in his district was broke down, and he was unsure if and when it would be repaired. After much discussion, Moser stated he would look into options to replace the truck for next winter.

Purchasing an air compressor for \$3,000 in the Vang District was discussed. The commissioners approved purchasing an air compressor for \$1,500 or less.

Terry Johnston asked the commissioners if they would replace him as snow plow operator in the Langdon District. The commissioners agreed that they needed him in the office to coordinate the snow removal and push backs in all the districts with the possibility of a FEMA snow disaster. It was decided that the part-time seasonal position would be advertised.

**At approximately 2:00 p.m. Stanley Dick made a motion to recess the regular commission meeting for an abatement hearing, seconded by Elsie Magnus, motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion to close the abatement hearing, seconded by Richard Ring, motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion to reopen the regular commission meeting, seconded by Elsie Magnus, motion carried.**

**Stanley Dick made a motion to adjust Mark Geffer's Parcel #60087000 in 2014 from \$154,600 true and full value to \$146,600, based on Langdon City's recommendation, seconded by Richard Ring, motion carried.**

**Elsie Magnus made a motion, seconded by David Zeis, to transfer \$47,000.00 from Special County Highway Fund to Road and Bridge Fund, motion carried. Richard Ring made a motion, seconded by Stanley Dick, to transfer \$58,000.00 from County Poor Fund to Social Welfare Fund, motion carried. David Zeis made a motion, seconded by Elsie Magnus, to transfer \$1,041.33 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Excess Levy Fund, motion carried. Richard Ring made a motion, seconded by David Zeis, to transfer \$104.13 from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, motion carried. Elsie Magnus made a motion, seconded by Stanley Dick, to transfer \$1,749.30 from E-911 Cell Fund to County General Fund, motion carried. Stanley Dick made a motion, seconded by Richard Ring, to transfer \$1,749.30 from E-911 Landline Fund to County General Fund, motion carried.**

Martinson Engineering and Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co. met with the commissioners and did an update on the courthouse boiler pipe project. They stated the project is projected to be complete by the end of March, and that everything has been going as planned. They will do another project update in February.

Greg Fetsch, Sheriff, met with the commissioners and informed them that he had a part-timer and full-time officer switching positions, and he also had a full-time officer leaving, and that position would be advertised.

Leon Pederson, Weed Officer, met with the commissioners and asked when they wanted to bring US Fish & Wildlife and ND Game & Fish to a meeting to discuss mowing, weed control, etc. with them on their property in Cavalier County. Pederson stated he would put together a proposal for his department to contract services for the entities and present it to the commissioners at the February 21<sup>st</sup> commission meeting. It was decided that there would be a public meeting with US Fish & Wildlife and ND Game & Fish at 1:00 p.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Larry Ohma, on behalf of Storlie Township, met with the commissioners and requested funds to help with the installation of a culvert in their township. Ohma stated it was his understanding that the request had already been approved by the Water Board, but the Water Board did not have any record of it. It was pointed out that the culvert had been installed in an abandoned railroad bed. The commissioners informed Ohma that the culvert request would have to be made prior to installation, and that it first needs to be approved by the Water Board. **Elsie Magnus made a motion to refer the culvert request to the Water Board for proper chain of command, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.**

Nick Moser informed the commission that Cavalier County Memorial Hospital has informed the county that they had an employee resign in their HR department, so they would not be able to continue contracting services to the county. The contract provided for a 90 day period that the hospital is obligated to continue to provide services. It was decided it was not in the county's best interest to continue contracting with CCHM with their department being shorthanded. CCMH had informed the county they were in agreement with terminating the contract as well, if that is what the county decided to do. **Elsie Magnus made a motion to terminate the HR contract with Cavalier County Memorial Hospital due to their employee resignation, seconded by David Zeis, motion carried.**

The Soils Committee, represented by Mark Schneider, Chair, Lisa Buchweitz, Chad Henderson, and Stephanie Bata, Deputy Tax Director, met with the commissioners to discuss the PI breaking point for cropland/noncropland classification. Schneider, on behalf of the committee, stated that the prior recommendation to set the PI breaking point at 29 was not going to keep the county within state tolerance, and the committee recommended the breaking point be put at 34 PI, rather than 29 PI. **Richard Ring made a motion, seconded by Stanley Dick, to put the PI breaking point at 34, seconded by Stanley Dick. A roll call vote was taken, with all commissioners voting in favor.**

At 4:20 p.m., Richard Ring made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Zeis; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners  
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

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Nick Moser - Chairman

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Stanley Dick - Vice Chairman

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Richard Ring

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David Zeis

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Elsie Magnus

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Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor