

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Commissioners:
Myles Stoller

Alton Zenker

John Reinhardt

Commissioner Zenker called the October 2, 2019 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Reinhardt, Commissioner Stoller, Sara Meier, Auditor, Jackie Steinmetz, Zoning Board Secretary, John Sauber, Sauber Engineering, Jon Alt, Road Superintendent.

Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Stoller to approve agenda. All present voting aye; motion carried.

Moved by Reinhardt and seconded by Stoller to approve minutes as presented. All present voting aye; motion carried.

Old business: None.

New business: The Board discussed current and future road projects, work orders and material costs.

The Board approved application for Beer License for Elgin Golf Club for the period of May 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020. The request for an early opening on Aug 9, 2020 for sale of beer was denied because it would be in violation of North Dakota Century Code subsection 5-2-05. Moved by Stoller and seconded by Reinhardt to approve the application for Beer License for the Elgin Golf Club. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Zenker recessed the regular meeting to hold budget hearing.

At 10:00 am Chairman Zenker opened the Public Hearing for 2020 Budget for Grant County. Public present were Julie Goeres, John Gores, Donald Roth, Wayne Disrud, and Merlin Leithold. Sara Meier read the letter from Darren Peterson, Lemmon SD. Julie Goeres gave comments and asked about specific budgets. In response to Mrs. Goeres question on the Auditors Budget, Sara Meier answered the increase is due to the new administrative assistant position that would be working with three offices. The Courthouse Maintenance Budget had increases for incidental such as equipment maintenance, elevator repair, and equipment purchases. It is also the budget for non-departmentalized expenses. The Road and Bridge Budget has increases for salaries, equipment purchases and maintenance, materials and road projects. Prisoner Care increased because of lessening assistance from North Dakota State towards the cost of housing prisoners. Mrs. Goeres also asked about budgets that decreased such as the Weed Board, Ambulance Service, and Custer Health. It was explained that services from those budgets are not being diminished, but expenses have changed.

Wayne Disrud asked about Prisoner Care. Sara Meier responded that we maintain the cost to house one prisoner for a full year. This cost is not associated with any specific prisoner.

Donald Roth asked about the Human Services Budget and services. Commissioner Stoller said there will be some changes with personnel, but the services are not to diminish.

John Goeres asked if a county sales tax could be used to lessen the reliance on property tax. Sara Meier said she would find out if other counties have a sales tax.

County Ambulance, Prisoner Care, Veteran Services, Council on Aging, Historical Society, Grant County Water District, State Medical Fund budgets were approved. Custer Health District, Weed Board, and Road & Bridge budgets were approved. Unorganized Road & Bridge budget was approved. Auditor/Treasurer, Tax Director, Sheriff, Extension, County Recorder/Clerk of Court, Disaster Emergency Management and 911 Emergency

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Management budgets were approved. State Attorney budget with exclusion of computer upgrade cost, was approved. The cost of upgrade will be realized in the 2019 budget. County Miscellaneous and Courthouse Maintenance was approved. Motion to approve budgets subject to changes discussed was made by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Stoller. Roll call vote – Reinhardt – aye, Stoller – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Budget hearing was adjourned at 12:05pm.

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was reconvened.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering and Jon Alt, Road Superintendent met with the Board. Mr. Sauber will look into the list of major structures to check for limits. Other topics were discussed such as bridge inspection fees, Load Pass program, oversize load restrictions.

Sara Meier reported the State Board of Equalization has directed Grant County to increase residential values 13% for the 2019 assessments. This would affect the mill levies, but most budgets would remain unchanged.

Moved by Reinhardt and seconded by Stoller to approve county bills totaling \$56,101.44. Roll call vote: Stoller – aye, Reinhardt – Aye, Zenker – Aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 2:45 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be October 16, November 6th, 2019.

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Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor