

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2024

9:00 AM

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioners Brady Nelson, Bryan Bruner, Arman Anderson, Duane Drader and Lance Johnson present. Johnna Torr .

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Anderson to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Bruner to approve abatements 1573 and 1575. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Drader to approve a raffle permit for Cook Off For Charity. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Kasowski joined the meeting.

A resolution was introduced by Bruner and seconded by Drader to adopt a Burn Restriction and Fire Emergency Declaration, effective through October 31, 2024. Commissioners Drader, Bruner, Anderson and Nelson voting aye. Commissioner Johnson voting nay. Resolution passed.

Correspondence was received from the Velva Park Board with information regarding the maintenance and upgrade costs needed to continue the operations of the Velva City pool and a request for input on funding options or ideas.

Larry Robertson and Tracy Morris with Gallagher gave a presentation on their findings regarding the compensation study for county employees. Three options were given for consideration for compensation adjustments.

Mike Rudnick, Robert McNamara, Chris Arnason and Jackie Holen joined the meeting.

The board was presented information from past Senator Rich Wardner regarding the proposal to eliminate property taxes.

Correspondence was received from Kelly Jensen regarding the approval of the update to the Northern Prairie Human Service Zone Plan.

Alex Kasowski addressed the board regarding the options to permit overweight vehicles with divisible loads to haul on county roads. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Drader to add a 25% and 30% overweight permit to the existing 10%, 15% and 20% permit system. This will be for all paved 80,000 lb. county roads with a maximum 8 tons/axle. Load restrictions will supersede all permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids were received for scrap iron from various county shops throughout the county. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to accept the high bid from RV Enterprises at \$85/ton. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids were received from Creative Concrete, Heringer Lumber and Barlow Builders for the construction of a new county shop in Upham. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Bruner to accept the low bid from Heringer Lumber for \$95,500, with option 1 to include the thermo door. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no bids received for the foreclosed mobile home in Upham, a motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Bruner to readvertise. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelani Welstad joined the meeting.

The board reviewed the Meadow Township approval and consent to the county commission to issue a liquor license for 1481 Meats, Inc. located in the NW corner of section 22-159-78. McNamara requested the sale of alcohol be limited to current operating hours. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to approve an off-sale only liquor license, pending receipt of the application and fees. Motion carried unanimously. No restrictions were placed.

Jason Mayfield with Wold Engineering joined the meeting.

The board discussed the status of the logjam removal at the Verendrye Bridge. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to hire another contractor and to split the payment if progress is not being made. Motion carried unanimously.

A question was asked of NDDOT if additional funding could be obtained for the bridge replacement projects North of Granville, since costs have increased substantially since the time of submitting the funding application. Additional funding is not available.

The board reviewed and amended the road department policy.

A consent motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #48537-48639; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$148,999.56 paid by warrant checks #28026-28070; Clerk of Court March County fees \$540.00, State fees \$11,801.81; County Recorder March recording fees of \$2,277.00 and misc fees of \$232.72; Sheriff March statement of fees \$470.00, Sheriff mileage \$521.00.

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

<b>Warrant</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
88299	Advanced Business Methods	Copy machine Lease-Co Agent/Recorder	1,770.25
88300	Amazon Capital Services	Dogfood, NotePads, Hard Drive, Bags	278.07
88301	AgriTec, Inc	Diesel fuel for County Pickup-Deering	58.01
88302	Anderson, Armann	Mileage	186.93
88303	Bag LLC	Ad-Weed Officer Position, Call For Bids	183.72
88304	Best, Sutton	Tool Use - Towner Blade	50.00
88305	Bruner, Bryan	Mileage	66.33
88306	Burckhard, Jackie	Registration Conference, supplies	170.49
88307	Cenex Fleetcard	Gas - Sheriff Dept	3,818.02
88308	Dacotah Paper Company	Toilet tissue, Pine-Sol, Wipes	179.76
88309	Davenport, James	Mileage	164.82
88310	Dakota Fire Extinguishers	Annual Mtce - Drake Shop	250.36
88311	Drake Fresh Foods	Paper towels & toilet paper-Drake Shop	32.34
88312	DK Service	Oil change, Gas, Tires - Granville Shop	2,743.80
88313	DMC Wear Parts LLC	Cutting Edges - Drake, Lake Hester, Gran	29,919.52
88314	Dokken's Automotive LLC	Oil Change - Unit 2 & 5	252.90
88315	Dakota Pipe & Steel	SQ Tube - Drake Blade	125.73
88316	Drader, Duane	Socket Set/Adapter-Towner Shop, Mileage	335.68
88317	Domestic Violence Crisis Center	1/2 February Victim/Witness Fee	147.25
88318	Eaton Irrigation District	Logjam removal 2023 FEMA	23,630.00
88319	Enerbase	Gas - Drake Shop	82.00
88320	Envision	Roadmaster, FM Farm, Unleaded-Towner	1,974.46

88321	Famers Union - Willow City	LP Gas Upham Shop	1,231.96
88322	Gaffaney's	Copier Mtce - Weed Bd	344.22
88323	Galls	Tachyon Boot - Sheriff	208.94
88324	G&P Commercial Sales	Vac Hose, supplies CH	73.88
88325	Grilley Township	Loadpass Permit Fees	127.55
88326	General Trading Company	Parts-Deering	104.96
88327	Hanson, Jerry	Mileage-Parts pickup	36.85
88328	HACTC	Prisoner Board & Medical	30,087.80
88329	Hardware Hank	Janitor, Shop, Sheriff & Nurse supplies	804.91
88330	Home of Economy	Bolts, scissor, wrench - Lake Hester	65.40
88331	ITD Information Technology Dept	Data Processing Service Fees-Feb	938.60
88332	John Deere Financial	Grade 8 Hardware - Drake	79.93
88333	Jones, Lesley	Travel & Registration	116.90
88334	Johnsons Plumbing Inc	Water Heater & Toilet CH & Ext.	1,423.64
88335	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc	Cylinder resale, Fees Drake & Deering Shop	1,025.35
88336	Lowe's Printing	Math Meet Awards	7.95
88337	Mike's Body Paint & Glass	Impounds, skid plates, oil change, light	6,872.42
88338	McHenry County Treasurer	Sheriff Fees, Mileage & tow bill	1,248.79
88339	Menards	Steel Jack, Paper Towels-Upham & Lake H	168.39
88340	Merchant's Bank	Execution Payment 24-001X	500.00
88341	Mouse River Journal	Legal Publications	481.84
88342	Mouse River Oil Company	Fuel Lake Hester, Gas & Misc-Sheriff	260.40
88343	ND County Commissioners Assoc	2024 Co Summit Registration	50.00
88344	NDACo Resources Group	Virtual Server & Datto Backup	1,800.72
88345	ND Dept of Transportation FMD	Bridge Inspection Proj BRC-0099	5,607.02
88346	Odin Township	LoadPass Permit Fees	134.80
88347	Office Depot	Supplies	580.14
88348	OK Tire Store - Minot	Tires - Linstrom	457.28
88349	Otter Tail Power Company	Electric Service - Co Bldgs	4,220.70
88350	Peace Garden Peace Officer Assoc	2024 Dues	80.00
88351	PowerPlan	Flood Lamp, Filters, Hy-Gard Drake/Gran	4,600.02
88352	PRIA	Dues - Recorder	45.00
88353	Pro IT, LLC	IT services - Hard Drive	690.00
88354	Pratt Township	LoadPass Permit Fees	17.17
88355	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc	Postage	4,000.00
88356	Relentless LLC	3-day Criminal Interdiction Workshop	699.00
88357	Olivia Township	Culvert Install & Gravel	1,250.00
88358	Souris Basin Planning Council	2024 Joint Powers Membership	4,707.00
88359	Softchoice Corporation	Office STD Server	3,326.18
88360	SRT Communications Inc	Phone, 911 Service	989.86
88361	Star City Senior Center	Rent - Pesticide Certification	100.00
88362	Towner Health & Wellness	States Attorney Office Rent	832.00
88363	Tri-N Propane	Propane Deering & Granville Shop	832.16
88364	Towner City	Utilities - Co Bldgs	378.27
88365	TransUnion Risk & Alternative Data	Online Investigation Resource Fee	110.00
88366	Thomson Reuters	States Attorney Online Resource Fee	717.02
88367	Tractor Supply Company	PC Wheel, Deming Drill - Drake	27.48
88368	Third Watch Communications	Equipment for Sheriff Dept	923.00
88369	Tyler Technologies Inc	Project Malmanagement Services	57,311.80
88370	Velva Area Voice	Subscription Renewal-Auditor/Co Agent	92.00
88371	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	745.39
88372	Velva Township	LoadPass Permit Fees	107.04
88373	Voltaire Township	LoadPass Permit Fees	134.80
88374	Wald, Rachel	Mileage	426.12
88484	Quadient Finance USA, Inc	Postage Meter Lease	477.00
88485	Verendrye Electric Cooperative	Electric Ser. Granville, Velva, Buffalo Park	298.28
88486	Ward County Sheriff's Dept	24/7	300.00

At 2:45 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Drader to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Darlene Carpenter, Auditor

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Brady Nelson, Chairman