

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

May 17, 2016

Commission Meeting

Chairman Sand called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Present for the meeting was Joel Hamar, John Hokana, JT Homan, Dean Simek and Chairman Sand.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda

Oath of Office

JT Homan recited and signed the Oath for Office for Dickey County Commissioner.

Hokana motioned to approve the May 3 Commission Meeting minutes. Hamar seconded.

Motion carried.

Hamar motioned to open the abatement hearing. Simek seconded. Motion carried. Present for the hearing were Tax Director Flaherty and Calvin Dathe. Flaherty explained the township assessor assessed the value of a house belonging to Gary Dathe that was on parcel# 02138000, and taxes were paid by Gary Dathe. The piece of property with the home was parceled off and the assessor failed to remove the home from the original parcel number, thus, the 2014 and 2015 taxes on the home were paid by both parties. Hokana motioned to accept the abatement and refund the taxes for the home to Calvin Dathe. Simek seconded. Motion carried. Simek motioned to close the abatement hearing. Homan seconded. Motion carried.

Hamar motioned to open the omitted tax hearing. Simek seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty explained that Parcel #021780001 no longer qualifies for the Farm Residence Exemption. He said the land owners agree with adding the assessment for the home to the tax roles. Simek motioned to accept the valuation and add the omitted tax amount to parcel #102138000. Homan seconded. Motion carried. Simek motioned to close the omitted tax hearing. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty informed the commission he had reviewed the books submitted by Township Assessor Kassa. He said the townships assessment hearings were held before the review causing difficulty to adjust any valuations. Flaherty said there will be changes made to some of the townships assessed by Kassa at the County Equalization Meeting. He expressed concern about Kassa not having adequate time available to properly assess nine townships.

Flaherty explained the computer system has the incorrect description for the elevator in Clement Township, probably because the elevator was on a railroad lease site. The valuation was credited to section 36 and should have been to section 24. He said the valuation is about twice the amount of the Ellendale elevator and he believes the two elevators are at reasonable values. Discussion followed about the progress of getting the large commercial properties assessed by Vanguard. Flaherty will update the list of properties that Vanguard will be contracted to assess.

Simek motioned to approve the vouchers with the inclusion of the \$39 voucher to the Weed Board. Hamar seconded. Motion carried.

Hokana motioned to approve the financials. Simek seconded. Motion carried.

Kadmas, Lee and Jackson (KLJ) Engineer Josh Loegering, Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen and 911/DES Director Charlie Russell joined the meeting at 11:00 am. Loegering presented the final payment request in the amount of \$61,269.41 for the mine and blend project #CNOB-CNOA on County 3. Hamar motioned to approve the payment amount. Simek seconded. Roll call vote carried with Hamar yes; Hokana yes; Homan yes; Simek yes; Chairman Sand yes.

Loegering said the final construction cost for project #CNOB-CNOA 1112(068) was \$1,147,367.09 with construction costs of \$1,057,000 and engineering costs of \$87,000.

Loegering said the pre-job discussion for project CNOB-CNOC-1112(069) with KLJ and contractor KD Hoyt is scheduled on Thursday, May 19 in the Commission Room. County 3 road closing notices will be published in the newspaper, on Dickey County and the 911/DES web sites, and announcements over the Oakes Radio Station. Russell will notify the emergency personnel in the county that portions of County Road 3 will be closed from June 1, 2016 to July 15, 2016.

Road Superintendent Hagen presented two utility permits from Don Nelson to bore under Dickey County 1. Simek motioned to sign two utility permits for Don Nelson along county 1 at \$50 each. Homan seconded. Motion carried.

Hagen said the graveling by R. Enterprises on the Glover road will be completed today. Simek said the road from the highway to Glover is dangerous because of soft spots in the gravel. Hagen will check on the situation.

Hagen and the commissioners discussed the bridge on County 6. Hagen will check on setting weight limits. He handed out photos of a disk that can be attached to the Para-lift on the road grader. The commissioners authorized Hagen to purchase the disk for \$5000 using the money in the road equipment budget. Hagen reported he hired Logan Wang for summer help.

Sheriff Estes reported that Marlow refused the two week severance pay offer by States Attorney Neuharth. Marlow wants 4 months of severance pay. Estes said there will be high visibility of law enforcement on Memorial Day weekend. Estes used Homeland Security money to purchase a safety vest.

Hokana motioned to adjourn at 12:10.