

**BURLEIGH COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2022**

5:00 P.M.

Chairman Peluso called the regular meeting of the Burleigh County Commission to order.

Roll call of the members; Commissioners, Jones, Bitner, Armstrong, and Chairman Peluso present, Commissioner Matthews absent.

Motion by Comm. Jones, 2nd by Comm. Armstrong to approve the April 18, 2022, meeting minutes and bills. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

The following abatement were presented for the Board's consideration; a complete copy of which are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Burleigh County Auditor/Treasurer:

Motion by Comm. Jones, 2nd by Comm. Bitner to approve the Sattler Family LLLP, Rusch Homes LLC, Wehri (2), Hawk and Aull (2) abatements; the raffle permit of the St. Hildegard Catholic Church; the Gaming Site Authorization for the Hazelton Lions Club Inc.; the liquor license for Misty Waters Marina and Compass ND, LLC, along with the remainder of the Consent Agenda. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Chairman Peluso closed the regular County Commission Meeting and opened the Public Hearing and called for public testimony.

As no one present appeared for or against Vacating Roadway (Section 29, T142 N, R76W) in Burleigh, ND Chairman Peluso closed the Public Hearing and the Burleigh County Commission immediately reconvened with all members present except Matthews.

Motion by Comm. Jones, 2nd by Comm. Armstrong to approve Vacating Roadway (Section 29, T142 N, R76W) in Burleigh, ND. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Burleigh County Engineer Hall stated that bids were opened on April 19, 2022, for Hay Creek Township, Gibbs Township, Lincoln Township and County Roadway Chip Seal Projects and recommended the County Board hereby accepts the Chip Seal Project low bid from Asphalt Preservation Company for \$1,696,042.07 and authorize the proper County officials to enter contracts with said bidder.

Motion by Comm. Jones, 2nd by Comm. Armstrong to approve the County Board hereby accepts the Chip Seal Project low bid from Asphalt Preservation Company for \$1,696,042.07 and authorize the proper County officials to enter contracts with said bidder. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Burleigh County Engineer Hall reminded the commissioners that bids were opened on March 14, 2022, for Hauling of Gravel and the low bidder was missing their Contractor's License and that the County Board requested that the Highway Department re-bid this project. Bids were advertised and reopened on April 19, 2022, and he recommended that the County Board accepts the low bid from Wm D Scepaniak Inc. of \$261,600.00 for Township Gravel Hauling and authorize the proper County officials to enter a contract with said bidder.

Motion by Comm. Jones, 2nd by Comm. Armstrong to accept the low bid from Wm D Scepaniak Inc. of \$261,600.00 for Township Gravel Hauling and authorize the proper County officials to enter a contract with said bidder. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Burleigh County Engineer Hall presented the bids for the widening and paving of 71st Avenue NE from Aleutian Drive to 80th Street. The Budget amount was \$1,800,402.00, the Engineers estimate was \$2,686,068.43 and the low bid was \$4,695,832.47 after review Hall stated that the County does not have enough budgeted to approve the project and recommended that the County Board rejects all bids for the widening and paving of 71st Avenue NE from Aleutian Drive to 80th Street. Other options were mentioned, only do one (1) mile this year, do nothing at all, or review other projects for the season and possibly make some other adjustments.

Motion by Comm. Jones, 2nd by Comm. Bitner to reject rejects all bids for the widening and paving of 71st Avenue NE from Aleutian Drive to 80th Street currently. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Eric Hoffer with JLG Architects presented their proposal for Phase I Scope of Services for space study and approximate cost for County Offices relocation into the Provident Building. Motion by Comm. Bitner, 2nd by Comm. Armstrong to accept JLG Architects proposal for Phase I Scope of Services for space study and approximate cost for County Offices relocation into the Provident Building. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Commissioner Jones informed the Commission that she has visited with County Engineer Hall about the Weed Board using the County Shop as their Base for operation and he agreed that would be fine. Also, the Weed Board hired a Weed Officer effective today (May 2, 2022) starting May 31, 2022, and Fertilawn is gearing up for the summer spraying season.

Burleigh County Finance Director Grenz said she will be visiting with the Department Heads soon about the upcoming budget and was looking for some guidance or thoughts to share with the Department Heads and Chairman Peluso indicated the County is experiencing increased costs such as fuel for equipment and food for the Detention, so his advice is to be frugal with their budgets. Grenz also informed the commission the ARPA Committee will be meeting on May 19, 2022, to review the applicants and rate them and bring them before the commission later.

Commissioner Jones went over the Red River Valley fact sheet with the Commissioners and that everyone should expect to hear more about this in the future.

Landowner Todd McMichael presented a slide presentation about the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline including a brief description of the project, Eminent Domain concerns, liability concerns, tiled property concerns, and compensation for land. Once he covered the material, he asked the commission to make a motion Be It Resolved, the Burleigh County Commission is opposed to eminent domain for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project.

Motion by Comm. Bitner, 2nd by Comm. Armstrong Be It Resolved, the Burleigh County Commission is opposed to eminent domain for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project. All members present voted "AYE"; motion carried.

Commissioner Armstrong shared with the commission that Burleigh County was recently voted the best county to live in in North Dakota.

Commissioner Bitner emphasized the importance of the Home Rule Charter since it is the only way to address citizens concerns, and Commissioner Armstrong said the Home Rule Charter will schedule their next meeting after the election.

Meeting adjourned.

Leo Vetter, Auditor/Treasurer

Jim Peluso, Chairman