

Official Proceedings

September 15, 2015
8:00 am

Chairman Hoff called the meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present.

Agenda

Chairman Hoff asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Kuntz **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To approve the agenda as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Minutes

The minutes of the September 1, 2015 Board of County Commissioners meeting were presented.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Zander

To approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 Board of County Commission minutes as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Longevity/Vacation-Sick Accumulation

The Commission was presented with an issue regarding longevity as it relates to an employee who leaves Stark County employment and then returns. Ms. Krebs checked with the City of Dickinson and they are in the process of reviewing this policy. In the past when an employee returns to Stark County they have started with their prior months of service. Commissioner Wolf advised that if an employee leaves and is paid out they should return as a new employee. Commissioner Zander requested that Ms. Krebs prepare an amendment to the current policy and requested that the policy be retroactive to January 1st, 2015.

Exempt/Non-Exempt

Ms. Krebs presented a listing of all Stark County positions along with the recommended classification of Exempt/Non-Exempt status and requested the Commission adopt the position classifications.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To classify listed positions as exempt as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Kathy Logosz-VSO

Dave Logosz provided an update to the Veteran's Memorial being constructions. Mr. Logosz advised that all concrete and electrical work is completed. The panels and benches will arrive sometime this afternoon along with an installer and should be completed in the next 3 days. There is a dedication ceremony scheduled on October 4th at 1pm and is requesting a speaker from the County. Commissioner Zander recommended that Commissioner Wolf would be the right person to represent the County. Commissioner Zander thanked the presenters and all members for their work on this project.

State Fair Delegate

Ms. Haag advised that Stark County must appoint a representative to the State Fair Delegation as required by North Dakota Century Code.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Elkin **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To appoint Commissioner Kuntz.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

NDACo Confirmations – Lodging

Ms. Haag advised that all representatives from Stark County that have registered for the NDACo Conference have confirmed room reservations. Ms. Haag provided the attendees with copies of the confirmation numbers.

Messer Low Water Crossing/Richardton Bridge

Ms. Betlaf felt that the County needed to make a motion to approve the funds for this project out of the special road and bridge fund. Commissioner Zander feels this project should come out of whatever account we would normally take it out of. It was advised that this project should be covered under the County Road fund.

City of Belfield – Funding

The City of Belfield Auditor presented the Commission with a letter outlining a funding request for a water main replacement project. The City of Belfield is requesting a loan from Stark County in the amount of \$420,000. The City of Belfield would need to raise the existing water rates to pay back the loan. Mr. Henning is questioning the legality of Stark County loaning funds to another political subdivision and requested that the City Auditor work with Mr. Henning to research this issue. Stark County has never done this in the past.

It was also advised that the Belfield Ambulance Service has applied for a grant to expand their storage area but they have a shortfall of approximately \$312,000. The Commission did not make a decision but will consider 25% of the Belfield Ambulance request.

Budgets

Ms. Haag presented all of the County Department budgets for the Commission's review. A 4% increase was placed for all employees. No action was taken on the Department budgets at this time.

Ms. Haag also presented the Southwest District Health Unit Certificate of Levy for Stark County. The Health District Levy amount is \$1,387,924.49 and the Pro Rata County Share is \$66,335.87.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kuntz
To authorize the Chairman to sign the Southwest District Health Unit Certificate of Levy.
DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Ms. Haag also provided the Certificate of Levy for the Stark County Library Service. The amount levied for the Library Service is 4 with a maximum authorized mills at 4.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf
To authorize the Chairman to sign the Stark County Library Service Certificate of Levy.
DISPOSITION: Motion carried

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kuntz
To adjourn the meeting.
DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Kay Haag, Auditor

Russ Hoff, Chairman