

Meeting Minutes  
Grant County Commissioner  
Regular meeting

Commissioners:  
Myles Stoller

Alton Zenker

John Reinhardt

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Commissioner Zenker called the meeting to order 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Reinhart, Commissioner Stoller, Sara Meier, Auditor, Sheriff John Foss, States Attorney Grant Walker.

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

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

Commissioner Stoller presented a letter from Bank of North Dakota about Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund applications being accepted. Deadline is July 1, 2019 to apply for a loan. The application is open to all cities and counties in North Dakota and the proceeds are to be used for water or wastewater treatment plants, sewer, storm sewer and water lines, transportation infrastructure including curb and gutter construction. Stoller moved to table for further discussion. Seconded by Reinhart. All present voting aye, motion to table carried.

Moved by Reinhardt, second by Stoller to approve gaming application for New Salem Civic Club for pull tabs dispensing device and electronic pull tab device located at Gunny's Bait and Tackle in Elgin from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Stoller, second by Reinhart to approve gaming application for Flasher American Legion to conduct a Calcutta at the Raleigh Rodeo Grounds between June 28 and 30 of 2019. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Reinhart and seconded by Stoller to approved bills totaling \$77,839.07. Roll call vote: Stoller – aye, Reinhart – Aye, Zenker – Aye. Motion carried.

Patrick Diehl provided a social media policy for consideration. Moved by Reinhart and seconded by Stoller to table until edits were made to the policy. All present voting aye. Motion to table carried.

Sheriff John Foss informed the Commission of a vehicle purchase for the department. We will research process to sell vehicles no longer in service.

The commission approved entering the North Dakota Public Employee Retirement wellness program. The program requires participation in activities by public employees to promote wellness. A 1% reduction in health insurance premiums is realized upon completion of the program. Sara Meier will be the coordinator.

Moved by Stoller and seconded by Reinhardt to approve the transfer of \$15,000 to the Grant County Fair Board. Roll call vote. Stoller – aye, Reinhart – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Regular meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Zenker called to order the Grant County Board of Equalization meeting at 10 a.m. Jackie Steinmetz presented the value changes for jurisdictions. Agricultural land was increased by 2.134% for an average value per acre of \$352.48. Moved by Reinhardt and seconded by Stoller to approve agricultural land valuations. All present voting aye; motion carried.

City of Elgin had several changes in classification of property from residential to commercial. Lots that are not improved and used as residential are classified as commercial vacant lots. Moved by Stoller, seconded by Reinhart to approve the changes as completed by the City of Elgin. All present voting aye, motion carried.

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City of Carson had 11 properties that changed classification for residential to vacant commercial land. Moved by Reinhart, seconded by Stoller to approve the changes. All present voting aye, motion carried.

City of New Leipzig had 5 parcels that changed classification from residential to vacant commercial land. Moved by Stoller and seconded by Reinhart to approve the changes. All present voting aye, motion carried.

City of Leith had 1 parcel with changes in classification for residential to vacant commercial land. Moved by Reinhart, seconded by Stoller to approve the change. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Dollar General Store structure value in Minnie Township was increased by \$623,600 for new construction. Moved by Reinhart and seconded by Stoller to approve the value. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The County Board of Equalization was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Regular meeting was reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

Mark Koenig met with the commission to discuss road conditions.

Regular meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Zenker called the Hearing for Abatements to order at 11:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Zenker, Reinhart and Stoller, Jackie Steinmetz, Tax Director, Sara Meier, County Auditor, and Donna VandenBurg.

Moved by Reinhart and seconded by Stoller to reject the application for abatement for 2018 property value for parcel 60029001. Value of property was determined as not excessive when considering the appraisal that was submitted by the applicant. Property value has changed because of market indication changes that have affected all properties in the local jurisdiction. Roll call vote – Stoller – aye, Reinhart – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Reinhart and seconded by Stoller to reject the application for abatement of the 2018 property value for parcel 60018700. The value of the property is not considered excessive because property was revalued in 2011 to meet market standards. Changes in value for subsequent years were based on market indicated adjustments. Roll call vote – Stoller – aye, Reinhart – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Reinhart and seconded by Stoller to reject the applications for abatement of 2018, 2017 and 2016 property values for parcel 60018500 were rejected. Changes in value were based on market indicated adjustments and were applied to all property in the local jurisdiction. Roll call vote – Stoller – aye, Reinhart – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Abatement hearing was adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Reconvene the regular meeting at 12:28 pm

Application for utility permit by Mor Gran Sou Electric to bore under 94<sup>th</sup> St SW in township 130, range 90 to eliminate overhead lines was considered. Moved by Stoller, and seconded by Reinhart to approve the permit. All present voting aye, motion carried.

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Application for utility permit by WRT to bore under 48<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in township 131, range 86 west to install conduit and fiber was considered. Moved by Reinhart, and seconded by Stoller to approve the permit. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Stoller moved and Reinhart seconded the hiring of Jack Fuchs to road crew. Starting wage of \$15.50 per hour, and standard full time benefits. The probationary period of 90 days includes the acquisition of a CDL. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Zenker adjourned meeting at 3:00 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor