

Meeting Minutes
Grant County Commissioner
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker

Commissioners:
Al Roy Hochhalter

John Reinhardt

Merlin Leithold, Leipzig Township Chairman spoke with the Board on the abatement application for property 14577101. The township board rejected the abatement because it was incomplete. The township board would need to know what the use of building is, and that the business that occupied the property has been dissolved or removed. Reinhardt moved to reject application until proof of use of the structure is provided with the abatement application. Seconded by Hochhalter. All present voting aye. Abatement application was rejected. Applicant can reapply.

Jackie Steinmetz met with the Board to discuss the reduction in the 2022 preliminary salary for the tax director position. Steinmetz asked why the salary was reduced. Chairman Zenker responded it did not fit in the budget.

Marissa Sprenger, City of New Leipzig Council Member, met with the Board to request changes to the proposed 2022 Agreement for Performance of City Assessing Duties. The proposals are to decrease the current proposed contract from \$4,655.00 to \$2,400.00; or, a base rate of \$500.00 plus charges for actual reassessment of properties according to the rates proposed by the Board for 2022. The Board tabled the topic to meet with other cities and organized township on the 2022 proposed agreement.

Bryon Fuchs, NDDOT Local Government Division, John Sauber and Jon Alt met with the Board to discuss future projects and funding options. Darren and Laura Johnson brought the bridge that was scheduled for removal, referred to as the Johnson Bridge to the Board for discussion. Preliminary estimates to replace the structure range from \$1.2 million to \$3 million. Johnson asked if the bridge could be repaired. Sauber will contact companies for estimates on repairing the I-Bar that is cracked. Hochhalter made a motion that Sauber Engineering prepare the engineering design for companies, and contact companies for cost. Reinhardt seconded. All in favor voting aye.

Sauber presented a change order to the Shields Bridge to cover the costs to clean the channel after the June storms washed materials downstream. Cost of the change order is \$1,800. Reinhardt moved to approve, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Reinhardt – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve changes to State Aid distribution formula as presented by Auditor Meier with the addition of all ambulance districts. Seconded by Reinhardt. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Reinhardt – aye, Zenker – aye.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 2:09 p.m.

FYI: next scheduled meetings will be September 15 and October 6, 2021.

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Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor