

BOTTINEAU COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 15th, 2013
8:30 A.M.

The Commissioner Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. by Chairman Jeff Beyer. A meeting of the Board of Bottineau County Commissioners was held in the Commissioner Room at the Courthouse with the following members present: Chairman Jeff Beyer, Vice-Chairman Dan Marquardt, Commissioners Todd Streich by telephone, LeRoy Rude, Lance Kjelshus, States Attorney, Swain Benson and County Auditor, Lisa Herbel.

Loren Johnson, Larry Hagen, Dave Vad, and Dennis Gravseth, representing the Peace Garden Trail Association, requested that the Association is able to use the section line as a snowmobile trail to have access to Loon Lake. A motion was made to approve the Snowmobile club to use the section line with the surveying and cat work to be done as weather permits, by Rude, seconded by Marquardt. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Hummel met with the Board to discuss making changes to the courthouse security. Rick obtained a quote for \$2345.00 estimate for updating the panic button system. The estimate for putting a lock system on every door in the courthouse was also obtained for \$22,000.00. This is higher than is actually needed as all offices do not want their doors locked. Sheriff Watson also requested that a camera be placed at the west door entrance. A motion was made to update the panic button system and add a camera to the west door entrance by Kjelshus, seconded by Marquardt. Motion carried unanimously. Courthouse security will be discussed again at the February meeting with the department heads.

Rick also discussed House Bill 1149 which would give Emergency Managers more authority to deal with any hazardous spills. He asked that the Board of Commissioners write a letter of support and it was the consensus of the board to support the House Bill.

Lisa Herbel, County Auditor, reported that the final Grant money of \$43,014.34 was received from the ND Chamber of Commerce. She also reported that Renville County is contributing \$30,781.00 towards the Sheriff's Department dispatching costs for 2013. The Howard Long bequest was also discussed.

A letter was received from the NDDOT advising that our region has been selected to have traffic counts done again in 2013.

Hiring a County Road Superintendent – Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Ritchie Gimbel as he was the only internal applicant. A motion was made to hire Ritchie Gimbel as the Road Superintendent, by Rude, seconded by Streich. Rude, Streich, Marquardt and Beyer voted

yes, Kjelshus voted no. Ritchie noted that if he was unable to fulfill the duties as superintendent that he would be willing to step down into his former job.

Marquardt talked about the care and consideration the road department employees use when they are doing their jobs.

Rude talked about roads that border on County lines. Bottineau County installed a culvert and did some graveling to cover some rocks due to safety reasons in Cordelia Township. As the work was ordered by the county for safety reasons, it was the consensus of the board to pay half of the Cordelia bill.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the Tractor that was bid at the December meeting. A motion was made to accept the only bid from Magic City Implement of \$82,237.50 by Rude, seconded by Marquardt. Motion carried unanimously.

There is an Oil & Gas Meeting in Williston on January 29, 2013 and Bottineau County will be attending to request oil and gas funds.

A motion was made to call for gravel, machine hire, culvert and bridge material bids for the February 5th, 2013 meeting by Kjelshus, seconded by Streich. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting 11:30 am. by Kjelshus, seconded by Marquardt. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Beyer, Chairman

Lisa Herbel, Auditor