Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission— March 18, 2025

At 8:00 a.m., Chairman Bergquist called the regular meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Mike Hansen, Amanda Hastings, Chad Wolsky, Levi Taylor, and Jerry Bergquist answered roll.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hansen, seconded by Hastings. Unanimous aye vote. Motion carried.

Taylor presented an update that there would be a hearing on House Bill 1258, regarding transmission lines on Friday.

Corry Shevlin, CEO, JSDC, presented a housing proposal associated with Senate Bill 2225 for residential infrastructure development. The proposal will be 100% funded by the City of Jamestown, with no monetary contribution from the county. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Taylor, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, and Bergquist voted aye. Motion carried.

Adam Parker, representing Jamestown Area Ambulance, presented a request to establish a levy district for Jamestown Area Ambulance, due to the rising costs of operating an ambulance service. A special election, run by the county auditor, would need to be held prior to the August 10 budget deadline. Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO stated that the county has not budgeted for an election this year. Ken Krupich, General Manager, Ringdahl EMS, spoke regarding staying competitive in the industry.

Scott Franke, Deputy Jail Administrator, presented a request to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Traverse for inmate transfer in the amount of $40,637 with an approximate trade in value of $12,000. A motion to approve the request was made by Wolsky, seconded by Hastings. Roll call vote: Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, Bergquist, and Hansen voted aye. Motion carried.

Jesse Christianson, Highway Superintendent, presented a request to advertise for bids for an emergency grade raise on County Road 67, Runners Slough, to raise the road two feet until a final decision is made by DOT. Mike May, Interstate Engineering, stated that the project is reimbursable at an 80/20 split. The raise is needed to keep the road safe. The estimated cost is $700,000. A motion to approve the emergency grade raise was made by Hastings, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Wolsky, Taylor, Bergquist, Hansen, and Hastings voted aye. Motion carried.

Christianson also presented a request to approve the bid from Gratech Company LLC, in the amount of $1,177,172.75 for a portion of road 3 miles west of Streeter. A motion to approve the bid was made by Taylor, seconded by Hastings. Roll call vote: Taylor, Bergquist, Hansen, Hastings, and Wolsky voted aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on Stink Lake Road, and its deteriorating condition. Arlin Schmidt, Chairman, St. Paul Township, feels that the road is not worth putting any more public money into.

Erik Legrey, St Paul Township resident, stated that his family had to leave their home due to the loss of this road. Brian Beam, resident of St. Paul Township, and landowner in Peterson Township stated that this is the only road that he uses to access his land. Alonge will schedule a meeting with St. Paul and Peterson Townships, Interstate Engineering, and Christianson to discuss alternatives or solutions for the road. Russ Well, landowner, also stated that this road is the only access to his property.

Christianson has had some complaints about the dikes that were approved at the September 3, 2024, Commission meeting, and built on County Road 39. He will request to be put on the Water Resource Board agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Christianson introduced the new assistant highway superintendent/road foreman Dale Mielke who has been employed with Stutsman County for six years.

Chad Kaiser presented a request to purchase/replace twelve mobile and four portable radios for the road department. The cost of the radios is $31,080 with $24,000 being reimbursed through the state, leaving the county share at about $8,000 with installation. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Wolsky, seconded by Hansen. Roll call vote: Bergquist, Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried.

Shannon Davis, HR Director, requested approval for the reclassification of the Woodworth motor grader position from salaried to hourly. The current employee is not interested in driving to Jamestown to work in the shop when things are slow in the Woodworth area. A motion to reclassify the position was made by Hastings, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, and Bergquist voted aye. Motion carried.

Jessica Moser, Emergency Manager, presented quotes for the multi-hazard mitigation plan update and gave a recommendation to award the contract to Nexus Planning and Consulting, who has done the most recent updates to the plan. A motion to approve the agreement with Nexus was made by Bergquist, seconded by Hansen. Roll call vote: Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, Bergquist, and Hansen voted aye. Motion carried.

Moser also notified the commission that the communications department is at an all-time low for staff. The current staff members are working over fifty hours per week. Pam Blinsky, Assistant Emergency Manager, spoke about the different shifts for the dispatch center. Davis presented the current starting wages for the department and will gather information on wages across the state for that type of position.

Hastings proposed that at the second meeting of every month each commissioner give an update on the various boards and committees that they are on, to keep everyone informed of what each committee has going on. The item will be on the agenda starting in April.

Hastings also presented interest in attending the ICMA Council Orientation Program Training Course. The course is $495 for one attendee, and $995 for the entire board to attend. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting after mandatory trainings through NDACo have been completed by all commissioners.

Alonge presented a resolution passed by city council reducing the number of city of Jamestown election precincts from six to two. A motion to adopt the Jamestown City Council Ordinance reducing the number of precincts was made by Hastings, seconded by Taylor. Roll call vote: Wolsky, Taylor, Bergquist, Hansen, and Hastings voted aye. Motion carried.

Alonge also informed the commission of the Stutsman County Township Officers meeting on March 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Extension office. The media has been notified there may be a potential quorum so any interested commissioners can attend.

Alonge will host the March 19 NDACo webinar for department heads and Commissioners in the Commission Room.

At 11:39 a.m., the Commission recessed for the County Park Board meeting.

Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Park Board— March 18, 2025

At 11:45 a.m., Chairman Bergquist called the regular meeting of the Stutsman County Park Board to order. Mike Hansen, Amanda Hastings, Chad Wolsky, Levi Taylor, Jerry Bergquist, Merri Mooridian, and Henry Steinberger (via telephone) answered roll.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Taylor, seconded by Mooridian. Motion carried.

Alonge presented a recommendation from the park portfolio to offer dock permits at the same rates as 2024. Regular docks will be $350 for the season, and $250 for the two grandfathered docks. The only change to the permits was the end date, from October 31 to October 15. A motion to approve the 2025 dock permits as presented was made by Taylor, seconded by Hastings. Roll call vote: Taylor, Bergquist, Mooridian, Steinberger, Hansen, Hastings, and Wolsky voted aye. Motion carried.

The portfolio also discussed the 2025 grazing permits and recommend offering another one-year permit to the current permittees at the 2024 rate. A motion to approve was made by Hastings, seconded by Steinberger. Roll call vote: Bergquist, Mooridian, Steinberger, Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried.

Next, Alonge presented an update on the playground equipment replacement project. As part of the grant from Garrison Diversion the playground equipment must be accessible to the public at all times. The draft MOU with Farmers Union has restrictions giving them the option to close off access at any time. The portfolio discussed putting the equipment in the area south of Game & Fish where the walking path is. Kaiser expressed concern with that area due to large mounds from gopher holes. Alonge will submit a letter to Garrison about the possible relocation of the equipment.

Alonge presented information on the North Dakota Recreation & Park Association Membership and requested the county join for $200 a year. The membership will not be submitted until a superintendent is hired. A motion to obtain the NDRPA membership was made by Taylor, seconded by Hastings. Roll call vote: Mooridian, Steinberger, Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, and Bergquist voted aye. Motion carried.

Alonge also informed the commission that the personal property that has been at the Boat Club area since last fall has been removed by the Sheriff's Office and Road Department.

A motion to approve the mid-month bills was made by Mooridian, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Steinberger, Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, Bergquist, and Mooridian voted aye. Motion carried.

	County Park Fund	
17925	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$ 69.90
17926	DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	$ 9.00
17934	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-CENEX	$ 1,312.14
17936	GAHNER SANITATION SERVICE	$ 240.00
17945	HILLERUD CONSTRUCTION	$ 1,108.80
17969	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC	$ 9.00
17970	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	$ 341.10

At 12:30 p.m., Hastings made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mooridian. Unanimous aye vote. Motion carried.

	General Revenue Fund		18001	WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER	$ 7,500.00
17906	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	$ 514.92	18003	WIDMER ROEL PC	$ 6,000.00
17907	APPLICANTPRO HOLDINGS, LLC	$ 422.00		**E 911 Phone System Fund**	
17908	ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE-1250	$ 4,010.00	17925	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$ 219.12
17910	BRECK LEACH DMD	$ 328.00	17947	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	$ 5,003.49
17914	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	$ 366.36		**County Roads Fund**	
17916	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	$ 629.90	17912	BUFFALO CITY DIESEL	$ 337.94
17917	CENTURYLINK	$ 2,749.99	17913	BUTLER MACHINERY CO	$ 51.17
17919	COLE PAPERS INC	$ 304.87	17918	CLEVELAND CITY WATER & SEWER	$ 115.00
17920	COMFORT SUITES	$ 218.24	17921	CREATIVE ENERGY	$ 1,126.43
17922	DACOTAH PAPER CO	$ 1,025.02	17925	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$ 129.15
17927	DALSTED & RYAN P C	$ 1,287.50	17928	DAN POLAND MACHINE INC	$ 189.20
17929	DECORATING BY CHARLIE	$ 109.50		HARRINGTON, LEVI	$ 381.50
17930	DOBITZ,CODY	$ 172.10	17942	HEINLE, BRANDON	$ 3,200.00
17931	DON WILHELM INC	$ 83.61	17944	HIGH PLAINS WATER	$ 66.90
17932	DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE COMPANY	$ 33.95	17947	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	$ 270.45
17935	FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	$ 690.00	17948	INSURE FORWARD	$ 283.00
	FRANKE, SCOTT	$ 140.00	17949	INTERSTATE ENGINEERING	$ 2,907.30
	FRANKE, SCOTT	$ 50.00		KRAMLICH MICHAEL	$ 671.30
17937	GOODIN COMPANY	$ 190.92		KRAMLICH, MYRON	$ 212.10
	GRAY, JEREMY	$ 22.40	17957	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT	$ 384.39
	GRAY, JEREMY	$ 70.00	17959	MACKKE PLUMBING AND HEATING	$ 372.00
	GRAY, JEREMY	$ 70.00	17958	MAC'S	$ 497.73
	GRAY, JEREMY	$ 14.00	17962	MDU	$ 1,882.25
	GRAY, JEREMY	$ 23.00		MEDINA CITY AUDITOR - DD	$ 85.25
17938	GRAYBAR	$ 539.00	17963	MENARDS - JAMESTOWN	$ 707.14
17939	HALVERSON, LORETTA	$ 11.14	17965	NAPA AUTO PARTS	$ 1,868.75
17940	HANSON TIRE SERVICE	$ 32.00	17970	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	$ 358.00
17943	HENNINGS, DARIN	$ 45.00	17973	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	$ 1,350.37
17946	HOLLAND, ANGELA	$ 255.00	17978	QUILL CORPORATION	$ 420.99
17947	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	$ 1,376.55	17983	ROUGHRIDER SIGNS & DESIGNS	$ 30.00
17948	INSURE FORWARD	$ 3,971.00	17984	RUNNINGS	$ 389.96
	JACKSON, CHAD	$ 140.00	17986	SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	$ 218.00
	JACKSON, CHAD	$ 50.00		SPIRITWOOD TOWNSHIP #51 - DD	$ 1,030.00
17951	JAMESTOWN EMS EDUCATION	$ 20.00		STREETER CITY AUDITOR - DD	$ 103.75
17953	KIECKER,JESSIE	$ 2,755.94	17991	STUTSMAN COUNTY GLASS	$ 30.00
17954	KRUEGER,NANCY	$ 119.00		TOWE, JEREMY W	$ 346.50
17955	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	$ 91.87	17999	VESTIS	$ 318.55
17960	MARQUART,ANDREW S	$ 306.00		WANZEK, JOHN	$ 177.80
17961	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	$ 4,895.03	18002	WEST END HIDE & FUR	$ 320.20
17962	MDU	$ 435.57	18004	WOODWORTH FARMERS GRAIN CO	$ 42.75
17964	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	$ 576.00	18005	YANKUM ROPES LLC	$ 948.59
17966	NAPA AUTO PARTS-SHERIFF	$ 34.99		**Unorganized Township Roads Fund**	
17968	NETCENTER TECHNOLOGIES	$ 1,265.64	17967	ND TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	$ 400.00
17970	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	$ 331.00		**Weed Control Fund**	
17973	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	$ 9,297.73	17925	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$ 56.01
17974	PHARMCHEM INC	$ 255.60		**Veterans Service Fund**	
17975	POST BOARD	$ 135.00	17917	CENTURYLINK	$ 47.17
17976	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. - AUD	$ 1,085.89		**County Agent Fund**	
17978	QUILL CORPORATION	$ 74.97	17925	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$ 293.82
17979	RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL	$ 297.00	17933	ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	$ 136.84
17980	RECORD KEEPERS	$ 68.00	17956	LEAF	$ 142.65
17982	RIPLEY,ERICKA	$ 82.00	17981	RECYCLING CENTER OF NORTH DAKOTA, LLC	$ 18.00
17985	S&R TRUCK PLAZA	$ 2,399.60		**Human Service Zone Human Service Fund Total**	$ 16,736.64
17986	SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	$ 96.00		**Commissary Fund**	
17987	SANFORD.	$ 1,728.76	17995	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	$ 180.64
17988	SC CORRECTIONS	$ 1,565.25		**Drug Program Fund Total**	$ 870.69
	SCHAFFER,DIANNE	$ 60.00		**County Correctional Center Construction Fund**	
17989	SCHULDHEISZ, DONNA	$ 235.95	17950	JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS INC	$ 10,403.85

17992	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	$10,709.62		**County Sheriff Capital Fund**	
17993	THOMSON REUTERS	$ 504.01	17971	NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	$ 875.15
17994	TIME CLOCK PLUS	$ 1,440.00		**Weed Board Capital Improvement Fund**	
17996	TWO RIVERS PRINTING	$ 200.00	17952	KC MOTORSPORTS INC	$34,300.00
18000	WEIBYE BROTHERS REAL ESTATE HOLDING	$ 5,767.20		**Township Collections Fund**	
			17990	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	$ 4,000.00

At 12:31 p.m., the Commission meeting was called back to order.

A motion to approve the mid-month bills and taxable meals was made by Taylor, seconded by Hastings. Roll call vote: Hansen, Hastings, Wolsky, Taylor, and Bergquist voted aye. Motion carried.

At 12:32 p.m. a motion was made by Hansen to adjourn the Commission meeting, seconded by Hastings. Unanimous aye vote. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jessica Alonge
Auditor/COO

Jerry Bergquist
Commission Chairman