

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Absent was Don Eberle. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The May, 2024 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure report were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the May 21, 2024 special meeting minutes with a correction of a motion made by Commissioner Miller, instead of Commissioner Magrum, for approving an amended building permit for Jesus and Taylor Maggiorani. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of road projects agreement with the City of Linton. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held regarding the public nuisance on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton. Joseph M. Hanson reported that a contractor was down to look at the property and will be providing a quote. Chairman Magrum also reported that he received names of a couple of contractors that may be interested in cleaning up the property.

Commissioner Hulm reported that he talked to Linton City Mayor, Dan Imdieke, suggesting that a written agreement be put in place regarding shared road projects between Emmons County and the City of Linton. Later in the meeting, the Commission agreed that Emmons County be responsible for the chip seal/fog seal from the fuel tanks to the stop sign on Highway 13, 7th Ave SE to the Catholic Cemetery and 79th St. SE, and the City of Linton be responsible for the chip seal/fog seal on Aspen Ave. Skyler Prellwitz will coordinate with Tyler Gross of Linton City and have a written agreement drawn up.

New Business:

County Extension Agent, Acacia Stuckle, introduced Vicki Schwab, newly hired Administrative Assistant, and also informed the board that Nancy Deis accepted the NDSU Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent position.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the renewal building permit for Verizon Wireless to exchange six antennas and add three antennas and exchange ancillary tower equipment. Location is S ½ S ½ Less 4.42 A Parcel #10 and #11, Section 32, Township 131, Range 78. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the application and issue Liquor Licenses for Todd Nieuwsma//The Quencher Bar for a two-day event held on June 29th & 30th, 2024 and also for a one-day event held on August 17, 2024 on the Beaver Horse Club Grounds located on a portion of the SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 131, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve Gaming Site Authorizations beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 for the Joseph E. Appert, American Legion Post 126, at R Place by the Bay and at Cattail Resort. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the application and issue a Liquor License to Cody Schulthess//R Place by the Bay for a one-day event held on June 21, 2024 on the tract W ½ NE ¼ E ½ NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to appoint Don Eberle to serve on the Canvassing Board for the 2024 Primary Election. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

A per publication, at 9:15 A.M., the County Board convened as a Board of Equalization to take up matters of Equalization of Assessments.

Reviewed was the true and full values and sales ratio adjustment worksheet for residential, lakeshore, commercial and vacant lots. The 2024 values are based on market values which fluctuate with general economic

conditions. By North Dakota state law, as property values change in the market place, those changes must be reflected in the assessor’s estimated market values.

Total sales ratio of all residential and lakeshore properties sold in 2023 showed a median ratio of 91.9%. There were 34 residential/lakeshore usable sales. The true and full market value ratio after local equalization is 91.3% for 2024. Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the residential and lakeshore true and full values and to equalize the assessments for 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Total sales ratio of all commercial and vacant lots sold in 2023 showed a median ratio of 91.44%. There were 28 commercial and vacant lot usable sales. The true and full market value ratio after local equalization is 95.2% for 2024. Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the commercial and vacant lots true and full values and to equalize the assessments for 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Per North Dakota Century Code 57-02-27.2, agricultural land is assessed in accordance with North Dakota laws where values are based on the soil type and productivity index. The 2024 value per acre for Emmons County as calculated by NDSU is \$655.25. The value per acre as equalized by the county is \$602.83. Emmons County is maintaining a 92.0% tolerance level for agricultural land values which is following the North Dakota State Board of Equalization ruling that counties must maintain a tolerance level between 90% - 100%. Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the agricultural land values for 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the Homestead Property Tax Credits and Veterans Tax Credits for the 2024 tax year. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The County Board of Equalization meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Sheriff Gary Sanders informed the board that he will not be renewing the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Linton effective January 1, 2025.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to deny the building permit for Michael Schneider and Cheryl Jangula to add a 12 X 10 Pergola on Section 23, Township 132, Range 46 due to non-compliance with setback zoning regulations. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to accept the quote and enter into an agreement with Twin City Roofing for installing new roofing material on the auditorium roof, south entry roof and the back-entry roof of the courthouse for \$85,347.00. Project will be scheduled for 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried. Present for discussion was Craig Kitzan.

The Commission reviewed a petition for the vacation and release part of the 66’ access, stormwater & drainage easement, as described in the Easement Document #173515, Book 78 MI, Page 49 that is within Lots M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, & U from the Plat of Survey in Document #173405, Book 6 PLA, Page 222. After discussion, the Commission approved to proceed with the plan on moving the road and amending the plat.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Discussion was held regarding the trees on the right-of-way on 100th St. SE & 3rd Ave SE where the Commission agreed that Chris Ryckman cut down the trees and the county will hire Wangler’s Tree Service to grind the stumps.

Christy Werre was present for discussion on the road construction project on 17th Ave SE and asked that the road department coordinate with Judy and Vernon Carlson so a path can be determined for accessing in and out of their place.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16144- LP16168, LP16199-LP16200, Payroll - \$110,955.60
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16169, LP16201-LP16210, Payroll – \$61,421.86

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

44446	MDU	Utilities	159.80
44514	Advanced Business Methods	Copier	7,140.39
44515	Angel Armor	Sheriff Accessories	1,255.00
44516	API Garage Door, Inc.	Door Repair	271.66
44517	Archangel Device LLC	Real Blue Infrared Hybrid Elite Series	624.95
44518	Auto Value Linton	Parts	3.18
44519	Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	Uniform Accessories	81.88
44520	Beastrom Oil Co.	Diesel	6,764.70
44521	Braaten Law Firm	Legal Services	3,960.00
44522	Bruun, Mark	Mowing Braddock Shop	200.00
44523	Burleigh County	Crack Seal Oil	1,950.29

44524	Burleigh Morton Detention Center	Prisoner Billing	4300.00
44525	Burleigh County Sheriff's Dept.	Delinquent Tax Service	98.00
44526	Butler Machinery Co. Corp	Parts/Labor	2,970.84
44527	Central Dakota Frontier Coop	Supplies	4.69
44528	Central Dakota Six County	Dues	180.00
44529	Hazelton City	Water Bill	36.00
44530	Linton City	Water Bill	83.75
44531	Strasburg City	Water Bill	170.47
44532	Code 4 Services, Inc.	Windshield Pucks	40.00
44533	Cole Papers, Inc.	Supplies	479.12
44534	CREA	Superintendent of Schools Service	1,755.00
44535	Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.	Service	175.75
44536	Defensive Edge Training	Registration Fee	550.00
44537	Digital Ally	Five Year Subscription Plan	10,800.00
44538	Donley, Austin	Mowing Hazelton Shop	450.00
44539	Election Systems & Software	Election Expense	7,116.49
44540	Ellingson, David	Mowing Strasburg Shop	325.00
44541	Emmons County Record	Publishing	1,856.55
44542	Emmons County Treasurer	Current Expense	92.00
44543	Fireside Office Products	Supplies	144.11
44544	Heartland Waste Management	Service	90.00
44545	Herreid Sporting Center, Inc.	Tracks Removal	50.00
44546	Jerome Distributing, Inc.	Water Refills	63.00
44547	Connie Job	Salary	1,469.13
44548	Lexipol, LLC	Police One Academy Annual Rate	636.54
44549	Linton Auto Parts	Parts	496.92
44550	Magrum Excavating & Plumbing	Service at Langelier's Bay	935.00
44551	Martin Oil Co.	Diesel	25,005.61
44552	MDU	Utilities	1,270.40
44553	NDACO Resources Group	Server	11,005.49
44554	NDACS	Dues	50.00
44555	ND Dept. of Environmental Quality	Boiler Inspection	105.00
44556	NDSU	Record Books/Tags	105.00
44557	ODP Business Solutions, LLC	Supplies	250.66
44558	Paul Holzer Carwash	Carwashes	12.00
44559	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	575.10
44560	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	176.45
44561	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	1,580.16
44562	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	337.16
44563	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	301.90
44564	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	546.13
44565	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	422.07
44566	Power Plan Corp.	Window Panes	1,707.51
44567	Prairie Heating & Air, Inc.	Service	1,082.99
44568	RDO Truck Center	Parts	72.36
44569	Renschler, Norman	Maintenance to Langelier's/Rice Lake	3,610.00
44570	Saber Shred Solutions, Inc.	Loads of Tires	1,152.00
44571	Sayler Implement, Inc.	Parts	198.60
44572	Schneider, Jackie	Food Pantry	500.00
44573	Sign Solutions	Signs	922.35
44574	South Central Regional Water	Water Bill	76.80
44575	Strasburg Insurance	Endorsements	124.00
44576	Stuckle, Acacia	Expense Reimbursement	681.70
44577	TC Specialties	Service	57.00
44578	Tyler Technologies	Program Project	3,620.00
44579	Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.	Service Fees	12,892.00
44580	Verizon Wireless	Cell Service	412.45
44581	Widmer Roel	Auditing Services	2,000.00
44582	Wold Engineering, PC	Engineering	8,185.00
44583	NDSU	Farm Record Books	104.00
44584	NDPERS Health & Life	Added Employee	2,042.80
44585	Emmons County Treasurer	Postal Machine Use	1,344.93
44586	KEM Electric	Utilities	290.88
44588	Quadient Finance USA	Postage	1,000.00
44591	Information Technology	Internet Access & Netmotion	1,456.45
44596	Missouri Valley Regional Lodge #3	Reissue	135.00
44597	Nodak True Value	Supplies	215.99
44598	Tower Communications	Tower Rent	200.00

44599	BEK Communications	Telephone Service	2,973.68
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There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Hulm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Approved: July 2, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 21, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi via telephone and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kevin Evenson requested to place black plastic and move in two (2) Conex Boxes on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton. Permission was denied by the Commission due to the property being out of compliance as Kevin Evenson has failed to comply with the court order to abate the nuisance on the property.

Discussion was held in regards to a temporary slightly grade raise on 17th Avenue Southeast. Road Superintendent, Skyler Prellwitz, stated that the project will be done in house with the exemption of hauling gravel where a contractor will be hired. This two-week project will start sometime next month.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to grant permission to Loren Vander Vorste to tile the intersection of 98th St. SE and 7th Ave. SE on his own property, at his own expense, and to be supervised by Skyler Prellwitz to make sure the land is reclaimed properly. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Graveling road discussion was held where suggestions were made to spot gravel the bad spots instead of graveling the entire road which would be more economically feasible.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Chris Ryckman to cut down trees on the county right-of-way on 100th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE, and have the county grind the tree stumps and fix the road. Further discussion will be held on the June 3, 2024 Commission meeting.

Brad Stoppler is requesting gravel on 3rd Ave SE. The Commission concluded to only gravel the county road and not the private drive.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$299,625.48 from Russell Lawler Construction LLC received in the bid opening of May 10, 2024 for Project SC-1536(061) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of EMMONS County will award to Russell Lawler Construction LLC the contract for Project SC-1536(061) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

DATED at Linton, North Dakota this 21st day of May, 2024 in Linton, North Dakota.

ATTEST:
s/s Marlys Ohlhauser
County Auditor

APPROVED:
Erin Magrum, Chairman
Emmons County Commission

Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the following Emergency Declaration:

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION
EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
MAY 21, 2024**

WHEREAS, Emmons County, North Dakota, has received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was completed for repairs and updates to the Emmons County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the amount of repairs and updates needed for the Courthouse far exceeds the allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Emmons County Courthouse no longer has an entrance that meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards or complies with the “Help America Vote Act” as a polling site; and

WHEREAS, the current ramp slopes toward the courthouse causing issues with rain and freeze/thaw cycles against the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners declare an accessibility emergency exists at the Emmons County Courthouse in Emmons County, North Dakota.

DATED at Linton, North Dakota this 21st day of May, 2024 in Linton, North Dakota.

ATTEST:
s/s Marlys Ohlhauser
County Auditor

APPROVED:
Erin Magrum, Chairman
Emmons County Commission

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the following Utility Permits for South Central Regional Water:

1. Install and maintain one-inch rural waterline crossing 88th St. SE from N ½ of Section 25, Township 131, Range 75 to the S ½ of Section 24, Township 131, Range 75.
2. Install and maintain one-inch rural waterline crossing 72nd St. SE from N ½ of Section 2, Township 133, Range 77 to S ½ of Section 35, Township 134, Range 77.
3. Install and maintain potable water 10” PVC pipeline for service to Ashley, ND MTL Expansion. Crossing 19th Ave SE on 78th St. SE, 19th Ave SE on 79 St. SE and 20th Ave SE on 79th St. SE.

Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Wayne Ehley has submitted his resignation as Director of Tax Equalization. His last day of employment with Emmons County is May 31, 2024.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the amended building permit for Jesus and Taylor Maggiorani to move a 28 X 95 modular home and add a 40 X 68 garage/shop on the E ½ SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 13, Township 133, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Materi and Miller. Magrum abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Bradley Stoppler to move a 28 X 58 home and add an attached garage on the SE ¼ of Section 10, Township 136, Range 77. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Aaron Ternes to add onto the storage unit on Lot 2, Tract B, Section 14, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #30-0000-04211-015 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned authorizing the Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the County Deed conveying the county’s interest in tax deed property as follows:

City of Strasburg – Lot Six (6), Block Four (4), Original Town to Strasburg City, Emmons County, North Dakota.

Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Hulm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Approved: June 3, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The April, 2024 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure report were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 regular meeting and the April 17, 2024 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held regarding the public nuisance on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton. Joseph M. Hanson stated that he wasn’t able to get a hold of Trash, Inc. to see if they had any interest on cleaning up the property. Commissioner Miller commented that he knows of someone interested in the cleanup, but wants to look at the property first. Chairman Magrum informed Kevin Evenson that he’s parking his vehicles south of the access road that is privately owned property and not a public right-of-way.

County vehicle policy discussion was held. Chairman Magrum stated that after reviewing the employee manual, the decision on how to handle the situation of what’s going on with the county vehicle driven by the road superintendent is not a policy violation; instead, it’s an interpretation of the policy.

Commissioner Miller reported that a company vehicle has been seen parked at the Dollar General where the employees are buying snacks on county time, and this should be done after hours. Later in the meeting, Skyler Prellwitz confirmed that the road department shops locally and purchases shop supplies at the Dollar General.

Commissioner Hulm stated that when Skyler Prellwitz was hired as road superintendent, the Commissioners agreed to increase the salary by \$3,000.00 annually for using his personal vehicle for commuting back and forth to work, and this is recorded in the minutes. Skyler Prellwitz was also supposed to fulfill his residency in Emmons County. “This was all thrown out the window”.

Commissioner Materi questioned where the commissioners go with a policy as far as this pickup being driven back and forth, stressing that he wants to stop this vehicle from being driven back and forth to Bismarck overnight.

Commissioner Eberle suggested that the road superintendent use his personal vehicle and be compensated for mileage whenever he picks up parts for the county.

No action was taken.

New Business:

Troy Roemmich appeared to address some county issues that included the severe decline in the quality of the road conditions, stressing that with a small amount of rain (less than an inch), he’s unable to get to his home. This has been the case since August of 2023. Mr. Roemmich complained about the interview process when the commission hired for the road superintendent position, pointing out that a reference check with previous employment was not completed. Also addressed was the use of the county vehicle driven to and from Bismarck by the road superintendent, and taking Mr. Prellwitz off of probation without fulfilling his residency in Emmons County.

At 9:50 A.M., a County Park Board meeting was held. Present were Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi and Craig Miller; County Park Board Member, Dean Weiss. Absent was County Park Board Chairman, Andy Reis. Also present was Korlene Schmidt representing Kintyre Park Board, Rosalie Rambough representing Braddock City Park Board, Phil Volk representing Hague City Park and Becky Thatcher-Keller representing Linton City Park.

Erin Magrum called the meeting to order. Dean Weis motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Erin Magrum. All members voting “YES”. Motion carried.

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, presented the following county park budget information to the board:

2023 County Park Expenditures	\$39,294.37
2024 County Park Budget	\$71,800.00
YTD 2024 Expense Report	\$1,774.51

Board members read a letter from Ann M. Moch, Kintyre Park Board, providing a summary of the park's activities and projects. Becky Thatcher-Keller, grant writer for the Linton City Park Board, provided an update on several of the Park's projects. Other City Park representatives provided updates on their park's projects as well, and requested funding to help with maintenance costs for mowing, light bill, etc.

Don Eberle motioned to allocate \$3,000.00 to Linton City Park, Hazelton City Park, Braddock City Park, Hague City Park and to the park in Kintyre; and to allocate \$1,500.00 to the Strasburg City Park and \$1,500.00 to the Strasburg Park Expansion. Seconded by Craig Miller. Roll Call "YES": Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi, Craig Miller and Dean Weiss. Motion carried.

Dean Weiss motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dan Materi. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

At 10:15 A.M., the Board of County Commissioners reconvened in regular session.

Herman Jahner was present and addressed concerns about the condition of the gravel road on 6th Ave SE.

County Extension Agent, Acacia Stuckle, provided a staffing update informing the board that Ashley Praus resigned her position as Administrative Assistant with May 3, 2024 being her last day of employment. The position is currently being advertised.

Jon Martin, PE, Wold Engineering, P.C., appeared and stated that an application was submitted for a grant through the NDDOT Flexible Transportation Fund Program where Emmons County was approved for the construction engineering and the twenty percent county cost share of the project for culvert replacement on 88th Street Southeast. This project will be bid on Friday, May 10, 2024. Commissioner Eberle motioned to enter into a construction engineering services agreement with Wold Engineering, P.C. for road project SC-1536(061) – culvert replacement located 0.5 miles north and 5 miles east of Strasburg, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Emmons County was also awarded a grant through the NDDOT Flex funding for the preliminary engineering costs for the grade raise project on 17th Avenue Southeast. Commissioner Hulm motioned to enter into a preliminary engineering services agreement with Wold Engineering, P.C. for road project CP-1523(025) grade raise 1 mile east and 3.5 miles north of Braddock, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried. Discussion was held to come up with a feasible plan for a temporary slightly grade raise. Further discussion will be held at a special meeting scheduled for May 21, 2024.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Discussion was held for the road department employees to consider rotating work schedules from Monday – Thursday and Tuesday – Friday, and work some Saturdays if needed.

Skyler Prellwitz presented an estimate for chip seal projects and a 2024 graveling location map.

Wesley Mastel appeared to request approval for a building permit for erecting a 72 X 100 farm shop with a 73-foot set back from the road on 20th Avenue SE. Emmons County's zoning ordinance requires a minimum setback of 100 feet from the centerline on all minor county and township roads. After discussion, Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Wes Mastel to erect a 72 X 100 farm shop on the SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 129, Range 74, and to grant a variance for a 75-foot set back from the center of the road on 20th Avenue SE. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle and Materi. "NO": Hulm, Magrum and Miller. Motion failed.

After further discussion, Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Wes Mastel to erect a 72 X 100 farm shop on the SW ¼ of Section 4, Township 129, Range 74, without a variance, and has to comply with the setback zoning ordinance of 100 feet from the centerline of the road. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The Commission discussed the request for gravel from James Haid on the road located on the NE ¼ of Section 32, Township 133, Range 76. Joseph M. Hanson will draw up temporary easements with the landowners.

Brief discussion was held in regards to the county's zoning ordinances for battery energy storage systems.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Jeremy Holzer to construct a 32 X 48 residence on Lots 12A in Glenwood Acres, Section 27, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the building permit for Bruce and Dixie Bosch to move in a 12 X 16 shed on Rice Lake Subdivision, Section 4, Township 129, Range 75. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Jesus and Taylor Maggiorani to construct a 75 X 87 residence with a 24 X 47 garage on the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 13, Township 133, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Materi and Miller. Magrum abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Your Home Improvement Company to replace ten windows on the residence located in the SW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 136, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Eric Hulm to erect an 80 X 120 shop on the S ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 130, Range 75. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the building permit for Lance Jangula to erect an 81 X 200 shop on the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 16, Township 132, Range 75. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the Certificate of Survey, Tracts B, C, AND D, located in Section 3, Township 133, Range 77 of the Principal Meridian. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to appoint Commissioner Materi to serve on the Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum and Miller. “NO”: Materi. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:
General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16071, LP16095, LP16131-LP16133, Payroll - \$106,623.83
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16096, LP16134-LP16143, Payroll – \$74,086.03

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

44281	MDU	Utilities	143.48
44315	NDSAA	Dues	300.00
44358	Job Service of ND	Benefit Reimbursement	2,486.52
44359	Advanced Business Methods	Extension Copier Contract	374.67
44360	Ampride	Diesel	136.71
44361	Auto Value Linton	Parts/Supplies	600.71
44362	Badlands Environmental	Asbestos Survey Report	1,020.00
44363	Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	Uniform Accessories	353.56
44364	Beastrom Oil Co.	Fuel	4,203.85
44365	Bobcat of Mandan	Equipment Rental	900.00
44366	Braaten Law Firm	Legal Services	4,872.00
44367	Burleigh Morton Detention Center	Prisoner Billing	2,800.00
44368	Burleigh County Emergency Mgmt.	DEM Contract	9,000.00
44369	Butler Machinery Co. Corp	Parts/Labor	698.87
44370	Centre, Inc.	Community Service Program	1,200.00
44371	CHS, Inc.	Propane	450.00
44372	Circle H. Lumber	Material	64.23
44373	Hazelton City	Water Bill	36.00
44374	Hazelton City	Landfill Use	30.00
44375	Linton City	Water Bill	85.80
44376	Strasburg City	Water Bill	172.17
44377	Cole Papers, Inc.	Supplies	1,089.61
44378	Dakota Business Solutions	Ink Cartridge	253.99
44379	Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.	Service	195.10
44380	Dockter’s Blacksmith	Service	106.50
44381	Election Systems and Software	Election Expense	2,135.69
44382	Emmons County Record	Publishing	714.97
44383	Emmons County Treasurer	Current Expense	31.85
44384	Emmons County Treasurer	Postal Machine Use	258.47
44385	Fireside Office Products, Inc.	Supplies	729.12
44386	Ibach, Anita	Wages	2,143.37
44387	Information Technology Dept.	Internet Access & Netmotion	1,440.25
44388	I State Truck Center	Parts	21.14
44389	Jerome Distributing, Inc.	Water Refills	81.00
44390	KEM Electric	Utilities	332.28
44391	Kimble’s Guns & Repair	Shop Use for Cleaning Guns	50.00
44392	Linton Auto Parts	Parts/Supplies	633.25
44393	Martin Oil Co.	Gas	3,890.86
44394	Mighty Gnomes	Computer Program	3,876.00
44395	MDU	Utilities	1,625.24
44396	Nodak True Value	Parts/Supplies	411.00
44397	ND County Recorder Association	Dues	200.00
44398	NDLTAP-UGPTI	Roadway Training	200.00
44399	ND One Call	Location Requests	5.20

44400	NDPOA	Membership	40.00
44401	ND State Radio Communications	Everbridge Fee	836.08
44402	ND State Radio Communications	Phone Collections	4,067.14
44403	ND State Radio Communications	LETS Billing and License Renew	263.00
44404	NDSU Extension Service	Reimbursement of Salaries	7,262.76
44405	NW Tire, Inc.	Tires and Service	5,810.62
44406	Outlaw’n Lawn Services	Service	361.00
44407	Braddock Park Board	Contribution	3,000.00
44408	Hague Park Board	Contribution	3,000.00
44409	Hazelton Park Board	Contribution	3,000.00
44410	Linton Park Board	Contribution	3,000.00
44411	Strasburg Park Expansion	Contribution	1,500.00
44412	Strasburg City Park	Contribution	1,500.00
44413	Kintyre Park Board	Contribution	3,000.00
44414	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	267.55
44415	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	536.10
44416	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	4,246.26
44417	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	482.64
44418	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	1,311.46
44419	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	897.47
44420	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	1,016.58
44421	Pfeifle on 83	Parts/Labor	79.72
44422	PharmChem, Inc.	Sweat Patch Analysis	31.95
44423	Power Plan Corp.	Parts/Service	8,703.57
44424	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Post Machine Rent	402.00
44425	RDO Truck Center	Parts	610.32
44426	Renschler, Norman	Maintenance to Langelier’s & Rice Lake	1,700.00
44427	Saber Shred Solutions, Inc.	Tires	2,474.40
44428	Sannes Feist Funeral Home	Coroner Service	500.00
44429	Sayler Implement, Inc.	Parts	215.49
44430	Schneider, Jackie	Food Pantry	500.00
44431	Sign Solutions	Signs	1,300.15
44432	Softchoice Corporation	Server	4,560.64
44433	South Central Regional Water	Water Bill	78.60
44434	Storey Kenworthy	Election Expense	221.03
44435	Strasburg Insurance Agency	Endorsement	27.00
44436	Suhr/Merkens Law P.L.L.C.	Legal Service	180.00
44437	TC Specialties, Inc.	Service	57.00
44438	Tower Communications	Tower Rent	200.00
44439	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	Software Programming	16,565.00
44440	Verizon Wireless	Cell Service	412.45
44441	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	137.54
44442	Wold Engineering, PC	Engineering	10,682.50
44443	BEK Communications	Telephone Service	2,974.72

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Eberle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Approved: June 3, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with Commissioners Don Eberle, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Absent was Gary Hulm. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Representatives from Comstock Construction, Inc., participating virtually, presented the final bids for the courthouse remodel project from the public bidding held on April 4, 2024. There was some discussion regarding contractor bidding requirements and the shortfall of ARPA funding where the decision was made to proceed with the project utilizing funding from courthouse maintenance and the permit fund.

Commissioner Miller motioned to accept the base bid for plumbing from City Air Mechanical for \$30,662.00. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to accept the base bid for general construction from Comstock Construction for \$298,125.00. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to accept the base bid for electrical and fire alarm system from Raftor Electric for \$98,800.00. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to accept the base bid and the alternate no. 01 bid for HVAC from Prairie Heating and Air for a total of \$135,398.24. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to accept the base bid and the alternate no. 01 bid for electrical and fire alarm system from Raftor Electrical for a total of \$108,300.00. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the appointment of election inspectors for the 2024 Elections pursuant to ND 16.1-05.01 as follows:

- Terry Macdonald – Voting Center, Hazelton City Hall
- Debra Schumacher – Voting Center, Emmons County Courthouse
- Rosalind Leier – Voting Center, Strasburg Blue Room

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to grant a raffle permit to the Miss Rodeo North Dakota Organization. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Myron Heilman appeared to present a building permit to construct a 30 X 48 post frame building on Lot 10 of Lot 1A, Rudy Addition, Section 5, Township 130, Range 79. Determination was made that the application does not fully comply with the setback requirements of the Emmons County Zoning Ordinances. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve a variance to allow a five-foot setback from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's property line, and to approve the above-described building permit application. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Eberle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Approved: May 7, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The March, 2024 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure report were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the public nuisance located on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton, ND, Squatter rights, and discussion on the bridge replacement project located on 20th Ave SE, South of 85th St. SE. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Miller received another proposal for GPS Tracking from GPS Insight for five vehicles at an annual service cost of \$1,197.00.

Commissioner Eberle suggested that instead of spending thousands of dollars on GPS Tracking, try to resolve the problem by having the road superintendent drive his personal vehicle to work, and reimburse him for mileage whenever he picks up parts for the county.

Commissioner Materi made the statement that citizens are questioning why this pickup is being driven to Bismarck, and felt that this problem needs to be resolved before the county purchases a GPS tracking system. Referenced was the county employee handbook, section 8.2, use of equipment and vehicles, that outlines that employees are not permitted to use county vehicles in place of personal vehicles for transportation to and from the workplace, nor to fill or charge gas or fuel to the county for their private vehicles. Commissioner Materi stated that everyone should comply with this policy and if parts are being picked up by an employee with their personal vehicle, bills should be submitted to the county for mileage reimbursement. Noted was that there's five common carriers that drive down from Bismarck, and also that shipping parts is cheaper than depreciation on the county vehicle.

Commissioner Hulm stated that the county already has a policy in place regarding the use of county vehicles, and unless the commissioners are going to amend this policy, we need to abide by it.

Human Service Director, Michelle Masset, was present and stated that social service employees do not take the zone vehicles home because it's against the county policy. There's one employee that drives back and forth from Bismarck everyday with her personal vehicle.

Commissioner Miller commented that sometimes new laws need to be made to enforce existing rules or laws.

Chairman Magrum suggested that the county enforce the current employee handbook policy, and if there's an alternative to the current policy, then a new law will need to be re-created. Further discussion was held later in the meeting with Skyler Prellwitz present where the board concluded to review the handbook at the May Commission meeting, making any necessary changes, and then enforce the policy.

Discussion was held regarding the public nuisance on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton, ND. Chairman Magrum stated that according to Jared Reis, he's been busy and is getting booked up. Joseph M. Hanson will reach out to Trash Inc. and report back to the board.

New Business:

Marcy Sanders appeared on behalf of KEM Electric to present a Good Neighbor Agreement between KEM Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Emmons County. This agreement is one of the requirements in order for KEM Electric to submit a grant through the federal government for a resiliency electric grid project. The county is not responsible for any of the local cost share of the grant. Commissioner Hulm motioned to enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement between KEM Electric, Inc. and Emmons County. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

County Extension Agent, Acacia Stuckle, provided a quarterly narrative report.

Dennis and Tena Weber appeared for discussion regarding the road that runs through Lot 25A, Beaver Bay Subdivision, Section 23, Township 132, Range 79. This road was forfeited to the county due to delinquent taxes in 2018. Dennis Weber explained that the road used to be a dirt trail that went through the trees, but over the years the road has widened. The Weber's would like to sell the property; but the road is taking up one third of the lot.

Suggestions were made for the county to remove the trees and move the road back to where it should be, or purchase the lot at the asking price of \$40,000.

Questions and concerns were addressed about the description of the property when it was acquired by the county, and whether the entire road actually belongs to the county? Josh Odden confirmed that the description of the property when acquired by the county was roadways in Beaver Bay Subdivision.

After further discussion, Commissioner Hulm motioned to table the matter pending further information. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

VA Officer, Brad Huber, appeared and gave his quarterly activity report.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to change the date of the June Commission meeting to Monday, June 3, 2024 due to the Public Service Commission public hearing scheduled on June 4, 2024 in Linton. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Sam Renschler appeared to discuss maintaining Langelier’s Bay Campground and restroom facilities and the facility at Rice Lake for calendar year 2024 requesting a fee of \$190.00 per trip.

James Haid appeared to request gravel on the road located on the NE ¼ of Section 32, Township 133, Range 76. The matter was tabled pending research of Josh Odden to see if there’s an established right-of-way.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Brief discussion was held regarding the status of the bridge replacement project on 20th Ave SE, South of 85th St. SE. Skyler Prellwitz will contact Wold Engineering, P.C for updates and report back to the board.

The Commissioners reviewed proposals from RDO Equipment and Butler Machinery for two (2) Motor Graders. Commissioner Hulm motioned to purchase the following:

• 2025 Caterpillar Model 150 15A AWD Motor Grader	\$481,900.00
Trade-In 2018 Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader	\$137,750.00
Balance after trade-in	\$344,150.00
• 2025 Caterpillar Model 150 15A AWD Motor Grader	\$481,900.00
Trade-In 2018 Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader	\$149,850.00
Balance after trade-in	\$332,050.00

Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller brought forward Squatter’s rights questioning what the law is in ND if someone takes up residency in a house where they have no right to do so. States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson explained how squatting is different from trespassing and also talked about the legal eviction process for removing a squatter in ND which begins with the property owner serving an eviction notice.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the Plat of Lot 2, Emmons-Logan Energy Center, SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 134, Range 74, Emmons County, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm and Magrum. “NO”: Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the Plat of Glen Woods Acres Third Addition, SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 132, Range 79, Emmons County, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #09-0000-06532-010. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the renewal building permit for Paul Schneider to complete an addition onto the home on Lots 1-4, Block 1, Glencoe Estates, Section 12, Township 136, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Schick Land LLP to build two (2) grain bins on Lot A, SW ¼ of Section 23, Township 135, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the building permit for Justin and James H. Bashus for the removal of the current detached garage and construct a 30 X 40 garage on the SE ¼ Less Acres to USA Less RW, Section 4, Township 130, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the building permit for Carol Neis to install metal roofing on the farm residence in Section 32, Township 131, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the building permit for Myron Heilman to erect a 30 X 48 post frame storage building on Lot 10 of Lot 1A, Rudy Subdivision, Section 5, Township 130, Range 79.

Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle. “NO”: Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion failed. Noted was the setbacks were not in compliance with the county’s zoning ordinance.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Clint Saylor to erect a 16 X 24 picnic shelter with no side walls on Lot 12, Coyote Hills Subdivision, Section 23, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the building permit for Mike Deerwester to erect a 36 X 48 garage on Lot 1, Block 9, Temvik Road, Section 5, Township 133, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve Liquor Licenses for Cody Schulthess//R Place By The Bay LLC for a one-day event held on May 25, 2024 and also for a one-day event held on July 20, 2024 located on a tract W ½ NE ¼ E ½ NW ¼ of Section 14, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the building permit for Rosemary David to add a 40 X 40 addition onto the existing pole building located on the E ½ SE ¼ Less RW, Section 31, Township 136, Range 78. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16059, LP16060, LP16009-LP16032, Payroll - \$108,046.22
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16033, LP16061-LP16070, Payroll – \$55,543.52

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

44132	MDU	Utilities	150.83
44205	Advanced Business Methods	Extension Copier Contract	319.53
44206	Armor Interactive	Silver Plan	215.00
44207	Auto Value Linton	Parts	143.98
44208	Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	Uniforms	499.36
44209	Beastrom Oil Co.	Propane/Fuel	27,018.09
44210	Burleigh Morton Detention	Prisoner Billing	3,200.00
44211	Butler Machinery Co. Corp.	Parts/Labor	2,224.24
44212	Chevrolet of Mandan	Parts/Service	172.44
44213	Circle H. Lumber	Supplies	123.50
44214	Linton City	Water Bill	84.07
44215	Cole Papers, Inc.	Supplies	530.51
44216	Curtis Rud Oil Co.	Propane	90.65
44217	D & B Engraving	Spelling Bee Medals/Plaque	31.00
44218	Electronic Communications	Radio Programming	380.00
44219	Emmons County 4-H Leader Council	Contribution	950.00
44220	Emmons County Treasurer	Current Expense	80.06
44221	Emmons County Treasurer	Postal Machine Use	614.98
44222	Fireside Office Products, Inc.	Supplies	510.59
44223	Jack’s Electric & Trenching	Supplies	81.86
44224	Jerome Distributing, Inc	Water Refills	81.00
44225	John R. Beck Insurance	Notary Bond	50.00
44226	Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc.	Parts	384.08
44227	Linton Auto Parts	Parts	474.28
44228	Logan County	Mileage	51.09
44229	Martin Oil Co.	Gas	355.78
44230	Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	Updates	74.73
44231	MDU	Utilities	1,669.49
44232	Mosset Welding, LLC	Service	50.68
44233	Nodak True Value	Shop Supplies	631.68
44234	NDACO Resources Group	Computer Support	256.00
44235	ND County Commissioners Assn.	Registration Fee	100.00
44236	NDDOT	Bridge Inspections	8,047.54
44237	NDPOA	Memberships	80.00
44238	NDVAA	Dues	50.00
44239	NW Tire, Inc.	Tires	1,206.23
44240	Paul Holzer	Carwash	6.00
44241	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	95.12
44242	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	1,150.71
44243	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	2,396.86
44244	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	377.30
44245	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	440.06
44246	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	480.53
44247	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	554.84

44248	Pfeifle on 83	Floor Mats	230.20
44249	Prairie Heating and Air, Inc.	Service	949.84
44250	Proforms	Deposit Tickets	90.09
44251	RDO Truck Center	Parts	4,053.28
44252	Renschler, Norman	Maintenance to Rice Lake	340.00
44253	Saber Shred Solutions, Inc.	OTR	180.00
44254	Schneider, Jackie	Food Pantry	500.00
44255	Sign Solutions	Road Signs	1,472.81
44256	Sign Pro	Road Signs	1,428.21
44257	South Central Regional Water	Water Bill	83.40
44258	Strasburg State Bank	Equipment Lease Payments	33,893.55
44259	Strasburg State Bank	Equipment Lease Payments	73,864.15
44260	Stuckle, Acacia	Expense Reimbursement	36.18
44261	TC Specialties Inc.	Service	57.00
44262	Tower Communications	Tower Rent	200.00
44263	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	Programming	569.00
44264	Unison Bank	Equipment Lease Payment	73,826.06
44265	Unison Bank	Equipment Lease Payment	139,668.44
44266	Valley Express, Inc.	Tank	1,700.00
44267	Verizon Wireless	Cell Service	410.05
44268	Walk N Roll	Parts	513.08
44269	Widmer Roel	County Audit	4,000.00
44270	Wold Engineering, P.C.	Engineering	27,417.50
44272	Hazelton City	Water Bill	36.00
44273	Kellers Hardware	Supplies	96.21
44274	Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.	Service	195.10
44275	Emmons County Record	Publishing	596.78
44276	KEM Electric Coop, Inc.	Utilities	351.29
44277	NDAAO	Registration Fee	650.00
44278	Information Technology Dept.	Internet Access & Netmotion	1,440.25
44279	Strasburg City	Water Bill	169.15
44282	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Wetland Mitigation	23,240.00
44283	BEK Communications	Telephone Service & Security System	62,215.38

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Approved: May 7, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The February, 2024 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure report were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Summit Carbon Pipeline safety discussion, public nuisance on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton, ND 58552, and the Airport Apron Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Mariam Ghanem, GPX Intelligence, appeared remotely (by Zoom) and provided a demonstration of their dashboard and platform for GPS data tracking. Discussion on county vehicle policy for GPS tracking will be discussed at the April 2, 2024 commission meeting.

New Business:

Commissioner Hulm motioned to adopt the following Resolution:

**EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION TO SHIFT THE SOON TO BE EXPIRING 5.00 MILL FARM TO MARKET/FEDERAL AID
ROAD LEVY NO. 1212 TO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND LEVY NO. 1204**

WHEREAS, the Emmons County Highway Department along with the Emmons County Board of Commissioners are charged with maintaining the roads and bridges in Emmons County for the safety of its residents, and

WHEREAS, Emmons County currently levies 5.00 mills for maintenance, repair and upkeep of 177 miles of farm to market and federal aid roads under levy No. 1212, and currently levies 10.00 mills for County Road & Bridge repair and upkeep under levy No. 1204. The 5.00 mill Farm to Market/Federal Aid Road Levy will be expiring in December, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Emmons County Highway Department will not be able to maintain or repair current farm to market/federal aid roads plus county roads and bridges (total of 1,191 miles) with the 10.00 mills allowed for levy number 1204, it is therefore proposed that the Emmons County Commission shift/move those 5.00 mills lost from Farm to Market levy No. 1212 to County Road and Bridge levy No. 1204, moving that levy from 10.00 mills to 15.00 mills as allowed by the approval of the voters of Emmons County per North Dakota Century Code Chapter 57-15-06.7(5); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emmons County Board of Commissioners requests authority from the Emmons County electors to shift the revenue eliminated from the County Farm to Market Road Levy (5.00 mills) to the County Road and Bridge Levy, thereby decreasing the Farm to Market Fund from 5.00 mills to 0.00 mills and increasing the County Road and Bridge Levy from 10.00 mills to 15.00 mills, and directs that the following measure be placed on the county ballot for the statewide Primary Election scheduled for June 11, 2024 to become effective January 1, 2025.

Emmons County Measure No. 1

The 2015 Legislature, through SB2144, eliminated the County Farm to Market Road Levy (5.00 Mills) effective in 2024. Therefore, per NDCC 57-15-06.7(5), shall the governing body of Emmons County shift those mills to the County Road and Bridge Levy moving that fund from 10.00 to 15.00 mills? In summary, this will decrease the Farm to Market Fund from 5.00 mills to 0.00 mills, and increasing the County Road and Bridge Levy from 10.00 mills to 15.00 mills.

**YES – MEANS YOU APPROVE THE MEASURE AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE
NO – MEANS YOU REJECT THE MEASURE AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Emmons County Commission hereby adopts Resolution No. 22-04-01 pertaining to an increase in the County Road and Bridge Mill Levy, Pursuant to NDCC 24-05-01(2), and a Ballot Issue regarding the matter.

DATED this 5th day of March, 2024, in Linton, North Dakota.

ATTEST:
s/s Marlys Ohlhauser
County Auditor

APPROVED:
Erin Magrum, Chairman
Emmons County Commission

Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to enter into a funding agreement for the 2025-2027 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk of district services. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried. Present for discussion was Clerk of Court/Recorder, Kathleen Dosch.

Discussion was held on whether a second deputy position is needed in the Clerk of Court/Recorder office. Present was Clerk of Court/Recorder, Kathleen Dosch. Commissioner Materi stated that whenever there’s retirements or resignations, there’s a true opportunity for the county commissioners and the departments to take a serious look to see if we really need to continue operating with the same amount of staff, by taking a look at the activity that goes through that office per day, week, and month to see if we can justify a fulltime employee. Commissioner Materi suggested that the hiring of a fulltime deputy recorder be put on hold to see if we really need a fulltime employee or can get by with a part time employee instead. Further discussion was held later in the meeting.

Gary Sanders, Craig Kitzan and Michelle Masset, representing the ARPA Working Group, and Comstock Construction, Inc., participating remotely (by Zoom), provided a list of priority projects which included the renovation of the main auditorium area, stage area, men and women’s bathrooms, south auditorium entrance, courthouse fire alarm system and repairing the courthouse main entrance steps and landing, noting that some of the projects were cut from the original RFP due to funding restraints. Commissioner Hulm motioned to proceed with the revised RFP with the addition of the removal and installing a new handicap access ramp as an alternative for the ARPA courthouse and auditorium renovation project. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Jon Martin, PE, Wold Engineering, P.C., and Road Superintendent, Skyler Prellwitz, presented the bid results for road projects CP 15-121-03.0 and CP 15-132-28.0. Commissioner Hulm motioned to accept the bid from Midwest Contracting, LLC for road project CP 15-121-03.0, structure replacement on 11th Ave SE, option 1 – double 16’ X 12’ reinforced concrete box culvert in the amount of \$1,112,752.95, and to accept the bid from Central Specialties for road project CP 15-132-28.0, structure replacement on 21st Ave SE, option 2 – triple 10’ diameter corrugated steel pipe in the amount of \$715,102.46. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Joann Glass, Shawn Glass and Chris Roehrich appeared to request maintenance to the road on 87th St. SW. After some discussion, Commissioner Eberle motioned for the county to blade 87th St. SW, between Highway 1804 and 6th Ave SW, and to add this road to the blade route. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Materi and Miller. “NO”: Magrum. Motion carried.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Noted was that the Westfield Church will tar the parking lot themselves.

Discussion was held on building of a road on 93rd St. SW, Section 14, Township 130, Range 79. Skyler Prellwitz will work with Wold Engineering, P.C. to come up with a plan.

There was some discussion relative to the gravel road owned by the county in Lot 25A, Beaver Bay Subdivision, Section 23, Township 132, Range 79. The consensus of the board was to table the matter pending discussion on what the county options are with States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson.

The board reviewed a 2024 to 2025 paved road plan and countywide pavement marking cost estimates presented by Skyler Prellwitz.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement between Campbell Township and Emmons County for the following services:

Road Grading Services - \$350.00 per certified mile
Road Snow Removal - \$200.00 per hour

Agreement is effective April 1, 2024 and shall continue until March 31, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The board recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

At 1:30 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Eberle to enter into executive session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 to discuss options involving county ordinances in regards to the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline and Public Service Commission hearings. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The executive session was called to order by Chairman Magrum at 1:30 P.M. with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller in attendance along with States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson. The Commissioners engaged in Attorney consultation with Braaten Law Firm.

Commissioner Materi motioned to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Commissioner Miller motioned that the Board vote to waive the potential conflict of interest as outlined in the representation agreement presented by Braaten Law Firm. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to direct Braaten Law Firm to appeal the decisions related to the Emmons County ordinance in the ND Public Service Commission’s Case No. PU-22-391. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to continue having Braaten Law Firm represent Emmons County Commission with regard to ND Public Service Commission’s Case No. PU-22-391 and any appeals and other proceedings requested by Emmons County Commission, and to sign the proposed representation agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The Commissioners referenced the email from Emergency Manager, Mary Senger, stating that Summit Carbon Solutions hosted a “Pipeline Information Session for First Responders” on January 24, 2024 and she did receive a draft Emergency Response Plan that was very preliminary. The plan will not become more specific until they start construction; therefore, Mary Senger will not be able to provide monthly updates to the County Commission. Commissioner Materi questioned whether Summit Carbon Solutions released a plume model at the training, and Sheriff Gary Sanders stated that the training was more informational with basic information.

States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson provided an update on the property located at 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton, ND and provided a copy of the Judgement that authorized the county to enter the property to abate the nuisance by removing and disposing items as listed. Commissioner Eberle motioned to mitigate the nuisance as the Judgement reads. Motion died due to lack of a second. After further discussion, Commissioner Materi motioned to seek bids on cleaning the Evenson property at 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm brought forward the Linton Municipal Airport Apron Rehabilitation Project and expressed that the airport benefits the entire county and motioned that the County contribute \$30,000 towards the project. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to enter into a Court Services Contract between the State of North Dakota, Emmons County, and the City of Hazelton. Term of this agreement is for one (1) year from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court/Recorder, Kathleen Dosch, re-appeared for further discussion on the hiring of a deputy recorder and stated that at this point she didn’t feel that the office could run with less people because the work load hasn’t dropped, and she doesn’t think it would be a wise choice to go from a fulltime position to a part time position. After further discussion, Commissioner Materi motioned to table the hiring of a fulltime person in the Clerk of Court/Recorder’s office for 60 days. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Materi. “NO”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum and Miller. Motion failed.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #53-0002-00123-000 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Anthony LaFond for adding a 10 X 20 “lean to” addition to the west side of existing structure on Auditor’s Lot A, Section 2, Township 136, Range 78. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the building permit for Bob Kramer to replace metal on the existing pole barn located on Lot B of the SE ¼ of Section 18, Township 132, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the Plat of Outlot “A” located within the SW Quarter of Section 26, Township 130, Range 77, 5th P.M., Emmons County, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Kyle and Sarah Miller to construct a 40 X 80 Pole Building on the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 10, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0012-00720-000 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP15935-LP15958, LP15997-LP15998, Payroll - \$117,996.25

Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP15959, LP15999-LP16008, Payroll – \$56,589.98

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

43997	MDU	Utilities	239.88
44068	Advanced Business Methods	Extension Copier Contract	312.48
44069	API Garage Door, Inc.	Door Service	369.10
44070	A Train Auto	Flat Bed Mount	1,630.00
44071	Auto Value Linton	Parts	118.21
			1,911.08
44072	Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	Uniform Accessories	
44073	Bauman, Florian	Temporary Construction Easement	230.00
44074	Beastrom Oil Co.	Propane	1,454.85
44075	Bobcat of Mandan	Parts	578.98
44076	Braaten Law Firm	Legal Services	3,088.00
44077	Burleigh Morton Detention Center	Prisoner Billing	4,000.00
44078	Camp Knoll	Gravel Contract	25,583.00
44079	CHS, Inc.	Propane	858.00
44080	Circle H. Lumber	Supplies	21.12
44081	Hazelton City	Water Bill	36.00
44082	Linton City	Water Bill	86.27
44083	Code 4 Services, Inc.	Equipment	458.21
44084	Cole Papers, Inc.	Supplies	1,641.45
44085	Comstock Construction, Inc.	Project Management Preconstruction	32,722.92
44086	Curtis Rud Oil Co.	Propane	168.35
44087	Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.	Service	194.60
44088	Dakota Mint	Cabinet	1,500.00
44089	Emmons County Treasurer	Postal Machine Use	339.86
44090	Fireside Office Products, Inc.	Supplies	1,144.47
44091	Herreid Sporting Center, Inc.	Polaris Ranger	29,885.00
44092	Jerome Distributing, Inc.	Water Refills	45.25
44093	Johns Auto Body & Sales	Vehicle Repair	3,601.76
44094	Kimble's Guns & Repair	Glock G22	329.50
44095	Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	Parts	231.40
44096	Linton Auto Parts	Parts/Supplies	1,046.43
44097	Martin Oil Co.	Gas	3,640.80
44098	MDU	Utilities	1,749.13
44099	Mountain Plains Youth Service	Attendant Care	1,700.00
44100	Nodak True Value	Parts/Supplies	524.07
44101	NDACO Resources Group, Inc.	Computer Support	430.00
44102	ND Secretary of State	Notary Public Renewal	36.00
44103	ND Sheriff's & Deputies Association	2024 Dues	400.00
44104	NDSU	Wallet Cards	56.00
44105	ODB Business Solutions, LLC	Office Supplies	20.34
44106	Paul Holzer Carwash	Carwashes	36.00
44107	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	143.92
44108	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	1,074.79
44109	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	3,854.58
44110	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	388.07
44111	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	1,587.99
44112	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	358.64
44113	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	354.95
44114	Power Plan Corp.	Supplies	1,601.02
44115	RDO Truck Center	Mirror	1,225.10
44116	Renschler, Norman	Maintenance to Rice Lake	340.00
44117	Roehrich, Leo & Eugenia LE	Temporary Construction Easement	230.00
44118	Schneider, Jackie	Food Pantry	500.00
44119	South Central Regional Water	Water Bill	85.20
44120	Strasburg State Bank	Road Equipment Lease Payment	54,104.16
44121	Stuckle, Acacia	Expense Reimbursement	100.50
44122	TC Specialties, Inc.	Services	57.00
44123	Verizon Wireless	Cell Service	460.04
44124	Warrens Locks and Keys	Service	695.00
44125	Woodworth Law Office, PLLC	Cases	615.00
44128	Tower Communications	Tower Rent	200.00
44129	Strasburg City	Water Bill	95.24
44130	Information Technology Dept.	Internet Access & Netmotion	1,440.25
44131	Strasburg City	Water Bill	76.50
44135	BEK Communications	Telephone Service	1,791.05

44136	KEM Electric	Utilities	360.30
44145	Emmons County Record	Publishing/Supplies	1,651.43

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Hulm motioned to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Approved: April 2, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

Chairman Erin Magrum called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The January, 2024 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure report were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on local emergency planning updates to the commissioners, and discussion relative to the newspaper article published by Francis Krumm. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Miller provided an update on vehicle GPS tracking. Verizon Wireless quoted a monthly per unit fee of \$15.95 for a tracking device that plugs into the vehicle's computer. This device gives more information, including camera's, which Commissioner Miller didn't feel was necessary. GPX Intelligence quoted a monthly rate of \$10.50 per unit for a tracking device that reports the location of the vehicle. The Commission will further continue its research.

Commissioner Materi referenced the article in the Emmons County Record regarding Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting where the group discussed state requirements on hazardous materials, and that Summit Carbon Solutions will be working with Emmons County Emergency Management to schedule a meeting with Emmons County first responders to discuss its project overview, including dispersion modeling. Commissioner Materi requested that the commission be notified on what Summit Carbon Solutions is doing in the county with certain departments, and have those departments provide monthly updates to the commissioners.

Commissioner Eberle brought forward the attorney fees paid to Braaten Law Firm, requesting that the Auditor/Treasurer provide a running total to the commission every month. Commissioner Eberle also commented on the lawsuit of Krumm vs Emmons County where the court ordered the county to pay \$15,695.10 towards attorney fees.

New Business:

Clerk of Court/Recorder, Kathleen Dosch, introduced Robin Mosset, Deputy Clerk of Court, to the board.

Roger Martin, Airport Authority Board Member, appeared to answer questions of the board, and to continue requesting funding for the Airport Apron Rehabilitation Project. The amount of funding that the Airport is requesting from the county is \$120,000 over a two year period. Discussion was held regarding board member requirements, proposing a county airport mill levy on the county ballot, establishing a county airport board, rental for hanger space, and charging the sprayers/farmers. Roger Martin stated that the Airport Authority is a government entity and not a private business. The Airport is a service and is not there to make a profit; instead, it's there to provide a place for people to make a profit. The Airport is an entity that allows businesses to come in and provide service to the farmers and to the City of Linton and Emmons County. Since 2015, the Airport had forty (40) medical flights with eight (8) of those flights occurring this past month.

Director of Tax Equalization, Wayne Ehley, appeared to present the 2024 agricultural land valuations provided by the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department of the North Dakota State University. NDSU calculated the statewide average values per acre with the following results:

Cropland	\$908.33
Non-cropland	\$161.57
All agricultural land	\$674.04

Emmons County's average value per acre for the year 2024 is as follows:

Cropland	\$894.44
Non-cropland	\$164.12
All agricultural land	\$655.25

North Dakota Century Code ruling requires County's to be within a tolerance level of 90% - 100% on their agricultural land values determined by the North Dakota State University Agricultural Economics Department. Commissioner Hulm motioned to maintain a 92% tolerance level to keep the county average in compliance with state requirements. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Pete Gesellchen appeared for some discussion concerning the Historical Society mill levy funds and questioned why some of the funding isn't sent to Hazelton and Braddock. It was confirmed that the mill levy collections are sent to the Emmons County Historical Society who have their own board membership. States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson will check the NDCC to determine how the Historical Society board members are chosen and how mill levy funds can be appropriated.

Sheriff Gary Sanders introduced Deputy Taylen Mendoza who started her employment with Emmons County on January 1, 2024.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Newly hired road equipment operators, Wayne Nelson, Loren Vaughn and Travis Schafer appeared to be introduced to the Commissioners.

The road department will close the road and clean out the cattle guard on 3rd Avenue, near Section 28, Township 132, Range 77.

Skyler Prellwitz brought forward the road requested by Dave Twardoski on 93rd St. SW, Section 14, Township 130, Range 79 where discussion was held for creating a special district. Further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

Brought forward was the gravel road owned by the county that's on Dennis and Tena Weber's property in Lot 25A, Beaver Bay Subdivision, Section 23, Township 132, Range 79. After discussing the options of moving the road or the county purchasing the Lot, Chairman Magrum will talk to the Weber's and report back to the board.

Commissioner Eberle motioned authorizing Chairman Magrum to execute the Langelier's Bay Annual Management Program, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for calendar year 2023 and the Annual Management Program and budget for 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Gerald Hartman to build a residence off site and delivered to Hummels Haven, Section 4, Township 129, Range 75. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Materi and Miller. Magrum abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Morton County for emergency assistance. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the applications for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0012-00717-000, parcel #27-0000-03561-000 and parcel #30-0000-04176-043 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Eberle. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Joe Vetter Construction to erect a 74 X 76 residence with a 36 X 45 garage for Randy Weigel on the NW ¼ of Section 30, Township 135, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit for Your Home Improvement Company to remodel the main floor bath to the residence on the NW ¼ of Section 30, Township 129, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:
General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP15896-LP15921, LP15923-LP15924, Payroll - \$118,053.11
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP15922, LP15925-LP15934, Payroll – \$66,792.54

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

43836	MDU	Utilities	180.89
43837	BNC National Bank	Box Rent	15.00
43910	Job Service ND	Notice of Reimbursement	1,168.58
43911	Advanced Business Methods	Extension Copier Contract	376.43
43912	Armor Interactive	Silver Plan Contract	215.00
43913	Auto Value Linton	Parts	420.28
43914	Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	Uniforms	951.35
43915	Beastrom Oil Co.	Propane	2,639.40
43916	BEK Communications	Telephone Service	1,781.24
43917	Braaten Law Firm	Legal Services	6,368.00
43918	Burleigh Morton Detention Center	Prisoner Billing	2,925.00
43919	Butler Machinery Co.	Parts/Labor	1,736.76
43920	Central Dakota Frontier	Fuel	46.64
43921	Centre, Inc.	Community Service Contract	1,200.00
43922	CHS, Inc.	Propane	1,609.15

43923	Circle H. Lumber	Material	74.30
43924	Hazelton City	Water Bill	36.00
43925	Linton City	Water Bill	84.54
43926	Code 4 Services, Inc.	Equipment Installation	6,531.34
43927	Cole Papers, Inc.	Supplies	618.38
43928	Dakota Business Solutions	Sealing Solutions	48.99
43929	Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.	Service	529.15
43930	Dakota Mint	Cabinets	6,000.00
43931	Deere Credit, Inc.	Tractor Lease	3,000.00
43932	Electronic Communications, Inc.	Microphones	280.00
43933	Emmons County Record	Publishing	377.64
43934	Emmons County Treasurer	Current Expense	64.50
43935	Emmons County Treasurer	Postal Machine Use	374.42
43936	Emmons County Treasurer	City Specials	800.24
43937	Fireside Office Products, Inc.	Supplies	742.41
43938	Hulm, Dennis	Loader Rental	1,000.00
43939	Inland Truck Parts & Service	Parts	47.22
43940	Jack's Electric	Light	31.28
43941	Jerome Distributing, Inc.	Water Refills	131.25
43942	Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc.	Parts	53.70
43943	KEM Electric Coop, Inc.	Service	400.91
43944	Kidder County E911	Trunk Sharing	900.00
43945	Linton Auto Parts	Parts/Supplies	882.84
43946	Martin Oil Co.	Gasoline	2,778.62
43947	MDU	Utilities	2,251.10
43948	Newman Signs, Inc.	Signs	3,326.72
43949	Nodak True Value	Parts/Supplies	572.72
43950	ND Association of County Engineers	Dues	275.00
43951	NDACO	Programs	942.20
43952	ND County Auditors Association	Dues	200.00
43953	ND County Treasurer's Association	Dues	200.00
43954	NDACTVSO	Dues	170.00
43955	NDDOT	Bridge Inspection	1,535.13
43956	ND One Call	Location Request	11.70
43957	ND State Radio Communications	LETS Billing	120.00
43958	ND State Radio Communications	Phone Collections	11,600.94
43959	ND State Surplus Property	Storage Containers	1,500.00
43960	NDSU Extension Service	Salary Reimbursement	13,427.68
43961	NW Tire, Inc.	Tire Service	181.42
43962	ODP Business Solutions, LLC	Supplies	691.01
43963	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	390.76
43964	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	2,250.73
43965	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	344.40
43966	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	665.25
43967	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	708.44
43968	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	486.40
43969	Pfeifle on 83	Parts and Service	1,213.74
43970	Pfeifle	Parts and Service	313.24
43971	Pharmchem, Inc.	Sweat Patch Analysis	159.75
43972	Power Plan Corp.	Parts	80.69
43973	Prairie Heating & Air, Inc.	Heater Repair	197.00
43974	Proforms	Checks	148.10
43975	Quadient Leasing	Postal Machine Rent	402.00
43976	RDO Truck Center	Parts	470.59
43977	Renschler, Norman	Maintenance to Rice Lake	340.00
43978	Schneider, Jackie	Food Pantry	500.00
43979	South Central Crime Conference	Dues	100.00
43980	South Central Regional Water	Water Bill	84.00
43981	Strasburg Insurance Agency	Endorsements	2,193.00
43982	Strsaburg Insurance Agency	Insurance Premium	75,699.00
43983	Stuckle, Acacia	Expense Reimbursement	72.36
43984	TC Specialties	Service	114.00
43985	TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator Maintenance Contract	1,984.50
43986	Tower Communications	Tower Rent	200.00
43987	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	Software	205.00
43988	Unicom	Vehicle Graphics	1,186.25
43989	Verizon Wireless	Cell Service	410.05

43990	Zoom Away	Oil Change	102.90
43991	Strasburg City	Water Bill	412.84
43992	Information Technology	Internet Access and Netmotion	1,440.25

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Eberle motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Approved: March 5, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2024**

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, called the reorganizational meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with Commissioners Don Eberle, Gary Hulm, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi and Craig Miller being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, opened nominations for the 2024 Chairman. Commissioner Eberle nominated Commissioner Magrum and Commissioner Miller seconded the nomination. Auditor Ohlhauser called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Magrum was elected Chairman for 2024 by all Commissioners voting "YES".

Chairman Magrum opened nominations for the 2024 Vice Chairman. Commissioner Materi nominated Commissioner Hulm. Chairman Magrum called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Hulm was elected Vice Chairman for 2024 by all Commissioners voting "YES".

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion regarding the fence on the section line right-of-way near 22nd Avenue SE and 90th St. SE. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Hulm motioned to appoint Randall Meidinger to serve on the County Committee Board. Motion died due to lack of a second.

The board reviewed the Court Order authorizing Emmons County to enter the property on 8080 Highway 83 South, Linton, ND 58552 which constitutes a public nuisance under the North Dakota Century Code chapter 42-01 and 23-35. Chairman Magrum suggested that the board work on an Ordinance that would reference laws and guidelines, defining what compliance is, in order to be consistent with all properties.

Commissioner Eberle confirmed that the fence that was on the section line right-of-way near 22nd Avenue SE and 90th St. SE was taken down by the road department employees, and moved off the right-of-way.

Commissioner Miller reported that he received a bid for GPS data tracking from GPX Intelligence. The bid included a one-time purchase price of \$1,566 for transmitters with an annual cost of \$1,100 for tracking eight vehicles. The board agreed to continue looking into GPS tracking alternatives.

New Business:

Commissioner Eberle motioned to re-appoint the following officers for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2024:

Director of Tax Equalization – Wayne Ehley
VA Officer – Brad Huber
Risk Manager – Marlys Ohlhauser
911 Coordinator – Gary Sanders

Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to re-appoint Cole Schneider to serve on the Emmons County Weed Board for a four-year term effective January 1, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call "YES": Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi nominated Elmer Brandner to serve on the Emmons County Weed Board for a four-year term effective January 1, 2024. Receiving no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Elmer Brandner.

Commissioner Eberle nominated Glen Geffre to serve on the Emmons County Water Resource Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024. Receiving no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Glen Geffre.

Chairman Magrum nominated Lyle Kenner to serve on the Emmons County Public Health Board for a five-year term effective August 1, 2024. Receiving no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Lyle Kenner.

Chairman Magrum nominated Melvin Jahner to serve on the Emmons County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term effective January 1, 2024. Receiving no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Melvin Jahner.

Chairman Magrum nominated JoAnn Humann to serve on the County Committee for School District annexation, dissolution and reorganization for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024. Receiving no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for JoAnn Humann.

Commissioner Materi nominated Bernice Keller to serve on the County Committee for School District annexation, dissolution and reorganization for a three-year term effective January 1, 2024. Receiving no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Bernice Keller.

Human Service Director, Michelle Masset, appeared and inquired about observing Friday, July 5, 2024 as a Holiday. After discussion, Commissioner Materi motioned for Emmons County to observe July 5th as a holiday in 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES””: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

VA Officer, Brad Huber, appeared and gave his quarterly activity report.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 24-01-01 – RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM TO
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Emmons County Commission, the governing body of the County of Emmons, North Dakota;

WHEREAS, a Motion was made by Don Eberle, for Emmons County to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that Emmons County is formed pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 11-01-16 and is neither a non-profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and offer the plan to all eligible employees of Emmons County.

WHEREAS, the Motion was seconded by Dan Materi.

WHEREAS, the Board approved joining the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan effective April 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Emmons County Commission hereby Resolves to join the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan effective April 1, 2024.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Emmons County Commission hereby adopts Resolution No. 24-01-01 pertaining to affirming to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2024, in Linton, North Dakota.

ATTEST:
s/s Marlys Ohlhauser
County Auditor

APPROVED:
Erin Magrum
Emmons County Chairman

Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The Commission conducted the Second Reading of the Emmons County Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Commissioner Materi motioned to adopt the Emmons County Floodplain Management Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to amend the 2023 appropriations for VA Officer by an additional \$5,720.69, Defendant Costs by \$15,695.10, NDACO by \$199.00, County Corner by \$950.00, HS General Indirect Costs by \$45,843.30, ER Site Road Project by \$3,231.40 and Emergency Fund by \$34,927.69. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Materi motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0006-00282-000. Seconded by Commissioner Hulm. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Skyler Prellwitz, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the applications for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0004-00160-000, #52-0014-00810-000, #53-0006-00286-000 and #30-0000-04103-000 for tax year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hulm motioned to approve the building permit application for Jack McCrory to construct a 63 X 63 grain bin on a tract of land in the N 2/3 of the NW ¼ East of Highway and West of RR Less TCT, Section 20, Township 132, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eberle motioned to approve the building permit application for Robbie Wald to erect a 42 X 42 grain bin in Section 32, Township 131, Range 75. Seconded by Commissioner Materi. Roll Call “YES”: Eberle, Hulm, Magrum, Materi and Miller. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP15793-LP15852, LP15777-LP15855, Payroll - \$102,413.59,
Expense Reimbursement - \$123.58
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP15816, LP15856-LP15866, Payroll – \$56,298.45

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

43684	MDU	Utilities	169.24
43739	NDSU Extension	Salary Reimbursement	11,189.74
43744	Advanced Business Methods	Extension Copier Contract	696.66
43745	Armor Interactive	Silver Plan	215.00
43746	Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	Uniforms	285.00
43747	Bobcat of Mandan	Parts	140.00
43748	Braaten Law Firm	Service	248.00
43749	Burleigh Morton Detention Center	Prisoner Billing	1,875.00
43750	Butler Machinery Co. Corp.	Parts	223.58
43751	CHS, Inc.	Propane	722.25
43752	Circle H. Lumber	Material	616.82
43753	Linton City	Water Bill	83.28
43754	Dakota Business Solutions	Labels	60.99
43755	Dakota Dust Tex, Inc.	Service	38.40
43756	Emmons County Treasurer	Current Expense	13.65
43757	Emmons County Treasurer	Postal Machine Use	2,854.39
43758	Fireside Office Products, Inc.	Supplies	735.29
43759	Governsoft	Software	13,990.00
43760	Harry Petrie Library	Contribution	2,500.00
43761	Innovative Office Solutions	Supplies	354.06
43762	Jack’s Electric & Trenching	Service	132.87
43763	Jerome Distributing, Inc.	Water Refills	87.50
43764	Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc.	Parts	15.28
43765	Lewis & Clark Regional Dev.	County Membership	6,210.35
43766	Lexipol LLC	Law Enforcement Manual	5,064.74
43767	Linton Auto Parts	Parts	300.49
43768	Linton Fire Dept.	Contribution	2,500.00
43769	Martin Oil Co.	Gas	375.12
43770	Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	ND Century Code Update	81.60
43771	MDU	Utilities	1,622.95
43772	Moos Repair & Sales	Parts	668.90
43773	Mosset, Robin	Expense Reimbursement	68.47
43774	NACO	Membership Dues	450.00
43775	Nodak True Value	Parts	309.20
43776	NDACO Resources Group, Inc.	Computer Support	875.00
43777	ND County Commissioners Assoc.	Dues	1,725.00
43778	NW Tire, Inc.	Tires	9,731.02
43779	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	341.92
43780	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	387.46
43781	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	267.00
43782	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	640.42
43783	Payment Remittance Center	Gas/Fuel/Supplies	431.97
43784	Phat Shack	Retirement Party	120.00
43785	Power Plan Corp.	Parts and Service	437.07
43786	Prairie Heating & Air, Inc.	Boiler Inspection	60.00
43787	RDO Equipment Co.	Glass Repair	13,433.08
43788	Renschler, Norman	Maintenance to Rice Lake	510.00
43789	Sayler Implement, Inc.	Parts	1,866.40
43790	Schneider, Jackie	Food Pantry	500.00
43791	South Central Regional Water	Water Bill	75.60
43792	Strasburg Fire Dept.	Contribution	1,000.00
43793	TC Specialties	Service	57.00
43794	Tower Communications	Tower Rent	200.00
43795	Tri-County Exhibitors	Contribution	2,000.00
43796	Verizon Wireless	Cell Service	509.98
43797	Wold Engineering, PC	Mechanical Analysis	145.00
43823	Strasburg City	Water Bill	94.35
43824	John Deere Financial	Tractor Lease	3,000.00

43825	Keller’s Hardware	Supplies	347.39
43826	Hazelton City	Water Bill	36.00
43827	KEM Electric Coop, Inc.	Utilities	344.31
43828	Emmons County Record	Publishing	379.28
43829	Information Technology	Internet Access & Netmotion	1,425.05
43835	BEK Communications	Telephone Service	1,779.75

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Approved: February 6, 2024

Erin Magrum, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor