

Proceedings of the Board of Mountrail County Commissioners

July 7, 2016

The Board met in special session on Thursday at 2:00 P.M. with Commissioners Greg Boschee, Colleen Reese, Trudy Ruland, and Garry Jacobson. Absent was Arlo Borud.

Vice-Chairman Boschee called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was for the North Dakota Association of County Presidents tour of Mountrail County. Present for the meeting were Bruce Strinden, Randi Suckut, Steven J. Reiser, Terry Traynor, Aaron Birst, and Donnell Preskey Hushka representing the NDACO Presidents Tour; Recorder, Melissa Vachal; Social Service Administrator, Bryan Quigley; Planning and Zoning Administrator, Don Longmuir; Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator, Lisa Lee; Road Engineer Jana Heberlie; Tax Director, Lori Hanson; Ag Agent, Jim Hennessy; and Mary Kilen from the Promoter.

Discussion was held on a complaint filed against the Tax Director in the Plains Marketing case and the State Board of Equalization on the assessment of real vs. personal property. Discussion was held on how political subdivisions should have some kind of recourse and the State Board of Equalization should have a certified assessor for industrial facilities.

Discussion was held the Kronos Payroll Software and the issues some departments are having with detailed reporting.

Ag Agent, Hennessy stated noxious weeds are appearing around the pipelines and keeping up on the spraying is becoming difficult.

Discussion was held on the County's difficulties with building 2 shops because of the building regulations and the century code.

Funding is still needed in Western North Dakota to maintain the pavement and Mountrail County still needs to add 50 miles of pavement.

Discussion was held on funding for Social Services. Steven Reiser stated a group has been formed to relieve counties by having the state fund Social Services. Property taxes are not appropriate to use for funding and Counties will be reimbursed on a case load. The goal is to maintain quality of service and to not lose local control. The plan is to improve the local budgets and funding from the state and there are incentives to the County if Medicaid is billed. The legislation has been working on a property tax reform. Steven Reiser also stated there will be no more caps on the budget for Social Services and it could go back to the County. If this happened the County would be able to levy from the general accounts if more is needed.

An update was given on the building projects in Mountrail County.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 P.M. to meet in special session on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 8:30 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 19th day of July 2016.

Attest:

Arlo Borud, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioners

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor