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Published June 10 & 17, 2024

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)
 Sheyenne Community 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), a requirement for all community water systems to issue annual drinking water quality reports to their customers, has been delivered to the N.D. Department of Health and the Regional Health Department: A copy of the report is on file with the city auditor.
Published June 10, 2024

NOTICE
 The New Rockford City Commission regular meeting time has been moved from 7:00 pm to 9:00 am for the July meeting. Meeting will still be held at City Hall. Exact date and time is as follows: Monday July 1, 2024 at 9:00am.
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MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE May 7, 2024, 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by James Allmaras, Chairperson. Also present were Commissioners Glenda Collier and Dave Gehrtz; and State's Attorney, Ashley Lies.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the agenda. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the April 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes with a correction, suggesting to use County Road funds vs. General Funds for road signs, and to approve the April 8, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of April 2024, a motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by Glenda Collier. All were in favor, motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the following bills, it was seconded by Dave Gehrtz. Roll call vote: Glenda Collier, James Allmaras, and Dave Gehrtz voted aye. The motion carried.

AT&T Mobility582.55
Cash & Carry Lumber...1,274.21
CenDak Coop1,932.89
Cole Papers.....505.06
City of Sheyenne110.10
Flower Scent-R.....58.00
Info. Tech. Dept942.75
Insure Forward1,261.00
John E Reid Assoc500.00
LRDHU18,870.00
LRLC1,080.00
Leaf.....346.00
Ashley Lies344.00
Linde Gas Equip.....459.47
Meehan Machine.....20.94
Nat. Dist. Attorneys As.....625.00
NDACO Res. Group4,976.61
NDPERS22,477.18
ND State Radio Comm.....263.00
NDTC.....863.52
Napa Auto Parts849.50
North Central Planning Council.....2,000.00
Northern Plains Electric.....273.00
Kristy O'Connor.....124.62
Office of Attorney Gen.....555.00
Otter Tail Power Co.....1,474.86
Linderman Const.....2,000.00
Quill Corporation30.26
RDO Equipment Co.....6,996.06
Rockin Fitness.....500.00
Stutsman Co Corr. Ctr.3,100.00
Lisa Thompson.....208.37
Uline1,382.55
Uniform Center.....495.96
University Of ND.....100.00
Payroll.....66,931.41
AT&T Mobility581.98
Central Plains Water.....56.00
CenDak Coop2,844.50
NoDak Electric Coop.....65.10
ND Tax Commissioner.....791.43
Elec. Fed. Tax Sys21,602.44
Aflac145.21
NDPERS1,989.00
NDPERS14,061.28
Comerial Life.....461.25
Ameritas Life Ins.....229.48
Pitney Bowes Bank.....500.00
Relentless LLC Oba Desert Snow.....699.00
Kathy Anderson.....26.48
Auto Value Carrington9.42
Bank Forward.....27.20
Michael Brown.....304.00
Elan Financial1,213.38
Cash & Carry Lumber.....9,589.28
Central Business Sys...1,300.88
Central City H2O91.00
Cenex Fleetcard84.79
Coban Technologies.....465.00

Cole Papers.....162.24
City of Sheyenne1,559.02
City of NR.....33,319.68
NR City Park Dist.....2,454.59
Do It Best.....77.58
Eddy Co. Council on Aging.....891.66
Eddy Co. Treasurer.....6,449.65
Election Sys. & Soft.....1,692.35
Electro Watchman1,319.40
Tolna Fire District.....510.32
Warwick Fire Dist.....396.46
NR Fire Prot Dist.....1,376.20
Adam Fleming40.00
Garrison Div Cons Dist.....593.75
Historical Society.....207.46
Ryan Hoyt.....760.98
Interstate Engineering285.00
Kim Johnson150.00
Ashley Lies316.44
Cory Longnecker40.00
MDU1,112.83
ND Assoc. of Counties.....200.00
NDPERS22,720.68
NDSAA300.00
NDSU Extension.....11,383.62
Office of Attorney Gen.....450.00
Otter Tail Power Co54.80
Perleberg C-Store.....164.50
Pitney Bowes Bank500.00
Quill Corporation93.56
Scott Reis150.00
Dak. Prairie School.....2,695.78
NR-S School.....18,206.08
Mike Schaefer40.00
Midkota School.....13,937.38
Warwick School.....5,825.99
Carrington School26.42
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Eddy Township1,534.11
Hillsdale Township.....1,255.68
Bush Township.....1,364.71
Gates Township.....1,443.79
Grandfield Township.....1,067.03
Patty Williams.....250.00

Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager presented signed Resolutions relating to Floodplain Zoning and Floodplain Management for Bush, Cherry Lake, Colvin, Eddy, Freeborn, Gates, Lake Washington, Munster, Pleasant Prairie, Tiffany, Grandfield and Superior Townships. New Rockford Township is taking back Zoning and having Eddy County handle Floodplain. Thompson is still working on getting two townships to sign the requested paperwork. Thompson is working on submitting two grants with emphasis on Cyber Security and Elections.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the following Resolutions: for Hillsdale, Rosefield, Cherry Lake, Bush, Colvin, Munster, Lake Washington, Gates, Freeborn, Eddy, Paradise, Superior, Pleasant Prairie and Tiffany Townships, assigning Floodplain Zoning and Floodplain management to Eddy County. Grandfield Township will manage Zoning and the County will manage Floodplain. New Rockford Township relinquished Eddy County's township powers to enact zoning regulations. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Haylee Viger with the ND Department of Agriculture and Sandra Shively with NCPCC presented

via Zoom information on a Regional Livestock Planning Grant. The planning grant is focused on ag development potential in Eddy County, as well as other counties in our region. The grant is offered at no cost to Eddy County for the study, analysis and findings.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Agreement with the County of Eddy and the NCPCC for Purpose of Regional Livestock Planning Grant Acceptance. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent discussed the Resolution presented awarding Knife River Materials the contract for Project BRP-1400(050) Munster Bridge Rehab. The construction low bid (\$688,811) came in well over the engineers estimates and well over the amount of BRP Funds Eddy County was awarded for this project. The NDDOT increased the funds awarded to cover the PE Costs, construction costs and a portion of the CE Costs. The estimated Eddy County share is \$49,122.46.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Resolution awarding Knife River Materials the contract for Project BRP-1400(050) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

David Fite addressed the Commissioners with concerns with a specific zoning ordinance under article 10 in section 10.1.3.2 and its language. The ordinance was reviewed with SA Lies and no action was taken.

Dena Kemmet, Central District Director NDSU Extension office addressed the Commissioners seeking formal approval of hiring for the Family Community and Wellness Extension position formally held by Donna Anderson. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the request to hire for the vacant FCW Extension position. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Old County Shop in Sheyenne was briefly discussed, SA Lies confirmed that any sale or lease would need to be advertised for sale or lease. Issue tabled until June. Home Inspector licensing/Contracting was discussed. Glenda Collier will visit with the City of New Rockford to see if they would be interested in sharing this position. Will continue discussion at Regular June Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services was reviewed. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services as presented. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Two General Journal entries were presented. Lisa Thompson requested that \$2,000.00 be moved from the Haz Chemical Response Fund to Haz Chemical Response Misc. Fund, so donation funds can be used for their intended purpose and tracking. Sheriff Lies requested \$500.00 be moved from Sheriff Dues/Education to Back the Blue Grant Funds, to pay for training. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the General Journal entries as presented. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

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New employee polices and updates to policy handbook were discussed. No action was taken.

Zoning Commission appointments and term limits were discussed. SA Lies informed Commission of Patty Williams resignation to Zoning Commission and that James Allmaras, David Allmaras, and Casey Weber's terms were up. Glenda Collier informed Commission that Casey Weber did not wish to be reappointed, but that Sheyenne Mayor Bob Hanson indicated his interest in joining the Commission. James Allmaras and David Allmaras indicated their willingness to serve again. Glenda Collier made a motion to reappoint James Allmaras and David Allmaras for another two-year term, to appoint Bob Hanson for a two-year term, and to appoint Shauna Lober to fill out the balance of Patty Williams' four-year term. All four terms will expire on April 4, 2026. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

State's Attorney Ashley Lies informed Commissioners that starting in May, she will be cutting back from full time status to ¾ time. Commissioners reviewed and discussed a proposal from Kristy O'Connor which included adding additional responsibilities as Deputy Auditor in addition to her Tax Assessor role, and the proposed schedule and salary change. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the proposal, assigning O'Connor as Deputy Auditor, increasing her normal working hours and benefits from 80% to 100% with an additional step on the pay plan, to be reviewed in 3 months. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed a request from the Lutheran Home of the Good Shephard, requesting a letter of support for the purpose of purchasing and installing an emergency generator. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the signing of the Certification of Significant Community Support for the Lutheran Home of the Good Shephard. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed the 3-month review for Becki Schumacher. Glenda Collier made a motion to increase Becki Schumacher from step 3 to step 4 on the pay plan. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Gaming Site Authorizations for Eddy County Rod & Gun Club and for New Rockford Lions Club. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were favor. Motion carried.

Dates for the Summer Eddy County Employee Picnic were discussed. A tentative date was set for July 23, 2024.

With no further business, Commission Chairperson James Allmaras adjourned the meeting at 10:08 AM.

The next regular meeting will be June 4, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

James Allmaras,
Chairperson
Becki Schumacher,
Interim Auditor
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the 80 days anticipated. The contract states that the firm would be subject to \$2,100 in liquidated damages for each calendar day beyond 80 days they spend on the project.

Richter attended the county commission meeting Tuesday morning, requesting that the county authorize the levy of 2 mills for the airport, beginning in 2025. The county and/or city can levy a total of 4 mills for the airport without a public vote.

The county did previously submit a letter of support for the project and committed to helping fund the airport rehabilitation. However, county commissioners did not take action Tuesday, as they want to consider whether to levy airport mills or simply commit general fund dollars each year for a set period.

Also at the city meeting, Auditor Andrew Presnell requested to transfer excess funds from the city's water debt fund into an interest-bearing money market account to draw interest before it's used to cover the city's annual payments.

Presnell also presented a draft pay plan to commis-

sioners. He obtained data on staff pay at five North Dakota communities that have a similar population to New Rockford. The plan, which is comparable to the one put in place by the county several years ago, is organized into "steps" that represent annual pay increases offered to city staff based on years of service.

This plan will simplify both the budgeting process and decisions about pay increases, officials say. No action was taken, as the board would like to review and make adjustments prior to adopting the plan.

Public Works Superintendent Bruce Hirschert reported that he had made a list of several nuisance vehicles and yards in the community.

City commissioners approved the list and encouraged Hirschert to start the abatement process right away. Notices were expected to go out to residents and property owners by the end of the week, with residents given two weeks to abate the nuisance.

With room for several vehicles in the city impound right now, as reported by Hirschert, city officials expressed the need to act swiftly.

Once the two week notice period ends, they will direct the Eddy County Sheriff to issue official notices of removal to anyone who hasn't fixed the issue or asked for a hearing on the matter. Commissioners also directed the sheriff to attend the July meeting and report on progress made.

"That's where we've fallen down in the past few years," commissioner Jim Belquist noted, referring the actual removal of the

nuisance by the city and/or sheriff's department. The ordinance authorizes the police department to remove any junk or abandoned vehicles after serving a 48-hour notice of removal.

Richter ended the meeting by thanking the outgoing commissioners - Kelly McKnight and Dillon Hewitt - for their years of service to the city.

The next meeting is set for Monday, July 1 at 9 a.m.

NDSU Extension to host crop management field school

Crop advisers and farmers are invited to attend North Dakota State University Extension's annual crop management field school set for Friday, June 28 at 9 a.m. at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Participants will receive updates on crop pest and soil management recommendations using hands-on training in field demonstration plots and research trials.

"The information received can immediately be used during the balance of the crop season, as well as future years," says Greg Endres, Extension agronomy specialist at the center. "The program is designed for crop advisers but also will be beneficial for farmers."

Field sessions include:

- Weed identification - Identify about 60 living weed exhibits, and receive brief comments on weed

biology and control for most species.

- Herbicide site-of-action - Identify herbicide classes by examining crop and weed injury symptoms.

- Small grain diseases - Review identification of foliar and head diseases and management strategies.

- Soil management - Diagnose crop nutrient deficiencies.

Registration is required, and 50 participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will receive reference materials, refreshments and a noon meal. Certified crop advisers will receive four continuing education units in crop pest and soil management.

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