

Minutes of the Emergency Daggett County Commission Meeting held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020** in the Commission Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse and through electronic means. Commissioners Randy Asay and Matt Tippets were present in person and Commissioner Jack Lytle was present electronically. Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond was present in person. Attorney Niel Lund and Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen were present for part of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Commissioner Asay.

Present In Person: Darin Johnson, Present Online: Mayor Coombs and Marlena Connors of the Town of Manila plus Kym Slagowski

The Open Invoice Register Was Presented For Review And Approval: The Open Invoice Register of November 16, 2020 was prepared by the Auditor/Recorder's Office. Commissioner Lytle asked if the Cash Summary could be reviewed before looking at the invoices and asked Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond his thoughts. Mr. Raymond said the cash on hand was sufficient for the General Fund, but would probably need some funds put into the General Fund for the upcoming payroll. The jail bond payment was the big item on this week's invoice register and would require a transfer from PTIF Fund to the General Fund. Commissioner Lytle motioned to accept the Cash Summary dated November 16, but it was noted that the Cash Summary was not on the agenda. Commissioner Lytle then motioned to approve the Open Invoice Register dated November 16, 2020 in the amount of \$143,409.53. Commissioner Tippets seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Policy and Legislation Items:

Discussion And Consideration Of Canvass of the 2020 General Election: Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond said this was an unusual year and not just because of the Presidential Election, but we had a mix up in the mail out of the ballots. The big thing was that we had a 91.03% turnout in this election, we had 622 voters participate out of 691 registered voters. That is really awesome!

We had some issues this year. We received CARES Act Funding to send out mailings and we posted information on the County and State websites, but people were still confused about when and where they could vote. We will continue to work on this in future years.

The ballot mix up was related to the School Board races in that some people got ballots that they shouldn't have and others that should have received a ballot with a School Board contest didn't. After consulting with the Printer and the State Elections office it was decided to invalidate the contests for School Board on the regular ballots and issue supplemental ballots. The Printer sent out the supplemental ballots and unfortunately, some of the part-time residents had already voted and left town and did not get their supplemental ballots, which wasn't good. The State and Kym Slagowski helped to add the hand counted ballots to the totals.

There were 4 complete ballots that we were not able to count. Three had signature issues that weren't cured and 1 had a postmark after the deadline. We also had 1 supplemental ballot that was unable to be counted due to no signature. There were originally 12 ballots with signature issues, so most were able to be cured.

In person voting this year was 127 voters, which is the highest we have had since we started voting by mail. This was to be expected because of the media attention on ballot fraud. Election Day and Early Voting allowed for 11 Provisional Voters to register. All were counted in addition to 5 inactive voters who provided us with their current addresses. The big news is the 91.03% voter turnout this election which is huge for us. The equipment worked well and enabled us to work with the issues we had with the ballots.

Mr. Raymond handed out 2 versions of the results, one by precinct and the other with totals. Commissioner Lytle asked about who provided the equipment and software. Mr. Raymond said we use Election Systems and Software (ES and S) for the equipment and Software. The printer was SeaChange, which is a company that broke off of ES and S.

Mr. Raymond stated we are a very Republican County with Donald Trump garnering 496 votes while Joseph Biden captured 111 votes and the other candidates that had votes were read out loud. It was noted that there were 3 write-in votes that were invalid as they were not for State approved candidates. Republicans carried the other races in our county including the local County positions which were all unopposed. The School Board races are not accurate on the handout, Ch'ree Mills had 46 votes, while write-in candidate Jessica Campbell had 9 votes and Charlie Walters had 24 write-in votes. In District #5 write-in candidate Rob Gahley had 56 votes to beat Bryan Smith who had 40 votes. Niel Lund received 435 Yes votes and 128 no Votes so he was elected to be the County Attorney. This contest was a little different due to the State Code where less than 3 attorneys in a county require a yes/no vote instead of just a popular vote like for the other elected officials. All the judges were voted to be retained in our county. Constitutional Amendment totals were reviewed since Commissioner Lytle did not have any of the totals in front of him. Commissioner Lytle asked about Amendment A and it was thought that it passed Statewide, but not in our county. We had 100% participation in the Brown's Park precinct and they are consistently at that level. Mr. Raymond said that he would prepare the written version of the canvas for the commissioner's signature.

Commissioner Tippets motioned to accept the Canvass results from the November 3rd, 2020 General Election. Commissioner Asay seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Commissioner Lytle approved the use of his stamp for the signature.

Discussion And Consideration Of Memorandum of Understanding With Town Of Manila For EMS Payment: Niel Lund said he had sent a copy to the Mayor Coombs, but wasn't sure he had received it. The draft is in the packet and the Town of Dutch John may be willing to donate their leftover funds possibly \$1,000 to 3,000. The agreement is in the packet and the Town had reviewed it and reviewed it at their last meeting and was okay with it as written. There was discussion on the expenses that the Town has incurred and would like to be reimbursed for. Commissioner Lytle thought that would be okay as long as Keri Pallesen was okay with it and we followed our procedures. Mayor Coombs said there were some expenses involved with the sewer sampling, which is still continuing.

Commissioner Lytle motioned to approve and sign the MOU between Daggett County and the Town of Manila to handle the CARES Act funding turned over to the County. Commissioner Tippets seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion And Consideration Of CARES Act Expenditures for: a. Town of Manila Payment; b. Stryker Contract Payment; c. Beyondtrust Payment; d. Chadwick Booth And Company Payment: Keri Pallesen had requested this to be on the Agenda, so she explained that a General Ledger had been sent out previously and briefly reviewed some of the expenses that have been paid. She wanted to get everything on the record and the BeyondTrust invoice is something that allows people to search the records remotely. Kym Slagowski said it is software as it is a remote service in the cloud. The other one we haven't paid is the Chad Boothe invoice and everyone thought it had been paid, but Keri could not find where it had been paid. When you take all the money out there is 133,101.49, which includes our CARES Act Money and the Town's CARES Act Money, plus the ambulance HSS Stimulus money. The total Cares Act money we have received is \$153,788.35 and if the Commission authorizes the \$133,101.49 to pay towards the Stryker equipment

it will use up all of our funding. We will still have about \$50,000 to pay off on the stryker equipment over the next two years. If we get any additional funds from Dutch John it could be spent on the Stryker

Commissioner Tippetts motioned to approve the CARES Act expenditures as proposed and that if we receive any additional CARES Act funds from the Town of Dutch John that we apply it to the Stryker invoice. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Commissioner Lytle asked Niel to send a copy of the MOU to Mayor Kunkel and Amy McDonald. Commissioner Tippetts thanked the Town of Manila for the willingness to share their funds and the Mayor said it was done in the spirit of cooperation! We are getting more volunteerism and that is a good thing!

Commissioner Asay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 pm.

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