

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Ward County Commissioners
August 24, 2021

The special meeting of the Ward County Commission to discuss case Pietsch vs. Ward County was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl at 9:00 AM with Commissioners, Anderson, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Marisa Haman and Roza Larson. Attorney representing Ward County John Ward from Zuger, Kirmis and Smith.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to open an executive session at 9:04 AM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Attorney John Ward of Zuger Kirims and Smith appeared.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to close the executive session at 10:15 AM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to follow the recommendation of Attorney Mr. Ward. Roll call; Weppler, Rostad, and Anderson voted yes; Fjeldahl voted no; motion carried.

At 10:22 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:

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The special meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl at 10:27 AM with Commissioners, Anderson, Pietsch, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Dana Larsen, Emily Burkett, Jason Blowers, Jennifer Wiechmann, Kerriane Boetcher, Kristin Kowalczyk, Marisa Haman, Melissa Bliss, Noreen Barton, Roza Larson, and Tammy Terras.

Human Resource Director Tammy Terras introduced Randy Johnson from Hayes Group. Mr. Johnson presented the Commission with health insurance options for county employees. The two options the Commission is considering are NDPHIT or NDPERS.

Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared and reviewed a spreadsheet comparing the County's 2021 budget with the proposed preliminary 2022 County budget. During the discussion the Commission made the following changes: reduce State Fair allotment to \$400,000; development corps to receive the same amount as 2021, except for Makoti Development will receive \$10,000; historical societies will receive same as 2021. The Commission also decided to divide the \$1.5 million for the Highway 900 building between two years.

At 1:14 PM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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