

At the March 6, 2012 meeting of the Towner County Board of County Commissioners, a preliminary resolution was passed, pursuant to NDCC 11-10.2, to change the currently elected office of Towner County Auditor/Treasurer to an appointed office effective no later than January 1, 2015. As required by state law, the plan for the implementation of this change is published below. **The Towner County Board of Commissioners will be holding a public hearing regarding the adoption of a final resolution in this matter on April 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Towner County Courthouse and on April 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rock Lake Café.** Interested parties are invited to attend or submit written comments to the Towner County Commission, PO Box 603, Cando, ND 58324, prior to that time.

**PLAN FOR REDESIGNATION OF
THE OFFICE OF
TOWNER COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER TO APPOINTED POSITION**

The Towner County Board of Commissioners has resolved to consider the redesignation of the currently elective office of Towner County Auditor/Treasurer to an appointive office, to broaden the county's option in fulfilling the county's responsibilities in this area. Because the position of the Auditor/Treasurer is now elective, not requiring training, qualifications, or experience in accepted accounting practices, the Board of Commissioners desire to have the Auditor/Treasurer's Office position to have qualifications, prior accounting experience, and training in the accounting field (CPA or four (4) year accounting degree) prior to holding the position of Auditor/Treasurer to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of county government and it's responsiveness and accountability to local citizens.

Due to the complexity of the Auditor/Treasurer's position and the lack of qualified applicants, the recommendation by the advisory committee that reviewed the structure of county government that the office be an appointed position and the need for an experienced, educated, and trained, qualified Auditor/Treasurer are all factors that have led the Board of Commissioners to consider a change in the position of the Auditor/Treasurer no later than January 1, 2015. A requirement that elected officials must reside in the county, prompts the commission to consider the appointment option which will give the citizens of Towner County the utmost flexibility when planning for the future of county government.

**FINAL RESOLUTION TO RE-DESIGNATE THE OFFICE OF
TOWNER COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER**

AS AN APPOINTED POSITION

WHEREAS, at the March 6, 2012 meeting of the Towner County Board of County Commissioners, a motion to approve a preliminary resolution (see attached preliminary resolution) outlining a plan for the re-designation of the Auditor/Treasurer's position to an appointed position was unanimously approved by the Towner County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the plan was published two different weeks within the 30-day period immediately following the adoption of the preliminary resolution; and

WHEREAS, public meetings were held in Cando and Rock Lake to disseminate information, receive suggestions and comments, and to encourage public discussion of the purpose, conclusions, and recommendations of the plan; and in hearing no opposition to the plan; and


WHEREAS, the Towner County Commission recognizes the need to keep qualified, experienced, knowledgeable and technically competent individuals in key county positions; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes it is in the best long term interest of Towner County to provide for the employment of qualified, experienced, knowledgeable and technically competent county officeholders; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Dakota law, as authorized by Chapter 11-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, it is permissible to re-designate the office of Towner County Auditor/Treasurer from that of an elected position to that of an appointed position;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS to re-designate the office of the Towner County Auditor/Treasurer as an appointed position.

Dated the 9th day of May, 2012.


Chairman, Towner County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Auditor/Treasurer, Towner County