

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 7, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David L. Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the December minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the annual appointment of the Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Gary L. Ross as Chairman and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Bares as Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Goldsberry from the Golden Valley News joined the meeting at this time.

County Recorder Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss the duties that were transferred into the Recorder's Office. States Attorney Charles J. Peterson stated that since the Clerk of Court's Office was dissolved there are no appointments required. The duties that were left in the Clerk's Office are automatically transferred to the Recorder's Office to be carried out to fulfill the County's contract with the State. Davidson also discussed a training that will be held in February on the Child Support System and the Board agreed to allow Patty Thompson to attend this training.

The Board discussed a meeting that Commissioner's Ross & Bares attended in Bismarck on December 19th with some of the Governor's staff regarding the expansion of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve Loren Anderson's abatement due to a clerical error and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Judy Hamilton to another 3 year term on the County Library Board and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Jerry Weinreis to another 5 year term on the Airport Board and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Sue Finneman met with the Board to discuss the job description for the radio maintenance person and update the Board on activities in her office. Sue stated that the City of Beach should be reassessed in the near future.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to discuss a location to administer the smallpox vaccinations if a smallpox emergency should arise.

Rod Landblom and Ken Davis from Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council for Development met with the Board to discuss and review the Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch & Trailhead grant and the County's responsibility regarding this grant.

Bobby Olstad met with the Board with her annual review of the County's insurance activities for 2002 and to present them with their 2003 premium.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Commissioner Quale to the Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council, to replace George D. Hildebrant, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will send Governor Hoeven a letter to thank him for not changing the State Aid Distribution Fund disbursements to the counties in his proposed budget.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, and Jerry Krieg from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, PC met with the Board to discuss road issues. The Board approved of Wirtzfeld attending the Association of County Engineers Convention in Bismarck January 22-24th. Commissioner Bares made a motion to proceed with the Divide Road cut-across project and to have our States Attorney determine the legalities of the easements, from the easement research Ridl did for the County in that particular area of the County, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 PM and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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FEBRUARY 4, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David L. Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the January minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board and States Attorney to discuss pipeline and Forest Service easement information.

Attorney Dennis Johnson from Watford City met with the Board to discuss the 2 issues his office is working on for Golden Valley County. First discussion was centered around the road less and OHV lawsuit. Later discussion was held regarding the County's 6 ¼% royalties on the mineral rights the County owns in tracts of land controlled by the Forest Service due to the condemnation of these lands by the Federal Government years ago. An inventory has been done of the mineral acres the County owns on the condemned tracts of land and the plan is to let the Forest Service know where the county mineral acres are located. Later an audit is planned to see if the County has been paid correctly in the past for these mineral royalties.

Julie Goldsberry from the Golden Valley News Office joined the meeting at this time.

Darrel Oech met briefly with the Board to discuss the annual Southwest Night with the Legislature held in Bismarck in January. Oech encouraged the Board to participate in

any activities that include our Legislators to bring more exposure to the needs of Western North Dakota.

The following County Treasurers bi-annual report was presented to the Board for review:

**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota**

Ledger balance for period 7-1-02 through 12-31-02

BALANCE 7-1-2002	\$2,158,961.10		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$133,564.41	JULY PAYMENTS	\$195,939.73
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$182,748.72	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$305,969.92
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$132,977.91	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$191,082.42
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$168,837.37	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$170,729.25
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$164,048.04	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$186,789.62
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$644,604.19	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$309,496.75

		BALANCE 12-31-2002	\$2,225,734.05
TOTAL	\$3,585,741.74		\$3,585,741.74
BALANCE 12-31-2002	\$225,734.05	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,041,739.10
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$71,902.33
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$1,030,814.36
		CASH ITEMS	\$75.91
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$78,666.44
		CASH ON HAND	\$2,535.91
TOTAL	\$225,734.05		\$2,225,734.05

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

Discussion was held regarding HB1145 as proposed by the Governor's Office. Commissioner Quale made a motion to support HB1145, for the 5% tax exemption of oil & gas production, to enhance economic development in the county, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the agenda for the annual County/Township meeting to be held on February 19th.

Sheriff Dalane Stedman met with the Board to discuss the following issues: 9-1-1 coverage (mutual aid) for residents in extreme southern McKenzie County; a \$25.00/hour fee now being charged by Stark County to transport our prisoners or patients to court or the hospital; the possibility of the county getting an intoxilizer 5000 to handle DUI's in the county; used radio consoles; repairs needed on sheriff department vehicles and the County/City Law Enforcement Contract.

Audrey Zins and Gloria Krein from the Healthy 8 Communities Network gave a presentation of Golden Valley County's Community Health Assessment. Zins showed how things had changed in our county since this survey was taken 5 years ago. Three citizens from the public and six FBLA students working on their Community Service Project were present for this presentation along with the Board of County Commissioners.

Loren Daede from Interstate Engineering stopped in to meet Commissioner Quale and discuss road projects the county may be looking at in the near future.

Tax Director, Sue Finneman, met with the Board to discuss the letter she and the Board had put together to send to Colonel Jim Hughes, Governor Hoeven and our Legislators expressing their concern and opposition to the closure of the weigh stations west of Beach and in other rural areas of North Dakota. There was also discussion regarding the new computer in her office, the annual 9-1-1 meeting and the job description of the Radio Maintenance Person. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the job description presented to the Board for the Radio Maintenance Person and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Finneman and Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the GPS mapping that needs to be done for the county and how this will help in the asset management required by GASB. The group discussed the qualifications needed for this type of job and called in Stacey Heckaman to discuss her background in working with this type of equipment. Commissioner Quale made a motion to make an in-house transfer and move Stacey Heckaman from the Treasurer's Office, after their busy season, to do the GPS mapping for Golden Valley County at \$10.50 an hour with a month probationary period and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Wirtzfeld and Jerry Krieg from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, PC met with the Board to discuss various road projects. The Board was presented a letter from Walt Ricker requesting cattle guards to be placed in Twp. 140-104 and 140-105. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the cattle guard in the Division Line Road between the north boundary of Sec. 12-140-105 and the north boundary of Sec. 7-140-104 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The County will help install this guard and the sills and Ricker will pay for the cattle guard. The

Board will inform Ricker that he needs to obtain permission from the Sentinel Twp. Board in regard to the other cattle guard he would like to install.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to continue with the environmental clearance on the VVV Forest Highway Route and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to give the Road Foreman authorization to enter into another gravel mining lease with the Johnson's in Section 33-141-103 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman

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FEBRUARY 19, 2003 1:30P.M.**

Chairman Gary L Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David L. Quale and Irvin Bares were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson to answer any questions that might arise during the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the annual County/Township meeting with the Commissioners and the township officers.

Tax Director, Sue Finneman, explained the agricultural and range land valuations for Golden Valley County. The proposed average Ag land value is \$145.64.

Deputy Auditor Patty Thompson passed out the township packets.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson spoke of the letters on easements that his office sent out to township board members. Township Boards, Commissioners, and the Pipeline Company should meet to discuss maintenance. Easement letters can be drafted by States Attorney's office.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, spoke to the Board regarding culvert policy, equipment rates, surfacing, crushing, road construction projects, oil impact funds and projects planned for the coming year. Weight limits on farm to market roads were discussed. Township boards should talk to Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld on specified weight limits on which roads. Road weight limits will be enforced by the highway patrol. GIS mapping is to begin with the following departments, emergency management, 9-1-1 and the road department. Mapping of assets, inventory, culverts, etc. Townships are to look at their roads, should they want mapping done, road less trails, etc.

A question and answer session followed.

Chairman Gary L. Ross declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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is now a Level II Certified Emergency Management Professional due to recent training she has attended.

An Abatement hearing was held at 11:00 A.M. for Douglas Plummer. Mr. Plummer and Tax Director Sue Finneman were present for this hearing. Plummer asked for an abatement due to the fact the valuation on the NE ¼ of Section 30-136-106 went up 49% and he explained the productivity of this parcel and it's location from the market. Sue explained that the increase on this particular parcel was due to modifiers. She also stated that when there is an increase of more than 15% the land owner is to be notified and Mr. Plummer had not received this notification. After some discussion, Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve this abatement, due to the fact that Mr. Plummer did not receive the proper notification, and put the value back to the 2001 values. Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The valuation on this parcel will be reevaluated by the Tax Director for 2003.

Dan Walz met with the Board to discuss a Tab Electronics bill on the tone boards for the County radios and to discuss the insurance values on the radio equipment on Sentinel Butte hill.

Engineer Roger Dorval met with the Board to inform them of the engineering services he is capable of providing directly to the counties.

Julie Goldsberry from the Golden Valley News Office joined the meeting.

Custodian Al Miller and Ron Zachmann from Prairie Lumber Company met with the Board to discuss a new front door for the Courthouse. Zachmann will check into various options for a door and get back to the County.

The Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners.

At 1:30 the Board along with Pat Lynch met as the County Park Board. Janie Rathbun representing the Beach City Park Board and Rusty Gilstad representing the County Fair Board met with the Park Board to present their monetary requests for 2003. Bobbie Maus representing the Golva Park Board called in a request for support from the County Park Board. Janie Rathbun stated that they are 2 years ahead on the pool payments and the final pool payment is due in 2012. After some discussion Pat Lynch made a motion to give the Beach City Park \$5000.00 for the pool and \$800.00 for other park and golf course expenses and \$800.00 to the Golva Park Board and the Sentinel Public Rec for their expenses. Irvin Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The County Park Board will meet again later in the year to see where to disperse additional funds that come in between now and then. Pat Lynch made a motion to adjourn at 1:55 P.M. and Irvin Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to pay for the tone boards for the County radios out of the Capitol Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to send HAND (Heritage Alliance of North Dakota) \$500.00 for continued legal expenses and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to change the regularly scheduled April 1st meeting to April 8th due to conflicts of a Board member on the 1st and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Recorder Susan Davidson and Deputy Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss the work load in the Recorders office. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow the floater to work an extra hour per day when determined necessary and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Susan also requested extra compensation for the addition duties and responsibility added to her office on January 1st of this year. The Board will consider this request and get back to Susan at their next meeting.

The Auditor informed the Board of an error that was on Resolution 2003-5 for the lodging rate. This rate had been changed to \$45.00 plus tax in August of 2001 so the Resolution should show the state rate of \$45.00 rather than the \$42.00.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the February minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

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APRIL 8, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David L. Quale were present for this meeting along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss some complaints the Board had received on areas that need blade work. There was also discussion regarding crushing and pit leases.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the March minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board held a brief discussion regarding a meeting they attended in Medora with the Billings County Commissioners on April 1st. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld also met with the group regarding various roads. Marty Campbell, the new Executive Director of Prairie West Development Foundation also accompanied the Board to this meeting to meet the Billings County Commissioners.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board on current cases his office is handling on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve a raffle application for the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame and a raffle application for Home on the Range and Commissioner Bares

seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The raffle drawing will be held at the Home on the Range Rodeo on August 3rd.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to purchase a new front door for the Courthouse and pay for it out of the Capitol Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Stedman met with the Board regarding a complaint that was received regarding the Sheriff's Department, vehicle repairs, sheriff department bills and a concern that was presented to him about individuals, other than courthouse employees, having a key to the courthouse.

County Recorder Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss her wages. Commissioner Quale made a motion to raise Davidson's wage to \$25,500.00, retroactive to January payroll, due to the additional duties that have been added to her office, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending a follow-up on GASB 34 Implementation seminar on May 8th in Bismarck.

Brian Keohane met briefly with the Board to inform them that he was given a key to the courthouse years ago for his abstract business as he is the Licensed Abstractor for Golden Valley County. Keohane stated that he and at times other family members come in on evenings and weekends to make copies so as not to disturb the Recorder's Office during the work day.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the hearing on the Zoning Ordinance for the Beach Airport. Sue Finneman, Tax & Zoning Director stated that the Golden Valley County Planning Commission, the Beach City Council and the Beach City Zoning Board have all given their approval and recommendation for this ordinance. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance to Limit the Height of Objects around the Beach Airport and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Sue Finneman informed the Board of a mandatory appraisal class she needs to attend in Bismarck the week of May 12th-16th and also presented a contract between the County and Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. for processing the GPS maps once the information has been gathered. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Sue to attend the Teaching Appraisal Technology class in May and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to enter into the Agreement For Professional GIS Services with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and with Brian Hosek for map creation and technology support and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Social Service Director Dick Fedje stopped in to meet Commissioner Dave Quale and told Quale to feel free to stop over to Social Services any time he has questions concerning Social Service's budget.

Public Health Nurse Kelly Stolz and DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to update them regarding the smallpox vaccinations and that they are currently gearing up for Phase II of this program. Stolz also stated that there is a need for volunteers for this project.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board regarding a computer for her office. The laptop computer she currently uses will be given to Stacey Heckaman for the GPS mapping. Commissioner Bares made a motion to allow Carole to purchase a computer for her office and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Patty Thompson, representing the Beach Civil Township met with the Board to discuss Beach Civil Township's motor grader and disc. Thompson asked for permission to park the motor grader and disc in the yard at the county shop until possibly this fall. The Board stated that this would be permitted as long as Wirtzfeld didn't have a problem with them in the yard and that this won't be a long term arrangement.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jerry Krieg from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss future projects, crushing and bids on motor graders and crushing. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Annual Engineering Agreement between Golden Valley County and Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to advertise for bids for 2 motor graders, since the 5 year leases are up on these 2 graders, with the bids to be opened at the May 6th meeting and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to advertise for quotes for crushing gravel and scoria with the bids to be opened at the May 6th meeting and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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MAY 6, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David Quale and Irvin Bares were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the April minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of Sue Finneman, Stacey Heckaman and Carole Vondall attending the annual GIS meeting in Bismarck on June 4th so they can explain to the group Golden Valley County's status on our LEOP Grant and mapping project.

Dean Van Vleet met with the Board to discuss painting the trim under the eaves on the courthouse. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have Dean paint this trim on the courthouse for \$2000.00, which will include labor and materials, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dean will do this painting for the County as an independent contractor.

Beach School Superintendent, Larry Helvik, Golva Principal, Gary Evans, Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld and James Schulte, Golva School Board Member met with the Board to discuss the disbursement of the annual PILT Payment and the BLM Mineral Payments. The 2003 PILT Payment came in at \$243,971.04 which is \$69,265.81 less that last year's payment. Treasurer Gene Skoglund explained the disbursement formula used in the past to the group. After some discussion, Commissioner Quale made a motion to split the PILT Payment the same as it was split in 2002 with the 2 school districts getting 10% (with 75% to the Beach School District and 25% to the Golva School District), 3% of the payment to Sentinel Township, \$500.00 to each of the 6 unorganized townships that have Forest Service Lands in them and the rest to the Special County Road Fund. The BLM Mineral Payments would be divided 45% to the County, 35% to the Schools (with 75% of the 35% to the Beach School District and 25% of the 35% to the Golva

School District) and the remaining 20% to the cities of Beach, Golva and Sentinel Butte, in one annual payment made in June of each year. Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Harvey Peterson, Prairie West Development Director Marty Campbell and Reverend Warren Maxted from the Ministerial Association met with the Board to discuss a proposal for a Community Learning Center in the building that presently houses the Community Food Pantry. Peterson explained that there are grant monies available to pursue this project and that in order to make it work various entities and organizations will have to be involved. There are still many issues to be addressed and Commissioner Quale will represent the County Commissioners at any extra meetings held regarding this project and will bring the information back to the Board.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman and Cory McCaskey and Jolene Obrigewitch representing the Spirit of the West, Inc. met with the Board to discuss activities planned for the weekend of July 31st through August 3rd for the all school reunion and Home on the Range Rodeo. Discussion was held regarding public health and safety issues for the reunion. Stedman explained his plans for extra security and expenses involved for this additional security. The Board gave Stedman permission to spend the additional monies for the additional protection and that they would review his budget at the end of the year to see if an amended budget would be required. The Board also gave Stedman permission to park the DES travel trailer behind the courthouse.

After reviewing Golden Valley County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Commissioner Quale made a motion to adopt Resolution 2003-13 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION 2003-13

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has adopted the Golden Valley County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that attempts to reduce natural, man-made or technological disasters that may occur: and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Count Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is to provide a means to minimize damages caused by hazards that affect the lives and property of county residents; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction in the county has been provided the opportunity to participate and contribute to the development and adoption of the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared and reviewed by all participating jurisdictions in Golden Valley County; and

WHEREAS, several public meetings were held to introduce the concept of Multi-Hazard Mitigation planning to the general public and to solicit input regarding the components of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Golden Valley has adopted the Golden Valley County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to be evaluated and updated each year.

Gary L. Ross, Chairman
County Commissioners

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

State of North Dakota
Golden Valley County

I, Cecilia Stedman, Auditor of Golden Valley County do hereby certify that the Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held on May 6, 2003 duly adopted the foregoing resolution and is on file in the records of this office.

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Bradley Ross met briefly with the Board to discuss the current members who are on the County Weed Board and the possibility of future vacancies that may occur on the board.

County Recorder Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss security issues regarding her offices. These issues were originally brought to light due to a complaint the Sheriff's department received regarding people in the courthouse after courthouse hours that aren't county employees. After some discussion Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow only county employees to have a key to the front door of the courthouse and that each county official is responsible for the security of their particular office, effective when the new front door is installed and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1:30 P.M. was the advertised time for opening crushing bids for gravel and scoria. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld was present for the bid opening. Only 1 bid was received and it was from Fisher Industries of Dickinson. Commissioner Quale made a motion to accept their gravel crushing bid of \$1.48 per cubic yard and to reject the scoria crushing bid of \$2.32 per cubic yard and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Wirtzfeld discussed various gravel sites in the county with the Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a 5 year Gravel Mining Lease between the County and Janice Johnson for a pit located in Section 33-141-103 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2:00 P.M. was the advertised time for opening motor grader bids. Bids were received from RDO Equipment Company of Bismarck and Tractor & Equipment Company of Williston. The Board visited with Mike Carlson from RDO and Jerry Martinson and LeRoy Bares from Tractor & Equipment regarding their bids and equipment. Commissioner Bares made a motion to table the decision on the motor graders until 8:00 A.M. Wednesday morning and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Loren Daede from Interstate Engineering met briefly with the Board.

3:00 P.M. the Board held their annual meeting with the US Forest Service. Representing the Forest Service were Tina Thornton, Ron Jablonski Jr., Don McGuire, Debbie Johnson and Nate Card. Also present for the meeting were Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jerry Krieg and Kory Schweitzer from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. Items discussed by the group were the Schedule A,B & C Road Maintenance Agreements, road easements, an access road into Sikorski's land in Section 24-143-103, future road projects, scoria & gravel permits, road signage and destination signs in the county's rite-of-way.

After the Forest Service representatives left the meeting Wirtzfeld, Krieg and Schweitzer met with the Board to discuss road projects and road department concerns.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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MAY 7, 2003 8:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to make a decision regarding the motor grader bids received at the meeting yesterday and to conclude unfinished business from Tuesday's meeting.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Mike Carlson from RDO Equipment Company met with the Board to discuss the motor grader bids received yesterday. Commissioner Bares made a motion bring back the motor grader bids from the table and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to accept the bid from Tractor & Equipment Company for 2 160H motor graders and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a Limited Gas Pipeline Easement between the County and Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, for roads located in townships 137-105, 137-106, 138-103, 138-104 and 138-105, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a letter they received from the ND State Water Commission regarding a main transmission pipeline that will be installed for the Medora-Beach Phase of the SW Water Pipeline. Commissioner Bares made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a letter of awareness and acceptance of this planned proposal, contingent upon approval from the Road Foreman and the County Zoning Board and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 A.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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MAY 20, 2003 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was meet with Rick Larson from Oil Impact and other business.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jerry Martinson from Tractor & Equipment met with the Board to review the motor grader agreement and to sign the purchase order on 2 Cat 160H Motor Graders. The units should arrive in 30 days.

Harvey Peterson and Marty Campbell met with the board to discuss moving the office of Marty Campbell Economic Director to the Food Pantry Building. This will also be the sight for the Technology Center. A commercial rental lease agreement was distributed to board members. Commissioner David Quale made a motion to accept and sign the agreement with Stateline Ministerial, Commission Irvin Bares second. Motion carried unanimously.

The board met with Rick Larson from Energy Development Impact Office. Rick Larson informed the commissioners that there is \$2.7 million in grants available and \$11 million in requests for this money. The need for funds in Golden Valley County was discussed with Larson. The Board will be informed when a decision is made.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld informed the Board of a used pick-up from Bowman Sales and Service. This vehicle would be used for the GPS mapping in Golden Valley County and then sold. Commissioner Irvin Bares made a motion to have Road Foreman Wirtzfeld and Commissioner David Quale research and then purchase the vehicle. Commissioner David Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner David Quale made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 P.M. and Commissioner Irvin Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Patty Thompson, Deputy Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 3, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioner David Quale and Irvin Bares were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the May minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending the annual ND County Auditor's Association Convention in Grand Forks June 10th through the 13th.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept the \$70.00 offer from the Beach School District for the Parcel in Tract A 57 of Zook's 1st Addition in Twp. 140 Range 106 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign an Addendum to the Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services between the County and the State and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

James J. Wosepka met with the Board and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld regarding the recent 2002 audit his firm completed for the County. The group discussed amending budgets, GASB 34 and various audit related items. Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept the 2002 Audit and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have James J. Wosepka, PC firm conduct the County's 2003 audit for the same price as the 2002 audit and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Des Director Carole Vondall, Tax Director Sue Finneman and GIS/GPS Technician Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss the presentation they will conduct, on the progress of Golden Valley County's GIS road mapping, at a meeting in Bismarck on June 4th for a ND GIS Meeting. There was also discussion regarding Stacey's wages. Commissioner Bares made a motion to raise Stacey's hourly wage from \$10.50 to \$12.00 effective June 1st and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Carole Vondall informed the group that the County's LEOP Plan is 70% completed and is to be done by the end of June. The County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan deadline has been extended to the end of July.

Electrician Mike Bingeman met with the Board to discuss installing a light above the front door of the courthouse. Bingeman and Quale will look into various options for this light.

Brian Keohane met with the Board to appeal their decision of May 6th in which they made a motion to only give county employees a key to the front door of the courthouse once the new front door is installed. The Board said they will consider Keohane's concerns, but for now their motion stands.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization meeting. Tax Director Sue Finneman was present for this meeting. The Commissioners met as the Board of Unorganized Townships. Finneman stated that there will be a 2.27% increase in tillable ag land values and a 0.4% decrease in non-tillable ag land values to comply with the State mandates for 2003. After reviewing changes made in the unorganized townships, Commissioner Quale made a motion that all classifications of property were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There were no tax exempt or Homestead Credit Applications presented for the unorganized townships. Commissioner Bares made a motion that the overall assessment roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2003 were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion that based on the proceeding motions, the Board declared the assessment roll for 2003 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:20 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then met as the County Equalization Board. Sue Finneman reviewed the additions, deletions and changes in classifications she has made county wide on the 2003 valuations. Commissioner Bares made a motion that the commercial, residential and agricultural property assessments in the County and within the city limits of Beach, Golva and Sentinel Butte, as equalized by the local Boards of Equalizations, met the ND Statutes Guideline of the State Board of Equalization as shown by the Commercial and Residential Ratio Study and Adjustment Worksheet and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion stating that the Assessment Rolls, Statistical Date, Exemptions, Homestead Credit Applications, Spot Inspections, Supplementary Abstract, Fish & Game Abstract, Mobile Home Ratio Study, Local Board of Equalization Minutes, Farm Residence Exemptions and the valuation of properties owned by employees of the County Tax Equalization office have been reviewed by the County Board of Equalization and found proper as presented and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion that the overall assessment roll for 2003 for the Organized and Unorganized Townships and the Cities have been reviewed and found properly assessed by the County Board of Equalization and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to declare the

Assessment Roll and Statistical Reports for Golden Valley County for 2003 equalized as assessed and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn as the County Equalization Board at 2:10 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:10 P.M. the Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jerry Krieg from Kadrmas Lee & Jackson Inc., and Mike Sikorski met with the Board to discuss the access road into Sikorski’s property in the South ½ of Section 24-143-103. It was decided by the group that Commissioner Bares, Wirtzfeld and Sikorski will go meet with the Forest Service and negotiate a route for the access road and decide at that time which party is responsible for the expenses for this road. Wirtzfeld and Krieg discussed road projects and road department concerns with the Board.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the June minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to send Ray Clouse a letter from the Board showing support for the additions that are planned for the Golden Valley County Manor and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss coverage for his office when Carol Weidner is out of the office. The Board suggested that the Sheriff have Carol train the deputies on some of the duties in the office so that his office can continue to run smoothly when she is gone from the office.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Dave Quale to another 3 year term on the Tuition Appeals Committee for Golden Valley County and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Rick Bostyan to another 3 year term on the County Committee for the purposes of school district annexations, dissolutions and reorganizations, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Oil Impact the County received for 2003. \$10,000.00 was granted for the 4x4 pickups and \$75,000.00 for motor graders. Commissioner Bares made a motion to request reimbursement from the Oil Impact Grant #Y02250 for engineering and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to request reimbursement from Oil Impact Grant #Y03161 for the pickups the county had purchased and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax & Zoning Director Sue Finneman met with the Board to discuss a pipeline permit application from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of Sue signing this application between the County and Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Dave Quale to the County Social Service Board to replace George D. Hildebrant, due to the fact that Hildebrant's term was up and the Commission felt it is important to have 2 commissioners serve on this board. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented the Golden Valley County Emergency Operations Plan prepared by DES Director Carole Vondall. Each Commissioner will review this plan before adopting the plan for the County.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2003-14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Golden Valley County as follows:

THAT Gary L. Ross is authorized to enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation to obtain:

(1) 160H New Caterpillar Motor Grader S/N ASDOO278

(1) 160H New Caterpillar Motor Grader S/N ASDOO281

for the total price of \$262,613.88 with balance, plus interest in consecutive annual installments, all in accordance with the Lease-Purchase Agreement attached hereto, and made a part hereof.

THAT the Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the authorized official's signature.

Adopted this 1st day of July, 2003.

Votes by Governing Body:

- 1. YES Ross
- 2. YES Bares
- 3. YES Quale

Chairman, County Commissioners

Attest:

County Auditor

11:00 A.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with other Park Board members Brian Keohane and Patricia Lynch. Rusty Gilstad from Community First Bank. The Board met to decide how to disburse the remaining County Park funds for 2003. Quale made a motion to give the Pumpkin Festival \$200.00, the County Fair Board \$600.00, the Beach Archery Club \$300.00, Golva Park for the annual fireworks display \$100.00 and The Spirit of the West \$100.00 and Keohane seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Keohane made a motion to amend the County Park's 2003 budget by \$1000.00 due to a carry over of funds that was disbursed and Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Rusty Gilstad explained to the group how the note for the county pool was set up and that there is \$107,093.48 left on the principal of the original note of \$250,705.08. Keohane made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 A.M. and Lynch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld and Jerry Krieg and Jeremy Wood from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss various road projects. There was some discussion regarding the Frontage Road running north along I-94 and the traffic expected on this segment of road during the reunion weekend of August 2nd. There was also discussion regarding the Oil Impact Grant monies. Commissioner Quale made a motion to request reimbursement of the Oil Impact Grant funds from Grant #Y03162 for the motor graders, to apply \$55,000.00 to the oldest grader and \$10,000.00 each on the 2 newer graders and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 5, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the July minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to move the October 7th meeting to October 2nd, due to the conflict of dates with the County Commissioner and ND Assn. of Counties Convention in Bismarck October 5th – 8th, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board regarding the County's Emergency Operations Plan and the final Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2003-15

LEOP RESOLUTION

By virtue of the Authority vested in the Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners, by the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985 (NDCC 37-17.1). We do hereby order that the revised county Local Emergency Operations Plan be effective and promulgated to all appropriate entities of Golden Valley County. This plan assigns tasks and responsibilities to organizations within the County. The plan establishes a broad concept for conducting response and recovery operations should an emergency or disaster threaten or occur in the county and cities therein.

We further order that all County Department Heads maintain the capability for executing their assigned responsibilities pursuant to this plan.

This resolution shall have the full force and effect of the Law Executed at Golden Valley County, North Dakota this 5th day of August, 2003.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed: _____
Emergency Manager

Signed: _____
Auditor

There was also discussion regarding tower repairs on Sentinel Butte and Carole staying at 1/2 time now that the County emergency plans are finished. Commissioner Bares made a motion to put Carole back to 1/3 time, effective immediately, at \$656.58 per month, where she was before the plans had to be revised, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Klein, organizer for the Dakota Resource Council met with the Board regarding the new County of Origin Labeling Law (COOL) for products born, raised and processed in the US. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2003-16

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County Commissioners are obligated to protect the health, safety and welfare of County residents; and

WHEREAS, consumers of Golden Valley County have the right to know the country of origin of food they consume; and

WHEREAS, the producers of Golden Valley County provide beef products and vegetables of superior quality;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has passed a law requiring country of origin labeling of food products, including those meat products carrying a U.S. label of origin must be born, raised and processed in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, WTO negotiations are proceeding that may jeopardize the enforcement of the federal country of origin labeling law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Golden Valley County Commissioners strongly urge the U.S. Trade Representative not to enter into any trade agreement that undermines the U.S. country of origin labeling law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposed trade agreement affecting country of origin labeling be made public to enable the Golden Valley County Commissioners and residents to assess the impacts to the local economy and food sovereignty.

Attest: _____
Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Signed: _____
Gary L. Ross, Chairman

Signed: _____
Irvin Bares, Commissioner

Signed: _____
David L. Quale, Commissioner

The Board was presented a request from the Golden Valley County Hospital Foundation to adopt a resolution granting them consent to transfer their real property from the Foundation to the Community Ambulance Service, Inc. The Commission needs to give approval before this transfer can take place since it is the transfer of a tax supported entity and the transfer will take place without the repayment of any tax monies. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2003-17

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, CONSENTING TO SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The County Commission of the County of Golden Valley, North Dakota, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Golden Valley has received a formal request to consent to the transfer of real property from the Golden Valley County Hospital Foundation to the Community Ambulance Service, Inc., which property specifically includes the clinic building and accompanying parking area;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 23-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, the County Commissioners may consent to the transfer of the real property owned by the Golden Valley County Hospital Foundation to the Community Ambulance Service, Inc.

without the repayment to the County of any tax money received by the Golden Valley County Hospital Foundation;

AND WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Golden Valley County determine that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Golden Valley County that the County Commission consent to the transfer of the real property from the Golden Valley County Hospital Foundation to the Community Ambulance Service, Inc.;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County Commission of Golden Valley County, North Dakota, hereby consents to the transfer of real property from the Golden Valley County Hospital Foundation to the Community Ambulance Service, Inc. consisting of property on which the Golden Valley County Clinic is currently located and a portion of the accompanying parking

lot area which is more specifically described in the Deed given to the Community Ambulance Service, Inc.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and passed at the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Golden Valley, North Dakota on the 5th day of August, 2003.

Approved by:

Gary L. Ross, Chairman

Irvin Bares, Commissioner

David L. Quale, Commissioner

11:00 A.M. was the advertised time for the annual SW District Health Unit budget hearing. Judy Curl, Golden Valley County's representative on this board was present for this hearing to explain the Unit's proposed 2004 budget and to answer any questions. No one showed up for this hearing. The Commissioners will meet jointly with the other County Commission Boards from the SW District regarding this proposed budget on August 28th in Dickinson and address the budget again at their September 2nd meeting.

Deputy Dean Van Vleet met with the Board to discuss his resignation. The group discussed sheriff vehicles, salaries, overtime, call out time and various other topics regarding the sheriff's department. The Board reluctantly accepted Dean's resignation.

Paul Rechlin, Executive Director of the Lewis & Clark Community Works, met with the Board to discuss their services. This program provides various housing programs & services in North Dakota through contributions and grants. Rechlin requested a

commitment from the County of 4/10 of a mill for 3 years so Golden Valley County could receive benefits from this program. The Board will discuss this request at budget time and determine if the County will become part of this program.

Prairie West Development Director Marty Campbell met with the Board to update them on the progress of the Community Learning Center. Marty stated that there are a few minor details to be taken care of but the computers are all up and running and her office has been relocated in the Community Learning Center.

Eileen Pfau, Program Coordinator for the SW Community Service and Restitution Program met with the Board to discuss their services and request the annual donation from the County.

Stacey Heckaman and Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the progress Stacey has made with cataloging and updating the county road maps.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board regarding Federal Aid Projects, and road department concerns. Commissioner Bares made a motion to advertise for a part-time road crew position and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David Quale and Irvin Bares were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the August minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deb Walworth from the Golden Valley News Office joined the group at this time.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss various sheriff department issues such as a place to store impounded vehicles and the DES travel trailer, the shooting range, vehicles and call out time. Stedman stated that his department has hired David Helsper to replace Dean Van Vleet and that Helsper will be going through the academy for training.

There was discussion regarding the lease the Board signed between the County and the Stateline Ministerial Association. It was decided that the utilities for the Community Learning Center will be paid out of the county utility budget. The Commissioners will meet with the Beach City Council to see if the City will absorb the water & garbage bill for the Community Learning Center and to discuss storage for the impounded vehicles out at the City landfill.

The Board set Wednesday, September 10th at 8:00 A.M. for their first budget meeting date.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to transfer the BLM payment of \$15,548.00 from the BLM fund into the Special County Road Fund and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay George Vincent \$120.00 for mowing the county lots at the Novotny trailer court and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Darriane Johnson from the Domestic Violence & Rape Center in Dickinson met with the Board to update them on their activities and request continued support for 2004.

The Board discussed their multi-county meeting in Dickinson regarding the SW District Health Unit's 2004 budget. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the SW District Health Unit's 2004 Budget and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Gene Skoglund and County Agent Harvey Peterson met with the Board to discuss the ND Vendor Registry for direct deposits of State payments to the various entities in the County.

There was some discussion regarding the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the changes that will be mandated to the counties in the upcoming elections.

Tax Director, Sue Finneman, met with the Board to discuss the sales ratios and that a 1.5% decrease has been made on all agricultural lands in order to bring them in compliance with the State Equalization Board. Sue also stated that she will be meeting with the City of Beach as all residential property in Beach will need to be reappraised. Sue also discussed some changes she made on her proposed 2004 budgets.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss his 2003 budgets. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the 2003 Road & Bridge budget by \$1000.00 for an unexpected shop expense, to be paid for with carry over funds from 2002, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the 2003 Special County Road Budget by \$140,000.00 due to additional expenditures from additional revenue received from Oil Impact Funds, LEOP Grants & State reimbursements for engineering and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road department concerns. Wirtzfeld also informed the Board that he has hired Dale Maus for the road crew position that was recently advertised.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David Quale and Irvin Bares were present for this meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the Board to review the proposed 2004 budgets.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to give the SW District Health Unit their annual request of \$3232.00 for their Health Maintenance Program and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Recorder, Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson met briefly with the Board to discuss the work load in the Recorder and Clerk's offices and to give them an update on how things are going in the offices.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss pit leases and surfacing on various roads. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Scoria and Gravel Lease between the County and Boyd Trester Sr. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Raymond Wehrman and George Underwood from Garner Township met with the Board and Road Foreman to discuss a bridge they would like to replace with culverts, located in the SE ¼ of Section 6-138-104 on 43rd ST. Commissioner Bares made a motion to replace this bridge with culverts, with the County paying for the culverts and Garner Township paying for the dirt work, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Garner Township is to work out the details with Wirtzfeld.

The Board decided to meet again on Wednesday the 17th to continue to review and revise the proposed 2004 budgets.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2003 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David Quale and Irvin Bares were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to continue discussing the proposed 2004 budgets.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to review his proposed budget and discuss sheriff department issues.

Tax Director Sue Finneman met with the Board to discuss her 2004 proposed budget.

Social Service Director Dick Fedje met briefly with the Board to discuss the Social Service 2004 budget.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the road department's 2004 proposed budget.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 2:45 P.M. and finished reviewing & revising the proposed 2004 budgets.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 2, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the September minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board on cases his office is currently handling for the County. Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Matthew Kolling as an Assistant States Attorney for Golden Valley County, to help cover county cases at no extra expense to the County, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9:30 was the scheduled time for the abatement hearing for Star X Ranch Trust. Vern Stark, Judd Stark, Kevin Plummer and Tax Director Sue Finneman were present for this hearing. All the property to be abated is located in Twp. 136 Range 106 in regard to the 2002 taxes. Starks stated the factors that affect the productivity on these parcels and therefore the reason for their abatements. Sue Finneman recommended to the Board that the values on these abated parcels be reduced to the 2001 values and that she will make adjustments on these parcels for the 2004 taxes. After some discussion Commissioner Quale made a motion to change the 2002 values back to the 2001 values, with these parcels to be adjusted for 2004, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Golberg met with the Board in regard to his annual grant payment to the ND Department of Commerce for the grant he received for the Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch & Trailhead Lodge. Ollie stated that he can only make a partial payment this year and asked that the Board request from the Dept. of Commerce that the balance of his 2003 payment be rolled back into his loan and have the loan re-amortized. Commissioner Bares made a motion to take the interest due the County from the \$7000.00 payment Ollie did make on the grant and to request the ND Department of Commerce to roll the balance of his 2003 payment back into his loan and have the loan re-amortized with a new due date of August 31st each year and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor presented a list to the Board on the property turned back to the County for non-payment of taxes. The Board reviewed this property and set a minimum sale price on the property. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. for a hearing on the values set on this property.

Sue Finneman met with the Board in regard to a Public Safety Foundation of America Grant for 9-1-1 the County has been awarded for approximately \$3000.00. This grant can be used for software, training, wages for data entry and analysis etc. The Board approved of Sue signing this grant for the County as the County's 9-1-1 Coordinator. Sue also discussed the Zoning Meeting that was held in regard to a water tank to be constructed in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 27-140-105. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve of the Zoning Board's recommendation regarding this water tank for the SW Water Pipeline and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Audrey Schieffer as the County's representative to the State Fair Association's Annual Meeting in Minot on November 19, 2003 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Dave Vollum to the County Fair Board, to replace Cora Thomas, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County budget hearing. After some discussion, Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the proposed 2004 budgets, per the amendments made by the Board, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reimburse State Line Ministerial for the June MDU bill on the Community Learning Center, since the Board had signed an agreement that took effect in June, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman, Peter Wirtzfeld, and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss returning the 4x4 Ranger pickup, that Stacey Heckaman used to map county roads, to Bowman Sales & Service since there was a guaranteed repurchase option when the County purchased this pickup, the Divide Road status and various other road department concerns. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have States Attorney Charles J. Peterson draft a letter to various pipelines, engineers, and land owners inviting them to a special meeting on October 16th regarding the Divide Road and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 22, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David Quale and Irvin Bares were present for this meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold the hearing on the values the Board set on the property turned back to the County for non-payment of taxes. No one appeared for this hearing so the Board left the values at the price they had set at their October 2nd meeting.

DES Director, Carole Vondall met with the Board to explain 2 service contracts she would like the County to enter into with Nick of Time. One contract deals with the needs assessment for Golden Valley County to identify the needs and vulnerability for terrorism and the other contract is for the terrorism annex to the Local Emergency Operations Plan for the County. The cost of these contracted services will be paid out of a grant Carole has applied for and been granted. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign these 2 contracts between Golden Valley County and Nick of Time for the needs assessment and the terrorism annex and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Gravel Mining Lease between the County and John Abraham and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 27, 2003 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson. Joining the special meeting was Golden Valley County road foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc., Larry Dokken from BTA Oil Producers, Brook Henderson and Dick Vande Bossche from Bear Paw Energy, Don Clark and Lyle Sessions from Belfouce Pipeline, and adjacent land owners Gene Federenko and Don Hall. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss pipeline easements in the county right-of-way. Dialogue was centered on the Divide Road located in Sections 25 & 36 of 144-103. The divide road is in need of repair, the project has been designed in avoidance of existing pipelines where possible. Because of the extreme terrain not all pipelines can be avoided. The land owners, pipeline companies and Golden Valley County are to evaluate maps and terrain with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson PC. All options are to be considered, moving existing pipeline to run adjacent to road, relocation of road and pipeline, etc. All parties involved are to report back to County Commissioners by December 2, 2003.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 11.25 A.M. and commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Patty Thompson Deputy Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 4, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and David Quale were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the October minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Gary L. Ross, to represent the County, for another term on the Community Action Development Board and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board on the status of various county cases.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Gravel Lease between Golden Valley County and Johnson Mineral Trust, for a gravel pit in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 8-136-104, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board about the Legislation that amended NDCC 57-28-15 regarding “qualified” bidders for the annual county sale of lands turned back for taxes. After some discussion the States Attorney recommended the Auditor use a Delinquent Tax Oath for the successful bidders at the annual sale.

County Agent Harvey Peterson met with the Board in regard to the Community Learning Center. The grant is for a community learning center and interactive video only qualifies if it is housed within a government entity, therefore Prairie West Development does not qualify since it is a non-profit corporation. The group discussed other possibilities for a location for the learning center and will check into various locations. Peterson also gave the Board an update on the Scientific Review Team he serves on as a representative for the County. This Team reviews the allotment management plans of the revised Land & Resource Management Plan for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

Tax Director Sue Finneman met with the Board regarding some meetings that are coming up that she &/or Stacey Heckaman would like to attend. The Board gave their permission for them to attend these meetings. Sue also informed the Board that she is approximately 35% done with property inspections in the City of Beach, that she has finished all her classes and is now a certified Tax Director and that all the county roads have been GPS'd.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adopt Resolution 2003-18 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2003-18

COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY

WHEREAS, the people of Golden Valley County recognize that programs addressing the needs of youth in trouble is a positive way to turn youth around while this is still possible, and

WHEREAS, the federal government through the North Dakota Association of Counties makes available funding to assist programs addressing youth needs, and

WHEREAS, this funding program is called the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program, and

WHEREAS, the grant moneys are allocated to counties and cities based on established factors without having to apply for the moneys, and

WHEREAS, the program mandates that individuals governments allocated less than \$5000.00 form a coalition with other governments in order to access said grant funds, and

WHEREAS, there is recognition in the southwest North Dakota that all recipient cities and counties, including the city of Dickinson and Stark County, each of which are eligible for separate grants should cooperate in providing this money to benefit organizations with limited cost of administration, and

WHEREAS, a committee was formed comprised of eligible recipient governments and associated organizations to oversee the JABG program as required by the program, and

WHEREAS, the oversight committee recommends splitting the grant proceeds for the year 2004 equally between the Sunrise Youth Bureau and the Southwest Community Service and Restitution Program because each program meets the guidelines of the JABG program and the youth of this area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE County of Golden Valley that this government hereby joins the coalition comprised of the recipient governments in the eight county area known as Southwest North Dakota, in order to combine allocated funds into one grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint proceeds of the grant be divided evenly between the Sunrise Youth Bureau and the Community Service and Restitution program for the year 2004, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dunn County be designated to administer JABG funds allocated to governments in the eight counties of Southwest North Dakota, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this government agrees to pay its portion of the match necessary to fund this grant, which equals 11.1% of the grant amount.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2003.

Gary L. Ross, Chairman
Golden Valley County

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Jerry Martinson and LeRoy Bares from Tractor & Equipment met with the Board to discuss the Board replacing the county 160H motor grader that comes due in 6 months with a new grader. The County could do this by exercising the bid option with T&E from the bids that were let earlier this year for 1 or more motor graders. The Board said they will visit with the Road Foreman this afternoon and get back to them.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to discuss her 2003 budget. Due to some unbudgeted expenses her budget is over the approved amount for 2003. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the DES budget by transferring \$1200.00 from the contingency fund into the DES budget to cover these expenses and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Carole also asked the Board to consider giving her an additional 3 hours a week as the State is still handing down extra work for her office. The Board will discuss this at their January meeting when they do their annual appointments.

Sheriff Stedman met with the Board to discuss a new vehicle for the sheriff's department. Stedman and the Board will check into more options on purchasing this new vehicle for 2004 and meet on it at a later date. Stedman also informed the Board that he is going to get and answering machine for his department to pick up calls after the office is closed and they are tied up on another call. These calls are not the emergency 9-1-1 calls but the non-emergency calls that the sheriff's department receives.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to transfer \$1300.00 from the contingency fund into the floater position budget to cover the extra hours Patty Thompson worked in the Recorder's Office, as approved at the March 4th meeting, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Paul Thompson, for another 2 year term, as the county's representative on the Southwest REAP Board and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion regarding the upcoming holidays. Commissioner Bares made a motion to give the county employees the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas off for longer holiday weekends and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmars, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss various road department issues. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign the 2004-2006 County Federal Aid Program form and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to exercise the bid option with Tractor & Equipment for a new 160H motor grader, to replace the motor grader that comes due in 6 months, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 17, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale and Irvin Bares were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with DES Director Carole Vondall regarding DES grant applications. Carole explained a grant that is available for mapping & printing GPS maps. After some discussion Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve of Carole applying for this mapping grant for \$8000.00 - \$10,000.00 and to approve of the Chairman signing the application and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Carole also informed the Board that she has received 3 other grants in the amount of \$1500.00, \$6000.00 and \$25,000.00 from a needs assessment, terrorism annex and equipment. She reminded the Board of her earlier request for 3 more hours per week and the Board said they will get back to her on this.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 2, 2003 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners David Quale and Irvin Bares were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the November minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board selected Monday December 29th for the late December meeting to approve the final bills for 2003.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Gravel Lease between Golden Valley County and the Francis L. Boyce Trust and Banner Resource Management, LLP and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion regarding the County Zoning Meeting held on November 7th. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of the Zoning Board's actions of approving a conditional use permit for Katy Kutschke for her property in Pearl Township and a permit for Pete Novotny and Sheila Rieman for property located in Section 24-140-104 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Peterson reviewed a Detention Service Agreement between Golden Valley County and the ND Youth Correctional Center for juvenile services. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve or the Chairman signing this agreement between the County and the ND

Youth Correctional Center and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Harvey Peterson met with the Board to discuss interactive video and learning center. Peterson stated that a representative from the State's Information Technology Department will meet with representatives from the Beach High School to discuss the feasibility of placing the interactive video at the high school.

Darlene Gundlach and Leah Zook met with the Board with an offer on the East 24' of Lots 16 & 17 of Block 1 of Original Beach that the County has for sale. This was property that was offered at the annual County Tax Sale in November. Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept Gundlach's offer of \$2501.00 for the East 24' of Lots 16 & 17 of Block 1 of Original Beach and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A County Deed will be issued to Gundlach for this property.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the Chairman sign an updated Law Enforcement Services Contract between the County and the City of Beach and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to see what they had decided on her request for 3 extra hours per week due to her work load. Commissioner Bares made a motion to allow Carole 2 extra hours per week beginning January 1, 2004 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Bares and Quale voted in favor of the motion, Ross voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Dokken from BTA Oil Producers, Brook Henderson and Dick Vande Bossche from Bear Paw Energy, Clark and Lyle Sessions from Belfouce Pipeline, Bill LaCrosse from Empire Oil – BTA, adjacent land owners Gene Federenko & Don Hall and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss a revised route just east of the present Divide Road located in 144-103. The pipeline companies had been asked to work out an equitable deal with the landowners which they have and to obtain right-of-way easements from the land owners. The pipeline companies felt the county should absorb the cost of the right-of way as part of the original road project. The pipeline companies were willing to work with Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson Inc. on the engineering and costs of this revised location of the road and to help with the cost of livestock water issues for the landowners. After the pipeline companies have met with the engineers on this revised route there will be more discussion on this project.

Previous election workers, Harlan Gasho, Joann Lowman, Steve Raisler and Mary Anne Ulfers along with Deb Walworth from the Golden Valley News met with the Board to discuss the election reform changes that will affect the county due to HAVA (Help America Vote Act) passed by Congress. Discussion centered around the number of precincts needed &/or allowed in our county due to these changes, the importance of good voter turnout, encouragement of

absentee voting and mail ballots. The Board will be making some decisions regarding the precinct issues in the next few months.

The Board discussed a letter from the Golden Valley Council on Aging requesting funds for general and operations expenses for the community bus and van. The Board will reconsider this request once they have received more information from the Council.

McKenzie County Commissioners made a courtesy call regarding the royalty issues Attorney Dennis Johnson is working on for the counties. The Board approved of Johnson

going to BLM in Billings to compare the information his office has gathered with the information BLM has on file.

Darriane Johnson, Diane Jordan and Janeen Nichols from Domestic Violence Program in Dickinson met with the Board to discuss a new service called Family Connection that is being offered to families in SW North Dakota. This service supervises family visitations and exchanges at visitation centers or satellite sites in various communities in SW North Dakota. This service is part of Domestic Violence and has safety precautions in place plus at least 2 people present for all visitations. The Domestic Violence representatives requested the use of the office upstairs in the courthouse, no longer occupied by Prairie West Development, for their site in Beach. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Domestic Violence to use the empty office upstairs in the courthouse for a site for these visits and exchanges and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Domestic Violence representative also informed the Board that Golden Valley County has received a grant to set up a Domestic Violence Task Force in Beach and asked for names of volunteers that would be willing to serve on this task force.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss the new vehicle that was approved for the Sheriff in the 2004 budget.

Bobby Olstad from Dakota Insurance Agency met with the Board for her annual review of the county's insurance activity over the past year and to present them with a quote for the 2004 premium.

Tax Director Sue Finneman and Kevin Plummer met with the Board on the abatements Plummer had filed for property located in Township 136 Range 106. There discussion regarding the 2001 values and the 2002 values and the landowners not being notified of these changes, for which the abatements have been filed. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve these abatements, by having the 2002 values put back to the 2001 values and an adjustment to be made on this property for 2004, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelly Cooper and Janel Ordahl from Community First Bank met with the Board regarding the County's retirement plan for their employees. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the County stay with Scudder for the County's retirement plan and pay the annual fee and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson Inc. met with the Board regarding Dan Dinkel's resignation, county benefits, surfacing, and future road projects. Kevin Plummer also met with the group to discuss blading and surfacing that is needed on his road.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 10, 2003 3:00 P.M.**

Chairman Gary L. Ross called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale and Irvin Bares were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to make a decision on the new vehicle for the Sheriff's department. Pat Rafferty from Bowman Sales & Service in Beach was present to explain the proposed vehicle and answer questions regarding warranty and financing. Commissioner Bares made a motion to purchase a 2004 Ford Expedition from Bowman Sales & Service and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Rafferty will check into the financing for the County and a decision will be made on extended warranty options at a later date.

Chairman Ross declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Gary L. Ross, Chairman

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 29, 2003 9:00 A.M.**

Vice-Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dave Quale was also present for this meeting. Commissioner Gary L. Ross was absent.

The purpose of this special meeting was to approve the final bills for 2003 and to amend road & library budgets.

Mark O. Golberg from Buffalo Gap Lodge met with the Board to ask them to renew his beer and liquor license for 2004. Commissioner Quale made a motion to renew the Buffalo Gap Lodge beer & liquor licenses for 2004 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

An amended Special County Road and County Highway Tax budget were presented to the Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the amended budget for the Special County Road due to additional revenue from services charged and additional expenses the road department incurred, and to approve the amended budget for the County Highway Tax due to a carryover from 2002 and additional crushing and royalty payments issued in 2003 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Powers from Nick of Time and DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to review the Homeland Security Assessment that Powers did for the County. Powers stated that every county in the US was required to do one of these assessments. The State of North Dakota is to receive 19 ½ million from the Federal Government for various programs and 80% of this will be filtered down to local entities. Powers stated that he is still working on the terrorism annex and it will be done in July 2004.

County Librarian Joanne Tescher met with the Board to present an amended 2003 Library budget. Tescher stated that the Library received approximately \$1500.00 in unexpected

donations and memorials and these monies were used to pay for additional books, videos etc. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the amended Library budget for 2003 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 A.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.