

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 4, 2005 9:00 A.M.

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

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Irvin Bares as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for another year and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board regarding various county cases.

There was some discussion regarding the old PV elevator the County got back for taxes in October. The Board decided to offer it for sale on bids and to visit with the Beach City Council regarding the future of this property if it doesn't sell.

The Board adopted the following 2005 Resolutions:

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

There was some discussion with the States Attorney regarding the Optimist Club running funds through the County Park Board Fund. The Auditor will visit with a couple of the Optimist Club members to see what their decision is regarding how they choose to handle these funds.

Larry Jandt met with the Board and Tax Director Stacey Heckaman regarding a farm exemption for his house. Jandt was informed that he needs to prove his tax exemption status before Heckaman can sign off on his exemption form.

There was some discussion regarding the County Advisory Study Committee. The Board will have a write up put in the paper to see who may be interested in serving on this committee for the county and speak to the cities about the possibility of having a joint committee for the county and the cities.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to cancel the unpaid special assessment and consolidated taxes from 1999 through 2003 on Lot 15 of Block 3, Hunter's 3rd Addition and Lots 1-12 of Block 3, Near's Re-Survey Addition to the City of Beach, which had been turned back to the County in October for non-payment of taxes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Olstad from Dakota Insurance Agency met with the Board with her annual review of county claims for the past year and to present the 2005 policy to the Board.

The Board opened the bids on the two metal file cabinets that were advertised for sale. Only 2 bids were received. Commissioner Ross made a motion to accept the high bid from Larry Stedman for \$50.00 for the 2 cabinets and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a County Permit Agreement between the County and the ND Association of Oil & Gas Producing Counties, regarding the Uniform County Permit System that's in place, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss various road department issues. CPA, Jim Wosepka joined the group to discuss the GASB 34 audit changes and inventory. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the County began their GASB 34 infrastructure inventory as of 1-1-04 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Tax Director Stacey Heckaman and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss county road easements on School Section 16-142-103 and the Divide Road Project.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Comm.



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JANUARY 12, 2005 10:00 A.M.

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the possibility of purchasing the “Old County Shop”, located on Lots 14 & 15 of Block 3 in Original Beach, that the Board was informed that Beach’s are trying to sell. The Board has been looking for a place to store Sheriff, DES and Social Service vehicles. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Commissioner Ross to negotiate a purchase price for this building with Beach’s and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 A.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Co. Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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FEBRUARY 3, 2005 9:00 A.M.

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

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to enter into a Purchase Agreement between the County and Dell Beach for the property located on Lots 14 & 15 of Block 3 Original Beach, giving \$500.00 earnest money with a total purchase price of \$16,000.00, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to finance the new 2005 Mack truck with American State Bank of Dickinson in the amount of \$30,000.00 at 4.5% interest with 5 annual payments beginning 2-10-06 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to request reimbursement from Oil Impact Grant #Y03336 for the semi-tractor and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor received an email from the State HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Coordinator stating that she needed to know by February 11th how many polling places Golden Valley County plans to have for the 2006 elections so they would know how many Model 100 Optical Scan machines and Automark accessible marking devices the State needs to order for our county. The Auditor and Board discussed the polling location accessibility surveys that had been done last summer and the cost of getting these polling places accessible. There was also discussion regarding the cost of each machine, the software, programming and maintenance costs per machine to be in compliance with HAVA by 2006. The group discussed the convenience of absentee voting which no longer requires a reason to vote absentee if the voter so chooses. After much consideration, Commissioner Quale made a motion to have one precinct and one polling place, located at the Beach High School, for the county and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Prairie West Director Deb Walworth and Prairie West Board Members Duane Maus, Dave Ekre and Laurie Rohan met with the Board to update them on current and future projects they are working on. They stated that the computers at the Learning Center are being used and computer classes are being held there as well. There was discussion regarding the county's anti virus contract with Norton Anti Virus and Commissioner Ross made a motion to have the county enter into an agreement with the Learning Center to share this Norton Anti Virus Contract and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Prairie West Board complimented Deb on the work she has done as their director.

Sharon Dietz of The Golden Valley News joined the meeting.

10:30 was the advertised time for the bid opening on the old PV elevator. No bids were received on this property so the Board will look into other options they have been considering for this property.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Tax Director Stacey Heckaman to attend a seminar for Township & Class II City Assessors in Bismarck on Saturday the 5th and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board set Thursday, February 24th at 1:00 P.M. as the time and date for the annual County/Township meeting at the ambulance building.

Rod Landblom, Director of Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council met with the Board to request the County to sponsor a CDBG for Home on the Range. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the County sponsor the Community Development Block Grant for a water reservoir and booster station for Home on the Range and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have RC&D administer this grant, at no cost to the County, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Wallace Hall met with the Board to discuss the possibility of running a water line in the road right-of-way along Blacktail Road. The Board suggested that Wallace discuss this route with the Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, and have Pete get back to them with his recommendation.

No one contacted the County Auditor’s Office with an interest in serving on the County Advisory Board. The Auditor was instructed to contact the cities of Beach, Golva and Sentinel Butte to see how their Boards feel about setting up a joint Advisory Committee with the County.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s year end report:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-04 through 12-31-04

BALANCE 7-1-2004	\$1,984,270.84		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$ 189,722.52	JULY PAYMENTS	\$167,208.26
AUG. “	\$ 235,714.70	AUG. “	\$199,857.65
SEPT. “	\$ 143,236.58	SEPT. “	\$250,385.29
OCT. “	\$ 195,123.66	OCT. “	\$207,629.55
NOV. “	\$ 244,094.51	NOV. “	\$200,452.72
DEC. “	\$ 655,941.51	DEC. “	\$338,374.95
		BALANCE 12-31-2004	\$2,284,195.90
TOTAL	\$3,648,104.32		\$3,648,104.32
BALANCE 12-31-2004	\$2,284,195.90	BANK DEPOSITS	\$697,028.96
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$ 76,552.97
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$1,506,181.64
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 60.00

	CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 1,058.09
	CASH ON HAND	\$ 3,314.24
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TOTAL	\$2,284,195.90	\$2,284,195.90

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

John Stull met with the Board with concerns he had regarding some property he had a mortgage filed against that was turned back to the County for taxes.

Jeremy Woods of Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the Divide Road project and a possible grant for the County and Sentinel Township for a cattle guard on the Buffalo Gap Road.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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FEBRUARY 8, 2005 11:45 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting to discuss the negotiations that were held earlier between the county and the land owners on the Divide Road Project. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman and Jeremy Woods and Tim Kelly from Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc. were also present for this meeting. Commissioner Quale will contact Larry Dokken from BTA Oil Producers to see if they

can set up a meeting in the near future between the County and oil companies that would have an interest in this project.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 24, 2005 1:00 P.M.

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold the annual county/township meeting at the County Ambulance Building. 15 township board members were present.

Tax Director and 9-1-1 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman informed the group of possible changes in ag land values depending on the outcome of legislative action. Stacey also spoke briefly about fire district contacts for 9-1-1.

Chairman Bares spoke briefly regarding the SW Assn. of Counties meeting that was held in Dickinson on February 21st with local legislators giving updates on various bills.

Auditor Ceil Stedman handed out the annual township packets and spoke about the HAVA mandates that prompted the Commissioners to reduce the county to one precinct and one polling place.

Weed Board Officer Bradley Ross updated the group on the weed board's 2004 activity and asked that the cities and townships work closely with the Weed Board in the future.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld informed the group that there have been no changes in equipment rates or the culvert policy. Pete spoke of oil activity in the county and the impact this has on

county and township roads, therefore encouraging them to apply for oil impact grants. Pete also spoke about the road department work force, an update on the road department's 2004 activity and future projects.

During the question and answer session, questions were raised to the States Attorney and Commissioners regarding water crossings for oil companies, roads townships are required to build and/or maintain, township board member qualifications and the dissolution and/or consolidation of townships.

Chairman Bares declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman
County Auditor

Irvin Bares
Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 1, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the County subscribe to the ND Industrial Commissions monthly production report and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to forego environmental tests on the old county shop, due to the cost, and proceed with the purchase of this building from Dell Beach and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a Petition of Dissolution from Elmwood Township.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss a low water crossing that Hunt Oil wants to place on Beaver Creek to bypass a county bridge on Mosher Road and to voice concerns regarding an oil company wanting to build a road on a section line.

Brad Juma from Midstate Communications, Inc. submitted an application for an easement to place a fiber optic line on the north side of 49th ST, the south side of 52nd ST, the east side of the Marmarth Road and to bore a segment under Old Highway 10 near Sentinel Butte. Some of this project is located in township right-of-way. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve this easement, with the line bored under the road, buried 42 inches deep and in the bottom of the ditch and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the future of the old PV elevator.

The County Advisory Study Committee was discussed. The City of Beach declined combining with the County Advisory Board, but Darin Maus would sit on this Board to represent Golva and Kim Nunberg and Ray Clouse both volunteered to serve on this Board. The Board will look into finding a few more members for this board.

DES Director Carole Vondall and Hallie LaVelle met with the Board to discuss the new FY05 Homeland Security Grants and Carole's medical condition. Commissioner Quale made a motion to contract with Kitty Knapkewicz to fill an interim position, so this program doesn't fall behind & until Carole can resume all of her duties, by using grant monies for this position and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Prairie West Development director Deb Walworth and board members Laurie Rohan and Tama Smith met with the Board in regard to funds they need to balance their budget and an insurance premium they are paying on a weather monitoring station. The Board will look into these issues.

At 1:30 P.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with park board members Brian Keohane and Pat Lynch. Janie Rathbun, Jim Groll and Darin Maus were also present for this meeting. Rathbun presented the pool financial statement and budget to look over and there was discussion regarding the city sales tax revenue. Pat Lynch made a motion to give the pool \$5000.00, the golf association \$1000.00, the Golva Park \$2000.00 and Sentinel Public Rec \$500.00 and Brian Keohane seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Keohane made a motion to adjourn and Lynch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the Divide Road project, future road & bridge projects, Old Highway 10 overlay and the Oil Impact Grant. Commissioner Quale made a motion to apply for Oil Impact Funds and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board was informed that the federal aid allotment for county secondary funding will increase in FY 2005 with small increases in FY2006 & 2007 with a larger increase in FY 2008 & 2009. Bridge funding will also go up. A bonus for having a mill levy program, which Golden Valley County

does not have in place, will continue to apply to those counties with a mill levy program. The county will need to find funds to match future programs of lose out on funds available.

Ray Clouse met with the Board and Road Foreman to see if a cattle guard could be placed in the Williams Lake area, in the SW ¼ of Section 4-136-105 and to see if some of that road could be declared open range. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Clouse to purchase the cattle guard at his own expense and the county will install take possession and maintain this cattle guard and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion

carried unanimously. There was also some discussion regarding prairie dogs as a noxious pest in the county.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Destry Northrop to the County Weed Board, to fill a vacancy, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

_____ Gary L. Ross, Commissioner

_____ Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 10, 2005 1:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to negotiate with Don Hall regarding the Divide Road Project. Others present for this meeting were Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Tax Director Stacey Heckaman and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman and deputies Scot Steele and Dave Helsper met with the Board to discuss the planned use of the old county shop the County recently purchased from Dell Beach. A committee was set up comprised of Gary Ross, Dave Helsper and Stacey Heckaman to put a plan together for utilizing the space in this building and present it to the Board.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of a raffle permit application for the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame and one for Home on the Range and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the county apply for a credit card and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bares declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 5, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

The Board approved of Harvey Peterson attending the ND Department of Veterans Affairs Spring Conference in Bismarck April 18th – 20th.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending a seminar on ADA, FMLA and Workers Compensation in Bismarck on April 21st.

Kitty Knapkewicz, Interim DES Director, and Hallie Lavelle, Billings County DES Director, met with the Board to discuss the 2005 Mass Destruction Grant, the State audit being conducted on the ND Emergency Services Department and State Radio, the 2005-EMPG grant and the full emergency training exercise being conducted for Golden Valley and Billings Counties on Saturday, April 9th. Hallie & Kitty also recommended to the Board that they not enter into the Local Government Homeland Security Training & Exercise Program with NDACo. After reviewing the information on this program, the Board decided against this agreement between NDACo and the County. Hallie stated that Kitty is doing a great job as interim director for the county and the Board expressed their appreciation to Hallie for always helping out our county whenever needed.

The Board discussed possibility of holding a public auction for the old PV elevator and will talk to the local auctioneers to see if this is feasible.

The County Advisory Board was discussed and after a few more contacts are made the Board will make their final appointments to this board at their May meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the value of the old county shop so it can be added to the County's Fire & Tornado Policy.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to move the July 5th meeting to July 12 due to a conflict and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Harting from Washington stopped in briefly to ask the Board about the grain cleaner in the old PV elevator.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to get permission to attend Course 202 on Agricultural Land Valuations in Bismarck May 9th-13th. Stacey also updated the board on property sales in the county over the past year and a legislative bill that deals with the capitalization rate on ag land values. Stacey presented 3 applications for oil pipeline permits from Bear Paw Energy that the Board wanted the Road Foreman to look over before they approved them.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman, Deputy Dave Helsper and Bob Brenner from Tab Electronics, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the cost of the county switching their radio communications from analogue to digital to be Project 25 compatible. Stedman stated that there are some Homeland Grant monies available to put toward this project for 2005. The Board approved of the Sheriff's Department buying a power washer to put in their shop and Helsper presented an estimate for doing some repairs on the old county shop.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the Divide Road project and other road department issues. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve a Limited Water Line Easement for Joe Barbour crossing a roadway from the NW ¼ of Section 32-144-105 into the SW ¼ of Section 29-144-105, as long as Henry Township also approves this easement, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman joined the group and after some discussion, Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the 3 Bear Paw Energy Applications for Pipeline Permits and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Jablonski Jr., Tina Thornton, Curt Glasoe, Curt Grudniewski and K.C. Homiston from the US Forest Service along with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the board for their annual meeting with the Forest Service. Items discussed were the Schedule A,B & C Road Maintenance Agreements, scoria & gravel permits, road easements and future road projects planned.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 5:35 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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MAY 3, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

Vice-Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gary L. Ross was present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson. Commissioner Irvin Bares was absent due to illness.

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

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board on various county issues. There was also discussion regarding a request to close section line roads. Commissioner Quale made a motion to draft a letter to the parties making the request and let them know that there was really no basis for closing those particular section line roads and to send them a copy of the States Attorney's opinion regarding this issue and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Kim Nunberg, Darin Maus, Ray Clouse, Rick Olson, Sharon Dietz and Deb Walworth to the County's Advisory Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the values on various county properties for the State Fire & Tornado Insurance Fund.

There was discussion regarding the future of the old PV elevator. The Board decided to advertise for offers on the buildings or any portions of the elevator to try & piece-meal it out, since holding an auction doesn't seem feasible.

At 10:30 there was an abatement hearing on Leone Quast's property. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman and Sally Abernethy were present for this hearing. There was an increase in the taxable value of this property due to the equalized reappraisal of market values on all residential properties in Beach done in 2004. Heckaman recommended that the reappraised value be lowered due to a misjudgment in the reappraisal. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the abatement to a reduced value of \$18,400, due to the recommendation of the Tax Director, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman and Fay Chandler from Bear Paw Energy met with the Board regarding a natural gas pipeline application & a salt water line pipeline application for Hunt Petroleum. These 2 pipelines will run in the same trench and are part of the pipeline applications that were approved at the April 5th Commissioner meeting, with a small change in the original route that had been approved. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve these applications, upon Heckaman's recommendation and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Heckaman also presented another natural gas pipeline application from Bear Paw Energy out of the Sidney, MT office that would run through the N1/2N1/2 of Section 36-143-103. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve this application and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach School District Superintendent Larry Helvik and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss this year's PILT Payment that came in at \$333,378.71 which is \$45,387.93 more than in 2004. A representative from Lone Tree School District was not able to make this meeting. After some discussion, Commissioner Ross made a motion to give Beach School District #3 and Lone Tree School District #6 each 5% of the payment, Sentinel Twp. 3% and the 6 unorganized townships with Federal Lands in them \$500.00 each 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 future road projects, weight limits on bridges and various other road department concerns. Woods presented the annual agreement for engineering services between the County & Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. but the Board decided to wait on signing the agreement until the entire Board was present at their next meeting. The Board was presented a Water Line Easement from Wallace Hall. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve this

Water Line Easement between the County and Wallace Hall in Section 12-144-104 and Sections 7 & 8-144-103 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David L. Quale, Vice-Chair. Co. Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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MAY 5, 2005 10:30 A.M.

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dave Quale was present along with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with Rick Larson and Jeff Engleson from the ND Energy Impact Office. Larson stated that there are \$2,450,000.00 available for grant funding and 14 million in requests. The group discussed the increased oil activity in our area and the impact it has had on our county roads. A decision will be made by the end of June regarding these grant requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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JUNE 7, 2005 9:00 A.M.

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

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board regarding various county issues.

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

Discussion was held regarding the old PV elevator. The Auditor's Office did not receive any offers for piece-mealing out the elevator. Commissioner Quale made a motion to advertise for requests for demolishing the elevator and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Michael Maus and Joe Fritz met with the Board in regard to a deed issued to the County in 1922 for a road easement in Section 3-142-104. The new land owners are requesting the County to deed this property to them since there is no road on this section. After some discussion Commissioner Quale made a motion to deed this property to Wanda Plachecki, at no cost to the County, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Nunberg and Sharon Dietz, representing the County Advisory Board, met with the Board to discuss various items their Board had come up with at their first Advisory meeting on June 1st. Topics discussed included mosquito control in the county, methamphetamine education for county residents, road project priorities, continued support for the Prairie West Foundation, continued cooping with the cities for police, dispatch & elections and a pay scale for county employees. Kim & Sharon stated that the advisory board would be glad to help the county in any of these areas. The Board asked them to help the county solicit contractors who would be able to demolish the old elevator and finding materials for methamphetamine education. The Advisory Board will report back to the Commissioners at their next meeting on July 12th.

Gerald Feldmann met with the Board to discuss a couple of soft spots on the West Road south of Beach. The Board said they would bring these to the Road Foreman's attention later in the meeting.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to appoint Kim Nunberg as the County's representative on the SW Rural Economic Area Partnership (SW REAP) Board, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Nunberg will replace Paul Thompson who had previously served on this board for the county.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. The Commissioners met as the Board of Unorganized Townships. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman

stated that overall, ag land values will remain the same for the 2005 values. After reviewing changes made in the unorganized townships, Commissioner Ross made a motion that all classifications of property were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There were no tax exempt or Homestead Credit Applications presented for the unorganized townships. Commissioner Quale made a motion that the overall assessment roll for the unorganized

townships for 2005 were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion that based on the proceeding motions, the Board declared the assessment roll for 2005 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross 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. Stacey reviewed the additions, deletions and changes in classifications she has made county wide on the 2005 valuations. Commissioner Ross made a motion that the commercial and agricultural property assessment 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 Statues 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 that the residential property in the County and within the city limits of Beach, Golva & Sentinel Butte was reviewed and properly assessed with an 8% increase city wide for the city of Beach and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion stating that the Assessment Rolls, Statistical Data, 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 Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion that the overall assessment roll for 2005 for the Organized and Unorganized Townships and the Cities have been reviewed and found properly assessed by the County Board of Equalization and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to declare the Assessment Roll and Statistical Reports for Golden Valley County for 2005 equalized as assessed and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn as the County Equalization Board at 2:10 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Eileen Pfau, Program Coordinator for SW Community Service & Restitution met with the Board with an update of their services and request continued funding from the county.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc., Tax Director Stacey Heckaman and Don Hall met with the Board regarding rite-of-way negotiations for Road Project FHO-2-1(06). Commissioner Ross made a motion to pay \$240.00/acre for the permanent easements and \$45/acre for the temporary easements and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner

Quale made a motion to sell back the old unused, existing rite-of-way to Donald Hall for \$240.00/acre, with the right to use the old road until the new road is completed, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Wirtzfeld & Woods visited with the Board regarding various road concerns & projects.

County Superintendent Virginia Bares met briefly with the Board & Road Foreman to encourage all of them to attend the Highway Watch Program that will be held on June 14th at the Community Ambulance Building.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Ken Thompson to the County Weed Board to fill the vacancy on that board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bares declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 27, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale & Gary L. Ross were present along with Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News Office. This special meeting was held after the Commissioners and other County Officials had met with NDACo President Ronald Anderson, NDCCA President Robert “Tork” Kilichowski and Wade Williams, NDACo Government Relations representative. The three are touring various counties in North Dakota.

At 10:00 A.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with other Park Board members Brian Keohane and Patricia Lynch. The group discussed the remaining funds in the Park Board Fund and Keohane made a motion to give the Spirit of the West Committee \$800.00 to help defray expenses and Quale seconded the motion. Motion

carried unanimously. Keohane made a motion to adjourn as the County Park Board at 10:10 and Lynch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to raise the county per diem rates to match the State rates of \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$12.00 for meals and \$50.00 plus tax for lodging, effective August 1, 2005 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the Board:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-05 through 6-30-05

BALANCE 1-1-05	\$2,284,195.90		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$1,030,321.31	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,101,731.99
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$1,302,256.82	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$ 584,785.38
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$ 193,723.69	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$ 830,970.28
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$ 482,199.30	APR. PAYMENTS	\$ 209,336.51
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 570,857.11	MAY PAYMENTS	\$ 505,557.69
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$ 97,472.11	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$ 293,813.66
		BALANCE 6-30-05	\$2,434,830.73
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TOTAL	\$5,961,026.24		\$5,961,026.24
BALANCE 6-30-05	\$2,434,830.73	BANK DEPOSITS	\$ 852,831.24
		BUILDING FUNDS	\$ 0.00
		LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$ 70,122.06
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$1,508,939.90
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 0.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 1,123.09
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 1,814.44
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TOTAL	\$2,434,830.73		\$2,434,830.73

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

Commissioner Quale made a motion to budget \$3232.00 for the annual contribution to the SW District Health Unit's Health Maintenance Program for 2006 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Nunberg and Sharon Dietz from the County Advisory Board met with the Commissioners with a follow up on the items discussed by the group at the June 7th meeting. The Board gave the Advisory Board the go ahead to do a bulk mailing to all county residents regarding met amphetamines. Nunberg also presented information on contacts for demolishing the old PV elevator that Commissioner Quale will follow up on. Nunberg thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the SW REAP Board for the County. She provided the group with information she had obtained from the meeting she had attended last month.

County Recorder Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss the ND Recorders Information Network (NDRIN). All micro filmed documents from 1982 on have been filmed and are ready to be sent to the central repository for electronic land records in Cass County. Commissioner Ross made a motion to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement for Electronic Land Records Management between Golden Valley County and Cass County and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Stedman met with the Board regarding his department putting abandoned vehicles up for bids and updated the Board regarding various sheriff department issues. Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News was also present for this part of the meeting.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to have the Chairman sign a letter of awareness and concurrence for planned activities with the ND State Water Commission for Phase 2 Medora-Beach Regional Service Area for the SW Water Pipeline Project and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a request from Jeff Schieffer to install a cattle guard in the SW corner of Section 20-142-103 on Elk Creek Road. The Board approved of this cattle guard as long as Schieffer works with the County Road Foreman to have it installed.

Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss current and future road projects.

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

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 2, 2005 9:20 A.M.

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

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

A letter from Banner Resource Management, LLP was presented to the Board to ask them to reconsider their earlier request to close 4 miles of section lines along their property. The Board was concerned about access to the public lands this property is adjacent to. The Board will check out these actual section lines before they make their final decision.

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

Paul Lautenschlager, General Manager of the Beach Coop Elevator met with the Board to inform them that BNSF has eliminated their 52 car shuttle and to request support from the County Commission on the Coop's project to keep shuttles coming to the elevator. The proposal is for a 110 car shuttle. The Board was in support of this project.

11:00 A.M. was the advertised time for the annual budget hearing for the SW District Health Unit. No one appeared for the hearing. The Board will attend a Joint Board of County Commissioners meeting on August 25, 2005 in Dickinson to finalize the Health Unit's 2006 budget.

Jerry Mayer and Cheryl Kostelecky from the Sunrise Youth Bureau and Virginia Illich, Juvenile Court Officer, met with the Board to update them on the Bureau's activities and request continued funding for 2006.

Pete Ressler from the American Foundation for Wildlife, a pro-hunting group, met with the Board to request authorization to conduct twenty-one & pull tabs at Buffalo Gap Lodge. Ressler stated that 25% of the proceeds come back to the community to non-profit organizations.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of a site authorization for the American Foundation for Wildlife to conduct twenty-one and pull tabs at Buffalo Gap Lodge and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman and Deputy Dave Helsper met with the Board to discuss the repairs that are needed on the building the sheriff uses for housing his vehicles and equipment and to discuss grants that are available for a new building. After reviewing these figures the Board told the Sheriff to check into the available grants so the matching funds could be budgeted for 2006.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board regarding various road projects. Commissioner Quale made a motion to request reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y03585 for graveling County Road 11 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to purchase a used water truck for the road department and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The County has received a \$15,000.00 Oil Impact Grant towards the purchase of this truck.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to purchase a sod mulcher and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The County has received a \$10,000.00 Oil Impact Grant towards the purchase of a sod mulcher.

There was discussion regarding crushing and royalties. Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the County Highway Tax 2005 budget for \$62,000.00 for crushing and \$36,000.00 for royalties and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Limited Water Line Easement between Golden Valley County and Home on the Range to cross a county road in the NW1/4 of Section 14-140-105 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the Chairman sign an Agreement for Engineering Services between Golden Valley County and Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bares declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Attest:

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 9:00 A.M.

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

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

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board regarding issues dealing with his office.

The Board composed and sent a letter to Governor Hoeven, our Congressional Delegation, Agricultural Commissioner Johnson and State FSA Advisor Nelson regarding the possible closure of our Farm Service Agency Office here in Beach.

There was discussion regarding employee comp-time. This issue will be discussed at a later date when more information has been obtained regarding comp-time.

Paul Popiel met with the Board to inquire about the rocks that surround the "Lee house" the County just purchased. Popiel said that the museum could sell these rocks to tourists who stop to visit the museum and that would give the museum added revenue. A letter was also presented to the Board from an individual interested in the rocks. After some discussion, Commissioner Ross made a motion to give the rocks to the museum to sell and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was presented from the GV County Fair Board requesting that Donnie Feiring be appointed to this Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Donnie Feiring to the GV County Fair Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman presented a pipeline permit from Bear Paw Energy LLC for a gathering line. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve this permit for Bear Paw Energy LLC in Sections 23, 24 & 26-143-103 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. This permit was give Permit #PP-17.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to transfer the annual Bureau of Land Management payment of \$16,920.00 from the BLM fund into the Special County Road fund and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The final 2006 SW District Health Unit budget was presented to the Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve this budget and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dariann Johnson from the Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center met with the Board to give them an update on the centers activities and to request continued support from the county in 2006.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending a HAVA Election Equipment Training seminar in Bismarck on October 12th.

Kim Nunberg and Sharon Dietz from the County Advisory Board met with the Board regarding various projects that had been discussed in the past. The meth brochures will soon be sent out in a bulk mailing. There was also discussion regarding the PV elevator and publishing future road projects to keep the public informed.

Social Service Director Dick Fedje met with the Board regarding Social Services 2006 budget and other issues in his office.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman and DES Manager Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board regarding the Homeland '05 and other grants. The sheriff's dispatch radio needs to be updated and they plan to use these grant monies to do the 1st phase of the digital updating on this system. The Board agreed to pay the overrun on this 1st phase to began this radio updating project.

There was discussion regarding the dry conditions in the county and possible fire dangers. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adopt Resolution 2005-13 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2005-13

WHEREAS, The Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that current conditions have created an extreme risk to the citizens and property within Golden Valley County, ND, of unnecessary loss by fire; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY IS DECLARED UNDER A FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER

1. No travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for vehicular traffic.
2. Industrial operating crews shall have fire extinguishers and fire-fighting equipment at hand. Personnel shall remain at the job site for one-half hour after daily operations are completed.
3. Smoking is restricted to inside vehicles and buildings.
4. No open burning is to be allowed, including campfires, garbage or pit burning, brush field or ditch burning.

5. The use of fireworks is prohibited.
6. These regulations shall be in effect whenever the fire index is in the **HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME** category in Golden Valley County.

Dated at Beach, ND, this 6th day of September, 2005.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By: _____
Irvin Bares, Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Commissioner Quale made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y03587 for \$10,000.00 for the sod mulcher that was recently purchased by the road department and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Wosepka met with the Board and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld regarding the condition of the East Pipeline Road. The group discussed the repairs needed on this road and future maintenance planned for this road.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board regarding future and current road projects and updated the County's 2006-2007 Federal Aid Program. Also discussed were the applicants for the road mowing position, the road department's 2006 budget and the Board approved of Wirtzfeld attending the Road Advisory Conference in South Dakota in October.

Pete Wirtzfeld and Stacey Heckaman discussed the remaining funds in the Oil Impact GIS grant and the possibility of purchasing a printer for mapping with these funds. Commissioner Quale made a motion to purchase this printer with the GIS Oil Impact Grant funds and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16 employees came in to the meeting to discuss employee wages, benefits and comp-time with the Commissioners. The employees requested upgrading the County's current health insurance coverage and bringing county employee wages closer to the state average. The Board will consider these requests during their upcoming budget meetings.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale and Gary L. Ross were present. Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News was present for part of the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet on the proposed 2006 budgets. County Recorder Susan Davidson, Treasurer Gene Skoglund and Sheriff DaLane Stedman all met with the Board regarding their budgets.

Another budget meeting will be set up at a later date.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 2:15 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 9:30 A.M.**

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

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met briefly with the Board to discuss a lead he has on a used water truck for the road department.

The purpose of this special meeting was to continue reviewing the proposed 2006 budgets. Commissioner Quale made a motion to upgrade the County's current Blue Cross Health Insurance Policy from the Basic Blue 500 to Classic Blue 250 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay a single policy, but to cap this amount at \$325.00, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board decided to hold another employee meeting at 8:00 A.M. Thursday morning to discuss their proposals and finish reviewing the budgets.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 A.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, County Commissioners



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 8:00 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to finish reviewing the proposed 2006 budgets. 16 county employees met with the Board to discuss the Board's proposal for health insurance coverage & raises.

Custodian Alan Miller met with the Board to discuss the maintenance on the new garage the county plans to build across the street from the courthouse. Miller also informed the Board that the boiler at the Social Service Office needs replacing and the Board told him to have Jandt Plumbing order one for Social Services.

Chairman Bares declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 4, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board regarding various issues.

Discussion was held regarding the County's policy on compensatory time. Commissioner Quale made a motion to eliminate compensatory time for county employees, effective immediately, and those who have some comp time built up need to use those hours by 10-14-05 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that no property was turned back to the county this year for unpaid taxes, other than Barb Carlson's house. Carlson has the right to repurchase this property as the former owner and has informed the Auditor that she is interested in doing so. Commissioner Quale made a motion to enter into a Contract for Deed with Barbara Carlson to repurchase Lot 4 of Block 5 of Hunter's 1st Addition to the City of Beach, paying all back taxes, penalty & interest owed at 7% interest, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News joined the meeting at this time.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman and Deputy Scott Steele met with the Board regarding their schedules, on call time and a new vehicle for the sheriff's department. The Board plan to visit with other counties regarding their sheriff department schedules and on call time at their convention in Bismarck Oct. 9-12, and then call a special meeting to make a decision regarding our current policy regarding on call time.

10:00 was the abatement hearing for Jeff Parker on the 2005 valuation of his property. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss this abatement. Heckaman stated that the valuation on Parker's house is comparable to similar houses in Beach. Commissioner Ross made a motion to reject this abatement as the valuation on this property is considered fair &

equalized with similar property in Beach and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Robert Sperry to the County Fair Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Dan Farstveet as the County representative to the ND State Fair Association's Annual Meeting in Minot on November 16, 2005 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:30 was the advertised time for the annual budget hearing for the county. Social Service's Director, Dick Fejge, met with the Board regarding an increase to the earlier proposed budget for Social Services due to some changes that had come up and the Board approved of this increase. Commissioner Ross made a motion to offer Health Insurance to part-time employees at a % of the full-time employee benefit and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the 2006 budgets as amended by the Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Manager, Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss various meetings and seminars she has attended and will be attending. Kitty also discussed her responsibilities as DES Director and what the ND DES has planned for the future. Kitty informed the Board of a mock disaster that is planned in the burning coal vein campgrounds in Slope County.

Dee Baertsch met with the Board with an offer to purchase the east end of Lot 10 of Block 7 of Original Beach. Commissioner Quale made a motion to sell First State Bank of Golva between 50-60 feet of Lot 10 of Block 7, Original Beach, for \$4500.00 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The exact footage will be determined after the garage has been staked out on this lot.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the July 12, 2005 minutes to read the meal reimbursements for county employees will be \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$12.50 instead of the \$12.00 that was listed in error and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foremen Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board regarding road projects, bid lettings, oil impact grant monies and bridges to be surveyed for weight limits.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve pre-payment to Prairie Lumber for the materials for the Social Service/Council on Aging garage from the Contingency fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 1, 2005**

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

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

Commissioner Quale gave the Board an update on contacts he has made regarding tearing down the old PV elevator. The Board will have the elevator inspected for asbestos before making any further decisions regarding these buildings.

States Attorney Peterson & the Board discussed the issue of on call time for the Sheriff's Department brought before the Board at their October 4th meeting. After much discussion, Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay the deputies for on call hours at minimum wage, above their monthly salary, effective today, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The States Attorney, Sheriff's Department and Auditor will meet to revise the current Law Enforcement Policy.

Disaster Emergency Manager Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss a recent LEPC meeting where it was decided the DES generator should be transferred to the County Road Shop. The Board agreed it would be of greater use to the road crew than to DES. Kitty also updated them on upcoming meetings & seminars she will be attending in

the next few months. Commissioner Quale made a motion to ratify the following resolution and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2005-14

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has received winter storm conditions along with very high winds and very heavy snow due to the snow storm of October 5, 2005.

WHEREAS, the heavy snow and blowing winds, downed power lines from falling branches caused immobility throughout the county, including the Interstate system. Immediate emergency actions were necessary to reduce health and safety hardships, and shelter.

WHEREAS, the City of Beach is experiencing an overwhelming impact from stranded travelers and truck drivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby declare a snow emergency to be in effect until conditions allow normal movement within the County.

Dated at Beach, North Dakota this 6th day of October, 2005.

Irvin Bares, Chairman
Golden Valley County Commission

Kitty Knapkewicz also discussed a joint powers agreement for Homeland Security Training & Exercising Support with the Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2005-15

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASING RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WHEREAS various counties of North Dakota have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the centralized and coordinated acquisition and delivery of essential and optional services by participating member counties (hereafter referred to as the "Master JPA");

AND WHEREAS, Golden Valley County ("County") is a participating member of such Master JPA;

AND WHEREAS, the North Dakota Association of Counties (NAACO) has secured the joint acquisition of the service described below on behalf of those participating members of such Master JPA;

AND WHEREAS, the County has determined that the joint acquisition of this specific service is in its best interests;

SERVICE PURCHASED: Homeland Security Training and Exercising Support

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED:

1. That the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has implemented policies that require local governments to meet certain base level criteria as a basis for continued Homeland Security funding.
2. That the North Dakota Division of Emergency Management (DEM) requires the County to conduct Homeland Security related exercising and training.
3. That it is not cost effective, nor time effective for every county and city to plan, schedule, implement, evaluate and report on ODP training and exercising.
4. That the County recognizes the potential need for the services of a qualified Homeland Security Training and Exercise Program; by the County and by cities and other jurisdictions within the County.
5. That the United States Department of Homeland Security has required the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the National Response Plan (NRP) and Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) as the doctrine for all incidents, planning and exercises/training.
6. That NDACo will provide the necessary training, and exercise support, from its subsidiary, the Institute of Local Government (ILG). This training will meet all DHS/ODP/DEM criteria and will ensure compliance with NIMS and HSEEP. Deliverables are as listed below:
 - Exercise design, planning, facilitation, evaluation and reporting processing to include a minimum of one (1) Homeland Security exercise per acknowledgement year
 - NIMS Orientation Instruction (IS-700) POST Board Approved, in group mode, inclusive of all course materials and administrative oversight
 - Basic ICS instruction (IS-195) in group mode, inclusive of all course materials and administrative oversight

 - Effective Communication (IS 242) with emphasis on Public Information, in group mode, inclusive of all course materials and administrative oversight
 - Continued coordination of Initial Awareness Training WMD/Hazmat Course scheduling
 - NIMCAST Data compilation and assistance
 - Training and exercise grant report data compilation and assistance
 - Continuity and maintenance of the "Preparedness Cycle"
7. That the County agrees to make an annual payment established by Attachment 1 to NDACo, on or before May 15th of 2005.
8. The term of this acknowledgement is one-year and runs from May 1, 2005 Through April 30, 2006.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2005.

Golden Valley County

By: _____
Irvin Bares, Chairman

Attest: _____
Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to present a natural gas pipeline permit from Bear Paw Energy, LLC and a salt water pipeline permit from Hunt Petroleum, Inc. The pipelines will be installed in Sections 3, 10, 11 and 13 of 143-104 and Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 30 and 31 of 143-103. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve these pipeline permits and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to move the December 6th meeting to December 7th and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to give the employees the day after Thanksgiving, November 25th, off as a holiday and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Harvey Peterson sent a notice to the Board of his plans to retire next spring. No action was taken regarding this notice at this time.

The Board received a letter from the ND Department of Veterans Affairs stating that our county veterans received \$264,000.00 in 2004 in the form of state & federal VA benefits through the work of Stark County's Veteran's Service Officer Irene Nelson.

A letter from Bobbi Hildebrant from the Hill O' Beans Espresso was read to the Board regarding her use of the Sheriff's departments generator after the Flying J fire.

James J. Wosepka and Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board in regard to the county's 2004 audit report. Wosepka will meet with the Board again on December 7th with the final report.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board in regard to county road projects and road department concerns. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow the Auditor's office to pre-pay the State School Land easements for county road right-of-way and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y03589 for the State right-of-way acquisition and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commiss.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 7, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

The Board set Thursday, December 29th for their late December meeting to approve the final 2005 bills.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow the employees who are going from monthly salary to hourly pay to use accrued vacation hours for January payroll and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Olie Golberg met with the Board to renew his beer & liquor licenses for 2006. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve renewing the beer & liquor licenses for Buffalo Gap Lodge for 2006 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the asbestos inspection that was done on the old PV elevator.

Due to new regulations with GASB 34 budgets are required for all special revenue funds and not just the levied funds. Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2005 budgets for the Grant Fund, Homeland '04 Grant Fund, Homeland '05 Grant Fund, Hazardous Material Fund, Equipment Grant Fund, UCC Trust Fund, Document Preservation Fund, County Poor Fund, Wireless 911 Fund, Capital Outlay Reserve Fund, Road Reserve Fund, Library CD Fund, Clinic Association Fund, Bureau of Land Management Fund, Emergency Fund, GV AG Improvement Fund, and the NDSU Extension Fund. The County Agent fund for 2005 and 2006 will also be

amended due to the transfer from the General Fund for the secretary's wages & retirement. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt the following Special Revenue Fund budgets for 2006, Grant Fund, Homeland '04 Grant Fund, Homeland '05 Grant Fund, Hazardous Material Fund, UCC Trust Fund, Document Preservation Fund, County Poor Fund, Wireless 911 Fund, Capital Outlay Reserve Fund, Road Reserve Fund, Library CD Fund, Clinic Association Fund, Bureau of Land Management Fund, GV AG Improvement Fund and NDSU Extension Fund and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss the heavy oil traffic in the county and complaints from citizens on speeding. Stedman also visited with the Board regarding the deputies on-call hours and a new policy for these hours. After much discussion Commissioner Quale made a motion to rescind his motion of November 1, 2005 regarding the payment of on-call hours for the sheriff's deputies and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a new motion to adopt this policy: Sheriff's Deputy On-Call Time Policy – It shall be the policy of the County that On-Call Time for a Sheriff's Deputy, as specifically directed by the Sheriff, shall be included in hours worked for the Sheriff's Deputies employed in Golden Valley County for the purpose of calculation of overtime which, for the purpose of Sheriff's Deputies, is paid at one and a half (1 ½) times their calculated hourly salary for all hours worked over 171 hours in a 28 day period. Commissioner Ross seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson joined the meeting at this time.

The Board met with CPA James J. Wosepka met with the Board in regard to the final 2004 audit. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the MD&A and 2004 audited financial statement and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have James J. Wosepka PC do the 2005 audit report for the same price as the 2004 audit and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to enter into a new Incarceration Agreement between the County and the Southwest Multi-County Correction Center and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Justin Kohanes met with the Board regarding the possibility of the County hiring independent truckers to haul gravel for the county. The Board stated that this wasn't something they were considering at this time.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss bidding the Hwy 10 project next year and the bid letting for the Divide Road Project #SC-FHC-02-01(006) in February 2006.

Ken Stedman stopped in at the meeting to discuss the condition of 25th Street, County Road 5 and the Bonnie View Road.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y02896 on the GPS Unit & Training Grant and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 29, 2005 9:00 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was for the Board to approve the final 2005 vouchers and amend various 2005 budgets.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the SW District Health budget by \$2000.00 due to extra revenue received and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Commissioners regarding his 2005 budgets and expenses.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to amend all the unorganized budgets due to the road tax revenue that was received in these townships and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the Special County road budget by \$24,000.00 due to Oil Impact Grants and a higher PILT payment than projected and higher fuel & repair expenses and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to amend the County Highway Tax budget by \$17,000.00 due to the repayment of to the Road Reserve Fund for monies borrowed from this fund in 2004 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the General Fund by \$170,000.00 due to excess Oil & Gas funds, and to transfer \$50,000.00 into the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and \$120,000.00 into the Road Reserve Fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman