

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 4, 2007 8:00 A.M.

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

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

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

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Bares as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Judy Ridenhower and Beverly Kukowski to another 3 year term on the GV County Library Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Jerry Weinreis to another 4 year term on the GV County Airport Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Commissioner Bares to the County Social Service Board, to fill the seat held by Gary Ross, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner informed the Board that he is resigning from the GV County Library Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Commissioner Thompson to the GV County Library Board to fill this vacancy and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Bares made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y03831 for law enforcement overtime and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that the cost per vote for the November General Election was \$5.68 which is almost half the cost of the Primary vote.

The Chairman and Sheriff Steele signed an updated Law Enforcement Services Contract between the County and the City of Beach.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign an updated agreement for prisoner care between the County and the SW Multi-County Correctional Center and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the applications he has received for the deputy positions that are open. There are 2 positions open due to the resignation of Deputy Pete Sellie on December 31, 2006. Sheriff Steele requested that one or more of the Commissioners sit in on the interviews. There was also discussion regarding the sheriff and deputy salaries, repairs needed on the Sheriff's Shop and deputy pay for holidays. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Sheriff's budget and raise the Sheriff salary to \$34180.00 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Volesky from the Golden Valley News joined the meeting.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to inform them of an LEPC meeting to be held in March in which they plan to discuss a more specific burn ban. Kitty also informed the Board of a December power outage that was due to a bad battery on the Sentinel Butte repeater and that the County will have to change their repeater due to a new State Radio frequency which should be paid for by the State and Homeland Grants.

Bobby Olstad from Dakota Insurance met with the Board to review the County's insurance policy and discuss changes and claims for 2006. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay this insurance premium as a prepaid bill, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Coroner John Foster met with the Board to inform the Board that there currently is no State Medical Examiner for autopsies but the State has a temporary part-time doctor hired for now so the county may still have to pay for some autopsies depending on the circumstances. There was also discussion regarding a salary for the Coroner position. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Coroner budget and pay John \$100.00 per month, effective January 2007, for his coroner services and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Erv Bren, Executive Director of Community Action Partnership and his Executive Assistant Donna Montalvo met with the Board to discuss their services and how many people have been served in Golden Valley County by their services. Former Commissioner Gary Ross had served

on their Board of Directors for 8 years before he resigned. Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Commissioner Thompson as a County Representative on the Community Action Partnership Board and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Emanuel Culman met with the Board to discuss his plans with the Bijou Theater that he is purchasing from Margaret Walz. Culman also discussed ideas to get I-94 traffic to stop in downtown Beach and the road south of Golva going to Marmarth. The Board informed him that there are no immediate plans in the future to do more than just regular maintenance on this road.

The Board discussed reestablishing the County's American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Board. They appointed Commissioner Quale, States Attorney Charles J. Peterson, Treasurer Gene Skoglund and Custodian Al Miller to the ADA Board and they will try to meet in the near future.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss various road department issues and go over the vehicles on the county insurance policy.

Alan Wosepka, Edward Dietz, LeRoy Johnson, John Kouba, George Underwood, Curt Ekre and Dick Olstad met with the Board and Road Foreman to discuss what steps the County plans to take in regard to the county roads. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld presented a Road Priority List, which listed over 77 miles of road, for everyone to review to see what the road department has planned. Wirtzfeld stated that the time frame on these projects will be contingent on weather, regular road maintenance, emergency needs and availability of surfacing. He stated that his department tries to do a 3 year geographical area cycle and the southern part of the county will be this year. Wirtzfeld discussed proposed pits for crushing and asked the group for any ideas on available pits. He stated that there is some flexibility in the road budget to do some contracting for services if he can find contractors willing to do the work. He said the County can do the work cheaper than the going custom rate due to breaks they get on taxes etc. He also spoke about mill levy and PILT monies, and that the County has taken over 80-90 miles of division line roads and connecting roads in addition to the 320 miles of county roads they have to maintain. He stated that there will always be a priority road list as roads change over the years. Various comments made by the county residents were: the quality of the surfacing that the county puts on their roads, how deep this surfacing is put on the roads, that the roads aren't maintained to the degree they should be for the amount of money being spent, that the 320 miles of county roads along with the planned work is too much for the county road department so they should hire some contractors to get the projects done, there is a time frame for getting the work done so the road department should work weekends when the conditions are right, and no crowns are being left on the roads as they are grading them flat. Wosepka stated that the reason for passing the petition around was to see how the county residents felt about the roads and bring the problems to the Commissioners as they felt the condition of the roads are going behind and some improvements need to be made. The Board thanked the group for coming in and for their input.

The Board set Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00 P.M. as the date and time for the annual County/Township meeting at the Community Ambulance Building.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Local Permit for the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame, to raffle off a horse at the Home on the Range Rodeo, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y03586 for the water truck the county purchased and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Schmeling met with the Board to ask for permission for the Beach Trap Club to hold a smoker at the Buffalo Gap Lodge to raise funds for the Beach Trap Club. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Charity Local Permit for the Beach Trap Club to have poker, paddlewheels and raffles at Buffalo Gap Lodge the evening of

February 9th and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss the County's ordinances for solid waste, especially feedlots in our county. Stacey stated that currently the county does not have any special ordinances other than those mandated by the State. The Board asked Stacey to have the Zoning Board address this issue at their next zoning meeting to see if the County needs more stringent regulations than those set by the State.

Sheriff Steele met with the Board to discuss the deputy situation. The deputy he had hired had to back out but will help out part time until a new deputy is hired. Steele will be holding 3 interviews in the next couple of days and asked any of the Commissioners who may be available to sit in on the interviews.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to update them on the new repeater and frequency she is working on with Tab Electronics and State Radio.

The Board was presented the Treasurer's Bi-annual report:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-06 through 12-31-06

BALANCE 7-1-2006	\$3,487,503.62		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$152,155.05	JULY PAYMENTS	\$185,746.70
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$280,265.51	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$180,147.19
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$214,558.34	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$242,614.13
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$145,716.98	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$256,124.42
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$479,191.16	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$226,835.11

DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$905,773.82	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$651,512.05
		BALANCE 12-31-2006	\$3,922,184.88
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TOTAL	\$5,665,164.48		\$5,665,164.48
BALANCE 12-31-2006	\$3,922,184.88	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,353,718.64
		LIBRARY CD & SAV.	\$70,197.36
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$2,328,503.56
		CASH ITEMS	\$60.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$164,792.94
		CASH ON HAND	\$4,912.38
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TOTAL	\$3,922,184.88		\$3,922,184.88

Gene Skoglund, County Treasurer

Golden Valley Manor Administrator Vickie Braden and Board Members Steve Raisler and Paul Thompson met with the Board to update them on the status of the generator for the manor. They stated that the electrical bill for installing the generator came in at \$15,000.00 over what they had estimated so they will still need more funds. The group reviewed the Manor's source of revenues and the services they provide. The Board tabled a decision for additional funding until their meeting in March.

County Agent Ashley Krause met with the Board to inform them that NDSU SW District Director, Gerald Sturn, will be here Thursday for Ashley's annual evaluation and invited any of the Commissioners to sit in on it. Ashley also stated that things were going well in the office.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects, scoria & gravel pits, crushing, the 2007 oil impact grant application and the NDACE convention Pete attended in Fargo last week. Pete informed the Board that the road crew will be attending a gravel maintenance workshop in Dickinson on February 13th. Doug Johnson stopped in to see if the county planned to get any more gravel from his pit. There was discussion regarding the water truck the county just purchased. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road Reserve Budget by \$115,000.00 and transfer this amount into the Special County Road budget to pay for the water truck and current road expenses per the 2007 road budget and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Dave Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

center was a good cause for the county funds they had apportioned to the Manor, but there are no more county funds available for additional support.

The Board received a letter from T&T Investments asking the Board to waive the penalties & interest on their properties in Beach. The Board was informed by the States Attorney that they are unable to waive penalties & interest that are charged due to the late payment of taxes.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-13

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

WHEREAS, In Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Golden Valley County homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Golden Valley County Emergency Management coordinate these efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Golden Valley County organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during all emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications facilities and resources will improve Golden Valley County's ability to utilize federal funding to

enhance county readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of the incident management activities of Golden Valley County, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in Golden Valley County Commission, we do hereby adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and will be utilizing such for all incident management activities within Golden Valley County.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2007.

Chairman, Golden Valley County Commission

Auditor, Golden Valley County

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign updated mutual aid agreements between Golden Valley County and Billings County and Stark County and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Rechlin, Executive Director of Community Works North Dakota and Bonnie Fischer, Housing Program Lender of Community Works North Dakota and Deb Walworth, Executive Director of Prairie West Development met with the Board to discuss the services of Community Works North Dakota. The Dream Fund is only one of the programs they offer and they partnership up with counties and local banks for this home loan program. The County has pledged \$2800.00 a year for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Commissioner Bares made a motion to lift the County's requirement that these funds be spent in Golden Valley County, as this restricts these funds, and all applicants have access to all available funds and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board spoke to Deb Walworth about a County Commissioner sitting on the Prairie West Development Board. Deb stated that if one of them chose to do so they would welcome them on the board but even if they didn't want to be a member they are always welcome at their public meetings.

Sheriff Steele met with the Board to inform them that he has hired 2 new deputies for the sheriff department. Steele introduced deputy Kyle Taylor and the other deputy is scheduled to start in April. Steele also visited with the Board regarding a bill at the Vet Clinic for an animal picked up in the county and the Board approved to pay this bill. Steele and DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz visited with the Board in regard to the new repeater on Sentinel Butte hill.

At 11:00 A.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with County Park Board member Kim Nunberg. Janie Rathbun representing the Beach City Park, Walter Losinski representing the Spirit of the West and Dan Farstveet representing the County Fair Board

met with the board requesting County Park Funds. A letter from the Golva City Park was also presented requesting funds for their annual fire works display. Irv Bares made a motion to give the Beach City Park \$5000.00 for the pool, \$1000.00 to the Golf Association, \$500.00 each to Golva Park, Sentinel Public Rec and the County Fair Board and \$1000.00 to the Spirit of the West for entertainment and Kim Nunberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Kim Nunberg made a motion to submit the funds in the County Pool Fund to the Beach City Park for the pool payment and Irv Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rathbun informed the group that there are 3 payments of \$21,369.00 left on the pool including the payment for 2007. Irv Bares made a motion to adjourn as the County Park Board at 11:30 A.M. and Kim Nunberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Kim Nunberg visited briefly with the Board regarding her recent trip to Washington DC. Kim represented our area on this trip through Rural Leadership North Dakota, a 2 year program through NDSU Extension. Kim was able to meet with the North Dakota Legislators on her trip to discuss concerns and happenings in SW North Dakota.

County Recorder/Clerk of Court Susan Davidson met with the Board to request the county putting a small refrigerator in the Commissioner Room. The Board approved of having Commissioner Bares look into purchasing one for the courthouse.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the oil impact grant application, a request from Summit Resources to place a road on a section line for a proposed well in Section 25-143-103 and future road projects.

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

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman
County Auditor

Dave Quale
Chairman, Co. Commissioner



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 3, 2007 9:00 A.M.

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

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to pay the C.E. Brooks & Associates bill out of the General Contingency Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that the 2007 PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) came in at \$753,664.02. The Board will try to meet with the School Districts at their May meeting to discuss disbursing these funds.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss quotes he has received on work on the Sheriff's Shop. The Board said to check with Weyer & Hammerstrom to see if the bid they submitted last April was still good and if not Steele will check into possibly putting it out on bids again. Steele also informed the Board that the sheriff department is fully staffed again as Cody Johnson started yesterday. Both deputy Taylor & Johnson will have to attend the academy in the future. Steele discussed a bill for ammunition from Midway USA and the Board approved to pay this bill as a prepaid when it comes in. There was also discussion regarding selling Dewey Stedman the handgun he used while he was employed by the County. Commissioner Thompson made a motion sell Stedman the hand gun he used, for the trade in value, and allow Steele to purchase a new hand gun for the new deputy, so all their guns will be the same model, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Coroner John Foster met with the Board to discuss various aspects and expenses of the Coroner's office. A new State Medical Examiner will be on Board in July.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to cast a proxy vote for Richard Aberle to the Board of Directors for the ND Insurance Reserve Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim & Mae Muckle met with the Board to discuss right-of-way the State &/or County purchased back in 1936 for Old Highway 10, formerly known as the Old Red Trail. There are no records showing where this right-of-way was ever deeded back to Muckle's after the new State Highway 10 was built. The acres in question are in the North ½ of Section 22-140-104. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman was present for this part of the meeting and she & the Recorder's Office will research this issue and get back to the Board and Muckle's on this issue.

Roger Dorval from County Engineering Services met with the Board to inform them of the services they provide and various projects they have done for Dunn County and the costs involved.

Alan Wosepka and George Underwood met with the Board and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld regarding the roads in their area, especially the one east of Underwoods to Wosepkas. Wosepka wanted to know why it has taken so long to get anything done on this road as he has been in at least 4 times over the past 3 years and it is so bad now that an ambulance wouldn't be able to get to his ranch. They suggested the Board go out and drive their roads so they would know what they are talking about. They said the County has too much work for their crew and suggested they contract some of these projects out to help catch up on these projects. The Board stated that their road is their next project and asked for some ideas of who to contract with for help on these projects.

2:00 P.M. was the advertised time to open the gravel crushing bids. Only one bid was received and it was from Fisher Sand & Gravel Company of Dickinson. Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept Fisher's bid of \$3.39 per cubic yard for gravel and \$2.59 per cubic yard for scoria and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss current & future road projects, to update the Board on what the county road crew has been doing and the availability of contractors in the area to help with road projects. The Board signed an Application to Obtain State Land for Road Right-of-Way for work on the Pipeline Road.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Waterline Easement for Donald Maus to cross 52nd St. going from the SE1/4 of Section 19-137-104 south to the NE1/4 of Section 30-137-104 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to request partial reimbursement on Oil Impact Grant #Y03337 on the Pipeline Road and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a raffle permit for Home on the Range and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Kim Nunberg to another 2 year term as the County's representative on the SW Rural Economic Area Partnership (SW REAP) Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that she will be attending the ND County Auditor's Convention June 13th-15th in Belcourt.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss advertising bids for renovations on the sheriff department's impound building, bidding a new sheriff vehicle since they are down to 3 vehicles for 4 officers and other department issues. Pat Lothspeich from ND Game & Fish joined the group to discuss his & the Sheriff's concerns on boating accidents at Odland's Dam. The increased use of this recreational site and the overlapping uses of the dam may be a cause for some regulations to be put in place. The group decided to hold a public meeting for input & suggestions regarding this issue and possibly setting up a user board.

Jim & Mae Muckle met with the Board and Tax Director Stacey Heckaman regarding right-of-way acres that the County purchased from Samuel Muckle in 1928 and a Warranty Deed was filed on these 8.92 acres. Muckle's own property around these acres and the Board informed them that they could purchase these acres from the County. Muckle's stated they will get back to the Board on this offer and in the meantime the Board will check with the County States Attorney regarding the County's options in selling this property.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the County Coroner's budget by \$2000.00 from the General Contingency Fund, for unexpected expenses in the Coroner's budget this year and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. The Board first met as the Unorganized Township Board. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman was present for this meeting. Stacey stated that overall there was approximately a 3% increase in the 2007 unorganized township values. After reviewing changes made in the unorganized townships, Commissioner Thompson 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

2007 were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion that based on the proceedings motions, the Board declared the assessment roll for 2007 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:20 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then met as the County Equalization Board. Stacey stated that overall there was approximately a 5% increase in the County taking into consideration agricultural, residential and commercial property. She informed the Board that she has a +/- 5% tolerance within State values to work with. Stacey stated that 2 of the biggest increases were valuation changes in residential houses in Beach and adding the new Flying J Station to the tax roll. Stacey reviewed the additions, deletions and changes in classifications she has made county wide on the 2007 valuations. Commissioner Bares made a motion that the commercial 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 Equalization, met the ND Statues Guideline of the State Board of Equalization as shown by the Commercial and Residential Ration Study and Adjustment Worksheet and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson 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 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares 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 Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that the overall assessment roll for 2007 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 Bares made a motion to declare the Assessment Roll and Statistical Reports for Golden Valley County for 2007 equalized as assessed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adjourn as the County Equalization Board at 2:15 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Sexton, Tina Thornton and Curtis Grudniewski from the US Forest Service along with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board for their annual meeting. Items discussed were the Schedule A,B & C Road Maintenance Agreements, scoria & gravel permits, road easements and future road projects.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects. Pete also informed the Board that the new mower tractor the

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road Reserve Budget by \$21,815.66 for the 2nd Quarter BLM Mineral disbursements and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board at 9:30 which was the advertised time for opening bids for the Sheriff Department Impound Building. No bids were received so the Board approved of extending the bid opening until 10:00 A.M. at the August 7th meeting. Sheriff Steele also discussed quotes he has received on a new sheriff vehicle and law enforcement contracts with all 3 cities in the county.

The Board reviewed the following Treasurers bi-annual report:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-07 through 6-30-07

BALANCE 1-1-2007	\$3,922,184.88		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$919,526.24	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,025,378.23
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$1,715,956.08	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$769,105.97
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$225,810.96	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$1,023,617.27
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$898,004.24	APR. PAYMENTS	\$204,441.55
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$887,935.16	MAY PAYMENTS	\$966,069.12
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$141,093.51	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$258,008.22
		BALANCE 6-30-07	\$4,463,890.71
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TOTAL	\$8,710,511.07		\$8,710,511.07
BALANCE 6-30-2007	\$4,463,890.71	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,305,467.99
		LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$70,197.36
		CERT.OF DEP.	\$3,082,998.47
		CASH ITEMS	\$86.64
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$1,318.09
		CASH ON HAND	\$3,822.16
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TOTAL	\$4,463,890.71		\$4,463,890.71

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

The Board was informed that due to House Bill 1107, effective August 1, 2007 the state mileage rate will be 45 cents per mile and lodging will increase to \$55.00 plus applicable taxes. The rates for meals will remain the same.

Golden Valley County has been awarded \$100,000.00 for their Oil Impact Grant application for 2007 to be used for any of the 5 requests the County applied for this year.

Eileen Pfau, Program Director for SW Community Service & Restitution Program met with the Board to update them on the services they provide and request funding again from the County for 2008.

Jerry Mayer, Holly Praus and Teddie Brannin from the Sunrise Youth Bureau met with the Board to discuss their services to the counties and express their appreciation to the County for their support through the 1 mill levy from the County.

County Agent Ashley Krause met with the Board to discuss the cost sharing & funding on the new computer she plans to purchase for her office. Ashley also introduced Deb Dohrmann to the group. Deb works for the FNP Program which deals with Wic, food pantries and various other programs in the counties.

11:30 was the scheduled time for the Harold Quaale abatement hearing. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman informed the group that after reviewing this particular property's valuation she found it comparable & equalized to adjacent properties in the neighborhood. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to reject this abatement since Quaale's valuation has been found comparable & equalized with adjacent properties in the neighborhood and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman presented a pipeline permit for Bear Paw Energy. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve this pipeline permit in Sections 13 & 24-142-103 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Stacey also got approval from the Board to purchase a new air conditioner for her office from the capital outlay funds she had budgeted for 2007.

James J. Wosepka met with the Board to review the 2006 audit report. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld was also present for this part of the meeting. There was discussion regarding various transfers, fund balances and tracking funds & inventory. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that the \$230,000 transfer to the Special County Road Fund in May was from 2006 PILT monies in the Road Reserve Fund, rather than 2007 PILT monies, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have a policy in place to maintain our infrastructure in a condition that will keep it at good to excellent condition and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the 2006 audit report as presented and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deb Walworth, Director of Prairie West Development, met with the Board to update them on various Prairie West activities. Deb also discussed the housing survey that was currently conducted and a proposed demand analysis.

Tom Wilhelmi from Midstate Communications met with the Board to request a limited fiber optic cable easement north of 49th Street in Section 2-137-105. Commissioner Thompson made

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

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

Rod Landblom, Executive Director of Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council, met with the Board in regard to the Home on the Range Water Reservoir & Booster Station Project Grant that the County sponsored. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that as the project sponsor, Golden Valley County agrees that the project can be closed at this time and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach City Auditor, Kim Nunberg, met with the Board to discuss the alley south of the First State Bank and the adjacent land owners.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to inform them that as of this time he still has not received any bids for repairs on the sheriff department impound building so the Board said to just continue to try & find a contractor who would be interested in doing the work. Steele also reported on quotes he has received for a new vehicle and will purchase a 2007 Ford F-150 Super Crew XLT 4X4 from Legacy Ridge. A new deputy is scheduled to begin working for the County on Monday, August 13th.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board on various County issues presently being handled by his office.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to inform them that Federal Funding has been cut on the National Agricultural Imagery Program so there will be no colored aerial photos collected in North Dakota until possibly 2010 unless funding can be found elsewhere. Stacey stated that \$350,000.00 is needed for this program for 2008 and the USDA-FSA indicated they may receive about ½ the funding needed for 2008 and the ND GIS Technical Committee wants to know what other entities are willing to contribute to this program. The Board told Stacey to let them know that Golden Valley County is definitely interested in this program.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve an amended 3 year commercial rental lease agreement between the County and the Golden Valley Soil Conservation District for the County Agent's Office and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to inform them that some adjustments were made on the repeater so now a new one isn't needed, that she will be putting out a news release after the Burn Ban is recalled and discussed the parking lot by the Ambulance Building. There was also discussion regarding the Homeland '04 Grant that was started before Kitty took office and what it will take to close this grant out. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to

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

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve payment for the Sheriff Department's new vehicle when it arrives and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Quale & Thompson attended the Joint Board of County Commissioners SW District Health Unit's Budget hearing in Dickinson August 23rd. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Golden Valley County's share of the SW District Health Unit's 2008 budget and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Recorder Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss how the Document Preservation Fund works. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the 2007 Document Preservation Fund budget to \$3000.00, due to additional revenue in this fund, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding changing the County's Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal date from the first of each year to October 1st of each year. The Board decided to leave the renewal date January 1 since that is when the new budgets take effect each year.

States Attorney Charles Peterson discussed various county issues with the Board. There was discussion regarding the easements his office drew up for vacating the alley south of the First State Bank of Golva in Beach.

Deb Walworth, Prairie West Development Director, met with the Board to discuss an ATV trail that is in the preliminary planning stages to promote tourism in our area. The proposed trail would connect Beach, Golva & Sentinel Butte to the Marmarth and Amidon area.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the updated Local Emergency Operations Plan and have the Chairman sign off on this update. Commissioner Bares made a motion to adopt LEOP Resolution 2007-15 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEOP RESOLUTION 2007-15

By virtue of the authority vested in the Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners, by the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985 (NDCC37-17.1). 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 the plan utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMES) for all incident management activities with Golden Valley County.

This resolution shall have the full force and effect of the Law Executed at Golden Valley County, North Dakota this 4th day of September 2007.

Signed: _____
Dave Quale, Chairperson

Signed: _____
Kitty Knapkewicz, Emergency Manager

Signed: _____
Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Kitty also informed the Board that the County may receive \$10,000.00 for the Sheriff's Department and \$4000.00 for other emergency departments in the County from the Homeland '07 Grant.

Darriane Johnson, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center of Dickinson met with the Board with an update on their activities. Johnson was requesting funding for their program for 2008 along with support for the Family Connection Safe Visitation Center. States Attorney Peterson spoke highly of their services for the County and Johnson brought letters of support she had received for their services and spoke highly of the Sheriff and County Clerk's staff for their help when she comes out to the County.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss his proposed 2008 budget.

County Agent Ashley Krause met with the Board to deliver her monthly report and to inform them that Troy Tescher and Dan Farstveet have both resigned from the County Fair Board. Ashley stated that she has 3 possible candidates to fill these vacancies and will get back to the Board with names at either the October or November meeting. Ashley had the Chairman sign the ND Family Nutrition Program Summary showing support from Golden Valley County for this program.

JoAnn Burtt and Kacey Heidrich from Aflac Insurance Company met with the Board to discuss the different types of coverage Aflac has to offer and to see if the Board would be interested in offering this benefit to the employees at no cost to the County. Beach City Auditor Kim Nunberg sat in on this part of the meeting. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have the County sponsor an Aflac Plan for the County employees and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Burtt and Heidrich will give the County & City employees a presentation on what Aflac has to offer on October 11th.

construction and maintenance of buried utilities in the alley south of the Social Service Building that the City plans to vacate. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of the County signing this easement and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the condition of the bridge on 167th Ave SW. Commissioner Bares made a motion to close or vacate the bridge just north of John Glowers place on 167th Ave SW immediately and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:00 A.M. was the scheduled time for the annual county budget hearing. Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board concerning wages and Tax Director Stacey Heckaman asked if any changes had been made to the budgets she had presented. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to set the Sheriff's wages at \$39500.00 for 2008 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to leave the \$85000.00 that was presented for sheriff deputy wages and give the Sheriff the discretion to set the deputy wages as he sees fit, as long as he doesn't go over budget and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the rest of the 2008 County budgets as amended by the Board, with the Social Service budget contingent to the approval of the Social Service Board, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:00 A. M. the Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and met as the County Park Board along with Board members Kim Nunberg and Brian Keohane. Emanuel Culman was also present for this part of the meeting and offered the Board the use of the Theater for public events. The Auditor read a letter of request for funds from

the Pheasants Forever/Beach Trap Club and the Pumpkin Festival Committee. Commissioner Bares made a motion to give the Golden Valley County Pheasants Forever \$500.00 and the Pumpkin Festival \$300.00 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Nunberg commented that the Board should think of using park funds toward a project in the future. Keohane made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 A.M. and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Kim Nunberg presented the Board with the SW REAP Board's annual report and informed them that she will be the President of this group next year. Kim is the County's representative on this Board.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign an Agreement for Engineering between the County and Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The list of property turned back for taxes was presented to the Board. Only 1 parcel was turned back. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to set a value of \$5000.00 on this property for

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the new patrol unit they have been waiting for. Steele stated that the delivery truck had an accident and the unit was totaled so they are sending a different unit. Steele also informed the Board that Deputy Johnson will be done at the academy on November 16th, but is being deployed January 18th for 12 months, so he will be advertising for another deputy. Steele also discussed his impound, jail & uniform budgets with the Board.

Bob Schmeling was the individual selected by the Board to represent the County at the annual State Fair Meeting in November.

County Agent Ashely Krause met with the Board to inform them that she is planning on starting an advisory council for the Extension Office. This council would comprise 15-20 members and would help in directing the programs offered by her office & would meet 4 times a year. The Board will have to sign off on the members that are appointed for the 2 & 3 year terms.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Gravel Mining Lease between Golden Valley County and Kevin & Kim Plummer, for a pit located in Section 4-135-106, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant. The Board signed an agreement to match 20% of these funds for any grants that the County Sheriff's Office would receive. The Board also agreed to send Tim Oech as the County's representative to a meeting to set up an Advisory Committee Criteria which is the committee that will decide where these regional grant monies will be awarded in our region.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to present an application from Savant Resources LLC for a permit of Notice of Intention to Engage in Geophysical Exploration in the northern part of Golden Valley County. The Board approved of the Chairman signing this permit.

Rick Olson, Mayor of Sentinel Butte and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the County and City of Sentinel Butte working together on Co. Road 11 that passes through the City of Sentinel Butte. Olson stated that they are concerned about dust control and would like to work together to get something done in the city. The Board stated they would keep in contact with Olson once a decision has been made on how they plan to resurface Old Hwy 10.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld discussed his 2007 budget with the Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from the Road Reserve Fund into the Special County Road Fund, and amend the 2007 Special County Road budget for \$150,000.00 due to additional projects & custom hiring done this year that were not in the original budget, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson then made a motion to amend the 2007 Road Reserve Budget for \$247,559.76 to cover the Special County Road transfer and BLM Mineral Payments that have been made from this fund and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the updated 2008-2009 County Federal Aid Program between the County and the State of North

The Auditor presented the Board with the new Blue Cross health insurance premium rates for 2008 and discussed the cap of \$350.00 that had previously been set for this premium. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay the full single policy of \$354.20 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve an Application for Abatement which qualifies for a partial Homestead Credit Exemption for the 2007 taxes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the County Burn Ban. Commissioner Bares made a motion to lift the current Burn Ban on the County and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Nistler met with the Board to make them an offer on Lot 10 of Block 5 of Hunter's 2nd Addition to the City of Beach. This property had been taken back for taxes and was offered at public sale on November 20, 2007. Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept Nistler's offer of \$500.00 for this property and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented with a letter from the ND State Water Commission requesting their concurrence for the State's plans for the SW Water Pipeline Project in the Trotters area, to make sure they are in compliance with the any of the County's applicable zoning laws and development plans. The Chairman signed this letter stating the County is aware and in concurrence with the State's planned activities.

Mark O. Golberg met with the Board to renew his beer & liquor licenses. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the 2008 beer & liquor licenses for the Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deb Walworth, Director of Prairie West Development, met with the Board to discuss a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant that Prairie West plans to apply for to purchase the necessary equipment to help bring the local theater in line with the digital age of entertainment. The Chairman signed a letter of support from the County for this grant.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss gravel pits, the Divide Road Project and various other road issues.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Wireless 911 budget by \$113.24, due to an increase in collections for this fund, therefore increasing the amount of collections submitted, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road Reserve Budget by \$34,190.42 for the BLM Mineral disbursements and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Weed Board budget by \$30,609.74 due to additional chemicals purchased and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 2:00 P.M.