

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )  
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 8, 2008  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 December minutes and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Quale as Chairman of the Board for 2008 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Board for 2008.

The Board was informed that the terms of Gerald Curl and Wanda Olson are up on the County Social Service Board. After much discussion Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Wanda Olson to the Board and appoint Commissioner Thompson, to replace Gerald Curl, to this Board so all three Commissioners would be on this Board like they are in most counties and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will send Curl a letter thanking him for his many years of service to the County on this Board.

States Attorney Peterson gave the Board an update on county issues his office is currently handling.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Sarah Maus to the County Library Board to replace Elaine Kremers whose 2 – 3 year terms are up, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Don Hardy to another term on the GV County Airport Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the deputies on call time. Steele stated that our deputies on call time is really stand by time where they have to respond immediately not just back up time which most on call time is usually considered. Steele also informed the Board that the new vehicle will be ready today, that he has advertised for a new deputy due to the fact that



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2008 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.

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board on current County issues his office is handling.

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

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board and States Attorney to discuss road department employee issues and concerns.

The Board set February 28, 2008, at 1:00 P.M., for the annual County/Township meeting at the Community Ambulance Building.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign an updated agreement between the County and the ND Youth Correction Center and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:00 A.M. the County ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) Board met. Members on this Board include Commissioner Quale, States Attorney Charles J. Peterson, Treasurer Gene Skoglund and Custodian Alan Miller. Also present for this meeting were Commissioners Bares and Thompson. The group discussed possible solutions for getting the County Courthouse accessible and funds that have been set aside and earmarked for this purpose. It was decided that the Auditor would contact an architect to come out and give us some ideas on how to proceed.

The Auditor informed the Board that her Deputy Gwen Miller was resigning to take a full time position at the Beach Pharmacy. The Auditor will advertise for a replacement for this position. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Auditor's budget and transfer the \$10,000.00 that was budgeted in Non-Departmental for a floater position into the Auditor's budget for a deputy, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Commissioner Thompson abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Shawn Adams, Dennis Kohler and Larry Dokken met with the Board to inform them that Empire Oil Company is hoping to erect a communications tower in Sec. 36-144-103. The Board recommended that they deal with the land owner on this project.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the emergency warning sirens in the City of Beach, the jail budget and a video system for the sheriff department vehicles to be partially paid for by the Homeland '07 Grant. Steele also discussed meetings that are being held in Bowman to discuss concerns with State Radio and discussions regarding a regional dispatch. 911

Coordinator Stacey Heckaman also discussed concerns with the 911 dispatching with State Radio.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss crushing and the County HT budget. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the County HT budget by \$267,000.00 for additional crushing and royalties that weren't budgeted for and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to transfer \$290,000.00 from the Road Reserve Fund into the County HT Fund for crushing and royalties and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Emanuel Culman and his wife Cheryl Planert joined the meeting to discuss the County's plans for Old Hwy 10 from Beach to Sentinel Butte. Culman wanted to know if this road would be able to handle more traffic if the tourists could be encouraged to take this road either to or out of Beach and shared other economic development ideas with the group. Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. joined the group during this discussion. Other items discussed by the group were oil impact grants, the convention Wirtzfeld recently attended, crushing and other road department issues.

Ray Tescher met with the Board to discuss a letter that various entities are planning to send to Theodore Roosevelt National Park Superintendent Valorie Naylor regarding the elk population in the park and the escapes to lands adjacent to the Park. Tescher was asking for support from the Commissioners in sending this letter. The Board will decide at their next meeting.

Meeting was declared adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 28, 2008 1:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold the annual County/Township meeting. Seven township officials were in attendance for this meeting.

Chairman Quale welcomed the group and thanked them for coming.

The Auditor handed out the township packets for their annual township meetings in March and briefly discussed the bi-annual township mileage certification with the State.

Pete Wirtzfeld spoke to the group on behalf of the County Weed Board. Pete stated that the Weed Board members are Amy Northrop, Brad Ross, Mike Van Horn, Robert Schmeling and himself. They are always looking for more members if anyone is interested. Topics covered by Wirtzfeld were:

- 50 operators participated in the Landowners Assistance Program last year
- the townships can purchase their chemical for the same bid price as the Weed Board but cannot get cost sharing because they are not spraying for noxious weeds
- the need for contracted weed control sprayers
- the board considering a full time position for weed control that would handle various responsibilities year round

Pete Wirtzfeld then spoke to the group regarding the County Road Department. Various topics covered were:

- county rates are the same as last year
- the townships working with the county for their culvert needs
- gravel hauled on various roads
- projects completed last year and future road projects
- various pits where the county has crushed and plans to crush
- independent contractors used by the county this past year
- the Hwy 10 road project that will have its bid letting in June
- road counts done on oil impacted roads
- federal funding on projects
  
- county bridges, conditions and postings
- county work force and advertising for another employee

There was a brief question and answer session.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

ATTEST:



Commissioner Thompson made a motion to enter into a funding agreement with the State for the 2009-2011 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a raffle permit for Home on the Range, with the drawing to be held at the HOTR rodeo in August, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to forfeit the charge for the school election, which is held in conjunction with the Primary, for the Beach School District in exchange for the use of their facilities for the Primary and General Elections this year and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing a Scoria Mining Lease between the County and Lawrence Streitz for a pit in the SE ¼ of Section 26-13-60 in Wibaux County, Montana and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion held regarding contacting an architect from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. that is currently working with the City of Beach to get some options on getting the courthouse accessible. The Auditor is to contact this person and meet with her in the near future.

The Board reviewed the biennial County Township Road Mileage Certification and approved of the Chairman signing this certification on behalf of the County.

The Board reviewed the following Treasurer's semi-annual report:

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

Ledger balance for period 7-1-07 through 12-31-07

BALANCE 7-1-2007	\$4,463,890.71		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$ 195,543.51	JULY PAYMENTS	\$224,348.44
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$ 281,853.74	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$212,819.60
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$ 232,647.78	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$293,419.17
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$ 148,629.95	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$164,351.19
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$ 622,003.55	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$450,178.30
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$ 833,818.82	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$845,773.12

		BALANCE 12-31-2007	\$4,587,498.24
TOTAL	\$6,778,388.06		\$6,778,388.06
BALANCE 12-31-2007	\$4,587,498.24	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,061,441.20
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$ 70,292.64
		CERT. OF DEPOSIT	\$3,349,813.77
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 26.64
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 101,651.67
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 4,272.32
TOTAL	\$4,587,498.24		\$4,587,498.24

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Golden Valley County Treasurer

The Auditor introduced her new deputy Carrie Law who started on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board approved of paying Carrie \$10.50/hr. per the 2008 budget. The Board also approved of both the Auditor and deputy attending the State Election Conference in Bismarck on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Board revisited the letter Ray Tescher brought to their last meeting regarding the elk population in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have the Chairman sign this letter on behalf of the Board and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Olie Golberg met with the Board regarding the road from I-94 into the Buffalo Gap Lodge. Golberg stated that this road has become very rough due to increase traffic into his business. The group discussed the possibility of the County working with Sentinel Township on this road since it is a township road.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss their requests for the 2008 Oil Impact Application, various road projects and other road department issues. The Board approved of the Chairman signing a proposal from American Engineering Testing, Inc. for performing a cold-in-place recycling mix design for Old Hwy 10. The Board gave Kelly their approval to have Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. proceed with environmental studies and pre-scoping with the Forest Service on the VVV Road for possible construction in 2010. The Board also gave the Road Foreman the go ahead to put out specs for a motor grader bid letting in April.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y04169 for traffic counters the county purchased and crushing expenses and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.





WHEREAS, the current fee limited to \$1.00 per month per telephone access line and wireless access line was first implemented by resolution of this board and approved by the voters of Golden Valley County; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code section 57-40.6-02 provides a process of imposing 911 fees by governing board resolution and approval of the voters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners proposes the continuation of the existing 911 fee, and directs that the following measure be placed on the county ballot for the statewide primary election scheduled for June 10, 2008.

Golden Valley County Measure

Should the current emergency services communication fee of up to \$1.00 per month per wireless access line and telephone access line for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 911 communications system be continued? Voter approval would allow a fee, not to exceed \$1.00 per month per wireless (cellular) access line and telephone access line, to be continued for an initial six-year period, with the revenue dedicated to maintaining and operating the emergency services communication system as required by State law.

YES\_\_\_\_\_ A "YES" vote means you approve the continuation of the fee

NO\_\_\_\_\_ A "NO" vote means you don not approve the continuation of the fee

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2008.

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David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

Attest:

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Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

The Auditor gave a brief report on the meeting she, the Treasurer and Custodian had with the architect Souther from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. regarding courthouse accessibility.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Raynette Szudera as the Inspector on the Election Board for the 2008 and 2009 elections and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board decided the precinct hours would be from 7 AM to 7 PM on election day. Commissioner Bares made a motion to raise the election workers wage to

\$10.00 an hour, and not pay mileage, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld stopped in to introduce the new road crew employee Cody Cowan to the Board.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board for the Jeff & Randi Stockwell abatement hearing. After some discussion Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve this abatement as it qualifies for the Renaissance Zone Purchase Exemption and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board approved of Stacey attending a Microsoft Access 2003: Module I class in Mandan on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Stacey also visited with the Board regarding a request from the US Forest Service to obtain county parcel data for public safety issues in the event of a fire. The Board & States Attorney suggested Stacey get more information regarding this request and see what other counties are doing with their requests.

Sheriff Scott Steele stopped in to introduce his new deputy Arlan Swanson to the Board.

At 10:30 the Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and met as the County Park Board along with County Park Board member Kim Nunberg. The following requests were made to the Board:

Rick Olson representing Sentinel Butte Public Rec requested funds to help with repairs on the Sentinel Butte Hall and Museum

Walter Losinski representing Spirit of the West requested funds to help with events for the annual Spirit of the West events on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Janie Rathbun representing the Beach City Park and Golf Course Assn. requested funds for the park and golf course

Deb Walworth, Prairie West Development Director, requested funds to help match a grant for county ATV trails contingent upon them receiving this grant

Cheryl Planert representing the Tree Board for the Beach City Council requested funds to help with setting up an Arbor Day in Beach and to set up a community supported agricultural group for locally grown organic foods

Jen Steiner representing the County Fair Board requested funds to help with redoing the kitchen in the red fair building

A letter from the Golva Park Board requested funds for maintenance on their park

A letter from County Agent Ashely Krause requesting funds to help with an Outdoor Skills Day Camp for kids ages 8-14

Kim Nunberg representing the Legion Baseball requested funds to help with improvements at the Legion Baseball Field

Commissioner Bares made a motion to give Sentinel Public Rec \$1250.00, Spirit of the West \$1000.00, the Golf Course Assn. \$1500.00, Beach City Park \$500.00, Prairie West Development \$2000.00 contingent upon receiving their grant, the Beach Tree Board \$200.00, the Fair Board \$750.00, the Golva Park Board \$1000.00, the Youth Activity Day \$100.00 and the Legion Baseball \$1000.00 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Board member Kim Nunberg abstained from voting since one of the requests came from her. Motion carried.

Nunberg made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 A.M. and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Discussion was held regarding the County Pool Funds. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to give \$1750 from the County Pool Fund to the Beach Legion Baseball for the balance of their request to fix up the baseball field and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board requested the County Pool Fund be called the County Rec Fund since the pool has been paid for.

Robin Lee from Iron Planet in Bismarck met with the Board to discuss purchasing used County road department equipment to sell on their on-line auctions held twice a month.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road department employee issues, various roads and road department issues. Wirtzfeld was instructed by the Board to put up a stop sign on 52<sup>nd</sup> ST SW by the Shawn Weinreis residence.

Brad Juma from Midstate Communications met with the Board and Wirtzfeld to request Limited Fiber Optic Cable Easements. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Limited Fiber Optic Cable Easement between the County and Midstate Communications on the north side of Old Hwy 10 from just east of Beach to the Billings County Line and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Limited Fiber Optic Cable Easement between the County and Midstate Communications from the Westerheim Road unto the

west side of Elk Creek Road for 2 ½ miles through Sections 17, 18 & 19 – 142-103 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**APRIL 8, 2008 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and John Thompson were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to open bids for the lease/purchase of one or more diesel powered motor graders. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld was present for this bid opening.

Robin Lee from Iron Planet submitted an outright bid on the motor graders that may be traded in. Jerry Martinson from Tractor & Equipment and Mark Feland from RDO Equipment both submitted bids to the Board. The Board and Wirtzfeld visited with the salesmen and reviewed the bids and specs. Commissioner Bares made a motion to table the decision on these bids until a later meeting and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 12.45 P.M.

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**APRIL 10, 2008 3:00 P.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner Irvin Bares and John Thompson were present along with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Mark Feland from RDO Equipment.

The purpose of this special meeting was to continue reviewing the bids and specs on the motor graders.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to remove the decision on the motor graders bids from the table and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions;  
and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has either sustained or been threatened with rural  
fires as of this date; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property;  
and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of  
citizens in Golden Valley County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess  
of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Golden Valley County  
Commissioners declare a Burn Ban for Golden Valley County, North Dakota until further notice.  
**ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF  
AN INFRACTION.**

DATED at Golden Valley County, North Dakota this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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

### **RESOLUTION 2008-14**

#### Golden Valley County Fire Emergency Declaration

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 AND A BURN BAN IS IN FORCE.

1. No travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for  
vehicular traffic except as necessary for normal farmer/rancher operations.

2. Industrial operating crews and farmer/rancher operations shall have fire extinguishers and normal fire-fighting equipment at hand, and industrial personnel shall remain at the job site for one-half hour after daily operations are completed.
3. Smoking is restricted to inside of vehicles or buildings.
4. No open burning is to be allowed, including campfires, garbage or pit burning, brush field or ditch burning.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declared a Burn Ban to include a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning and campfires for Golden Valley County, North Dakota until further notice. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF AN INFRACTION.

Dated at Beach, North Dakota this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dave Quale, Chairman  
 Golden Valley County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

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 Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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 David L. Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**APRIL 29, 2008 11:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner Irvin Bares was present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with Jeff Engleson, Director of the Energy Impact Office. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Sheriff Scott Steele and 911 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman were also present for this meeting.

Engleson stated that there are 376 requests for Oil Impact Grants this year totaling over \$26.4 million with only 3 million available for disbursements.

Wirtzfeld reviewed his requests for crushing gravel and to purchaser a motor grader and semi-tractor trailer combination. Wirtzfeld stated that presently Golden Valley County has 62 active wells plus are impacted from traffic from the Billings County wells.

Steele is requesting money to help with overtime for his department for covering these roads due to the increase in traffic and therefore accidents.

Heckaman is requesting funds for new road signage for naming the oil well roads for emergency services and for GPS'ing roads for the new oil well roads.

Engleson will let the County know when the grants have been awarded.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 6, 2008 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services between the State and the County for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented a letter from the County Fair Board requesting that Nichole Davidson be appointed to the County Fair Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Nichole Davidson to the County Fair Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve of the Treasurer signing the Annual Software Support/License Renewal Agreement between the County and Software Innovations and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Bucholz, Account Executive with the State Energy Office and Souther, Architect from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss energy performance contracts that are available through the State. Others present for this presentation were

Treasurer Gene Skoglund, Custodian Al Miller, Beach City Mayor Walter Losinski and Beach City Auditor Kim Nunberg. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to request a preliminary energy audit in conjunction with the City of Beach and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the sheriff's school he had attended in Colorado and said it was a very good school. Steele also discussed their new video cameras, enforcing the burn ban, the sheriff's garage and deputy overtime due to not having hired a fourth deputy. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Sheriff's budget by transferring \$10,000.00 from the 4<sup>th</sup> deputy position into the overtime fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Darrell Dorgan, Executive Director from the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame, Loretta Tescher, Bill Lowman, and George & Sydney Hegge met with the Board to request funds from the County for the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Dorgan stated that this would not be a donation as the County would actually be purchasing a part of the building in Medora like Billings County and other area counties have done. They felt they should ask Golden Valley County for funds since our county has inductees in the Hall of Fame and they employ citizen citizens of Golden Valley County. The Board stated that they will consider this request at budget time.

Ray Clouse and Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss putting in a cattle guard on 166<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in the NW1/4 of Section 4-136-105 and open grazing on this road. The Board said they will have to visit with the Forest Service regarding this request due to the location of this road.

Ron Jablonski, 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



County Agent Ashley Krause met with the Board to inform them that Cheryl Ueckert is willing to serve on the County Fair Board, as there are still a couple of vacancies on this Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Cheryl Ueckert to the County Fair Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board visited briefly about the energy audits for the County. They decided to have one done on the courthouse and the county shop.

Eileen Pfau, Program Director for SW Community Service and Restitution Program met with the Board to update them on their services, discuss funding issues and request monies again for 2009.

Susan Davidson, County Recorder/Clerk of Court, met with the Board to discuss her current software for scanning records in the Recorder's Office and upgrading to new software that would allow them to post these documents on the internet. Commissioner Bares made a motion to allow Susan to proceed with this new software if need be before

the next budget, but to wait on this until the 2009 budget if no problems arise with the current software and computer, and Commissioner Thompson 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 there were no real changes in ag values for the unorganized townships. The only modifiers were due to soil types and rural residential properties. Commissioner Quale left the meeting at this time for the rest of the meeting. Commissioner Bares made a motion that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and found properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that a finding be made that they have reviewed all Exemption Applications and Homestead Credit Applications and found them proper as presented or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2008 have been reviewed and found properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that based on the preceding findings, they declare the Assessment Roll for 2008 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:35 P.M. and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then met as the County Equalization Board. Stacey stated that overall there was a 1.2% increase in County valuations, taking into consideration agricultural, residential and commercial property. Stacey reviewed the various modifiers and changes with the Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and found properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that a finding be made that they have reviewed all Exemption Applications and Homestead Credit Applications and found them proper as presented or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for Golden Valley County for 2008 has been reviewed and found properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that based on the preceding findings, they declare the Assessment Roll for 2008 for Golden Valley County Equalized and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn as the County Equalization Board at 2:25 P.M. and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

911 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss amending the 2008 911 and the Wireless 911 budgets. Stacey stated that nothing has been spent for expenses out of the Wireless 911 budget since these collections began and she would like to use some of these funds for a 20% match on a digital repeater grant, plus monies for the expense of installing it and the base station. Stacey also asked for funds to help pay part of the quarterly 911 fees to State Radio. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Wireless 911 Budget by \$5800.00 to cover these expenses and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Stacey asked to amend the 911 budget to help cover the cost of a new siren for the City of Golva. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the 911 Budget by \$4000.00 to cover part of the new siren expense for Golva and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Zook, Gene Weinreis and Leah Zook, presenting the Golva School District, Larry Helvik representing the Beach School District and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the 2008 PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payment which came in at \$712,425.94. Helvik stated that the Beach School District would be happy with the same percentage of 7.5% as they were granted last year. Weinreis requested more than the 3% they were granted last year due to their high tuition expenses and the valuation of their mills being so low for the Golva School District. After much discussion Commissioner Bares made a motion to give the Beach School District 7.5%, the Golva School District 4%, Sentinel Township 3%, each of the 6 unorganized townships with Forest Service land \$500.00 and the balance of \$606,124.17 in the Road Reserve Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss Forest Highway Routes, the Hwy 10 bid letting this month and other road department issues. The Board approved of making an application to the ND Department of Transportation to add the Westerheim, Bell Lake Road and Highway 10 east of Sentinel Butte to the County Forest Highway System. The Board also approved of Wirtzfeld purchasing a grass drill for seeding grass on county road projects.



Commissioner Bares made a motion to transfer the annual BLM payment of \$17029.00 from the BLM Fund into Special County Road and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Ashley Krause met with the Board to discuss expenses for a docking station for her computer and a new projector. The Board approved these expenditures since they are within her budget.

The Board reviewed the following County Treasurer's biannual report:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER  
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-08 through 6-30-08

BALANCE 1-1-2008	\$4,587,498.24		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$1,657,640.30	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,683,736.57
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$1,801,681.33	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$1,106,055.13
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$ 585,075.71	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$1,554,022.95
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$ 358,042.31	APR. PAYMENTS	\$ 405,706.13
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$1,038,383.77	MAY PAYMENTS	\$ 394,833.37
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$ 869,403.93	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$ 996,765.05
		BALANCE 6-30-2008	\$4,756,606.39
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TOTAL	\$10,897,725.59		\$10,897,725.59
BALANCE 6-30-2008	\$4,756,606.39	BANK DEPOSITS	\$ 959,509.98
		LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$ 70,292.64
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$3,717,958.88
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 146.64
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 3,527.76
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 5,170.49
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TOTAL	\$4,756,606.39		\$4,756,606.39

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GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

Commissioner Bares made a motion to fund the SW District Health Unit's Health Maintenance Program for 2009 with the County's annual contribution of \$3232.00 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Waterline Easement between the County and Pete Wirtzfeld in the S ½ of Section 30-141-103 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Waterline Easement between the County and Dale Maus in the NE ¼ of Section 7-140-104 and the NW ¼ of Section 8-140-104 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the schedule of property the County has insured with State Fire and Tornado.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the following issues:

- a fence in the SE corner of Section 17-141-105 that Harvey Peterson wants to install in the county's rite-of-way which the Board approved with the understanding that Peterson will remove this fence if it ever becomes an issue with the road
- the group was informed that Golden Valley County was awarded \$75,000.00 in Oil Impact Grant monies for 2008 to be used for any of the requests the County applied for
- the County's new motor graders and various other road department issues

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

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-15**

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$1,219,443.00 from Northern Improvement Co. received in the bid opening of June 20, 2008 for Projects SC-1728(053) and SC-1711(054) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY will award to Northern Improvement Company the contract for Projects SC-1728(053) and SC-1711(054) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST:

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County Auditor

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

County: GOLDEN VALLEY





NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declare a Burn Ban for Golden Valley County, North Dakota until further notice. **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF AN INFRACTION.**

DATED at Golden Valley County, North Dakota this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2008.

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Dave Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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

### **RESOLUTION 2008-16**

#### **Golden Valley County Fire Emergency Declaration**

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 AND A BURN BAN IS IN FORCE.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declared Burn Ban to include a ban on the ignition of fireworks, garbage burning and campfires for Golden Valley County, North Dakota until further notice. **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF AN INFRACTION.**

Dated at Beach, North Dakota this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2008.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Quale, Chairman  
Golden Valley County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of an agreement between Golden Valley/Billings County and Hettinger County for providing Social Service Director services and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss bids received on old cars in the sheriff sale and his progress in setting up a Golden Valley County Sheriff Office Rank Structure. Steele requested that the Board exempt Deputy Helsper from the 6 month probationary period due to the fact that he was never offered the opportunity to take the necessary training for the Level IV Officer. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to exempt Deputy Helsper from the 6 month probationary period, under the condition that he complete his training in the required time allotted. Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Steele will meet with the Board again in 6 months to let them know the progress of Helsper's training. The Auditor and Sheriff spoke briefly to the Board about setting up a salary schedule for the County.

County Agent Ashley Krause, Debra Theurer, Extension Agent and Parenting Resources Coordinator from Dickinson, Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, Extension Agent for Stark and Billings Counties and Cindy Krauter, Board member of the West Dakota Parent & Family Resource Center, met with the Board to discuss the services this group has to offer to SW North Dakota. They are a part of NDSU Extension Services. Part of what they offer is parenting education and work with families to enhance and develop skills for parenting. They requested some funding from the County from the 2009 budget. The Board will get back to them on this request once they see how the 2009 budget looks.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board regarding a late Homestead Credit Application. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve this Homestead Credit Abatement and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Stacey also visited with the Board about the possibility of her going to Orlando, Florida with the City Auditor Kim Nunberg for the National League of Cities Convention where the City of Beach will have a renaissance booth. The Convention will be held from November 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board gave their approval for Stacey to check further into this venture and check on funding options.

Clerk of Court/Recorder Susan Davidson met with the Board to request getting wireless internet for the courthouse for the land men to access and to get some tables for the land men to use while they are working in our County. The Board approved of Susan purchasing the wireless access point and 2 tables out of the General Contingency budget. Susan also spoke to the Board about the updated computer software and hardware for document scanning. Commissioner Thompson





DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the County's Burn Ban, meals for firefighters, updating the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Homeland '08 grants and upcoming meetings and exercises she will be attending.

Custodian Al Miller met with the Board to discuss the quote for the paving project behind the courthouse. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to hire Northern Improvement Co. to do this project and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to present them with some Guide Books for accessing agricultural lands that she had received from NDACo and the State Tax Department. Stacey also went over some line items on her 2009 Tax Director, Zoning and 911 budgets.

Beach City Council Member Tim Marman met with the Board to discuss the proposed increase to the County/City Police Contract. Marman asked for a 5% increase instead of the proposed 10% increase since the City will be needing funds for the proposed fire hall. The Board said they will consider this request when they meet on the County budgets next week. Marman also asked if the County would be willing to supply the gravel needed for the new fire hall and Chairman Quale stated that the County would be willing to do that since they had supplied gravel for other entities in the past.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss sheriff department issues and his proposed 2009 budget.

James J. Wosepka met with the Board to discuss his 2007 audit report. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the 2007 Audit as presented and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Darriane Johnson, Executive Director for Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center in Dickinson and Gloria Fichter-Rau met with the Board to discuss their services and request funding from the County in their 2009 budget.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road department issues and budgeting. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Unorganized Township budgets by \$20, 838 for work the County will be doing in these townships in 2008 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Golden Valley County 2009-2010 Federal Aid Program and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bradley Ross stopped in to visit with the Board regarding open grazing laws and cattle that are out grazing in the ditches along 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Bonnie View Road. Ross stated that he has filed complaints with the Sheriff's department regarding this issue.

Commissioner Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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David L. Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )  
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008   9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and John Thompson were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to review and discuss the proposed 2009 budgets.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss various line items on his 2009 budgets.

Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss a few items on her 2009 budget.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the Burn Ban. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to remove the County Burn Ban effective immediately and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to pay a mileage voucher for Arlan Swanson and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman  
County Auditor

David L. Quale  
Chairman, County Commissioners





Pumpkin Festival to be held Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Nunberg made a motion to give the Pumpkin Festival \$300.0 from the County Park Fund and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Tom Wilhelmi and Bernie Schillo met with the County Park Board to request funds from the County Recreation Fund to purchase some property from Jim Harchenko for the golf course. Schillo explained the need for the City to own the property in order to access grants that are available for golf courses. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to give the Beach Golf Association \$15,000.00 from the County Recreation Fund to help purchase these acres and to levy 3 mills again next year in the County Recreation Fund, with 2 of these mills committed to the Beach Golf Assn. to help pay for this property, and Nunberg seconded the motion. Nunberg and Thompson voted in favor of this motion and Bares opposed. It was later determined that Quale needed to vote on this motion and he stated he would vote no. That made it a tie so a special County Park meeting is to be held October 21<sup>st</sup> when Brian Keohane will also be in attendance to make a final decision on this request. Nunberg moved to adjourn at 11:30 A.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Kim Nunberg and Stacey Heckaman met briefly with the Board to discuss their trip to Florida in November for the National League of Cities Convention. Kim stated that all their expenses have been paid for through either donations or grants except for their meals.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a Limited Telephone Line Easement between the County and Midstate Communications for laying a fiber optic line on the west side of Elk Creek Road in sections 7, 18, 19 and 30 of 142-103 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects and road department issues. Wirtzfeld stated that Cowan is done with his 6 months probation with the County Road Department. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve a Waterline Easement between the County and Mel Bosserman in the SW ¼ of Section 3-137-105 crossing 49<sup>th</sup> Street into the NE ¼ of Section 11-137-105 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 21, 2008 12:00 NOON**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners Irvin Bares and John Thompson were present for this meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a hearing on the values set on the property that was turned back to the County for the non-payment of taxes this year. There was no opposition voiced on these values. Commissioner Bares made a motion to leave the values as set at the October 7, 2008 meeting and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at the Board of County Commissioners and convened as the County Park Board. Park Board members Kim Nunberg and Brian Keohane were present for this meeting along with Tom Wilhelmi and Bernie Schillo representing the Beach Golf Assn. The group discussed their previous meeting held on October 7, 2008 since Keohane had been unable to attend this meeting. Thompson made a motion to rescind his motion from the October 7, 2008 meeting of giving the Beach Golf Assn. \$15,000.00 from the County Recreation Fund and levying 3 mills in the County Recreation Fund for next year with 2 of these mills committed to the Beach Golf Assn., due to the misunderstanding on the votes cast for and against this motion, and Nunberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Thompson made a new motion to give the Beach Golf Assn. \$15,000.00 from the County Recreation Fund and to levy 3 mills in the County Recreation Fund for next year with 2 of the 3 mill committed to the Beach Golf Assn. and Nunberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Thompson, Nunberg and Keohane in favor, Bares and Quale opposed. Motion carried.

Keohane made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 and Nunberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Corey Erickson as the County's delegate to the State Fair Association's Annual Meeting and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

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Cecilia Stedman  
County Auditor

David L. Quale  
Chairman, Bd. of Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008  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 Thompson made a motion to approve the October minutes and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the jail budget. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Sheriff's budget by transferring \$18,000 from the General Contingency fund into the Sheriff's jail budget and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented an updated County Permit Agreement between the County and the Oil & Gas Producing Counties. The States Attorney and Sheriff had previously reviewed this agreement. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the renewal of the County Permit Agreement between the County and the Oil & Gas Producing Counties for another 4 years and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a letter from Tim Sauter, Regional Director of Badlands Human Service Center stating that Ceil Stedman's term will expire on their board December 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Ceil Stedman for another 2 year term on the Badlands Human Service Center Regional Council and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding designated wilderness areas in our county. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-17 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2008-17**

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Wilderness Coalition has proposed that over 67,000 acres of National Grasslands, State Land and private land in four western counties and two southeastern counties in North Dakota be designated as wilderness areas; and

WHEREAS, such proposed designation would severely curtail present legal uses of these lands, to the detriment of the local and state economies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County, North Dakota, does oppose designation of these Federal, State and private lands in Billings, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Ransom, Richland and Slope Counties, ND, as wilderness or wilderness study areas.

Dated at Beach, ND, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Quale, Chairman, Bd. of Co. Comm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Tax Director and 911 Coordinator, Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss the updated mapping software ND State Radio is switching to with BullBerry Systems, Inc. This update will cost each of the State Radio counties \$7100.00. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the 2008 911 budget by \$3600.00 to cover half of the initial cost of this update this year and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the agreement, with adjustments, between the County and BullBerry Systems, Inc. Stacey also presented the Board with a permit from Whiting Petroleum. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve of the Geophysical Exploration Permit for Whiting Petroleum, north of I-94 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz and Dan Walz met with the Board to discuss a voucher that was turned in for repairs on the tower on Sentinel Butte.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects and road department issues. The Chairman signed a Change of Order on Projects SC-1728(053) and SC-1711(054) to be done in 2009 instead of 2008. The Board received a letter from Brosz Engineering Inc. soliciting for comments on Project FHO-05-01(001). The Board will have the Road Foreman put together a letter of support on behalf of our County for this project. Discussion was held

regarding a road that goes through Sections 2, 11, 13 & 14 in 144-103. The Board clarified that they consider this to be a private road not a public road.

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

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
DECEMBER 2, 2008   9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners Harley Steffen and John Thompson were present along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson and former Commissioner Irv Bares.

Harley Steffen took his oath of office as County Commissioner for Commissioner District No. 2.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the November minutes and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Peterson gave a brief update on county issues he is currently working on for the County.

The Board set December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. for their final 2008 meeting to approve the final 2008 bills.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Lori Holkup to the County Library Board, to replace Sarah Maus who resigned from the Library Board, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to close the county offices and departments December 26<sup>th</sup> for a longer Christmas holiday and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the new mill levy and percentage sheets for 2008 and discussed the changes in the levies from last year. The total change in the county levies was +.40.

The Board received a letter from the Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce asking the County to help support the Southwest Night at the Legislature on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck. This allows

southwestern North Dakota officials to visit with the legislators regarding issues important to their counties and communities. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to help sponsor this event by sending the Chamber \$250.00 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that the County received an additional \$10333.00 in BLM monies from the Federal Government.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz and 911 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to review the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan has to be approved every five years by the County, Townships, State and FEMA. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-18, with the updates that were discussed and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION 2008-18**

### **GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY**

### **MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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County Commission Chairperson

County Auditor

State of North Dakota  
Golden Valley County

I, Cecilia Stedman, Auditor of Golden Valley County, do hereby certify that the Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held on December 2, 2008 duly adopted the foregoing resolution and is on file in the records of this office.

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County Auditor

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss 2008 capital outlay expenses he had budgeted for his department. Steele discussed expenses on the repeater on Sentinel Butte hill and deputy equipment and what the grants covered on these expenses. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to allow Steele to purchase the radio equipment he had budgeted for in capital outlay and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to allow Steele to purchase the deputy equipment for a fourth deputy that was budgeted in capital outlay and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Steele stated that Dan Whitcomb will be working for his department until the sheriff's department is full staffed.

Roger Barkland met with the Board to make them an offer on some lots that were turned back to the County for unpaid taxes. Barkland offered \$250.00 per lot. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to accept Roger Barkland's offer of \$250.00 for Lot 10 and Lot 13 of Block 2 of Hunter's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition to the City of Beach and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a Service Award Program to award county employees who have completed years of service in five year increments. These awards will be paid on the employee's payroll on their anniversary month and range from \$100 for 5 years up to \$1000 for 45 years or more. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to implement this

program starting in 2009 on everyone's anniversary date if they have been here over five years and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Part-time employees will be given ½ of the award amount and this expense will be paid out of the general contingency fund in 2009.

Clerk of Court Susan Davidson, Trial Court Administrator Donna Wunderlich and Trial Court Manager Ross Munns met with the Board to discuss the court facilities improvement grants. The counties can apply for these grants for upgrades in their courtrooms and the State will pay 75% of the cost with the counties paying 25%. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to apply for





Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner John Thompson was present for this meeting. Commissioner Harley Steffen was unable to attend.

The purpose of this special meeting was to approve the final 2008 vouchers and amend budgets.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the Unorganized Township 136-105 budget by \$100.00, the Unorganized Township 141-103 budget by \$900.00 and the Unorganized Township 142-103 budget by \$25.00 due to additional work done in these townships and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Road Reserve Budget by \$190,000.00 due to BLM Mineral Revenue and disbursements to the schools and cities and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Homeland '08 budget by \$50,000.00 due to the Homeland '08 grant the County received this year and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the County Library budget by \$4100.00 due to the book fairs, donations and additional State Aid that allowed them to purchase more books and supplies than originally budgeted and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the General Fund budget by \$400,000.00 due to additional oil & gas revenues received, and to transfer \$200,000.00 to Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and \$200,000.00 to the Road Reserve Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to renew the beer and liquor licenses for Buffalo Gap Lodge and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve and Pipeline Easement between Golden Valley County and Bear Paw Energy in the SE1/4 of Section 13-144-103 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.