

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 5, 2010 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

States Attorney Charles Peterson gave the Board a brief update on cases he is currently handling for the County.

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

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

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to reappoint Dr. William Tidball to the County Airport Board for another term and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Board:

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of the 2008 and 2009 abatements for an applicant who qualifies for a blind persons exemption under NDCC 57-02-08(22) and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign the County Federal Aid Contract for Project SC-FHC-1746(054) and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Olstad from Dakota Insurance Agency met with the Board for their annual insurance review.

Veteran Service Officer Harvey Peterson met with the Board to let them know that he will be resigning as the County's Veteran's Service Officer on May 31, 2010, unless the County makes other provisions for this position earlier than the end of May. Peterson gave the Board various recommendations for this office that he would like them to consider for this position in the future.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay the SW District Health Unit's annual 2009 donation of \$3232.00 out of the Contingency Fund, since it hadn't been requested by the District from the County in 2009, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's bi-annual report:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-09 through 12-31-09

BALANCE 7-1-2009	\$6,087,781.25		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$ 893,095.21	JULY PAYMENTS	\$1,310,222.84
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$ 348,333.10	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$ 452,395.27
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$ 222,523.70	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$ 270,628.23
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$ 465,782.55	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$ 815,889.06
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$ 146,704.40	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$ 244,004.05
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$ 645,190.08	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$ 347,823.75
		BALANCE 12-31-2009	\$5,368,447.09
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TOTAL	\$8,809,410.29		\$8,809,410.29
BALANCE 12-31-2009	\$5,368,447.09	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,157,492.22
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$ 71,663.48
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$4,132,119.31
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 86.64
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 1,313.09
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 5,772.35
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TOTAL	\$5,368,447.09		\$5,368,447.09

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

Ron Jablonski from the Forest Service met with the Board to discuss a potential rehabilitation of Williams Dam with stimulus funds that he is applying for. Also discussed were the VVV Road Project and the power line relocation for this project. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, John Sokoloski, Dale Evans, Ray Clouse and Bob Makelky all representing Goldenwest Electric Coop. and George Weinreis who lives on the VVV Ranch were all present to discuss this power line relocation project with the Board and Jablonski. Jablonski will have the Forest Service send a letter to Goldenwest Electric Coop. regarding the regulations in relocating these poles on the Forest Service Land along the road project. Evans and Sokoloski also thanked Wirtzfeld for the help they received from the County Road Department during the last storm and power outage.

County Superintendent of Schools Virginia Bares met with the Board to present her letter of resignation effective June 30, 2010. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept Virginia's resignation effective June 30, 2010 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION 2010-12
COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners accepted the resignation of County Superintendent of Schools, Virginia Bares, as of June 30, 2010.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of County Superintendent of Schools for Golden Valley County be dissolved as of June 30, 2010, and the statutory duties be assigned to the various county and school officers.

On vote being taken, all voted yes, and the Chairman declared the Resolution adopted.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Cecilia Stedman, Auditor David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss snow removal and other road department issues. Sheriff Scott Steele and DES Manager Carrie Law met with the Board and Wirtzfeld regarding emergencies during snow storms, alternate areas to park trucks off the interstate and the County Road Department helping with clearing off these areas to park the trucks.

Doug and Judy Johnson met with the Board to discuss alternate mail routes for the Sentinel Butte mail route.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 2, 2010 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to enter into another funding agreement with the State for the 2011-2013 biennium, to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board, States Attorney and Auditor discussed the various duties of the County Superintendent position that would be assigned to designees at the schools and county.

Two applications were received for the Veteran's Service Officer position. After reviewing the applications it was decided that Commissioner Steffen will hold interviews with the 2 applicants next week. Steffen will report back to the Board before a final decision is made regarding this appointment.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve 3 Homestead Credit abatements and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to inform them of her annual performance evaluation and request that one of them sit in on her evaluation.

There was discussion regarding 2.75 acres of property the County owns in the SW ¼ of Section 16-141-105. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to put this County property up for bids and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and convened as the County Park Board along with Park Board members Brian Keohane and Kim Nunberg. Janie Rathbun requested \$8000.00 for pool expenses, Tom Wilhelmi & Jim Groll requested half of the land payment for the golf course, Ashley Ueckert requested \$2000.00 for the Fair Board for fair related expenses, Walter Losinski requested \$1000.00 for the Spirit of the West Celebration and a fax was received from the Golva Park Board requesting \$1100.00 for their annual fire works display and playground equipment. After some discussion regarding the available funds and requests, Nunberg made a motion to give \$10,000.00 to the Beach Golf Assn., \$5000.00 to the Beach City Park for the pool, \$2000.00 to the County Fair Board, \$1000.00 to the Spirit of the West and \$1200.00 to the Golva Park and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. These disbursements will come out of the County Park and County Rec Funds. Nunberg made a motion to adjourn as the County Park Board at 11:00 A.M. and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board approved of County Coroner John Foster attending the First Annual Medicolegal Death Investigation Conference for ND Coroners in Minot on April 28th.

Various election related issues were brought before the Board. The Auditor requested that the County forfeit the charge to both schools and the 3 cities, for their elections that are held in conjunction with the County at the Primary Election, since it is all tax dollars used for the elections. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to forfeit the charges to the schools and cities for their elections held in conjunction with the Primary Election and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Raynette Szudera as the Inspector on the Election Board for the 2010 and 2011 elections and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board set the precinct hours at 8:00 A.M. to 7 P.M. on election day and left the election workers wage at \$10.00 per hour with no payment for mileage.

The Auditor informed the Board that she will be attending a mandatory Election Conference in Bismarck, put on by the Secretary of State's Office, on March 23rd and 24th.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board regarding road projects, road department issues and the possibility of upgrading the county motor graders due to new designs on the graders. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to apply for an Oil Impact Grant for 2010 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 11, 2010 1:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold the annual County/Township meeting at the Community Ambulance Building. Six (6) townships were represented by nine (9) township officials.

Chairman Dave Quale welcomed the group to the meeting.

Next, County Road Foremen, Pete Wirtzfeld spoke to the group regarding the following items:

- Rates for blading, mowing, hauling, and plowing will stay the same as in 2009
- Current culvert policy will remain in effect for 2010
- Oil impact grants are due March 26th, and as always, are highly competitive
 - \$35 million in requests were made with only \$2.8 million available for allocation in 2009

- Majority of 2009 impact grants went to cities, townships, and fire departments-not counties
- \$55,000 was awarded between Golden Valley County's cities, townships and fire departments in 2009
- 2009 Road projects included work on: Van Daele Rd, Carlyle Rd, 156th Ave, 160th Ave, 25th St, 30th St, Westerheim and Red Hills Rd
- Gravel crushing needs to be done, and if townships are in need of gravel, they should contact Pete so they can put up piles. Pete added that if townships are able to cash-flow their own piles, his budget wouldn't have to be amended.
- Future Road projects include realignment and re-grading of the 3Vs Road and County Rd 11, South of Dale Maus'. Also looking into extending three (3) culverts and hauling 50,000 pounds of dirt along County Rd 11.
- ND DOT meetings will be held in the vicinity, asking for local county and township expectations on the level of service they should be receiving.
- ND is considered a recipient state because for every dollar sent to the federal government for gas tax, ND receives two (2) dollars.
- State of ND is asking the county to update its design standards for all the roads-including township roads. For one reason, FEMA won't let a county or township build back a road that's a better standard than it was before it was washed out.
- Survey was sent to Wirtzfeld requesting the miles of impacted roads, money spent on maintenance, and the total number of miles in the county. Pete asked if a member from each represented township could mark their roads on a state map before they left the meeting.

Division line roads were discussed; who's responsible for maintaining and improving division line roads. States Attorney Chuck Peterson informed the group that it is the County Commissioners' responsibility to determine what roads are in its jurisdiction, and have the option of removing roads if taxpayer dollars aren't justified in improving them. Andrew Smith, representing Beach Civil Township, took the opportunity to thank the County Road Department for all their help with pushing snow this winter.

Gordon Ueckert, representing Beach Civil Township, asked if the county was planning on finishing the last two (2) miles of Red Hills Road. Wirtzfeld stated the road department was planning to do so. Ueckert also expressed concern about the increase of oil activity in the Southern part of the county, where the roads are super narrow. Wirtzfeld suggested townships determine primary routes that may be negatively impacted and proactively put money into those roads before the impact. According to Wirtzfeld, he is receiving cooperation from oil companies regarding improving the roads which will be utilized for oil activity.

A new emission level, level four (4), for industry standards is in the works and Wirtzfeld pointed out the frustrating alterations that will have to be made to equipment in order to comply. Wirtzfeld also expressed the need for purchasing another motor grader.

Andrew Smith inquired about the condemned bridge South of the Sentinel Butte cemetery. The bridge is closed, but is sometimes the fire department's only emergency access. Wirtzfeld stated the County plans on replacing the bridge with a low-water crossing.

Concerns about a specific approach on Highway 10 that is a major safety hazard were talked about. Wirtzfeld and Beach Civil Township plan on meeting to discuss ideas for correcting the right-of-way. 911 routes were discussed and it was recommended that townships call the 911 coordinator and let her know when they have certain roads closed.

Discussion continued with instances of reported damages, such as a cattle guard in Beach Civil Township, from oil activity. States Attorney Chuck Peterson said the person/company that caused the physical damages is financially responsible for repair costs. Additionally, such damages can be used to write oil impact grants.

Troy Tescher and Ray Tescher, representing Pearl Township questioned the State road classifications pertaining to weight allowances, traffic, frost restrictions, etc. for Highway 16 and Wirtzfeld explained why Highway 16 is classified the way it is, but to voice concerns to the State if they feel reclassification is needed.

Lastly, Steffen made a motion to hire Henry Gerving as the new Veteran Service Officer at a starting salary of \$400/month. Thompson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The County Commissioners plan to meet with Harvey Peterson's replacement on the 6th of April.

Meeting was declared adjourned at 2:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Carrie Law, Deputy Auditor

David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 6, 2010 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.

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

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve a 2008 and 2009 Homestead Credit application and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed right-of-way easements between the Forest Service and the County on the VVV Road and special use permits with the Forest Service in this area.

States Attorney Peterson discussed the property the County owns in the SW ¼ of Section 16-141-105. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to put this property up for bids, which are to be opened at the Commissioner meeting on May 4th, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Juma from Midstate Communications met with the Board to discuss fiber optic easements in various Townships in the County and wording in the current easements. Juma had previously met with Road Foreman Wirtzfeld regarding these easements.

Veteran Service Officer Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss their expectations and concerns regarding the Veteran's Service Officer position. Henry will attend some mandatory training in Bismarck in April and then work to get the word out about his office hours etc. to the public. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the Veteran's Service budget by \$3500.00 from the General Contingency Fund, for a laptop, printer, and other expenses, that weren't originally budgeted for in 2010 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to give them an update on status of his office deputy Carol Weidner who is been out of the office due to illness.

Julie Zook, Principal of the Lone Tree School District, Gene Weinreis, Lone Tree School Board Member, Larry Helvik, Superintendent of Beach School District, Kim Nunberg, Beach School Board Member and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the County's 2010 PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payment. The payment came in at \$786,872.30 this year. Weinreis stated that he felt these monies should be distributed more where there is a need for tax payer relief. There was also discussion regarding the value of land, taxes and Federal lands in the 2 school districts. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to disburse the PILT monies using the same percentages they used last year and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The disbursements will be as follows: 7 ½ % to Beach School District or \$59,015.42, 3% to Lone Tree School District and Sentinel Twp. or \$23,606.17 each, \$500.00 to each of the 6 unorganized townships with Forest Service lands or \$3000.00 and the balance of \$677,644.54 to the Road Reserve Fund.

The Auditor thanked the 2 school districts for all their help in the process of dissolving the County Superintendent position and the reassigning of duties for this office between the schools and county.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have the Chairman sign an Agreement for Engineering Services between Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Golden Valley County for a 2 year period and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss a Vanguard training workshop for the current software she is using in her office. The Board approved of Stacey attending this workshop in Minot on April 22nd.

Former Veteran's Service Officer Harvey Peterson met with the Board regarding a veteran who had just approached Harvey to help him with a veteran's issue. Harvey said he is willing to help out while Henry Gerving is getting trained for this position. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay Peterson \$15.00 an hour for helping out during this transitional period and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Mark Feland from RDO Equipment Co. met with the Board to discuss the GP model motor graders and the tier 4 emission standards that will soon be going in effect. Commissioner Quale made a motion to advertise for bids for 1 or more motor graders, to be opened at the May 4th meeting, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the VVV Road project, easements and a road project on County Rd 11. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to bid for construction on County Road 11 on Knutson Creek and the Lardy corner and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer \$700,000.00 from the Road Reserve Fund into the Special County Road Fund, per the 2010 budget, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign the biennial County Township Road Mileage Certification and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 4, 2010 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.

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

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services between the State and Golden Valley County, for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of Limited Fiber Optic Cable Easements between Golden Valley County and Midstate Communications Inc. in the following property:

Sections: 3, 4, 20, 21, 28, 31, 32 and 33 in Township 137 Range 104

Sections: 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30 in Township 137 Range 105

Sections: 3 and 10 in Township 136 Range 105

Sections: 19, 30, 31, 34 and 35 in Township 138 Range 104

Sections 4, 9, 16, 21, 22, 27 and 28 in Township 139 Range 104

Sections: 32 and 33 in Township 140 Range 104

Sections: 4, 14 and 23 in Township 140 Range 105

Sections: 7 and 18 in Township 141 Range 104

Sections: 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 20, 21,22,23,24,30,31,32,33 and 35 in Township 142 Range 105

Sections: 2, 3 and 10 in Township 141 Range 105

And to renew an earlier easement in the following property:

Sections: 25, 26 and 27 in Township 138 Range 104

Sections: 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Township 138 Range 103

Sections: 1 and 2 in Township 137 Range 103

Sections: 24, 25 and 36 in Township 138 Range 103

and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Gene Skoglund met with the Board to discuss oil revenue the County received in 2009 and discuss an infrastructure fund that may have to be set up in the County in the future.

10:00 A.M. was the advertised time for the bid opening on a tract of land the County owns in the SW ¼ of Section 16-141-105. No bids were received for this property.

Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman and Zoning Board Chairman Gene Skoglund met with the Board and States Attorney to discuss various zoning issues that have recently come up before the Zoning Board.

There was some discussion regarding reimbursing employees when they pick up supplies for their department. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to reimburse the employee for the total amount, including tax, starting with today's vouchers and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to have the Chairman sign the Family Nutrition Program Form and discuss maternity leave that she and her secretary will be taking later this year.

Con & Sandy Short stopped in to visit with the Board regarding the bridge or low water crossing that is being proposed over the Missouri River near their ranch. They wanted to go on record that they are against this proposal for either a bridge or low water crossing. Chairman Quale stated that the County has gone on record supporting this proposal.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to review the design standards for major collectors and township routes with the Board. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Design Standards on County Major Collectors and Local Roads for New or Reconstruction of Existing Infrastructure and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. joined the group at this time and discussion was held regarding the VVV road project and the project on County Rd 11.

2:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the opening of the motor grader bids. Bids were received from Tractor and Equipment Co. for a 140M AWD motor grader for \$273,559.00 plus \$5687.00 for the Lift Group ADDS at 4.65% interest and from RDO Equipment Co. for an 872G motor grader for \$267,000.00 at 4.45% interest. The Board and Wirtzfeld met individually with both salesmen regarding their machines. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept RDO Equipment Company's bid and purchase 4 motor graders, as per specifications, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will trade in the 3 motor graders the County is using on the new graders.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David L. Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 1, 2010 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.

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

Discussion was held regarding the County Canvass Board for the June Primary election. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Ashley Ueckert to the County Canvass Board, to take the place of County Recorder/Clerk of Court Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson, since they are both ineligible to serve on this board for this election, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Tamra Sperry to the County Committee for the purposes of school district annexations, dissolutions and reorganizations, to replace Darrin Nielson whose term is up, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A request was presented to the Board for their annual support for the SW District Health Unit's Health Maintenance Program for \$3750.00. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to help support this program with a pledge of \$3750.00 for 2011 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was sent to the Chairman from Mike Hanen-Smith requesting a road be built to his property in the SW1/4 of Section 7-141-105. This property is located in Saddle Butte Twp. so Hanen-Smith will be advised to check with Saddle Butte Twp. regarding this requested road.

At 10:30 a public hearing was held in regard to conditional use permit requested by Missouri Basin Well Service for four 400 bbl water tanks, a water meter shed and storage for around 25 frac tanks in the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 20-140-104. Present for this hearing was Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman, Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Gene Hamilton, Mike Jandt, Rod & Mary Oleson, Gordie & Cheryl Ueckert, Sheila Rieman, Robert McManigal, Jim Oberfoell, Alan Begger, Dennis Dietz and David N. Wanner from Missouri Basin Well Service. The County Zoning Board had previously held a

hearing on this permit and passed a motion to approve of this permit and request approval from the Board of County Commissioners. Various issues discussed, but not limited to, were safety issues, road signage, road conditions, water contamination, dust control, water availability,

location, affects on tourism, uses of land that offend others rites and revenue this would bring into the City of Sentinel Butte. States Attorney Peterson informed the Board of their options regarding this request. Commissioner Thompson stated that he had made the motion at the County Zoning Board hearing to approve of this permit. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to table the decision until the July meeting in order for the Board to gather more information and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Steffen and Quale voted in favor of this motion. Thompson voted against the motion. Motion carried.

The Board approved of the County Road Crew attending a Fire Training Workshop for heavy equipment operators at the Baker Fire Station on June 22, 2010.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman informed the Board of changes that have been made since the 2009 taxes and stated that there will be a 2% increase to the cropland soil assessments and a 6% increase in the non-cropland soil assessments for 2010.

The Board met as the Unorganized Township Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and find them proper as assessed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion that a finding be made that there were no Exemption Applications and Homestead Credit Applications to be reviewed and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2010 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the Assessment Roll for 2010 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:35 P.M.

The Board met as the County Equalization Board. Stacey reviewed various changes made since the City equalization meetings. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to recommend a reduction in value for parcel #20-1-04431000 by \$15,300.00 due to fire damages and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to recommend an increase in value for parcel #20-24-05282000 by \$4700.00, since this parcel went from exempt property to taxable property, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion that a finding be made that the Board reviewed all Exemption Applications, including a Veteran's exemption, and Homestead Credit

Applications and found them properly assessed and Commissioner Steffen 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 2010 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the assessment Roll for 2010 for Golden Valley County Equalized and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned as the County Equalization Board at 2:10 P.M.

Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board regarding a natural gas pipeline permit for Bear Paw Energy. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the natural gas pipeline permit for Bear Paw Energy in Sections 1 & 12 of Twp. 143-103 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacey then informed the Board of the recommendations from the County Zoning Board for a shelter fence for Terry Week in the SW ¼ of Section 1-140-106; for the approval of planting 4 or 5 tree rows along the edge of a township road for Troy Tescher and a request from Brad Maus to rezone 17.94 acres in the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 20-138-105 from agricultural to residential. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the fence for Terry Week, approve the tree rows for Troy Tescher and approve the rezoning for Brad Maus as recommended by the County Zoning Board 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 current road projects and other road department issues. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of a permit for Roughrider Electric Coop., Inc. to relocate a power line in Section 26-140-103 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing a Maintenance Agreement for County/Township Roadways within NDDOT Right of Way between the County and ND Department of Transportation and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Olson, Mayor of Sentinel Butte and Dennis Dietz, City Council Member met with the Board and Road Foreman to discuss cost sharing a road project on County Road 11/West St. in Sentinel Butte south of the railroad tracks to the end of the city limits to help with dust control. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to cost share this experimental road project on County Road 11/West Street with the City of Sentinel Butte and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 8, 2010 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners John Thompson and Harley Steffen were present.

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

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the Gaming Site Authorization for Home on the Range to hold a raffle and Calcutta at Home on the Range, with no special restrictions, that had already been approved by phone by all 3 Commissioners on June 21, 2010, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Recovery Zone Bonds allocated to Golden Valley County. The Board agreed to waive the County's allocation, since no request was made for these bonds, and allow the State to redistribute these allocations.

The Auditor presented an email stating that the State has accepted the County's County Superintendent Plan, submitted due to the dissolution of the County Superintendent Position.

The Board was informed that the annual Bureau of Land Management payment was \$28,190.00 for 2010. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer \$27,000.00 from the BLM fund into the Special County Road fund, per the 2010 budgets, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Jablonski, Tina Thornton and Russ Walsh from the US Forest Service met with the Board and Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld for their annual meeting. Items discussed were the Schedule A,B & C Road Maintenance Agreements, scoria & gravel permits, road easements and future projects and regulations.

At 11:00 Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board regarding the 2 applications from the City of Sentinel Butte for water storage tanks and frac tanks. Present for this part of the meeting were Richard Volesky from the Golden Valley News, Rod & Mary Olesen, Dennis Dietz, Pete Wirtzfeld and Sheila Rieman. First order of business, Commissioner Steffen made a motion to remove his motion of June 1, 2010 from the table on a decision for the conditional use permit that was requested by Missouri Basin Well Service, since Missouri Basin Well Service has since withdrawn their application and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Stacey then presented 2 new Conditional Use Permits, both from

the City of Sentinel Butte, for four 400 barrel water tanks and 20-25 storage frac tanks. Application 2010-8 would be located East of County Rd 11 in the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 20-140-104 and Application 2010-9 would be located West of County Rd 11 in the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 19-140-104. Both of these sites are located on Dennis Dietz' land and would be leased to the City of Sentinel Butte. The Zoning Board recommended to the County Commissioners that both of these applications be approved when the Zoning Board conditions are met and a copy of the lease between Dietz and the City of Sentinel Butte is filed with the applications and the application fees are paid. Mary Olesen stated her opposition to these applications and Rod Olesen stated his opinions plus recommended that future Zoning meetings and Commissioner meetings be recorded plus a loud speaker used so everyone could hear what is being said. Stacey stated that both sites are located far enough away from residential areas as required by the zoning regulations. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that applications 2010-8 and 2010-9 be approved, as recommended by the County Zoning Board, subject to the lease agreement being filed and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that she will be attending the Auditor's Annual Convention July 14th, 15th and 16th in Center.

Deb Theurer, Extension Agent and Parenting Resources Coordinator for Western North Dakota met with the Board to explain the services she provides for the counties and to request \$2000.00 to help pay for a parenting session in Golden Valley County. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to budget \$2000.00 for this parenting session out of the 2011 budget and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss various road department issues. Wirtzfeld stated that he has hired David Ekre Sr. to mow roads for the county. Terry Schmeling met with the group to request a waterline easement to cross County Road 11 from the SE ¼ of Section 33-138-104 into the SW ¼ of Section 34-138-104. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the waterline easement between Terry Schmeling and the County to cross County Road 11 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Feland, Sales Representative from RDO Equipment Co. and Greg Ditsworth, Area Finance Manager from RDO Equipment Co. met with the Board and Road Foreman to set up the financing on the new motor graders the County is purchasing from RDO.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 3, 2010 9:00 A.M.**

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

Sheriff Scott Steele stopped in briefly to inform the Board that his deputy Sean Hagen has resigned effective August 10th and that he is advertising to fill Hagen’s position.

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

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer \$100,000.00 from the County Poor Fund into the Social Service Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending a Personnel Records seminar in Bismarck on September 15th.

The Board was presented the following Treasurer’s semi-annual report:

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

Ledger balance for period 1-1-2010 through 6-30-2010

BALANCE 1-1-2010	\$5,368,447.09		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$1,035,804.10	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,036,922.81
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$ 939,824.62	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$ 396,511.44
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$1,072,856.94	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$ 757,278.46
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$1,664,080.34	APR. PAYMENTS	\$1,749,164.63
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 177,082.16	MAY PAYMENTS	\$ 249,469.06
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$ 261,222.39	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$ 288,264.12
		BALANCE 6-30-2101	\$6,041,707.12

TOTAL		\$10,519,317.64		\$10,519,317.64
BALANCE	6-30-2010	\$6,041,707.12	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,817,661.91
			LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$ 71,663.48
			CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$4,145,954.40
			CASH ITEMS	\$ 86.64
			CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 1,358.09
			CASH ON HAND	\$ 4,982.60
TOTAL		\$6,041,707.12		\$6,041,707.12

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

911 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding that was sent out by ND State Radio. Stacey stated that this is just a formal document outlining the responsibilities of each entity for 911 services. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing the Memorandum of Understanding between ND Department of Emergency Services/Division of State Radio and Golden Valley County and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Carrie Law met with the Board to discuss our local radar that is currently being funded through a 4 month grant and is accessed through the State Water Commission's website. The Board said they will consider helping fund this radar at budget time.

James Wosepka met with the Board to review the County's 2009 audit report. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the final 2009 audit report for Golden Valley County and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Wood from Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board and Pete Wirtzfeld to introduce himself to those he hadn't previously met and worked with, and to explain the services his engineering firm has to offer to counties.

At 11:00 A.M. Sherry Adams, Executive Director of the SW District Health Unit and Judy Curl, Golden Valley County's Representative on the District's Board met with the Commissioners for the annual public budget hearing for the SW District Health Unit. There will be a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and the District Board of Health in Dickinson on August 26th to finalize the District's 2011 budget.

Darriane Johnson, Executive Director for the 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 again in 2011 for Domestic Violence and the Family Connection program.

Sheriff Steele met with the Board to discuss the deputy positions that are open in his department, the City/County Law Enforcement Contract and various other department issues.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the County Park 2009 Budget by \$2750, due to the excess funds that were disbursed and not budgeted plus Homestead Credit Abatements, and to amend the County Poor Budget by \$100 and the County Rec Budget by \$25 due to Homestead Credit Abatements and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of the Gravel Mining Lease between Golden Valley County and the Johnson Mineral Trust located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 8-136-104 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Radar Service Contract between Golden Valley County and the ND Atmospheric Resource Board, for local weather radar data for the County and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor presented a letter of resignation from Carrie Law as the County's DES Manager and Deputy Auditor/Treasurer. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept Law's resignation and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have James J. Wosepka, PC conduct the County's 2010 audit report and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a letter from the Forest Service regarding the proposed seismic geophysical exploration on National Forest System lands in Golden Valley County by Petro-Hunt LLC. The Board is in support of this project as long as the County landowners that will be affected by the project are in favor of this exploration.

Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss the permits that were presented at the latest Zoning Board meeting and recommended for approval to the Commissioners. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the variance for Mel Bosserman's feed storage building, and the conditional use permits for Travis Hauck's and Stephen Stemm's residential structures in agricultural zoned districts and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Zoning Board also recommended to the Board that the county update the County's zoning and subdivision regulations through a proposal from Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld & Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss gravel & scoria pits, crushing and road projects.

Christy will present them to the Soil Conservation Board and send the lease back to the County to be signed.

The Auditor introduced her new part-time deputy Brenda Frieze to the Board. Brenda was also hired as the new DES Manager for the County.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss his proposed 2011 road department budgets.

Tax Director and 911 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss her proposed 2011 911 budget and a reverse 911 program called City Watch. Stacey also discussed her proposed 2011 Tax Director budget and her wages with the Board.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss his proposed 2011 Sheriff budget, air cards for the vehicles and the drug task force.

Veteran's Service Officer Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss his proposed 2011 Veteran's budget, new state software and that he is attending the VSO Conference in Fargo next week.

The Board made further adjustments on the budgets and will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2011 budgets at 10:00 A.M. October 5, 2010.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 5, 2010 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.

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

The Auditor informed the Board that no delinquent property was turned back to the County this year.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Corey Erickson as the County's Delegate to the State Fair Association's Annual Meeting in Bismarck and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Southwest Multi-County Correction Center Incarceration Agreement between the SWMCCC and Golden Valley County and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending the Auditor's Association meeting at the NDACo Annual Conference in Bismarck on October 11, 2010.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Auditor's budget by \$1600.00 to cover the vacation and sick leave paid out to her former deputy and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Peterson reviewed a letter he received from Petro-Hunt's lawyer regarding the County's seismic permit regulations with the Board and Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman. Peterson and Heckaman made some revisions to the County's permit and the Board acknowledges that the State Industrial Commission is in control of all the seismic operation regulations with in the State.

10:00 A.M. was the advertised time for the Annual County Budget Hearing. Tax Director, Stacey Heckaman, met with the Board regarding her Tax Director wages. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to increase Stacey's wages by 20%. Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the 2011 budgets as amended by the Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend Resolution 2010-5 to increase the County lodging rate from \$63.00 to \$69.30 plus applicable taxes, due to the new GSA lodging rate and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director, Brenda Frieze, met with the Board to present the revised LEOP. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-13 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2010-13
LEOP RESOLUTION

By virtue of the authority vested in the Golden Valley 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 (NIMS) for all incident management activates with Golden Valley County.

This resolution shall have the full force and effect of the Law Executed at Golden Valley County, North Dakota this 5th day of October, 2010.

Signed: _____
Dave Quale, Chairman of County Commissioners

Signed: _____
Brenda Frieze, Emergency Manager

Attested: _____
Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to let them know she is back from maternity leave, discuss the County Extension lease agreement with the Soil Conservation District and a fall leadership seminar that the ND Rural Leadership Program is putting on October 21, 22 and 23. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the County Extension Budget by \$250.00 to help sponsor the seminar and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of Court Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss the Court Facilities Improvement Grants. Susan stated that this is the 7th round of these grants and the County's share would be 25% of the cost. Susan will put together a grant application and review it with the Board before submitting it to the State.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to reappoint Ceil Stedman as the County's representative on the Badlands Human Service Regional Council for another 2 year term and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Stacey Swanson to the County Canvass Board, to take the place of County Recorder/Clerk of Court Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson, since they are both ineligible to serve on this board for this election, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The County ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) Board, composed of State's Attorney Charles Peterson, Chairman Dave Quale, Treasurer Gene Skoglund and Custodian Al Miller met with the Board to discuss how to make the courthouse accessible or other possible options. The Board will meet again in December to review the plans drawn up by Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and discuss costs for moving along with this project.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to inform them that his office has signed up with the ND Attorney General's Office to take part in the Drug Take Back Program in which they collect and dispose of unused or expired prescriptions, old over the counter drugs and controlled substances. Steele also stated that his 2010 budget has enough monies in it to purchase the new computers for his department and upgrades for his office that will

be needed with the new air card systems they will be getting. The Board approved of this purchase out of the Sheriff's 2010 budget.

Charles Wittenberg from State Bank and Trust met with the Board to discuss the County's retirement plan.

The Auditor informed the Board that her deputy Brenda Frieze has decided to work part time rather than full time, so she will keep the DES position and the Auditor will advertise for the part time Auditor/Treasurer deputy position.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss current road projects and road department issues. The Board also approved of the Chairman signing the County's Federal Aid Program.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 7, 2010 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.

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

GV County States Attorney Charles Peterson updated the Board regarding cases he is handling for the County.

The Board set December 28th at 9:00 A.M. for the final 2010 meeting to pay the final vouchers for the County.

The Auditor informed the Board that she has hired Crystal Nesvig as her part-time deputy. The Board approved of paying Crystal \$11.50 per hour.

Carmen Toman from Nationwide Retirement Solutions met with the Board to discuss their services. Carmen will meet with County Employees after lunch to explain their services to them.

The Auditor informed the Board that the County's health insurance went up 15.6% from last year's premium. Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay a full single premium for the full time employees and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meilon Hildebrant and Christy Strobbe from the Soil Conservation District met with the Board to discuss the Commercial Rental Lease for the County Agent's Office. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing the lease between Golden Valley County and the Soil Conservation District for another three years, as amended by both boards, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board also approved of buying a new hot water heater and fixing the wall and roof at the County Agent's Office out of the Contingency Fund.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to request approval for a 2 week, unpaid leave of absence, for her Secretary Jen Steiner, due to maternity leave and illness. The Board approved of this 2 week unpaid leave of absence for Jen Steiner. Ashley also made a request to

hire someone part-time to cover her office while Jen is out on maternity leave and she is gone for meetings. The Board approved of this request.

Tax Director Stacey Swanson met with the Board to ask permission to purchase an HP laser colored printer for her office from 2010 monies left in her budget. Commissioner Quale made a motion to purchase this printer for Stacey’s office, paying 90% from the Tax Director budget and 10% from the 911 budget and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Carmen Toman from Nationwide Retirement Solutions met with the Board and 9 county employees regarding their 457 Deferred Comp Plan for government employees. The Board and employees will review this retirement plan and see if the County decides to go with this plan or stay where they are.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss various road projects and road department issues.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the Co. HT Fund by \$130,000.00, due to having gravel hauled out of the County’s gravel inventory and not replacing it with new gravel, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Special County Road Budget by \$130,000.00 due to contracted labor for hauling and blading gravel, the fence and utility move for the VVV road project, a walk-n-roll packer and engineering on the Knutson/Lardy road project that hadn’t been budgeted for originally and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele brought Deputy Zane Manhart in to meet the Board.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 28, 2010 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners John Thompson and Harley Steffen were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to approve the final vouchers for 2010 and make final amendments to the 2010 budgets.

Olie Golberg from Buffalo Gap Lodge met with the Board to renew his beer and liquor licenses for 2011. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to renew the Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC beer and liquor licenses for 2011 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the Library CD budget by \$14100.00 for transfers made to the County Library for repairs and to amend the County Library budget by \$11,600.00 to pay for insulating the Library roof and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the County Social Security budget by \$2400.00, due to an unexpected amount of accrued vacation and sick leave paid out to employees that left the County, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the County Loan budget by \$25.00 due to abatements granted this year and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the Document Preservation budget by \$3600.00 due to unexpected revenue received this year and used to buy a computer and repair books in the Records Office and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the NDSU Extension budget by \$700.00 due to unexpected expenses paid from this fund in 2010 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a request from the Road Foreman to use the funds in the County Infrastructure Fund to help pay for maintenance performed in the Unorganized Townships in the past that aren't current on their expenses due the County. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to allocate the Infrastructure Funds to the Unorganized Township Fund to help with these past due expenses due the County and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Due to excess oil revenue received in the General Fund, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund into the Road Reserve Fund and \$150,000.00 from the General Fund into the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.