

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 10, 2012 9:00 A.M.

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

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

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

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

The Board adopted the following Resolutions for 2012:

Commissioner Quale 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.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road department issues, road projects for 2012 and county equipment.

DES Director Brenda Frieze and Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss radio licensing and maintenance. The Board decided, as of today, to have Tab Electronics from Glendive do the licensing for the County and have Brenda replace Dan Walz as the person who checks & maintains the generator on Sentinel Butte hill. Brenda also spoke to the Board about the Multi-County Mitigation Plan that Roosevelt-Custer is helping various counties with, DES issues and that she plans to hold an LEPC meeting this month.

Tax & Zoning Director Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss an application from Ted Tescher for a subdivision located in SW ¼ of Sec. 23-140-103. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of Ted Tescher's subdivision sketch plat as approved by the County Zoning

The Board set March 6th at 11:00 for the annual County/Township meeting to be held in conjunction with the regular County Commissioner meeting.

Deb Walworth visited with the Board regarding the HUD Sustainability Planning Grant that has awarded 1.5 million to 19 counties in western North Dakota. This is a three year grant and a Consortium is being set up by these counties. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to appoint Deb Walworth to represent Golden Valley County on this Consortium and Commissioner Thompson 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 along with several county employees and local citizens discussed factual information regarding Measure #2 and what county employees are allowed to do and not do regarding this Measure.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to invite them to her annual evaluation on February 16th and an Oil Issues Meeting at the GV Manor on February 21st.

Veteran Service Officer Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss his Veteran's Service Officer hours and office. The Board agreed to allow Gerving to handle his Veteran's Service duties from his office at the Courthouse which will in turn make him available to the Veterans more hours every week.

Discussion was held regarding the computer and printer in the Auditor's Office and software for various computers in the courthouse. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to purchase a computer, printer and Microsoft Office 2010 licenses from ESP Computers out of the Contingency Fund and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board regarding accessibility to the courthouse during the construction of the proposed addition, that his new unit should be arriving sometime this week and the new records management system they are currently setting up that will generate more reports which are more accurate and take less time to create.

City Auditor Kim Nunberg stopped in to briefly update the Board regarding SW REAP and visit about the County's Centennial.

Janet Prchal from Hulsing & Associates Architects met with the Board to show them the updated elevator addition to the courthouse, the bid process and various other issues regarding the addition. It was decided that bids will be opened on March 21st at 1:00 P.M. and if a bid is approved it will be awarded at the April 3rd meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the County's Centennial Celebration and the activities that are planned for this fall. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to designate Judy Ridenhower as the County's Parade Marshall, in appreciation for all the work she has done and is doing for the Centennial, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to enter into another funding agreement with the State for the 2013-2015 biennium, to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the vacancy of Judgeship No. 3 in the Southwest Judicial District when Judge Weir doesn't run for another term of office when his term expires on December 31, 2012. The Board, County States Attorney Charles Peterson and Clerk of Court Susan Davidson all feel it is very important to keep this judgeship due to our increasing population and court activity. The Auditor was asked to email the State Supreme Court and let them know that Golden Valley County supports keeping the Judgeship No. 3 position for the Southwest Judicial District.

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

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-11 through 12-31-11

BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$6,565,421.61		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$312,866.19	JULY PAYMENTS	\$405,443.58
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$270,003.80	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$311,458.16
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$758,638.15	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$814,589.70
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$360,694.91	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$278,858.43
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$220,355.00	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$565,425.45
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$1,295,705.88	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$940,969.11
	BALANCE 12-31-2011		\$6,466,941.11
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TOTAL	\$9,783,685.54		\$9,783,685.54
BALANCE 12-31-2011	\$6,466,941.11	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,475,007.88
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$57,620.68
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$4,926,155.35
		CASH ITEMS	\$86.64
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$1,565.35
		CASH ON HAND	\$6,505.21
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TOTAL	\$6,466,941.11		\$6,466,941.11

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

Tax & Zoning Director Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss ag land values, township and city equalization meetings, Ted Tescher's planned subdivision and decisions that were made at the last County Zoning meeting. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve a variance for Mike Zook and a rezoning permit for Nicole Davidson, as recommended by the Zoning Board, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Gene Buresh from Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council joined the meeting to discuss the County's updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the updated 2012 Golden Valley County Comprehensive Plan, as approved by the County Zoning Board, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the updated 2012 Golden Valley County Zoning Ordinances, subject to the discussed changes and as approved by the County Zoning Board, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a County web site. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to advertise for proposals for a County web site and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Steele and the Auditor discussed their VPN access for different State programs and the need for the County to connect with STAGEnet (Statewide Technology Access for Government and Education Network). Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the County connect with STAGEnet and to pay for this out of the Contingency Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Steele discussed law enforcement salaries with the Board and the struggle to keep deputies with other counties paying higher wages. The Board gave Steele the authority to revise his salary schedule to be more competitive with surrounding counties. Steele will meet with them again once he has revised his current salary schedule.

DES Director & 911 Coordinator Brenda Frieze met with the Board to discuss radios, grants and narrow-banding. Brenda stated that the County will need to purchase a new base station for the courthouse. Brenda also informed the Board that she will be attending DES and 911 meetings on March 7th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 28th and 29th in various cities in North Dakota.

At 11:00 A.M. the Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and met with 13 township officials and other township residents for their annual County/Township meeting. Also present for this meeting were States Attorney Peterson, Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tax & Zoning Director Henry Gerving. Chairman Quale welcomed the group and thanked them for coming. Road Foreman Wirtzfeld informed the group that the County rates for blading, plowing and mowing will be going up this year but hauling and loading would remain the same. Wirtzfeld also stated that culvert prices were going up 4%, discussed the sales & use tax on gravel and scoria, new signage requirement for roads, the oil impact grants, and the Westerheim Road and Old Hwy 10 projects that are planned that will be cost

shared with the State. Tax & Zoning Director Gerving discussed the annual equalization meetings that will be held and state mandated ag value increases. Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

At 1:00 P.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with Board members Kim Nunberg and Crystal Nesvig. Walter Losinski requested funds for the Spirit of the West's 10th Anniversary weekend, Mike Van Horn requested funds for new doors on the Sentinel Butte hall, Ashley Ueckert and John Kouba requested funds for the County Fair, Gene Skoglund requested funds for the Baseball program, Janie Rathbun requested funds for the swimming pool and a request was read from the City of Golva for carpet in the WP Nistler Memorial Building, a fence on the west side of the park and fireworks. After some discussion, Quale made a motion to give \$5000.00 to the Beach City Park for the swimming pool, \$2650 to the Sentinel Public Rec for doors for the hall, \$500 to the County Fair Board, \$3150 to the Golva Park for the WP Nistler building and park, \$700 to the Beach Park Board for the baseball program and \$1000.00 to the Spirit of the West and Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Nunberg made a motion to adjourn at 1:20 P.M. and Nesvig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road department issues. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to transfer \$600,000.00 from PILT monies in the Road Reserve Fund into the Special County Road Fund and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Brosz from Brosz Engineering met with the Board and Wirtzfeld regarding the Old Hwy 10 Project. The Board set April 5, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. for the bid opening on the Old Hwy 10 Project.

Tim Kelly, Dave Gates and Andrew Krebs from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson Inc. met with the Board and Wirtzfeld regarding the Westerheim Road Project. The Board set April 5, 2012 at 1:30 P.M. for the bid opening for the Westerheim Road Project.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 21, 2012 1:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner John Thompson was present along with Architect Jan Prchal from Hulsing & Associates Architects.

The purpose of this special meeting was to open bids for the courthouse elevator addition. Nine contractors were present for the bid opening. Chairman Quale made a motion to waive irregularities and open a bid that had the Contractor's License in with the bid rather than in with the bond, per the Contractor's approval, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Four Single Prime bids were received that ranged from \$1,080,228.00 to \$1,420,000.00. Five General bids were received ranging from \$781,500.00 to \$958,000.00. Two Mechanical bids were received at \$160,920.00 and \$169,000.00. Two Electrical bids were received at \$127,532.00 and \$296,008.50. Architect Prchal will review all the bids and give her recommendation to the Board before the Board makes a decision on this project. Chairman Quale thanked the contractors for their interest and bids on this project.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12

EMERGENCY DECLARATION
BURN BAN PROCLAMATION
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

MARCH 15, 2012

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 declares an emergency and proclaims a Burn Ban for GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY , North Dakota effective immediately during times when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Index is in the Very High or Extreme Index for Golden Valley County and to remain in effect until further notice. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ban is applied to all open burning of any outdoor fire that may create a public safety hazard, including but not limited to:

Barrel burning commonly referred to as garbage burning
Campfires
Chimineas
Cooking fires (barbeque grills and pits)
Fire pits
Fire rings
Patio heaters
Prescribed burns commonly referred to as controlled burns
Fireworks (except for professional commercial fireworks displays)
Smoking (cigarettes, cigars, etc): use ashtrays and proper disposal containers
Welders or cutting torches unless the user has on hand adequate fire suppression equipment
Charcoal grills

Open Burning does not include:

Fireplaces within buildings
Gas grills
Fire training by professionally trained and authorized personnel

Citizens are requested to follow their users' manuals and manufacturer information as well as taking safety precautions such as having an appropriate fire extinguisher, water and shovel available.

The North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide is posted on the North Dakota Division of Emergency Services website: <http://www.nd.gov/des/info/firedanger.html> or residents can contact the Sheriff's Department.

Effective March 15, 2012, any individual who willfully violates this burning ban is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, which is punishable by a maximum of thirty days imprisonment, or a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

DATED at Beach, North Dakota this 15th day of March, 2012.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

David Quale, Chairman
Golden Valley County Commissioners

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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APRIL 3, 2012 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 March minutes and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the quarterly BLM Mineral payments. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to follow the existing formula for this disbursement, but put a \$50,000.00 cap per quarterly disbursement to the school districts and cities, effective today, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Leon Mallberg, representing Empower the Taxpayer, met with the Board to give them information regarding Measure 2 and voice his concerns about keeping the Measure 2 debates at a civil measure.

The Board received a letter from the Dickinson Municipal Airport Authority requesting a county representative be appointed to serve on a Citizen Advisory Committee for a master plan project for a long term development plan for the airport. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to appoint Barry Schafer as the County’s representative on the Citizen Advisory Committee and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that the 2012 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment came in at \$1,828,330.06. The Board decided to disburse these funds the same as they have in the past with 7.5% going to the Beach School District, 3.00% going to Lone Tree School District and Sentinel

Township, \$500.00 to each of the 6 unorganized townships with Forest Service lands and the rest into the Road Reserve Fund.

The Board received 2 bids for the advertised Sheriff's abandoned vehicles. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the high bid from Bernie Nistler for these vehicles and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Brenda Frieze met with the Board to discuss the new base station and radio quotes. These all need to be updated to make them narrow band capable. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to purchase the analogue base station out of the General Capital Outlay Fund and the radios for the road crew out of the Road Reserve Fund and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brenda also discussed a grant that is available for programming these radios and also a State Radio Reverse 911 Service for the 22 counties State Radio services for 911. The Board was interested in pursuing this service.

Jobs Development Director Deb Walworth and Brad Thompson and Jim Leier from the Bank of North Dakota met with the Board to discuss the Flex PACE affordable housing program for areas of North Dakota affected by oil & gas development.

Various Department Heads met with the Board to discuss a Web Site for the County. Various issues discussed were: a web site that is interactive with links, that it is built big enough to grow when more is to be added to the site, putting maps, forms, permits, easements and other county information on the site. The County will advertise for proposals for this project.

Zoning Director Henry Gerving and Ted Tescher met with the Board to discuss Tescher's Whiskey Springs Subdivision located in Section 23-140-103. The Board reviewed the covenants for this subdivision. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for the Whiskey Springs Subdivision, as per the Zoning Board's recommendation, with changes made to #14 of the subdivision covenants regarding the County Road Foreman's approval for approaches and culverts, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Gerving also briefly discussed the County's updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss various road projects and road department issues.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 5, 2012 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners Harley Steffen and John Thompson were present. The purpose of this special meeting was to open bids for road projects.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jon Brosz from Brosz Engineering were present for the bid opening on Project 11-B110 the Recycle and Armor Coat Project on Old Hwy 10 and the alternate bid of paving the road from Sentinel Butte to I-94. Bids were opened and accepted for this project from Bituminous Paving, Inc., Asphalt Surface Tech Corp. and JEM Contracting, Inc./Schwichtenberg, and all three bid the base bid and alternate bid. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to table the bids until the engineer had time to review the bids and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Craig Kubas and Doug Fischer from Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, Inc. were present for opening bids on the CP-1713(11)02 road project along with various contractors. Bids were received and accepted from Kern & Tabery, Griffin Construction, Selland Construction, Wilson Construction, Baranko Brothers, Ceres Environmental, Inc., Foothills Contracting, Inc. and Bemas Construction, Inc. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to table these bids until the engineers had a chance to review them and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion.

Engineer Jon Brosz met with the Board after reviewing the bids for the Recycle and Armor Coat Project. After some discussion, Commissioner Steffen made a motion to bring the bids back from the table and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to award both the Base bid and Alternate bid for the Recycle and Armor Coat Project to the low bidder Bituminous Paving, Inc. and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Scot Steele met with the Board to present them with his revised salary schedule for the Sheriff's Department for them to review.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve a Limited Fiber Optic Cable Easement between Golden Valley County and Reservation Telephone Cooperative along the following roads in Golden Valley County: Blacktail Road, Morgan Draw Road, Bell Lake Road, Dietz Draw Road, Gasho Lane, County Line Road and the Vinquist Road and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 1, 2012 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 Peterson.

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

Discussion was held regarding the courthouse accessible addition. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to award the General Bid to Oswood Construction Company for the low bid of \$781,500.00, the Mechanical Bid to CA Contracting for the low bid of \$160,920.00 and the Electrical Bid to Berger Electric for the low bid of \$127,532.00 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to bring the bids for the Westerheim Road project CP-1713(11)02 back from the table and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the low bid from Baranko Brothers, Inc. for road project CP-1713(11)02 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Steele met with the Board to discuss deputy salaries, benefits and other sheriff department issues.

Tax Director Henry Gerving met with the Board along with Aaron Brandt from Interstate Engineering with the final plat for Tescher's Whiskey Springs Subdivision. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the final plat for Whiskey Springs Subdivision, as approved and recommended by the GV Zoning Board, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Henry Gerving discussed conditional use permits and rezoning from yesterday's County Zoning meeting. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of a conditional use permit for Farstveet Properties LLC for oil truck parking & use of their storage building for commercial truck maintenance in the N ½ of Section 31-140-105, as approved and recommended by the GV Zoning Board, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of rezoning lots in the SW ¼ of Section 29-140-104 from recreational to agricultural for a storage building for the township, as approved and recommended by the County Zoning Board, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Gerving also informed the Board that the County's new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances are now in effect.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road projects and road department issues. Pete introduced Jared Burian to the Board. Burian has been hired as the County's Weed Control Officer.

Tom Grimm from DOWL HKM in Dickinson, met with the Board and Road Foreman to introduce himself and inform them of the services his engineering firm has to offer.

Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board and Road Foreman to discuss the Westerheim road project.

DES Director Brenda Frieze met with the Board to discuss radios.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 8, 2012 3:00 P.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner Harley Steffen was present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to have the pre-construction conference for the courthouse addition. Architect Jan Prchal from Hulsing & Associates Architects, Russ Schwartz from Oswood Construction, Al Berger from Berger Electric Inc., Tom Wanner from CA Contracting and Don Kramer from Kramer Sheet Metal Inc. were present for this meeting. Various issues were discussed by the group including change orders, billings, city ordinances etc. Schwartz stated that they plan to begin their work on Monday the 14th. It was decided there will

be a monthly meeting between the contractors, architect and Commissioners at 11:00 at the regular monthly Commissioner Meeting.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road department issues.

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
JUNE 5, 2012 9:00 A.M.

Vice Chairman John Thompson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Harley Steffen was 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.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Division Order from Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation, as amended by the States Attorney, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

DES Director Brenda Frieze met with the Board to discuss the narrowing banding grant and new base station the County will need. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the narrow banding grant match and the new base station, and to pay for these out of the Contingency Fund, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Brenda also discussed the LEPC meeting held on May 21st and the Multi Hazard Multi-Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan that the SW Counties are working on with RC&D.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss Sheriff department wages and to let them know he would like to use the monies he budgeted for the MDT/air card and fence installation

for a new vehicle for the sheriff's department since they now have 4 deputies and need another vehicle. The Board approved of this request.

Commissioner Thompson signed the Standard Form of Agreement between Golden Valley County and Baranko Brothers, Inc., for Road project CP-1713(11)02.

Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects and Tom Wanner from CA Contracting met briefly with the Board regarding the new courthouse addition.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. Tax Director Henry Gerving reviewed changes with the Board since the 2011 taxes. There will be a 27% increase to ag land values, 18% to residential values and 20% to commercial values for 2012 in order to be in tolerance with the State values.

The Board met as the Unorganized Township Board. Commissioner Steffen 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 Steffen made a motion that a finding be made that there were no Exemption Applications and Homestead Credit Applications to be reviewed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2012 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the Assessment Roll for 2012 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:13 P.M.

The Board met as the County Equalization Board. Various changes to the townships and cities were reviewed by the Board. Tom Marman met with the Board to discuss the increased valuation of his property and asked them to review this increase. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of a 5 year, 100% new business exemption for parcel #02867000 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to update and increase in value for parcel #02424500 by \$1800.00 due to a conditional use permit from AG to Commercial and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to update the taxable value for parcel #01783500 by \$500.00 an acre for an increase of \$102,863 due to changing from AG to Residential 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 with the County wide increases of 27% AG, 18% Residential and 20% Commercial and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion that a finding be made that the Board reviewed all Exemption Applications, including Veteran's Exemptions, and Homestead Credit Applications and found them properly assessed and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for Golden Valley County for 2012 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the assessment Roll for 2012 for Golden Valley County equalized and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned as the County Equalization Board at 2:40 P.M.

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

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

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JULY 3, 2012 9:00

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

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

Discussion was held regarding using the new Beach Community Center for the County's polling place instead of the Beach High School, so school activities wouldn't be disrupted during the November election. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to set the County's polling location for the November General Election at the Beach Community Center located at 153 Main Street and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have Chairman Quale sign a renewal agreement between the County and the ND Assn. of Oil & Gas Producing Counties, County Permit Agreement, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the County's Fire & Tornado policy and the current coverage amounts.

After reviewing the monthly bills, the board decided continue to wait with the payments to Hulsing until they consult with Hulsing to discuss some unfinished work and Berger Electric. All other bills were approved for payment.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to reappoint Dave Quale to the County Schools Tuition Appeals Committee for another 3 year term and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of a Gaming Site Authorization for Home on the Range and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a centennial item from the County to give out at the GV Centennial Fair. The Board agreed on a key chain from IGear Quality Products, from Mandan, that will have the County's name and dates engraved on it

Zoning Director Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss crew housing issues in the County and proposed annexations to the City of Beach.

Prairie West Development Director, Deb Walworth, met with the Board to update them on Vision West ND and Prairie West Development projects.

DES Director Brenda Frieze met with the Board to discuss the narrow banding grant and the County 7% match for this grant. The Board agreed to take the 7% match out of the General Contingency Fund. Discussion was also held regarding a County burn ban. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to adopt the following Resolution and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2012-13

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY IS DECLARED UNDER A FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER 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 or industry 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. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site equipped with metal fire rings or with elevated charcoal or propane grills is prohibited. Developed recreation site is a cleared area specifically designated for camping/campfires.
5. The burn ban is in effect for Golden Valley County when the Fire Index is in the High, Very High or Extreme category until further notice.

Pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10, any person who willfully violates the burning ban established by this resolution is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor (Up to 30 days in jail and a \$1000.00 fine), and restitution of fire suppression costs may be sought from the court.

Dated at Beach, ND, the 3rd day of July, 2012.

Golden Valley County, North Dakota

By: _____
David Quale, Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Brenda Frieze, GV Co. EM

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to discuss a drought meeting she is planning, donations for renovating the blue fair building and to inform them that her Administrative Assistant, Cindy Schmidt, is resigning.

Kim Nunberg met with the Board to thank them for the opportunity to sit on the REAP Board and represent Golden Valley County. Kim discussed her recent trip to Washington DC and other REAP issues. The Board thanked Kim for her service on this Board.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert and Fair Board member John Kouba met with the Board to discuss the Board allowing the Fair Board to put on an additional 1½ mills to help with expenses on the blue fair building. The Board agreed to add these mills at budget time.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road department issues and projects. Jeremy Wood from Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board and Wirtzfeld to discuss the Bell Lake Road Project. Tim Kelly from Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board and Wirtzfeld to discuss the Westerheim Road Project.

Fencing bids were opened for the fencing project along the Westerheim Road. Five bids were received and they ranged from \$.58 per linear foot to \$1.25. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the bid from TT Fencing of \$.58 per linear foot and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 7, 2012 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 July minutes and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to budget \$4500.00 for the SW District Health Unit's Health Maintenance Program for 2013 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to appoint Pam Popiel to the Golden Valley/Billings County Social Service Board, to replace Maurice Hardy who took the Director's position, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Treasurer's bi-annual report was presented to the Board:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-12 through 6-30-12

BALANCE 1-1-2012	\$6,466,941.11		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$1,661,287.20	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,727,691.61
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$1,296,074.10	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$ 597,580.26
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$2,158,948.09	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$1,883,905.44
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$3,800,024.99	APR. PAYMENTS	\$2,227,656.05
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 276,456.43	MAY PAYMENTS	\$ 381,674.12
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$ 439,859.31	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$ 384,409.53
		BALANCE 6-30-12	\$8,896,674.22
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TOTAL	\$16,099,591.23		\$16,099,591.23

BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$8,896,674.22	BANK DEPOSITS	\$3,049,664.91
		WESTERN COOP CU	\$ 225,000.00
		LIB. CD & SAV.	\$ 57,620.68
		CERT. OF DEP.	\$5,556,454.78
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 86.64
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 2,947.25
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 4,899.96
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TOTAL	\$8,896,674.22		\$8,896,674.22

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

The Auditor informed the Board that the cost per vote for the Primary Election was \$9.71 due to the higher than average turnout for the Primary.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of the County entering into a Joint Powers Agreement between Golden Valley County and NDACo for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Implementation and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the 24/7 2012 budget for an additional \$2500.00 due to the increase use of this program and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that the annual BLM payment came in at \$29,043 for 2012. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer \$30,000.00 from the BLM fund into the Special County Road Fund, per the 2012 budgets, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a road & bridge across the Little Missouri River. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt a resolution regarding this bridge. Motion died for lack of a second. The Board will revisit this resolution once they receive more information.

Tax and Zoning Director Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss various zoning and tax department issues. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to waive the Surety Bond for Weinreis' Crew housing permit and to accept \$250.00 for the additional 2 crew housing units that were never hooked up or occupied on the site and have since been removed, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve of a conditional use permit for a scoria pit in the NE ¼ of Sec. 32-141-104 for Noll Construction and to waive the fee, since this pit has been in existence for years, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Gerving also informed the Board that Golden Valley County is in compliance with the State Tax Department for our 2012 assessed values. Gerving has also been taking some GIS courses on-line and explained some mapping projects he has been working on

CPA Jim Wosepka met with the Board to discuss the 2011 audit report. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the 2011 audit and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherry Adams, Director of the SW District Health Unit and Gene Hamilton, GV County's representative on the SW District Health Unit Board, were present for the annual budget hearing for the SW District Health Unit's 2013 budget. Sherry updated the Board on the Unit and explained the reasons for the proposed increase to their budget. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to agree to the increase in the 2013 budget and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will meet with the other SW Counties in Dickinson on August 28th for the final budget hearing and approval.

Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects, Russ Schwartz from Oswood Construction and Tom Wanner from CA Contracting met with the Board regarding the courthouse addition project. Berger Electric was not present for this meeting and Nicholas Oswood, Project Manager from Oswood Construction was on speaker phone for the meeting. Concerns were shared regarding status of the project and why it hasn't been moving along as scheduled. Schwartz presented Oswood's progress schedule for the project which didn't agree with the architects schedule. Schwartz wanted to go on record stating that Oswood Construction is going with their schedule dated 8-7-12. States Attorney Peterson stated that the County will go on record with the recommendation from Hulsing & Associates for the project dates, based on the signed contracts.

DES Director and 911 Coordinator Brenda Frieze met with the Board to inform them that the 911 fees the County pays the State are going up 3 cents per line for 2013. Brenda also visited with the Board regarding the County's Burn Ban.

Russ Schwartz from Oswood Construction met briefly with the Board to talk about Oswood Construction and the project.

Weed Board President Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the Weed Board's 2012 budget. Wirtzfeld requested the Board amend the Weed Board's budget due to the fact that they have hired one full-time person and two part time sprayers. In addition to this they have purchased a pickup, trailer and 3 4-wheelers. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the County Weed Board's 2012 budget by \$65,000.00 due to hiring personnel and purchasing vehicles 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. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of an Electrical Easement between the County and Goldenwest Electric for a three-phase overhead distribution line along County Road 5 in Sections 13 & 24-141-105 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan Prchal and Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects, had a conference call with the Board to discuss the courthouse addition, it's progress and plans on how to proceed with this project.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 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 August minutes and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer the Cost Wide Allocation payment of \$2945.29 to the General Fund and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer \$2,015,000.00 from the Road Reserve Fund into the Road & Bridge Fund, as per the 2012 budgets, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board set Wednesday, September 19th as the date to meet on the proposed 2013 budgets.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign a letter of engagement between the County and James Wosepka, PC to have Wosepka perform the County's 2012 audit and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to amend the Wireless 911 budget by \$5000.00, to cover additional transfers into the 911 fund, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the County Poor budget by \$45,000.00 and to transfer \$60,000.00 from the County Poor Fund into the Social Service Fund and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that the refrigerator downstairs quit. The Board approved of purchasing a new one for the Sheriff's Department.

Tax & Zoning Director Henry Gerving met with the Board to inform them that the Zoning Board had approved of a conditional use permit for Weinreis Brothers for commercial use in a Tract in the SE1/4 of Section 13-140-106, and 2 conditional use permits for Marman Earth Construction, LLC for scoria &/or gravel pits in the SWSW of Section 9-141-105 and the SENE of Section 8-141-105, and to waive the fee since these pits were already in existence. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of the Zoning Boards recommendations for these permits and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Wilson, Sales Manager for GIS Workshop, Inc. out of Lincoln, Nebraska, did a GIS software presentation for the Board, Tax Director Gerving, Sheriff Steele, Road Foreman Wirtzfeld, County Auditor Stedman and Beach City Auditor Nunberg. Brenda showed various

ways this software could help the various county departments and cities. The Board will consider this at budget time once they receive pricing for the software.

At 11:00 a meeting was held with architects and contractors on the courthouse addition project. Those in attendance were, Jan Prchal and Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects, Doug Oswood and Russ Schwartz from Oswood Construction Company, Tom Wanner from CA Contracting, Derick Herbel from Berger Electric, Derek Kost from CW Structural Engineers, States Attorney Charles Peterson, Scott Steele, Kim Nunberg and Gene Hamilton. Various topics that were discussed were the payment application, revised project schedule, change orders, submittals and delays in the project. The General Contractor and Architects will meet after this meeting to discuss the original and revised schedules and the Architects will get back to the Board with their recommendation regarding the revised schedule for the project. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign Change Order #E-1 and Change Order #M-1, for the family restroom in the basement and new sewer service, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Manager Brenda Frieze met with the Board, Sheriff Steele, Fire Chiefs Dan Buchholz, Aaron Brown and Gary Rising regarding the County's Burn Ban Ordinance, the fire index, limited hours for hunting if it stays dry and better ways to inform the public regarding the burn ban. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to add that no travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for vehicular traffic except as necessary for normal farmer/rancher or industry operations, to the Burn Ban that was adopted on July 3, 2012, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Benes, representing the Beach City Council, met with the Board and Sheriff Steele regarding the current Law Enforcement Contract between the County and the City. The group agreed to amend the contract effective January 1, 2013 regarding the hours of service to the City and the cost per hour.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board regarding road department issues, projects, the Co. HT budget and speed limit signs requested by Ed Hammond. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Co. HT budget by \$150,000.00 for gravel inventory out, due to more material being hauled out than was originally planned, plus the 50% increased cost of material and the material put on Old Hwy 10, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stedman met with the Board to discuss possible gravel pits and a cattle guard.

Jeremy Wood from Northern Plains Engineering met with the Road Foreman and Board regarding some pits he had measured for the County and the Bell Lake Road project. Tim Kelly from Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the group to discuss the Westerheim Road project. Jon Brosz from Brosz Engineering met with the group to discuss the Old Hwy 10 project.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 9:00 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to review the proposed 2013 budgets. Kim Nunberg and Crystal Nesvig, who are both on the County Park Board, met with the Commissioners to discuss the County Park and County Rec levy for 2013. They asked the Commissioners to consider putting 1 or 2 mills back on the County Rec levy for playground equipment that is needed in the parks in the City of Beach. The Commissioners agreed to put 1 mill on for this request.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Commissioners to discuss the County Road budget and the Weed Board budget for 2013.

The hearing on the proposed 2013 budgets will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of an Electrical Easement between Golden Valley County and Goldenwest Electric Co-op, Inc. for an electric 3-phase overhead powerline in the R-O-W of 25th Street on the south edge of Section 3-141-105 and the north edge of Section 11-141-105, and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman Co. Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners John Thompson and Harley Steffen were present along with Assistant States Attorney Tom Gehrz.

The reason for this special meeting was to discuss the courthouse addition.

Janet Prchal and Jared Twogood, from Hulsing and Associates Architects, and Richard Volesky from The Golden Valley News were present for this meeting. Discussion was held regarding the courthouse addition, the general contractor, and the delays in the project. Architect Janet Prchal discussed her concerns with the delays, conflicts, and completion of the project in the proposed timeline. Prchal mentioned two options for termination of the general contractor’s contract. One would be termination for cause and the other termination for convenience. After much discussion, Commissioner Quale made a motion to terminate the contract between Golden Valley County and Oswood Construction for convenience, pursuant to paragraph 14.4 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction (AIA Document A201) as recommended by Hulsing and Associates Architect. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 3, 2012 9:00 A.M.

Chairman David Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners John Thompson and Harley Steffen were present along with Assistant States Attorney Thomas Gerhz.

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

The Board approved of the Chairman signing a letter to NDACo stating that Commissioner Thompson will be the County's Delegate at the NDACo Convention in place of Chairman Quale who is unable to attend the convention this year.

Assistant States Attorney Thomas Gerhz updated the Board on various issues their office is handling for the County.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to appoint John Kouba as the County's Delegate to the ND State Fair and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that she will be attending a Health Reform workshop in Dickinson on October 10th. This workshop is put on by Blue Cross.

County Recorder/Clerk of Court, Susan Davidson met with the Board to inform them that she will be retiring at the end of this year if not sooner. Discussion was held regarding her replacement.

The Auditor presented the Board the list of the lots that were turned back to the County for delinquent taxes. After some discussion, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to set the price for Lot 7 of Block 8 in Richard's Heights Addition to the City of Beach at \$500.00 and Lot 1 of Block 4 of Hunter's Third Addition to the City of Beach at \$8600.00 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A hearing on these lot values will be held on October 12th.

10:00 A.M. was the advertised time for the County's annual budget hearing. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the 2013 budgets, as amended by the Board, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Recorder/Clerk of Court, Patty Thompson met with the Board as they wanted to know if she would be interested in taking Susan Davidson's position as County Recorder/Clerk of Court when Susan retires. Patty said she would think it over and get back to the Board.

Jan Prchal and Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects met with the Board and Assistant States Attorney Thomas Gerhz to discuss the contract that was terminated between Golden Valley County and Oswood Construction Company, effective September 24, 2012, and to discuss the process for hiring a new general contractor for the elevator addition.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the County's Federal Aid Program and various road department issues. Tim Kelly and Dave Gates from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. also met with the Board and Wirtzfeld to discuss the Westerheim Road project.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 12, 2012 2:00 P.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioners John Thompson and Harley Steffen were present for this meeting along with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson and Assistant States Attorney Tom Gerhz. Richard Volesky from the Golden Valley News was also present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold the hearing on the values that were set on the property turned back for taxes. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to leave the values as set at the October 2nd meeting and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan Prchal and Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects met with the Board to discuss the status of the courthouse addition. At 2:20 P.M. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to go into executive session and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. At 2:45 P.M. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to go back into regular session and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The group decided to meet again on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. to go over proposals from other contractors for the courthouse addition.

Discussion was held regarding a bill received from Oswood Construction Company that Jan Prchal had reviewed for payment. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay the bill for \$28,109.00 to Oswood Construction and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss the possibility of her taking over Susan Davidson's duties when Susan retires. The Board decided there would not be a probationary period, since Patty has already worked in those offices for years. Patty also asked about the possibility of hiring more help for the offices. No decisions were made at this time.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 23, 2012 2:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to review the new proposals for the courthouse addition. Jan Prchal and Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects and Richard Volesky from the Golden Valley News were present.

Jan Prchal informed the Board that she received proposals from the next two lowest bidders. Shingobee Builders, Inc. from Minnesota sent in a proposal for \$1,095,000.00 and Ainsworth-Benning Construction Inc. from South Dakota sent in a proposal for \$838,672.00. These proposals include various change orders from the original project. After some discussion, Prchal recommended that the Board approve the Ainsworth-Benning Construction, Inc. contract. Chairman Quale made a motion to accept the proposal from Ainsworth-Benning Construction, Inc. and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Prchal stated that Ainsworth-Benning Construction, Inc. would be able to start on November 5th and should be done with the project in June of 2013, weather permitting.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 6, 2012 9:00 A.M.

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

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

The Board approved of the Chairman signing an updated Law Enforcement Services Contract between the County and the City of Beach effective January 1, 2013.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve an Electrical Easement between Golden Valley County and Goldenwest Electric Co-op, Inc. to bore under Old Highway 10 in the SW ¼ of Section 23-140-103 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Recorder/Clerk of Court, Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss advertising for the vacancy when Susan retires at the end of the year. It was decided to advertise as soon as possible to try and get someone on board before the end of the year.

Sheriff Scott Steele and DES Director Brenda Frieze met with the Board to discuss the use of 911 funds for the Sheriff Department's I Mobile fees. Steele stated that the initial cost per unit would be \$1200.00 and then a \$260.00 annual fee. The Board approved of using 911 funds for this expense.

Sheriff Steele discussed his concerns with the Board for housing inmates in the future due to jails in the state filling to capacity.

At 11:00 the Board met with Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects, David Haught and Bruce Hanson from Ainsworth-Benning Construction Inc. and Tom Wanner from CA Contracting met with the Board to discuss the elevator addition. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign the contract between Golden Valley County and Ainsworth-Benning Construction Inc. for constructing the elevator addition to the courthouse and notice to proceed with the project and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign an Agreement for Storing Materials Off-Site for CA Contracting and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of paying a bill to CA Contracting for \$11,070.68 and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Olie and Ceil Golberg met with the Board and Zoning Director Henry Gerving to discuss a building permit on the cabins at Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch.

Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss the October 29th Zoning Board meeting. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the Zoning Boards recommendations to approve of the conditional use permit and crew housing permit for Weinreis Brothers, and rezoning Lot 18 of Block 3 in Original Sentinel Butte from residential to Mobile Home for Mathew Larson and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Gerving updated the Board regarding current issues in the Tax Director and Veteran's Service Officer's Offices. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to have the Chairman sign an Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services between Golden Valley County and GIS Workshop of Lincoln, NE and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Dave Gates and Justin Hyndman from KLJ met with the Board to discuss the Westerheim Road. Wirtzfeld also discussed various road department issues. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to sign a Scoria Mining Lease between the County and Lawrence Streitz in the SE ¼ of Section 26-13-60 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dave 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
DECEMBER 4, 2012 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner Harley Steffen was present along with States Attorney Charles Peterson. Commissioner John Thompson was absent.

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

Jon Moll met with the Board to discuss the personal property that was left in the house that the County sold at public auction November 20, 2012.

The Board received a \$50.00 bid from Henry & Lisa Gerving and Jonathan Moll for Lot 7 of Block 8 of Richard's Heights Addition to the City of Beach that was offered for sale at the County's annual auction. Commissioner Quale made a motion to accept the bid from Gervings and Moll for Lot 7 of Block 8 of Richard's Heights Addition and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board regarding various issues his office is handling for the County.

The Board set Friday, December 28th at 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for the final Commissioner meeting to approve final 2012 bills.

911 Coordinator, Brenda Frieze met with the Board to request the Board amend the 2013 911 budget to cover the cost of the I Mobile fees for the Sheriff's departments vehicles. Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2013 911 budget by \$5600.00 to cover the I Mobile fees & expenses and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brenda also discussed meetings she will be attending this month, an LEPC meeting and the Storm Ready Program.

The Board was informed that Ceil Stedman's term is up on the Badlands Regional Service Council. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to reappoint Ceil to the Badlands Regional Service Council and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board discussed offering dental and vision insurance to county employees. Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2013 General Budget by \$11500.00 to offer single dental and vision to the eligible county employees and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Custodian Al Miller discussed the water leak in the basement from a boiler pipe with the Board.

Jan Prchal and Jared Twogood from Hulsing & Associates Architects, David Haught and Bruce Hanson from Ainsworth-Benning Construction Inc. and Tom Wanner from CA Contracting met

with the Board to discuss the progress on the elevator addition and concerns the group may have regarding the addition.

County Coroner, John Foster met with the Board to ask them to appoint another deputy coroner. Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Douglas Gentry as a Deputy Coroner for Golden Valley County and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board received a letter from the SW Multi-County Correction Center inviting the County to become an owner County of SWMCCC. The Board and Sheriff Steele had discussed this issue at an earlier meeting with concerns about housing our inmates in the future. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to accept the offer from SWMCCC and become an owner county in 2013 and to appoint Sheriff Steele as the County's representative on the SWMCCC Board of Directors and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay a bill that was received today from Northern Plains Engineering and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2012 Weed Board budget by \$6000.00 to cover some unexpected expenses and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay a bill for fencing Travis Tescher has done that the Road Foreman submitted today and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve of the Zoning Board's recommendation to rezone a tract of land in the NE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 30-140-104 from Residential R-1 to Mobile Home and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charlie Schaal representing Saddle Butte and Delhi Townships, Allen Gasho representing Henry Township and Linda Stoveland and Steve Raisler representing Lone Tree Township met with the Board and Road Foreman to discuss the County's Infrastructure Fund. Schaal stated that Saddle Butte and Delhi Townships are concerned about the wells that have been permitted and staked in their townships and the increase oil traffic on their roads. Henry Township is in need of surfacing for the Vinqvist and CS Creek Roads due to increased traffic on these roads, Lone Tree Township is concerned about getting priced out due to the prices the oil companies are paying and Quale stated that Ray Tescher is concerned about increased traffic that is planned for the Tescher Road.

The Board will decide at the December 28th meeting how they plan to disburse the infrastructure funds.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood from Northern Plains Engineering and Tim Kelly from Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss current and future road projects.

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
DECEMBER 28, 2012 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner John Thompson was present. Commissioner Steffen was absent.

The purpose for this special meeting was to approve the final bills for 2012 and review the 2012 budgets.

Olie Golberg met with the Board to renew his beer and liquor licenses for Buffalo Gap Lodge. Commissioner Quale made a motion to renew the liquor and beer licenses for Buffalo Gap Lodge for 2013 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board received a letter from SW Community Service & Restitution requesting their 2013 funds in 2012. Since there were still funds available in the 2012 General Budget, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay the \$2000.00 request out of the 2012 General Budget and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Kreitinger met with the Board and Zoning Director Henry Gerving to discuss some lots that he has in Golva that are zoned residential and he wants them to be rezoned Mobile Home. Kreitinger has already met with the City of Golva and they are in favor of these being rezoned. Gerving recommended to Kreitinger that he go through the normal re-zoning process to have these lots rezoned and the Board agreed with Gerving.

Tax Director Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss why his 2012 Tax Director Budget went over what had been budgeted. Gerving stated that he took additional classes this year to get certified sooner and also bought supplies to do some mapping for some companies that have since reimbursed the County.

Discussion was held regarding the personal property that was left in the house, located on Lot 1 of Block 4 of Hunter's 3rd Addition to the City of Beach, that was sold by the County at the

annual tax sale in November. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to sell the remaining personal property left at this property for \$100.00, per an appraisal that was done, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the 2012 Special County Road budget by \$65,000.00, due to extra repairs and fuel prices, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the 2012 Road Reserve Budget by \$30,000.00, due to transfers, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to transfer \$28,000.00 from the Road Reserve Fund into the County HT Fund, due to extra crushing that was done this year, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2012 NDSU Extension budget by \$1500.00, due to the Women in Ag group that was formed this year, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2012 911 Budget by \$1000.00, due to more fees for wireless phones, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2012 Infrastructure Fund Budget by \$47,000.00, to disburse the infrastructure funds, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to distribute the 2012 Infrastructure Funds by giving Lone Tree Township \$2500.00, Henry Township \$2500.00, Delhi Township \$2500.00, Saddle Butte Township \$15,000.00 and the balance of \$24,396.24 to the Unorganized Township of 142-103 for road work the County Road Department has done in that township, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners