

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 2, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley News.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the December 2023 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint the following annual appointments for 2024: Commissioner Farstveet to the Roosevelt Custer Board, Commissioner Smith to the Community Action Board, Commissioner Schmeling to the GVC Zoning Board, Commissioner Farstveet to the Airport Board, Commissioner Smith to the Library Board, Commissioner Farstveet to the Human Services Board, and Commissioner Schmeling to the SW Correctional Center Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- The following resolutions were reviewed and approved as listed below:

RESOLUTION 2024-1

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, CLERKS, CUSTODIAN, & ROAD FOREMAN

STATES ATTORNEY
ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY
TAX & ZONING DIRECTOR
CUSTODIAN
ROAD FOREMAN
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
CORONER
CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
SAFETY RISK MANAGER
ENGINEER
DES DIRECTOR

CHRISTINA WENKO
STEPHEN FETCH
VACANT
GLORIA PADILLA
PETER WIRTZFELD
JESSICA MCCLELLAN
JOHN FOSTER
TAMRA SPERRY
CASSANDRA SZUDERA
SELECTED PER PROJECT
RACHEL KEOHANE

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL APPOINT THEIR DEPUTIES AND/OR CLERKS AND ARE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS OF THE FISCAL BUDGET APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-1;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2024-2
PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO BE HELD
IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY
COURTHOUSE AT BEACH, ND, AND THE HOUR OF BEGINNING OF MEETINGS

WHEREAS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 11-11-05 N.D.C.C., THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE THE DATES FOR REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2024,

AND WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DURING THOSE MONTHS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS OBSERVED AND MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME DURING THOSE MONTHS MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME IS USED,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS SHALL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME IF NECESSARY:

JANUARY 2	MAY 7	SEPTEMBER 3
FEBRUARY 6	JUNE 4	OCTOBER 1
MARCH 5	JULY 2	NOVEMBER 7
APRIL 2	AUGUST 6	DECEMBER 3

IN THE EVENT OF A SPECIAL SESSION CALLED EITHER BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE PERSON CALLING THE MEETING SHALL NOTIFY THE NEWS MEDIA ACCORDING TO THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 11-11-05 OF THE N.D.C.C.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-2;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2024-3
ESTABLISHMENT OF DAYS THE COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 1-03-01 OF THE N.D.C.C. AND BY ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DECLARE DAYS THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

DECEMBER 29, 2023	OBSERVED	SEPTEMBER 2	LABOR DAY
	NEW YEAR'S EVE	NOVEMBER 11	VETERAN'S DAY
	(CLOSE AT NOON)	NOVEMBER 28	THANKSGIVING
JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR DAY	NOVEMBER 29	THANKSGIVING
JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
FEBRUARY 19	PRESIDENTS' DAY	DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS
MARCH 29	GOOD FRIDAY	DECEMBER 31	NEW YEARS EVE
MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY		(CLOSE AT NOON)
JUNE 19	JUNETEENTH		
JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY	JANUARY 1, 2025	NEW YEARS DAY

COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS WILL ALSO BE OBSERVED UPON ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF N.D.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-3;
 COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2024-4

BUSINESS HOURS OF COURTHOUSE OFFICES

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL DETERMINE THE HOURS THE COURTHOUSE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN,
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COURTHOUSE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND 12:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF HOLIDAYS.
 THEREFORE, IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE COUNTY WILL FOLLOW THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE SCHEDULE.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-4;
 COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2024-5

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE, MEALS AND LODGING

WHEREAS, COUNTY EMPLOYEES MAY INCUR EXPENSES FOR MILEAGE, MEALS, AND LODGING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY,

AND WHEREAS, IF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO INCUR SUCH EXPENSE, THE COUNTY AUDITOR, UPON BEING PRESENTED WITH DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE AND IS

SATISFIED WITH AUDIT OF EXPENSES, MAY APPROVE PAYMENT BETWEEN REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY ALLOW REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 11-10-15, 11-15-12, AND 54-06-09 OF N.D.C.C. AS FOLLOWS:

IN-STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RATES:

MEALS: BREAKFAST – \$9.00; LUNCH – \$14.00; DINNER – \$22.00

BREAKFAST – TRAVEL MUST BEGIN BY 7:00 AM

LUNCH – 12:00 PM: MUST BE IN TRAVEL 1 HOUR BEFORE AND AT LEAST 1 HOUR AFTER (MUST BE IN TRAVEL BY 11:00 AM AND AFTER 1:00 PM)

DINNER – 6:00 PM: MUST BE IN TRAVEL 1 HOUR BEFORE AND AT LEAST 1 HOUR AFTER (MUST BE IN TRAVEL BY 5:00 PM AND AFTER 7:00 PM)

LODGING RATE: \$88.20

PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE RATE: \$0.67

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-5;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2024-6
EXPEDITION OF BUSINESS**

WHEREAS, IT APPEARS THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY WILL BE EXPEDITED BY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER, UPON AUDIT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, SUCH AS POSTAGE, FREIGHT, UTILITIES, (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, & TELEPHONE), BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS, REFUND ORDERS, REGULAR EMPLOYEE PAYROLL, AND APPORTIONMENTS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER BE ALLOWED TO PAY SUCH CLAIMS.

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-6;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2024-7
LISTING OF DEPOSITORY BANKS**

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT MONIES FROM TIME TO TIME,

AND WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER TO DRAW UPON THE DEPOSITS,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BANKS BE NAMED FOR DEPOSITORY FUNDS;

FIRST STATE BANK OF GOLVA, GOLVA & BEACH, ND

CUSTODIAL FUNDS,
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT,
CHECKING ACCT. OF REFUND
ORDERS, CHECKING ACCOUNT
FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
DEPOSITORY FOR WITHHOLD-
ING FUNDS, CERTIFICATES
OF DEPOSITS, CHECKING
ACCT. FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
SAVINGS ACCOUNT
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

BMO, BEACH, ND

WESTERN COOP CREDIT UNION, BEACH, ND
STOCKMAN’S BANK, WIBAUX, MT

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-7;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2024-8
PLEDGE OF SECURITIES**

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE PLEDGE OF SECURITIES,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE FOLLOWING PLEDGES BE ACCEPTED AT 110%

BMO, BEACH, ND	\$5,199,112
FIRST STATE BANK OF GOLVA, GOLVA & BEACH, ND	\$17,582,854

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-8;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2024-9
COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST AND REINVEST FUNDS**

WHEREAS, COUNTY FUNDS MAY BE INVESTED IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OR US TREASURY NOTES TO DRAW INTEREST,

AND WHEREAS, THESE FUNDS MATURE FROM TIME TO TIME,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO INVEST FUNDS AND REINVEST UPON MATURITY OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT. ALL CD'S THAT ARE REDEEMED OR REINVESTED

SHALL REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF BOTH THE COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR.

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-9;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2024-10
POSTING AND PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES**

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER,

AND WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC HAS EXPRESSED THE "GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS" BE THE OFFICIAL PAPER,

AND WHEREAS, FROM TIME TO TIME LEGAL NOTICES ARE TO BE POSTED IN THE COURTHOUSE,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE "GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS" BE DECLARED THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE BE DECLARED THE LOCATION FOR POSTING LEGAL NOTICES.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-10;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 2024-11
SALARIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET FORTH SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES,

AND WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING MAXIMUM SALARIES BE SET EITHER ON AN ANNUAL OR AN HOURLY BASIS:

AUDITOR/HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER	\$70,011.38
TREASURER	47,700.00
DEPUTY AUDITOR/DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT/RECORDER/RISK MANAGER/WEBSITE ADMIN.	24.43/HOUR
CLERK OF COURT/RECORDER/MAGISTRATE	53,808.14
TAX/ZONING DIRECTOR/GIS	TBD UPON HIRE
STATE'S ATTORNEY (INCL. CITY PROSEC. CONT.)	57,566.02

COUNTY AGENT (COUNTY SHARE 50%)	29,422.00
COUNTY AGENT SECRETARY	21.45/HOUR
D.E.S. COORDINATOR	17,195.92
SHERIFF	74,790.24
DEPUTY SHERIFF	55,506.36
DEPUTY SHERIFF	67,162.68
CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF	73,878.96
OFFICE DEPUTY	25.77/HOUR
CUSTODIAN	20.64/HOUR
ROAD FOREMAN	75,869.33
ROAD CREW (2)	27.33/HOUR
ROAD CREW (2)	28.81/HOUR
ROAD CREW (1)	31.26/HOUR
WEED CONTROL OFFICER	68,900.04
COMMISSIONERS (3)	18,130.84
CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	1,389.41
COUNTY CORONER	5,158.72
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER-contracted with Stark County	10,000.00
911 COORDINATOR/OFFICE FLOATER	19.61/HOUR
LIBRARIAN	26.13/HOUR
ZONING BOARD MEMBERS & SECRETARY	45.00/MEETING

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-11;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

- The Board agreed to hold the Annual Township meeting in conjunction with the regular February 6, 2024 meeting at 11 am.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to close the Social Service Abuse Fund and send the \$110.04 that is in the fund to the Roughrider North Human Service Zone and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Smith moved to approve payroll for January on January 12, 2024 and for February on February 16, 2024 due to the normal payroll dates falling on a Holiday and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve: Travis Ozbat with Pyramid Network Services LLC, on behalf of Municipal Communications LLC is requesting to install a shelter with concrete pad to house a generator. They also will install a propane tank with concrete pad. This is an existing site at 1810 Belle Lake Rd, Beach, ND, Parcel #03646500 (Sec 36-143-103) and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on replacing the radios that the County Commissioners currently have as they are outdated and parts are no longer exist to repair them. No action was taken at this time.
- States Attorney Christina Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. No action was taken on the opioid settlement funds that the County has received.

- County Auditor Tamra Sperry informed the Board that Carla Beeler is interested in the Tax Director position. No action was taken at this time as the Board has not received an application from Carla.

Dan Farstveet with Dak Insurance met with the Board to review the County's annual policy for 2024. Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the annual policy bill of \$43,782 for 2024 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to change the policy through ND State Fire and Tornado Fund administered by NDIRF to a blanket coverage policy and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dey Muckle was not able to meet with the Board.

Commissioner Smith moved to sign the annual agreement with Cerberus Security, LLC for unlimited security support for 2024 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld was not able to meet with the Board.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board to give them an update on the Hwy 10 project. The contractors are hoping to start when the road restrictions are lifted. The MSA agreement was discussed between the County and KLJ. No action was taken at this time. Krebs will forward the agreement to the States Attorney and Board for their review and will be addressed at a later meeting.

Employee wages were discussed. The Board had received a request for \$2.00/hour increase from the Courthouse Custodian in December. After the Board did some research on the employee's current wages, Commissioner Farstveet moved to grant \$0.50 per hour raise to the County Librarian Joanne Tescher, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of Court/Recorder Cassie Szudera and County Agent Secretary Dawn Ueckert and a \$1.50 per hour raise to the Courthouse Custodian Gloria Padilla, 911 Coordinator/Gen Assistant Carla Beeler and County Treasurer Candie Loftsgard in addition to the 6% cost of living increase that was granted to all employees and to amend the budget to reflect raises effective January 1, 2024 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 8, 2024 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting is to interview Carla Beeler for the Tax Director's position.

Carla Beeler was interviewed for the position. Discussion was held amongst the group. After discussion Commissioner Farstveet moved to offer the position to Carla Beeler at a starting annual salary of \$46,110 and a 3% increase after the 6 month probation and another 3% increase after being certified as a Class II Assessor and another 3% increase after being certified as a Class I Assessor and Beeler will continue to be the County 911 Coordinator with the annual salary of \$5,500 effective today, January 8, 2024 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Carla Beeler accepted the positions with the salaries stated above.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of January 2024:

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	January Payroll	\$61,818.88
-87300	NDPERS		\$16,713.14
-87320	NDPERS		\$300.00
-87321	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87322	MT Department of Revenue		\$233.00
-87323	NDPHIT		\$29,528.14
-87324	IRS		\$23,354.70
-87346	IRS		\$57.38
-99729	Pitney Bowes Postedge		\$500.00
-99726	JP Morgan		\$43.00
-99727	ND State Treasurer		\$909.25
84602	GV County States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
84603	Vision West ND Inc	Membership	\$200.00
84604	ND County Commissioner Association	Membership	\$1,151.00
		Dues/WC	
84605	ND Association of Counties	Premium	\$24,023.91
84606	Gerald Streitz	Royalty	\$16,858.18
84607	David Streitz	Royalty	\$16,858.19

84608	Wayne Streitz	Royalty	\$16,858.19
84609	National Association of Counties	Membership	\$450.00
84610	Armor Interactive	Contract/Computer	\$1,034.00
84611	Tyler Technologies	Fees	\$5,549.23
84612	Environmental Systems Research	GIS	\$770.00
84613	Sheryl Fischer	Royalty	\$16,858.19
84614	Stark County	Contract	\$10,000.00
84615	Beach Co-operative Grain Company	Supplies	\$45.00
84616	Stacey Swanson	Contract	\$1,500.00
84617	Cerberus Security, LLC	Contract	\$175.00
84618	Noll Construction, LLC	Crushing	\$163,765.25
84619	Badlands North Human Services		\$110.04
84620	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$43,782.00
84621	City of Beach	Garbage/Water	\$460.00
84622	MDU	Utilities	\$3,425.68
84623	NDCISA	Dues	\$100.00
84624-			
84651	Collections Submitted		\$129,671.55
84652	ND State Radio Communications	Lines/Renewal	\$7,917.90
84653	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$40.00
84654-			
84664	January Payroll		\$21,411.71
84665-			
84668	January Payroll Liabilities		\$2,801.10
84669	Library Disbursement		\$21.93
84670	Golden Valley County Treasure	Prepay Taxes	\$7,656.86
84671	Café		\$200.00
84672	RTC Network	Internet/Telephone	\$1,435.47
84673	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.41
84674	Cenex Fleet Fuel	Fuel	\$1,580.73
84675-			
84703	Collections Submitted		\$900,825.32
84704	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Training	\$140.00
84705	City of Beach	Rent	\$1,380.00
		NDSU	
84706	Paul Schmeling	Distribution	\$100.00
84707	Koehn Marketing Co Inc	NDSU Supplies	\$588.00
84708	NDAAO	Dues	\$50.00
84709	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.48
84710	City of Beach	Deposit	\$300.00

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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FEBRUARY 6, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley News.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the January 2024 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- The Board has set the Annual Park Board meeting at the regular March 5th meeting at 10:30 am.
- Commissioner Smith moved to approve the following burn ban and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

**2024 FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS
DECLARATION
Golden Valley County, North Dakota**

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and

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

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available County resources; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County 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 RESOLVED, that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban to include a ban on ignition of fireworks, garbage burning, campfires, burning of farm and crop land and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (excluding agricultural purposes, but must have a 2A or greater fire extinguisher on hand at all times) when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Index is in the Very High or Extreme category

and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Golden Valley County, North Dakota. Effective immediately until rescinded.

Please contact your local Fire Chief before burning of any kind.
Beach: Dan Buchholz 872-6662, Golva: Danny Noll 872-6130 and Sentinel Butte: Mike Van Horn 872-6715.

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

**THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR
(NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00
FINE).**

DATED at Beach, North Dakota this 6th day of February, 2024.

Adam Smith, Board Chairman

Tamra Sperry

Golden Valley County Commission Golden Valley County Auditor

- Discussion was held on the opioid funds the County has received. Commissioner Smith moved to send those funds to the SW District Health Unit for their discretion for distribution and send them the \$2,746.95 that is remaining from the 2022 and 2023 funds received and moving forward distribute those funds received to the SW District Health Unit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on replacing the Commissioners hand held radios. No action was taken.
- County Auditor presented the Board with the budget amendment numbers from the raises that were granted at the January 2nd meeting. General Fund: \$10,778, County Agent Fund: \$995 and Library Fund: \$1,076.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign Resolution 2024-12 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY
AND ROOSEVELT CUSTER REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR PURPOSE OF REGIONAL
LIVESTOCK PLANNING GRANT ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS the County of Golden Valley on behalf of its County Commission desires to enter into Agreement with the Roosevelt Custer Regional Council to apply for a Regional Livestock Planning Grant which the County is eligible. The Agreement further provides the County with identification of suitable locations for rural economic development, including animal feeding operations, agricultural processing and storage facilities and other agriculture related development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Golden Valley, North Dakota as follows:

1. Following completion of the site analysis process the county with review county and township zoning and land use regulations. The county may update any zoning or land use regulations based on recommendations of site analysis process. Additionally, county will provide information to townships of said county so they may review and update zoning and land use regulations as they see fit.

2. That Adam Smith - the Chair of the County of Golden Valley, and Tamra Sperry, the County Auditor, are authorized to sign the Agreement.

Passed and Adopted by the Council on this 6th day of February 2024.

COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY

By:
Its Board Chair

ATTEST:

By:
Its County Auditor

- Discussion was held on County Auditor doing the accounting for the Airport Authority. No action was taken.
- Discussion was held on the TSED powerline grant. No action was taken.
- Discussion was held on filling the office floater position vacancy. No action was taken and will be discussed at the next regular meeting March 5th.
- States Attorney Christina Wenko gave an update from her office.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with the Treasurer's report.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-23 through 12-31-23

BALANCE 7-1-2023	\$20,194,783.70		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$238,928.40	JULY PAYMENTS	\$1,447,989.86
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$223,861.81	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$343,435.69
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$7,458,672.40	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$8,301,475.58
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$4,813,035.85	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$4,964,366.26
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$235,306.62	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$358,811.19
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$1,508,031.31	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$661,295.91
		BALANCE 12-31-2023	\$18,595,245.60

TOTAL	\$34,672,620.09		\$34,672,620.09
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BALANCE 12-31-2023	\$18,595,245.60	FIRST STATE BANK	\$11,667,075.65
		WESTERN COOP.CU SA	\$226,297.65
		BMO	\$524,311.14
		TREASURER ACCT.	\$566.80
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$51,142.46
		CLK OF CRT ACCT	\$15,787.00
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$6,105,280.71

	CASH ITEMS	\$0.00
	CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$0.00
	CASH ON HAND	\$4,784.19
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TOTAL		\$18,595,245.60

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

Jessica Geis and Misty Farnstrom with the Beach School District met with the Board to discuss the history of the formula for distribution of the Bankhead Jones payments. The payment has not been received for 2024. No action was taken.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed. Discussion was held on the State Surplus Property application and the County will apply to get active in the system.

Mark Egan joined the meeting.

11 AM was the advertised time for Annual/County Township Meeting. Commissioners Rory Farstveet, Adam Smith and Robert Schmeling along with Weed Control Officer Mark Egan and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith welcomed the group and thanked them for coming to the Annual County/Township Meeting. 11 Township officers from 8 of the 10 Townships were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith reminded the group that the equalization schedule was mailed to them. If there was a discrepancy in the scheduling the Township will work with Tax Director Carla Beeler to confirm a date or location that will work for them.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld gave the group information on County custom rates and culvert policy and projects that were completed in 2023 and projects planned for 2024.

Weed Control Officer Mark Egan updated the group on the previous spray season and the upcoming spray season. Egan has not set the final rates for 2024 but will let the Townships know as soon as the Weed Board approves the rates. Discussion was also held on LAP funding and availability.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the Annual Township/County meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the regular meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of February 2024:

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	February Payroll	\$68,550.19
-87275	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87276	IRS		\$26,321.59
-87277	MT Department of Revenue		\$174.00
-87278	NDPERS		\$18,279.36
-87279	NDPHIT		\$29,528.14
-87280	NDPERS		\$1,150.00
-99723	JP Morgan		\$2,428.93
-99724	Pitney Bowes Postedge		\$500.00
-99725	ND State Treasurer		\$8,455.45
84711-84740	Collections Submitted		\$181,631.50
84741	GV County States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
84742	Steve Raisler	VA	\$40.00
84743	Burt Cook	VA	\$550.00
84744	ND County Treasure's Association	Annual Dues	\$200.00
84745	Fireside Office Solutions	Contract	\$117.65
84746	Motorola Solutions	Subscription	\$9,115.75
84747	NDEMA	Membership	\$50.00
84748	Dept of Corrections and Rehab	Prisoner Care	\$2,849.80
84749	Software Innovations	Contract	\$10,200.00
84750	CRFD		\$600.00
84751	SRFD		\$700.00
84752	GV County Treasure	Rent	\$840.00
84753	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel	\$708.32
84754	ND Association of County Engineers	Annual Dues	\$275.00
84755	ND County Auditors Association	Annual Dues	\$200.00
84756	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,034.00
84757	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$7,211.46
84758	Sidwell	Software	\$1,925.88
84759	ND Dept of Water Resources	Bowman Radar	\$2,000.00
84760	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	Meter Lease	\$441.99
84761	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$459.50
84762	Radisson Hotel	Lodging	\$99.80
84763	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$404.98
84764	Mid-States Organized Crime Info	Membership	\$100.00
84765	Linde Gas and Equipment	Lease	\$231.40
84766	Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center	Lodging	\$288.90
84767	ND County Recorders Association	Annual Dues	\$200.00

84768	Pitney Bowes	Meter Supplies	\$215.78
84769	ND Surplus Property	Supplies	\$10.00
84770	Void	Void	
84771	NDSU	Supplies	\$46.00
84772	J P Steel & Supply Inc	Parts	\$79.32
84773	Prairie Lumber Beach	Parts	\$32.04
84774	SW Multi-County Correction Center	Annual Dues	\$6,076.00
84775	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$84.95
84776	ND Associations of Counties	D&A Test	\$226.50
84777	Adam Smith	Travel	\$210.38
84778	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$475.94
84779	Matthew Bender & Co Inc	Updates	\$220.11
84780	US Postal Service	Rent	\$120.00
84781	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$194.65
84782	Butler Machinery Company	Parts	\$69.05
84783	RDO Truck Centers	Parts	\$767.15
84784	Powerplan	Parts	\$890.82
84785	I-29 Trailer Sales	Parts	\$165.98
84786	Golva Repair	Repair	\$75.50
84787	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$892.65
84788	ND Dept of Environmental Quality	Inspection	\$105.00
84789	KLJ Engineering LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$1,860.25
84790	ND Clerks Association	Annual Dues	\$100.00
84791	Marilyn Kutzler	Dues	\$50.00
84792	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$450.48
84793	RTC Network	Internet & Phones	\$1,432.74
84794	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$4,508.85
84795-84801	February Payroll		\$22,025.69
84802-84805	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,885.32
84806-84808	Library Disbursements		\$560.43
84809	Café		\$200.00
84810	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.41
84811	Cenex Fleet Fuel	Fuel	\$1,615.19
84812	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel	\$120.15
84813-84818	Ag Improvement	Disbursements	\$1,781.60
84819	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.48

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners
