

**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 (CLOSE AT NOON)	NOVEMBER 11	VETERAN'S DAY
JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR DAY	NOVEMBER 28	THANKSGIVING
JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING	NOVEMBER 29	THANKSGIVING
FEBRUARY 19	PRESIDENTS' DAY	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
MARCH 29	GOOD FRIDAY	DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS
MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY	DECEMBER 31	NEW YEARS EVE (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

BMO, BEACH, ND

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

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

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
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 5, 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 Farstveet moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Smith moved to accept the quote from Armor Interactive in the amount of \$1,808.22 to purchase a new computer for County Auditor Sperry and amend and pay for the computer out of the Capital Outlay budget and to purchase an Office 365 subscription for the new computer and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to re-enter into another funding agreement with the State for providing clerk services for the 2025-2027 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor Sperry had a discussion with Eide Bailly in regards to the Airport qualifying as a component of the County Audit. It was determined by Eide Bailly that they are not a component. The Board agreed that the County will not take over the books for the Airport Authority. Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the Water Management is not a component of the County and will not need to be included in the County's audit.
- Discussion was held in regards to the Joint Agreement with the Cities and County to have the County run their election with the County election. The Board agreed not to charge the Cities as it has been agreed to that way in the past.
- Chairman Smith gave the Board an update on TSED grant.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the updated estimate totaling \$7,376.50 from Le Floer Electric to update the current light fixtures to LED fixtures that originally was approved at \$7,002.50 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regards to filling the General Courthouse Assistant vacancy. It was agreed to set the position as part time. Commissioner Schmeling moved to advertise the position as part time for 2 weeks and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Andrew Smith and Ryan Thompson with Beach Civil Township met with the Board and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld to discuss issues with a township road on 38th St SW between the Montana line and Highway 16. Beach Civil Township is not in a financial situation where they can fix the water holding areas and resurface the road. The County will put up traffic counters on the road to

better calculate traffic load. After that information is gathered the County is willing to work with the Township to improve safety and durability of the road in question.

Commissioner Smith called the Annual County Park Board meeting to order. Board Members that were present: Rachel Keohane and Kim Gaugler, Commissioners Smith, Schmeling and Farstveet. Ashley Ueckert with the Fair requesting \$1,500, Tom Heckaman with the Golf Association requesting \$750 and Mariah Zachman with the Golva City park requesting \$8,000 met with the County Park Board. There were two written requests from Janie Rathbun from the City of Beach Pool for the amount of \$5,000 and Spirit of the West for \$1,000. There is \$15,000 in the budget to distribute. Mariah Zachmann agreed to lower her request to \$6,750 so the Board stays within the budget. Gaugler moved to distribute \$1,500 to the Fair, \$5,000 to the City of Beach Pool, \$6,750 to Golva City park, \$1,000 to Spirit Of The West and \$750 to the Golf Association and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Kim Gaugler moved to adjourn the Annual County Park Board meeting at 10:46 AM and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to give them an update from her office and her Annual review with NDSU is set for April 5th at 10 A.M. and requests that one of the Commissioners be present for the review.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld along with Andrew Krebs from KLJ met with the Board. Discussion was held in regards to the agreement between owner and engineer for professional services with KLJ. Krebs will make the updates/corrections to the agreement that were suggested by States Attorney Wenko. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign Amendment No. 2 to task order No. 2303-00212 to provide construction and post construction phase services from KLJ and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Various road topics were discussed.

Discussion was held on the North Plains Connector road use and repair agreement. States Attorney Wenko will work with the Attorney involved in the North Plains Connector agreement to finalize the agreement for the Boards signature.

Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Commissioner Farstveet as the coordinators to represent the County during the Little Missouri National Grassland Travel Management Planning and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn the regular meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 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 March 2024 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Chairman Smith gave an update on the topics that were discussed at the County Commissioners Summit meeting in Bismarck. Topics discussed: possible ballot measure for the November General Election on property tax elimination, County Commissioner portfolio folders, HR topics and other various topics.
- Information for the upcoming NDIRF meeting to be held May 9th in Bismarck was presented to the Board. The Board will let County Auditor Sperry know if they plan to attend.
- There was only 1 applicant for the General Courthouse Assistant. The applicant needs full time. The Board has agreed to run the ad again for part time. If the position does not get filled the Board will address the possibility of making the position full time at budget time.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve an abatement on parcel #04549000 due to clerical errors with homestead and veteran credit calculations and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor Sperry gave the Board an update from her office.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld joined the meeting.

Terry Traynor and Denisha Cummings met with the Board to give them an update on the North Plains Connector and reviewed the project time line. The North Plains Connector is an approximately 415 mile, 500 kilovolt high voltage direct current transmission line connecting the U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Montana and North Dakota. This line will run through the very south part of the County.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to discuss plumbing issues at her office. Commissioner Smith moved to allow Ueckert to hire someone to look at the issues and pay for the bill out of the Capital Outlay fund up to \$1,500 as that is the agreed amount the County is

responsible for according to the lease agreement with the Soil Conservation District and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Misty Hayes with the Forest Service met with the Board to give them an update on various issues which included fire indexes, upcoming events held in the Forest Service land and the Little Missouri National Grassland Travel Management Project.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Discussion was held in regards to the pre-job meetings on the upcoming Highway 10 project. Various other road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn the regular meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:41 A.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 24, 2024 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet along with Clerk/Recorder Rachel Keohane and Tax Director Carla Beeler were present for the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting is to appoint Raynette Szudera as the Golden Valley County’s Election Inspector for the 2024 Primary and General Elections and to designate a hiring committee for the part time position interviews and discuss a plan moving forward to fill the position.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Raynette Szudera as Golden Valley County’s Election Inspector for the 2024 Primary and General Election and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Tax Director Carla Beeler, Clerk/Recorder Rachel Keohane and Commissioner Fartsveet to the hiring committee for the part time position and to start interviews as soon as County Auditor Tamra Sperry can line up the interviews and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

The plan is to have the interviews completed by the next regular meeting scheduled for May 7th so the hiring committee can come to the Board with their results from the interviews and possibly hire someone for the position at that meeting.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	April Payroll	\$61,696.00
-87227	NDPERS		\$17,747.43
-87228	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87229	NDPHIT		\$29,528.14
-87230	IRS		\$24,135.84
-99718	JP Morgan		\$1,438.64
-99719	ND State Treasurer		\$1,114.03
84925	VOID		
84926	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
84927	PowerPlan	Parts	\$2,013.32

84928	ND County Recorder's Association	Conference	\$200.00
84929	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$3,899.26
84930	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$875.35
84931	ND Association of Counties	Special Operation	\$200.00
84932	Steve Raisler	VA	\$48.00
84933	Diamond Mowers LLC	Parts	\$944.65
84934	Farmers Union Oil	Parts	\$13,355.49
84935	Total Safety US	Inspection	\$626.08
84936	Electro Watchman Inc	Contract	\$455.40
84937	Jandt Plumbing & Heating LLC	Repair	\$5,975.53
84938	Charbonneau Car Center	Repair	\$1,043.24
84939	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$609.54
84940	Tamra Sperry	Travel	\$251.40
84941	Cassandra Szudera	Travel	\$117.40
84942	Adam Smith	Travel	\$318.14
84943	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$99.80
84944	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$786.09
84945	NDSU	Supplies	\$173.00
84946	Otis Elevator Company	Contract	\$969.60
84947	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$55.78
84948	Burt Cook	VA	\$340.00
84949	Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$220.44
84950	Sign Solutions USA	Signs	\$1,539.45
84951	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$58.96
84952	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$53.84
84953	ND County Commissioners Assoc	Conference	\$150.00
84954	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$118.00
84955	Dakota Supply Group	Updates	\$2,091.05
84956	Stacey Swanson	Contract	\$2,795.99
84957	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$97.08
		Engineering	
84958	GV County Fair Association	Reimb	\$5,500.00
84959	Linde Gas and Equipment	Lease	\$231.40
84960	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$286.81
84961	Wallwork Truck Center	Supplies	\$178.21
84962	ND Association of Counties	Coll Sub	\$36.00
84963	Butler Machinery Company	Parts	\$101.18
84964	KLJ Engineering LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$4,588.82
84965	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$419.72
84966-84967	NDSU Disbursements		\$1,450.00
84968	Ashley Ueckert	Travel	\$1,210.44

84969	Perry Stockwell	Refund	\$186.04
84970	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$3,382.71
84971-85001	Collections Submitted		\$198,179.13
85002	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Certification	\$140.00
85003	NDAAO	Training	\$650.00
85004	Reservation Telephone Coop	Trunking	\$40.00
85005	RTC Network	Telephone/Internet	\$1,582.34
85006	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel	\$62.93
85007-85008	Library Disbursement		\$61.73
85009-85017	April Payroll		\$20,767.78
85018-85021	April Payroll Liabilities		\$2,793.73
85022	Café		\$200.00
85023	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,903.47
85024	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$364.00
85025	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Training	\$140.00
85026	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$114.33
85027	Verizon	Cell Phone	\$367.40

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 7, 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 April 2024 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- County Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the NDIRF Annual Meeting will be held May 9th. Commissioner Schmeling moved to elect Travis Frey in the “Counties” category to the NDIRF Board of Directors and to sign the proxy for the annual meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Smith moved to approve an application for a local permit or restricted event permit submitted by Miss Rodeo North Dakota Organization for a one-time raffle to be held at the Home on the Range Match and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve a Gaming site authorization from Home On The Range for a Calcutta at the Home on the Range Match on August 3, 2024 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve a Gaming site authorization from the Medora Fire Association to have pull tab machines at Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to offer Missy Nelson the courthouse department assistant position as recommended by the hiring committee and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- The new Assessor Hub website is up and running on the County’s website and the data is being consistently cleaned up and some ag lands need to be added.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve the following applications and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
 - i. Dale Maus: Application for Zoning Certificate, Road Approach Permit for Farm Use access on Parcel 02819200, Sec 23-141-104.
 - ii. Matthew Church on behalf of Martin Construction Inc: Application for Temporary Use Permit for Road Approach to be used during the I-94 NDDOT Project on Parcel 02336500, Sec 14-140-105. The approach will be removed upon completion of the project.

- iii. Garret Carlson on behalf of Michels Road & Stone, Inc: Application for Conditional Use Permit for Operation of Temporary Concrete Batch Plant to be used during the I-94 NDDOT Project on Parcel 01920500, Sec 17-140-104.
- Commissioner Farstveet move to sign the funding agreement for clerk of court district services for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
 - Discussion was held in regard to the 2025 budget guidance on wages. It was agreed to advise employees to work their budgets with a 3% wage increase and County Auditor will work up a spreadsheet showing different wage increase scenarios to be presented at the June meeting as the 3% is not set in stone as the final 2025 wage increase will be determined at a later date.
 - Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve abatements: for 2022 and 2023 tax years on parcel #04986000 and #04713000 as the applicant qualifies for homestead credit and for 2023 tax year on parcel #00697500 as the property was reassessed and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to reject the abatements for 2022 and 2023 tax years on parcel #04445000 as the title to the property was not in the name of the applicant and the application for the exemption was submitted after the February 1st deadline and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
 - Commissioner Farstveet moved to reconsider the original motion to approve the abatements for the parcels # 04986000, 04713000 and 00697500 based on the fact that the abatement on parcel #00697500 should have been partially rejected. and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
 - Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve abatements: for 2022 and 2023 tax years on parcel #04986000 and #04713000 as the applicant qualifies for homestead credit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
 - Commissioner Farstveet moved to partially reject the abatement for the 2023 tax year on parcel #00697500 as the owner was requesting a reduction of \$44,400 in the true and full value and Tax Director Carla Beeler and Stacy Swanson went and re-assessed the property and reduced the full and true value by \$25,100 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
 - The Board does not feel there is a need to have water and sewer in the bus barn located at 163 1st Ave Se.
 - Discussion was held on drug testing employees. No action was taken at this time. States Attorney Wenko will check with other Counties our size on their drug testing policy and get back to the Board with what she found out.
 - States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.
 - Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Deputy Auditor Cassie Szudera to replace County Auditor Sperry on the County Canvassing Board meeting on June 24th and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
 - Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign an agreement lease with the Council on Aging to lease the bus barn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Kim Gaugler joined the meeting.

Matt Ellerkamp with the ND Small Business Development Center met with the Board. Ellerkamp informed the Board how the organization works and the benefits of utilizing the organization. Ellerkamp requested \$5,000 from the County to help support the organization. No action was taken at this time.

Audrey Schieffer with the Soil Conservation District and County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to review the commercial lease agreement as the Soil Conservation District owns the building where the County Agents office is located. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the presented lease between the County and the Soil Conservation District and Commissioner Schmeling seconded.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to discuss some items that will be in his 2025 budget that are a significant amount and wanted to make the Board aware of those purchases that will need to be done next year.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Krebs gave the Board an update on the Hwy 10 project. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign the MSA-GVC/KLJ Agreement and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Wirtzfeld updated the Board on what the road department has been working on.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 A.M

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 23, 2024 MEETING 2:00 P.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet, along with Carla Beeler and Gloria Padilla and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley News were present for the special meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting is to accept the resignation/retirement of the Custodian/Grounds and Building Maintenance personnel and a plan moving forward to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept Gloria Padilla’s letter of retirement dated May 21, 2024 with her last day being June 4, 2024 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a plan moving forward to fill the position. Commissioner Farstveet moved to have County Auditor Sperry advertise the position and set the starting salary at \$18-\$20/hour depending on experience and applications/resumes are due to the County Auditor by June 10, 2024 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. It was agreed that the County Commissioners will be the hiring committee for this position.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	May Payroll	\$72,881.41
-87197	MT Dept of		\$348.00
-87198	NDPHIT		\$29,528.14
-87199	NDPERS		\$825.00
-87200	NDPERS		\$18,112.32
-87201	IRS		\$28,559.75
-87202	Vanguard		\$287.84
-99715	JP Morgan		\$2,247.31
-99716	ND State Treasurer		\$629.02
-99717	Pitney Bowes Postedge		\$500.00
85028	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program		\$140.00
85029-			
85056	Collections Submitted		\$98,851.93

85057	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85058	Armor Interactive	Service Agreement	\$1,034.00
85059	Fireside Office Solutions	Copy Services	\$766.58
85060	Sidwell	Software	\$1,552.27
85061	Motorola Solutions	Subscriptions/upgrade	\$6,246.54
85062	SW Multi-County Corrections Center	Prisoner Care	\$400.00
85063	Ramada Bismarck Hotel	Lodging	\$192.60
85064	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Supplies	\$9,077.40
85065	US Postal Service	Postage	\$272.00
85066	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc	Supplies	\$239.09
85067	ND One Call	Locate Request	\$1.30
85068	ND Association of Counties	D & A Testing	\$69.30
85069	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$374.99
85070	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$7,419.92
85071	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	Lease	\$441.99
85072	Lawson Products Inc	Parts	\$588.74
85073	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$856.78
85074	ND State Radio Communications	Lines/Renewal	\$2,926.24
85075	Charbonneau Car Center	Repair	\$292.00
85076	KLJ Engineering	Rd/Bridge	\$4,042.89
85077	Burt Cook	VA	\$360.00
85078	Steve Raisler	VA	\$117.00
85079	Capital I Industries	Repair	\$307.65
85080	Darin Maus	Travel	\$17.42
85081	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$33.50
85082	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$180.89
85083	Powerplan	Repair	\$13,336.89
85084	Eide Bailly LLP	Audit	\$26,000.00
85085	Dakota Supply Group	Lights	\$3,032.64
85086	Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc	Floor Care	\$196.20
85087	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$530.48
85088	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$53.60
85089	NW Tire Inc	Tires	\$6,504.40
85090	Cerberus Security, LLC	Contract	\$200.00
85091	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$1,771.00
85092	Stacey Swanson	Contract	\$1,625.00
85093	Westlie Motor Company	Parts	\$488.70
85094	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$232.42

85095	Robert Schmeling	Travel	\$716.90
85096	Black Mountain Software	Software	\$9,530.00
85097	Golva Repair	Repair	\$1,078.00
85098	Beach Food Center	Supplies	\$7.88
85099	City of Beach	Garbage/Water	\$429.84
85100	MDU	Electric/Gas	\$2,817.69
85101	Donald Maus	Refund	\$254.14
85102	Swenda Braden	Refund	\$1,174.06
85103	Karen Wojahn	Refund	\$1,852.80
85104	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$11,444.70
85105	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Supplies	\$2,619.34
85106	Void	Void	
85107	RTC Network	Internet/Phone	\$2,619.34
85108-			
85110	Library Disbursements		\$122.94
85111	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$2,151.98
85112-			
85121	May Payroll		\$22,094.01
85122-			
85127	May Liabilities		\$4,012.01
85128	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.33
85129	Café		\$200.00
85130	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.40

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 4, 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, Gary Howard with the Golden Valley News, Tax Director Carla Beeler and Missy Nelson.

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the May 2024 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 re-appoint Rick Bostyan to the County Reorganization Committee for another 3-year term and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to re-appoint Rachel Keohane to the County Tuition Appeals Committee for another 3-year term and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to re-appoint William Tidball to another 5-year term to the Airport Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the ND Small Business Development Centers request of a contribution of \$5,000. It was agreed the County will not contribute for 2024 but will look at the possibility at budget time for 2025.
- Discussion was held on NY Life insurance and if the County should enroll. It was agreed the County will not enroll as there is a lack of interest from the County Employees signing up.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to pay the \$1,912.46 bill from Farmers Union to install a hot water heater at Sheriff Shop out of the Capital Outlay Budget and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- County Canvassing is scheduled for June 24th at 1 pm. Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Commissioner Schmeling to the County Canvassing Board to replace Chairman Smith as he is out of town on that date and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the opioid funds that were sent to the SW District Health Unit. It was agreed the County will let the SW District Health Unit use those funds as they see fit and in compliance with those funds.

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to grant the Employees July 5 off as an extended Fourth of July Holiday and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- There was discussion on the 2025 budgets. County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with different salary and health insurance scenarios.
- Christina Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. She will work on drafting a policy to present to the Board at the next meeting for Employee drug and alcohol testing.
- County Auditor Sperry will be out of the office June 21-28 but is available by cell phone or email.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve journal voucher 942 to correct accounting errors as payment for crushing was taken out of the Special County Road Fund/Budget and should have been taken out of the County HT Fund/Budget in the amount of \$163,762.25 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay \$20/hour to the employee that picks up the extra Custodial duties until the position is filled but that employee is not to go over 40 hours/week and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. County Auditor Sperry will be the liaison between the employees on these extra duties.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the County Zoning Board's recommendation to approve an application for a zoning certificate for completion of the church parking lot on parcel #05469000 from St. Mary's Catholic Church and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Shannon Ellig and Teran Doerr with the Roosevelt Custer Regional Council met with the Board to give the Board an update and present them with their 2023 annual report. There will be a Council meeting this month and they should have their contribution request to the County in time for budget preparation for 2025.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to introduce the County Agent's Office summer intern Taylor Downing.

Jared Mack with Eide Bailly met via Microsoft Teams with the Board to review the County's 2020/2021 audit. Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the 2020/2021 audit as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. The County Township road mileage certifications were reviewed. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the certification as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Wirtzfeld gave the Board an update on the Highway 10 project. Wirtzfeld informed the Board that he has money in the budget to purchase a bucket truck for the road department. It was agreed that Wirtzfeld should go look at bucket trucks for the County to purchase. Various other road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. The Board met as the Unorganized Township Board. The increases and decreases for agricultural land acres, commercial lots, commercial structures, residential lots and residential structures are properly noted in the Golden Valley County Unorganized Townships equalization booklet presented at the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and find them proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved that a finding be made that all exemptions have been reviewed and find them proper as presented or corrected and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2024 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the Assessment Roll for 2024 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

The Board met as the County Equalization Board. Various changes to the townships and cities were reviewed by the Board. The increases and decreases for agricultural land acres, commercial lots, commercial structures, residential lots and residential structures are properly noted in the Golden Valley County equalization booklet presented at the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and found them proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved that a finding be made that the Board reviewed all exemptions and find them proper as presented or corrected in the minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for Golden Valley County for 2024 has been reviewed and found them properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that based on the preceding findings, the Board declared the Assessment Roll for 2024 for Golden Valley County equalized and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn as the County Equalization Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:39 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 13, 2024 MEETING 1:00 P.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley News were present for the special meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting is to review the applicant's application and to interview for the Custodian Position and to approve Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld to purchase a bucket truck from Badlands Trucks out of Glendive, MT in the amount of \$17,500.

The Board reviewed the one application that was received for the custodial position.

Jeff Schmeling joined the meeting and was interviewed for the custodial position.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to offer the position to Jeff Schmeling with a starting wage of \$19.50/hour with the possibility of a 3% raise after the County's required 6 month probation period per the employee handbook and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-yes, Schmeling-abstained from voting, Smith-yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve County Auditor Sperry to write a check to Badlands Trucks to purchase a bucket truck in the amount of \$17,500 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 2:03 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	June Payroll	\$84,780.84
-87162	MT Dept of		\$188.00
-87163	NDPERS		\$16,866.64
-87164	NDPHIT		\$28,647.13
-87165	NDPERS		\$825.00
-87166	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87167	IRS		\$29,648.01
-99713	JP Morgan		\$1,909.08
-99714	ND State Treasurer		\$91.08
85131	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
	West Dakota Parent & Family		
85132	Resource	Parenting	\$332.39
85133	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$199.60
		Election	
85134	Election Systems & Software	Supplies	\$2,726.55
85135	Marilyn Kutzler	Dues	\$1,180.35
85136	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
85137	GS Publishing LLC	Publishing	\$504.84
85138	Farmers Union	Fuel/parts	\$10,614.36
85139	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$381.00

85140	Baymont By Wyndham	Lodging	\$481.50
85141	Darin Maus	Travel	\$17.42
85142	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$33.50
85143	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$97.08
85144	National Sheriff's Association	Dues	\$125.00
85145	Gloria Padilla	Travel	\$5.36
85146	ND Sheriff's Deputies Association	Dues	\$50.00
85147	GVC Garden Club	Flowers	\$49.75
85148	ND WSI	Insurance	\$250.00
85149	Fast & Initial Response System	Supplies	\$459.98
85150	Prairie Lumber Beach	Supplies	\$664.87
85151	Deere Credit Inc	Lease	\$9,600.00
85152	Tescher Fencing LLC	Contract	\$947.25
85153	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$188.87
85154	NDACS	Fees	\$50.00
85155	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$51.75
85156	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$65,380.34
85157	John Deere Financial	parts	\$51.30
85158	Fireside Office Solutions	Supplies	\$59.95
85159	Sidwell	Software	\$9,234.65
85160	Vanguard Appraisals	Technology	\$7,312.50
85161	Mayo Construction Company	Hwy 10 Project	\$987,572.81
85162	Foremost Promotions	Supplies	\$660.39
85163	Big State Industrial Supply Inc	Tools	\$377.98
85164	Lawson Products	Parts	\$84.05
85165	Stacey Swanson	Contract	\$1,500.00
85166	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$2,499.40
85167	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
85168	Noll Construction	Blading	\$2,827.50
85169	Dept Of Corrections & Rehab	Prisoner Care	\$150.00
85170	CNH Industrial Accounts	Parts	\$223.12
85171	Leo Floer Electric	Contract	\$4,769.50
85172	Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	Floor Care	\$166.20
85173	Gene Padilla	Repair	\$335.00
85174	City of Beach	Water & Garbage Electricity &	\$438.93
85175	MDU	Gas	\$2,211.94
85176- 85204	Collections Submitted		\$74,763.55
85205	Void		VOID

85206	O5 Motorsports LLC	Parts	\$1,748.88
85207	Farmers Union	Fuel/parts	\$2,877.07
85208	SpraySync	Supplies	\$5,591.60
85209	Warne Chemical & Equipment	Supplies	\$3,468.64
85210	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$969.00
85211	Library Disbursement		\$20.48
85212	Badland Truck Sales Inc	Truck	\$17,500.00
		Internet & Phone	
85213	RTC Networks		\$1,433.81
85214-			
85223	June Payroll		\$17,125.06
85224-			
85229	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,807.04
85230	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$2,007.70
85231	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$80.00
85232	Café		\$200.00
85233	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Education	\$140.00
85234	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$114.33
85235	Boespflug Trailers	Trailer	\$3,325.00
85236	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.48

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 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 June 2024 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Discussion was held on the Building Committee. Currently the Committee is Commissioner Schmeling, Sheriff Muckle and the previous custodian Gloria Padilla. Jeff Schmeling, the new custodian will replace Gloria Padilla. Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint Commissioner Smith to the Building Committee to replace Commissioner Schmeling and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve SW District Health Unit's request for funding of \$6,500 for the 2025 Health Maintenance Program and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on a quote from Armor Interactive on equipment for a webcam/virtual meeting set up in the Commissioner's Room. No action was taken at this time.
- County Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the State sent the incorrect amount for indirect cost payments and Billings County will need to be refunded for the overage. Commissioner Farstveet moved to write a check in the full amount that was sent to the County to Billings County in the amount of \$15,514.87 and Billings County will be sending a check in return for the correct amount of \$3,640.50 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor presented the Board with a letter from the ND State Fire and Tornado Fund informing us of the coverage rate increasing in excess of 25% as of July 1, 2024.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint George Weinreis to another three-year term as the representative for Golden Valley County on the Little Missouri Scenic River Commissioner Farstveet as the proxy and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to combine the Wireless 911 Fund with the County 911 Fund effective January 1, 2025 as the State suggests that it is not necessary to have separate funds and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor presented the Board with the preliminary 2025 budgets.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Review of the Detention Service Agreement with the DOCR, DJS and YCC as detention providers and Golden

Valley County. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the agreement and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

- County Auditor informed the Board that she will be out of the office July 15-19 but will be working remotely during that period and available by cell phone or email.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to go over the City of Beach Law Enforcement Contract for 2025. Discussion was also held on a special events permit submitted from the Legion Club for the 4th of July celebration. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the permit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld joined the meeting.

Zoning/Tax Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Discussion was held on the State Radio fee increase of \$0.20 effective July 1, 2025. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a memorandum of agreement with the State of North Dakota/State Radio and Golden Valley County reflecting the \$0.20 rate increase and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the County Zoning Board's recommendation to approve the following:

- a. Tim Schulte on behalf of Mayo Construction Company, Inc: Application for Conditional Use Permit for Sentinel Butte Stockpile Site to be used during the County Road 11 & Highway 10 Projects on Parcel 01920500, Sec 17-140-104.
- b. Michael Bosserman: Application for Zoning Certificate, Road Approach Permit for AG Access on Parcel 00657500, Sec 11-137-105.

And Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Libby Almy, Gene Weinreis, Brad Maus and Jason Bosserman with the LoneTree School District and Misty Farnstrom and Jessica Geis with the Beach School District and Rusty Makelky with Sentinel Township met with the Board to discuss the 2024 Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act payment that came in at \$4,218,999.47 (disbursement amount).

Commissioner Smith moved to distribute 12% (based on the sequestered percentage of the payment which is about 6% and then taking that times 2) of the disbursement amount to the schools with the Beach School District receiving 70% of the 12% and the LoneTree School District receiving 30% of the 12%, Sentinel Butte Township 3% of the disbursement amount and \$3,000 to the Unorganized Townships. Motion died due to a lack of a 2nd.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to distribute 18% (based on the sequestered percentage of the payment which is about 6% and then taking that times 3) of the disbursement amount to the schools with the Beach School District receiving 70% of the 18% (\$531,593.39) and the Lone Tree School District receiving 30% of the 18% (\$227,825.97), Sentinel Township 3% of the

disbursement amount (\$126,569.98) and \$3,000 to the Unorganized Townships and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed. Krebs gave the Board an update on the Hwy 10 progress and discussed some issues with rut, soft spot and tack issue. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the MOU between Billings, Golden Valley, Mckenzie and Slope Counties and the USDA, Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grassland Travel Management Project and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	July Payroll	\$86,140.14
-87126	NDPERS		\$17,029.90
-87127	NDPERS		\$825.00
-87128	MT Dept of		\$174.00
-87129	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87130	NDPHIT		\$30,319.69
-87131	IRS		\$28,970.67
-99709	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
-99710	JP Morgan		\$1,640.59
-99711	ND State Tax Commissioner		\$555.43
-99712	ND State Treasurer		\$43.33
85237	Burt Cook	Veteran Travel	\$590.00
85238	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85239	Jaqueline Dietz	Election	\$328.50
85240	Cassandra Szudera	Election	\$45.00
85241	Renae Smith	Election	\$305.50
85242	Tracey Trask	Election	\$274.00
85243	Raynette Szudera	Election	\$310.00
85244	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
85245	Carrie Zachmann	Travel	\$36.00
		Election	
85246	Election System & Software	Supplies	\$4,660.73
85247	TAO Interactive	Contract	\$599.95
85248	I-29 Trailer Sales	Parts	\$738.96
85249	Marilyn Kutzler	Repair	\$136.95

85250	Angelina Marman	Election	\$18.00
85251	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$12,676.94
85252	GS Publishing	Publication	\$1,646.67
85253	Gloria Padilla	Training	\$66.42
85254	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$11,749.00
85255	Jandt Plumbing	Repair	\$14,639.77
85256	Rough Rider Industries	Supplies	\$1,795.00
85257	Prairie Lumber	Supplies	\$343.29
85258	Westlie Motor Company	Repair	\$1,008.00
85259	Linstar	Supplies	\$76.80
85260	Red Rock Ford	Repair	\$803.14
85261	Charbonneau Care Center	Repair	\$1,697.90
85262	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$861.73
85263	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$666.84
85264	NDAAO	Conference	\$175.00
85265	Peter Wirtzfeld	Reimbursement	\$42.03
85266	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$58.44
85267	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$33.50
85268	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$238.96
85269	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$123,135.25
85270	Noll Construction	Blading	\$1,160.00
85271	Northwest Tire Inc	Tires	\$4,949.24
85272	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
85273	Wallwork Truck Center	Supplies	\$1,359.59
85274	Mayo Construction Company	Rd & Bridge	\$2,645,032.57
85275	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$907.70
85276	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$166.85
85277	Butler Machinery Company	Supplies	\$30.68
85278	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$180.16
85279-85305	Collection Submitted		\$30,052.92
85306	Billings County Auditor		\$15,514.87
85307	Void		Void
85308	City of Beach	Water & Garbage Electricity &	\$479.12
85309	MDU	Gas	\$1,673.13
85310	NDPHIT	Insurance	\$340.00
85311	Beach Public School	Bankhead Jones	\$531,593.93
85312	Lone Tree School District	Bankhead Jones	\$227,825.97

85313	Sentinel Township	Bankhead Jones	\$126,569.98
85314	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$15,981.00
85315	Warne Chemical & Equipment	Supplies	\$2,218.85
85316	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$68.74
85317	Pump Systems	Supplies	\$200.15
85318	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$40.00
85319	Beach Food Center	Supplies	\$101.62
85320	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$2,622.96
85321	RTC Networks	Internet/Phones	\$1,441.05
85322	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Education	\$140.00
85323-85330	July Payroll		\$14,352.20
85331-85336	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,375.49
85337	Café		\$200.00
85338-85339	Library Disbursements		\$122.28
85340	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.38
85341	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$2,036.88
85342	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.50

ATTEST

 Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

 Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 6, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the July regular 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:

- October 1st is the date for the public hearing on 2025 budgets/levies at 10 am.
- Discussion was held in regard to the upcoming NDACo conference to be held October 20-22. The Board has agreed to have Chairman Adam Smith as the County Delegate for the conference.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the following Treasurer’s report and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

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

Ledger balance for period 1-1-24 through 7-01-24

BALANCE 1-1-2024	\$18,754,279.03		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$657,631.83	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$ 1,535,679.98
FEB. “	\$1,272,069.58	FEB. “	\$ 431,222.64
MAR. “	\$ 449,708.18	MAR. “	\$ 1,131,588.36
APR. “	\$ 248,486.80	APR. “	\$ 422,726.35
MAY “	\$ 249,630.00	MAY “	\$ 408,789.41
JUNE “	\$ 4,440,356.91	JUNE “	\$ 1,413,393.57
		BALANCE 7-01-2024	\$20,728,762.02
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TOTAL	\$26,072,162.33		\$26,072,162.33

BALANCE 7-01-2024	\$20,728,762.02	FIRST STATE BANK	\$13,793,872.72
		WESTERN COOP. CU	\$ 226,354.43
		BMO	\$ 524,363.60
		TREASURER ACCT	\$ 3,155.18
		CLK OF CRT ACCT	\$ 8,719.00
		LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$ 51,184.17
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$ 6,117,323.06
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 0.00

	CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$	0.00
	CASH ON HAND	\$	3,789.86
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TOTAL			\$20,728,762.02

GV COUNTY TREASURER

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an abatement on parcel 04695000 as the individual qualifies for homestead credit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to add a line item in the Sheriff's budget labelled Motorola Pass Through and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with a letter from the Missouri River Joint Water Board about upcoming meetings to be held.
- States Attorney Christina Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held on updating the drug testing policy for the County. States Attorney Wenko will draft a resolution for the Board to review at the next meeting. Wenko also informed that the price to house a juvenile has increased substantially.

Misty Hayes with the Forest Service met with the Board to update them on Forest Service topics. Discussion was held in regard to the fire burning restrictions and the upcoming travel management meetings.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the following Zoning Board Recommendation for approval: One Way Wireless Construction conditional use permit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. The Board reviewed a letter from the City of Beach-conditional use permit submitted by Badlands Buildings Solutions, LLC & Bartz Engineering Services, Inc. This is an informational letter and no action was taken.

Gene Hamilton joined the meeting.

Ben Baker with Prairie West Development Foundation met with the Board to discuss their 2025 budget.

Custodian Jeff Schmeling met with the Board to discuss various projects that need to be done at and around the Courthouse.

Sherry Adams with the SW District Health Unit met with the Board for the public hearing on the 2025 mill levy request. There will not be a budget increase for 2025 for the Health Unit.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the following preliminary levy amounts and preliminary budgets as presented:

General: \$300,000

Council on Aging: \$32,095.50

Veteran Service: \$11,000

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 138-103 \$1,491
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 142-103 \$2,888
 142-105 \$2,961
 143-103 \$3,149
 144-103 \$4,698

And Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ Engineering met with the Board. Krebs gave the Board an update on the Hwy 10 project and Chairman Smith signed the contractor's application for payment number 3. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	August Payroll	\$93,148.38
-87092	NDPERS		\$19,227.47
-87093	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87994	NDPHIT		\$29,135.20
-87095	NDPHIT		\$348.21
-87096	MT Dept of		\$174.00
-87097	IRS		\$31,715.64
-99706	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
-99707	JP Morgan		\$1,917.90
-99708	ND State Treasurer		\$173.63

85343	O5 Motorsports	Parts	\$485.17
85344	Bell Bank	CD's	\$500,000.00
85345-85373	Collections Submitted		\$36,006.82
85374	Warne Chemical & Equipment	Supplies	\$105.26
85375	Pump Systems	Parts	\$418.02
85376	Gooseneck Implement	Parts	\$72.15
85377	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85378	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$485.39
85379	Fireside Office Solutions	Contract	\$1,078.24
85380	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
85381	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$891.50
85382	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$9,037.45
85383	Election Systems & Software	Election	\$90.30
85384	Texas Refinery Corp	Parts	\$940.00
85385	Motorola Solutions	Supplies	\$1,076.06
85386	SW Multi-County Corrections	Prisoner Care	\$300.00
85387	Candie Loftsgard	Travel	\$514.00
85388	Marilyn Kutzler	Radio Repair	\$48.20
85389	Leo Floer Electric	Repair	\$370.00
85390	ND One Call	Locates	\$1.50
85391	ND State Radio Communications	Fees	\$8,250.11
85392	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	Lease	\$441.99
85393	Steve Raisler	Veteran Services	\$80.00
85394	Family Connection Safe Visitation		\$500.00
85395	Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center		\$2,000.00
85396	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$99.16
85397	Burt Cook	Travel	\$11.14
85398	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$115.17
85399	Lawson Products	Parts	\$579.97
85400	Department of Transportation	Rd & Brdg	\$559,063.44
85401	Powerplan	Repairs	\$620.70
85402	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$680.20
85403	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$147.40
85404	Wallwork Truck Center	Repairs	\$8,707.04
85405	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$162.44
85406	Nelson Auto Center	Vehicle	\$49,288.00
85407	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Brdg	\$18,564.03
85408	Dakota Dust-tex	Floor Care	\$98.10

85409	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$8,705.27
85410	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$527.54
85411	Knoll's Ready Mix	Supplies	\$1,600.00
85412	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$270.00
85413	Golva Repair	Repair	\$94.00
85414	Prairie Lumber	Supplies	\$9.48
85415	ND Association of Counties	D & A Test	\$69.30
85416	CNH Industrial Acc	Supplies	\$907.50
85417	Mayo Construction Company	Rd & Brdg	\$84,137.90
85418	Traffic Safety Services	Rd & Brdg	\$47,183.77
85419	Cheryl Planert	Refund	\$300.77
85420	City of Beach	Garbage & Water	\$862.43
85421	RTC Network	Phone & Internet	\$1,403.02
85422	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$40.00
85423	MDU	Gas & Electricity	\$1,965.78
85424	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$12,621.25
85425	Farmers Union Oil	NDSU	\$26.00
85426	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$3,821.37
85427	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.38
85428-85431	Library Disbursements		\$930.06
85432	Eide Bailly LLP	Audit	\$10,957.00
85433-85441	August Payroll		\$14,960.20
85442-85446	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,093.86
85447	Café		\$200.00
85448	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$2,118.45
85449	O5 Motorsports	Equipment	\$16,660.00
85450	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$24.99
85451	O5 Motorsports	Parts	\$1,168.95
85452	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.50
85453	SpraySync	Supplies	\$210.00

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the August regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Smith moved to move the regular November meeting date to November 7, 2024 as November 5th falls on the General Election and Commissioner Farstveet seconded.
- The Board reviewed the Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss from Doss & Associates in regards to the hail claim that was submitted by the County to NDIRF. No action was taken at this time as the Board has additional concerns on the library roof as it now leaks since that hailstorm. County Auditor Sperry will reach out to Doss & Associates and ask them to come back out and take another look at the roof.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with their registration and room reservation for the upcoming NDACo conference October 20-22 in Bismarck.
- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office. Discussion was held on the Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee grant that is now open. States Attorney Wenko and Clerk of Court Rachel Keohane will work on getting a list together to submit an application by the December 31, 2024 deadline.

Discussion was held regarding the Custodian position and policy issues that have happened. Custodian Jeff Schmeling was asked to join the discussion. Commissioner Farstveet moved to extend the 6-month probation period for Jeff Schmeling another 6 months extending it to June 2025 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-yes, Smith-yes and Schmeling abstained from voting. Motion carried. States Attorney Wenko will draft a document to be signed by the Board and Jeff Schmeling to acknowledge what was discussed and decided.

Clerk of Court Rachel Keohane, Tax Director Carla Beeler and General Office Assistant Missy Nelson met with the Board to discuss how things are working out. The Board will re-address at the time of the final budget hearing set at the October 1st meeting and decide then if the position will transition to full time at the first of the year. No action was taken at this time.

Custodian Jeff Schmeling met with the Board. They reviewed the estimate from Kilde Construction to replace the roof on the Courthouse. Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the \$47,473.10 bid and to replace the roof as soon as the contractor is able and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Smith moved to pay 50% of the estimate (\$27,736.55) out of the Capital Outlay Budget when the agreement is signed and to Amend the Capital Outlay Budget by \$47,473.10 to replace the roof and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to discuss the propane tank on the Sentinel Butte hill for the 911 communications building. The current propane tank is outdated and can not be filled in the future. Sheriff Muckle presented the Board with an estimate to replace the current tank. Commissioner Farstveet moved to rent a tank from Farmers Union for \$130/year and to accept the \$425 estimate for pumping out leaking propane tank and setting new tank in place and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Ryan Thompson with RTC joined the meeting.

Zoning Board Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve Ryan Thompson's building permit on behalf of RTC Networks to build a Central Office in Golva, LOTS 9-10-11-12 Block: 12, Original Golva, Parcel #05367000 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Rick Olson to the County's Zoning Board to fill the vacancy and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board and presented them with an updated memorandum of agreement between Billings, Golden Valley, Stark Counties and the North Dakota State University Extension. States Attorney Wenko will review the MOU and get back to the Board with her recommendations.

Roger Clemens met with the Board and discussion was held on the 4 way stop sign that has been approved in Sentinel Butte. Discussion was also held regarding who is responsible financially to put the signs in place. It was agreed the City of Sentinel Butte needs to come to the Board and have the discussion of a plan moving forward putting those signs up and the financial burden to do so.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Discussion was held on the fees collected for road permits that are approved by Sheriff Muckle or Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld. No action was taken at this time on disbursement to the individual townships. Krebs gave the Board an update on Hwy 10 and waiting to get the final inspection after all the work is completed. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept and sign Task Order No. 2403-01198 for project CP-1705(24)01 County Road 5 Structure Replacement. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:57 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 9:00 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 regarding the custodian position and discussion and action regarding the custodian position.

Discussion was held on policy violations from Custodian Jeff Schmeling. Commissioner Smith moved to terminate Jeff Schmeling effective immediately due to the following policy violations and Commissioner Farstveet seconded:

- Misconduct-excessive absenteeism and prior absences without notice
- Harassment-call the County Auditor/HR Director and slandering the Board Members
- Gross neglect of duty due to excessive absenteeism
- Offensive language or conduct

Roll call vote: Farstveet-yes, Smith-yes and Schmeling abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet called Jeff Schmeling on his cell phone. Jeff did not answer and it went to voicemail and Commissioner Farstveet left a message letting him know they were in a special meeting to call Farstveet back as soon as possible.

Commissioner Smith moved to start advertising for the position pending States Attorney Christina Wenko’s recommendation on timing to advertise and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

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

Direct		September	
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	Payroll	\$75,459.51
-87063	NDPERS		\$13,014.68
-87062	NDPPERS		\$4,629.05
-87060	Vanguard		\$287.84
-87064	NDPHIT		\$28,647.13
-87061	MT Dept of		\$249.00
-87065	IRS		\$26,152.28
-99703	ND Tax Commissioner		\$579.12
-99704	JP Morgan		\$1,259.88
-99705	ND State Treasurer		\$264.17

85454	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85455	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
85456	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$1,002.70
85457	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$10,791.67
85458	Marilyn Kutzler	Updates	\$165.00
85459	US Postal Service	Postage	\$365.00
85460	Mathew Bender & Co Inc	Updates	\$25.58
85461	Colonial Research	Supplies	\$785.78
85462	Western Dakota Energy Association	Dues	\$3,363.38
85463	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$219.87
85464	Ward County Auditor	Prisoner Care	\$2,068.00
85465	Burt Cook	Travel	\$81.39
85466	Noll Construction	Contract	\$1,957.50
85467	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$437.99
85468	Darin Maus	Travel	\$17.42
85469	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$33.50
85470	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$101.55
85471	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$105.97
85472	EAPC Architects Engineers	GVC Fair	\$1,371.57
85473	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$287.40
85474	Vanguard Appraisals, Inc	Fees	\$5,200.00
85475	Ashley Ueckert	Travel	\$389.38
85476	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$711.00
85477	Cerberus Security, LLC	Contract	\$400.00
85478	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$98.10
85479	TrueNorth Steele, Inc	Supplies	\$6,165.88
85480	VOID		
85481-85503	Collections Submitted		\$15,792.66
85504	City of Beach	Garbage/Water	\$1,159.00
85505	MDU	Gas/Electricity	\$1,617.65
85506	HKT Big Sky Motors	Repair	\$2,644.16
85507	Kilde Construction	Contract	\$23,736.55
85508	Pump Systems	Parts	\$1,943.40
85509	Collections Submitted		\$37.77
85510	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Supplies	\$1,846.40
85511	RTC Networks	Internet/Phones	\$1,437.04
85512	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$40.00
85513	Farmers Union	Fuel/parts	\$1,219.21
85514-85516	Library Disbursements		\$180.42

85517-85526	September Payroll		\$14,665.21
85527-85532	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,284.30
85533	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$114.38
85534	O5 Motorsports LLC	Parts/Repair	\$336.42
85535	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$2,420.97
85536-85549	NDSU Disbursements		\$816.40
85550	Café		\$200.00

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 1, 2024 9:00 A.M.

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

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the September 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:

- There were 4 applicants received for the Building/Ground Maintenance/Custodian position. The Board agreed to have Chairman Smith who is also on the Building Committee, Auditor/HR Sperry and Sheriff Muckle, also part of the Building Committee interview the 4 applicants. There will be a special meeting held after the interviews are completed with the Board for final approval of the applicant to offer the position to.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the 2025 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Beach and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to create an account under the General Fund-#3933 Insurance Claims Payment and amend for \$27,593.03 for insurance money received for hail damage on Patrol Units and create object #418 Insurance Claim Repairs and amend line item for \$27,593.03 under the General Fund and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dey Muckle joined the meeting.

- Discussion was held on the drug and alcohol policy that was presented to replace the County's current policy. Attorney Wenko will update the presented policy with edits as discussed and then will forward it on to the Auditor to distribute to the County employees. The updated policy will be put on the November 7th regular meeting for employee input and adoption of the new policy.
- October 9th is the date set for the Region 8 Caucus meeting in New England.
- The NDACo Conference is October 20-22 in Bismarck.
- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office.

10 am was the time scheduled for the public hearing to finalize the 2025 budgets and levy amounts as presented. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the budgets as submitted but leaving the multi office deputy position as part time for 2025 which can be reviewed mid-year to reassess where the County is financially with the possibility of moving to full time and granting

the employees 3% cost of living raise and paying up to 80% of a family health plan for 2025 and to levy the following amounts:

General: \$300,000

Council on Aging: \$32,095.50

Veteran Service: \$11,000

SW District Health Unit: \$55,204.26

Road and Bridge: \$160,477.50

Water Management: \$48,143.29

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138-103 \$1,491

141-103 \$2,260

142-103 \$2,888

142-105 \$2,961

143-103 \$3,149

144-103 \$4,698

And Commissioner Fartsveet seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Dietz met with the Board to discuss the concerns of emerald ash borer. Emerald ash borer has been found in LaMoure County in North Dakota. He is requesting the Board to do what they can to stop people from bringing outside firewood into the County and to work with Billings County as they have more campsites and parks in their County to help stop this from getting to Golden Valley County.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the following Zoning Boards recommendation contingent to the application fee being paid: approve an application for a pipeline permit from Foundation Energy Management: applying to build (2) water pipelines to transmit fresh & production water on Parcels 02823500/02824000/02825000, Sec 24-141-104 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Wirtzfeld updated the Board on the County Road 11 pavement repair with Mayo Construction. Andrew Krebs with KLJ joined the meeting. Krebs presented the Board with an opinion of cost for mill and overlay on Hwy 10 from Sentinel

Butte to Billings County line and Sentinel Butte to I-94 ROW and chip and seal as projects that will need to be completed in the future. Various road topics were discussed. Discussion was held in regards to the permit fees that are submitted from the Western Dakota Energy Association to the County. These fees are from permits that are approved by Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld or Sheriff Dey Muckle. Discussion was held on what is fair to distribute to those townships where the permit fees are collected from. No action was taken at this time and will be re-addressed at the November 7th meeting.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:53 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 9, 2024 11:30 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioner Rory Farstveet was present for the meeting along with Gary Howard with the Golden Valley County News and Sheriff Dey Muckle.

The purpose of this special meeting is to review the applicants that the hiring committee interviewed for the Building and Grounds Maintenance/Custodian position and make the final decision as to who is the best applicant for the position and to pay the final bill to Kilde Construction for completion of replacing the shingles on the Courthouse for \$23,736.55.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the final bill to Kilde Constructions for the completion of replacing the shingles on the Courthouse for \$23,736.55 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

The hiring committee consisted of County Auditor/HR Tamra Sperry, Commissioner Adam Smith and Sheriff Dey Muckle. The committee recommended to the Board to consider hiring Thomas Littlecreek. After discussion Commissioner Farstveet moved to offer the position to Thomas Littlecreek with a starting wage of \$22.50/hour and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Smith called Littlecreek and he came and met with the Board. Littlecreek accepted the position and is available to start on November 18th.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:07 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	October Payroll	\$80,638.78
-87025	Ascensus		\$287.84
-87026	MT Dept of		\$249.00
-87027	NDPERS		\$825.00

-87028	NDPPERS		\$17,779.03
-87029	IRS		\$27,154.72
-87030	NDPHIT		\$28,011.78
-99700	JP Morgan		\$1,607.75
-99701	ND State Treasurer		\$130.00
-99702	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
85551	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85552	Praire Lumber Beach	Supplies	\$519.47
85553	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$26.10
85554	Crap Nappers	Repair	\$200.00
85555	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$6,461.37
85556	Void		Void
85557	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
85558	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$1,002.70
85559	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
85560	Golva Repair	Repair	\$190.00
85561	Farmers Union Oil	Supplies	\$5,608.63
85562	Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$453.35
85563	Lawson Products	Parts	\$221.03
85564	NDAAO	Training	\$85.00
85565	Vizion Signs	Supplies	\$1,751.00
85566	EAPC Architects Engineers	FairBoard Contract	\$249.52
85567	Pitney Bowes	Supplies	\$132.79
85568	Locators & Supplies	Supplies	\$230.25
85569	Onsolve, LLC	Renewal	\$2,840.25
85570	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$565.71
85571	Steve Raisler	Veterans Services	\$40.00
85572	Wibaux Pioneer Gazette	Publishing	\$180.00
85573	Motorola Solutions	Supplies	\$62.57
85574	GV County Treasure	Transfer	\$23,000.00
85575	Sidwell	Contract	\$3,200.00
85576	Red Rock Ford	Repair	\$349.24
85577	Peter Wirtzfeld	Reimbursement	\$25.50
85578	Software Innovations	Software	\$3,800.00
85579	Boespflug Trailers	Repair	\$295.00
85580	Just-In Glass	Supplies	\$172.53
85581	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$133.68
85582	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$487.80
85583	John Deere Financial	Supplies	\$4,761.37

85584	Ramada Bismarck Hotel	Lodging	\$481.50
85585	Noll Construction	Contract	\$762.90
85586	Bullion Township	Gravel	\$488.25
85587	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$2,249.31
85588	GS Publishing	Subscription	\$41.00
85589	Tamra Sperry	Reimbursement	\$42.96
85590	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$199.60
58591	Tyler Technologies	Contract	\$257.29
58592	Fireside Office Solutions	Copy Service	\$124.68
58593	Darin Maus	Travel	\$17.42
58594	Rick Olson	Travel	\$10.72
58595	Burt Cook	Travel	\$11.39
58596	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$33.50
58597	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.60
58598	NDCISA	Ag Improvement	\$9,207.20
58599	Steele Auto Body LLC	Repair	\$19,683.28
58600-85626	Collections Submitted		\$37,473.33
85627	US Postal Service	Box Rent	\$120.00
85628	O5 Motorsports	Repair	\$362.25
85629	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$763.93
85630	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$1,765.24
85631	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$12,806.00
85632	RTC Networks	Internet & Phone	\$1,441.95
85633	Kilde Construction	Repair	\$23,736.55
85634	Craig Concepts	Contract	\$31,400.55
85635-85638	Library Disbursements		\$369.73
85639	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$114.46
85640	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$1,525.89
85641	Reservation Telephone Coop	Trunking	\$40.00
85642	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,616.67
85643-85652	October Payroll		\$10,447.18
85653-85658	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,738.04
85659	October Payroll		\$414.19
85660	Café		\$200.00
85661	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.66
85662-85663	NDSU Distributions		\$100.98

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 7, 2024 9:00 A.M.

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

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the October 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 Smith moved to appoint Zane Manhart as the State Fair delegate for the County and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Snow removal and equipment were discussed for the Courthouse and other County buildings located in the city. No action was taken at this time as the Board will do more research on equipment options to do the snow removal.
- Revenue that is collected from the LoadPass permitting was discussed. No action was taken at this time and will be discussed later on in the meeting.
- Missy Nelson's 6-month probation period is expiring this month. After discussion regarding additional training, Commissioner Schmeling moved to extend her probation period another 3 months extending it to February 2025 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed a Resolution amending the employee handbook regarding the drug and alcohol use for employees. County Auditor will distribute the proposed Resolution to all employees for their review and the Resolution will be addressed at the December 3rd regular meeting to give Employees an opportunity to visit with the Board with any questions or concerns they may have on the Resolution. The goal is to have this approved and adopted at the December meeting and effective January 1, 2025.
- County Canvassing for the November 5th General Election will be held November 18th at 1 PM.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to the County Agent Fund per 2024 budgets and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Chairman Smith signed the Building Lease with the County and Eric and Clay Farstveet to store Weed Control Equipment for the winter.

Lori Elliott met with the Board to discuss closing a road that was designated as a CMC road running through the Myers Ranch. Lori discussed how Knutson Creek Road was privately constructed and fully paid for by the oil company in 1985. She informed the Commission that the road was constructed through a private agreement with Roger Myers and Diamond Shamrock/Tenneco. Oil companies have continued to maintain Knutson Creek Road, since it was constructed. No easement has ever been granted to Golden Valley County. Pete Wirtzfeld, Golden Valley Road Foreman, confirmed that Golden Valley County did not construct and has never maintained Knutson Creek Road.

States Attorney Wenko discussed NDCC 24-07 regarding the closure of roads and suggested the process be followed to ensure due process to adjacent property owners should Myers Ranch desire a formal decision on the status of the road by the County. Elliott was advised to submit a formal petition and provide notice to adjacent landowners. The county will set a hearing on the matter once the petition is received to make a formal determination and findings should Myers Ranch desire to move forward with a requesting a formal determination.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to discuss 2 patrol units that are no longer used in the department. Commissioner Farstveet moved to keep the 2015 Dodge for the Custodian to have a pickup as needed and to offer the 2012 Ford to Golva Fire as is condition and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the agreement with the County and Ward County for Juvenile Detention services and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on rural residents disposing of household garbage. Due to the County declaring a fire emergency and total burn ban they are not allowed to burn the garbage. Commissioner Smith moved to bring some dumpsters in for rural residents to dispose of their household garbage to be placed in Golva and Sentinel Butte areas and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Emergency funds can be used in this emergency situation to cover the cost of the dumpsters.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Smith moved to approve an abatement for parcel #04820000 for tax years 2022 and 2023 as the property was accessed as a house rather than a mobile home and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the following Resolution per the County Zoning Boards recommendation to approve:

RESOLUTION 2024-13 GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2024, North Plains Connector LLC submitted an application (“Application”) for a conditional use permit (“CUP”) for the portion of the North Plains Connector Transmission Line Project (“Project”) located in Golden Valley, North Dakota (“County”) pursuant to Section 3.4.3(11) of the County’s Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2024, the County’s Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on and considered the Application and, thereafter, recommended issuance of a CUP to North Plains Connector LLC with: (1) the five year CUP term requested in the Application;

and (2) authorization to adjust the Project under the CUP as requested in the Application (“Recommendation”).

WHEREAS, the County’s Board of County Commissioners considered the Application and the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Recommendation at its meeting on November 7, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Golden Valley Board of County Commissioners:

1. A CUP is issued to North Plains Connector LLC for the Project.
2. Project construction must begin within five years of issuance of the CUP or the CUP is void without further action of the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Board of County Commissioners. “Construction” means clearing of land (including vegetation and/or tree clearing), excavation or other action affecting the land, but does not include activities related to preliminary engineering or environmental studies.
3. The CUP authorizes adjustments to the Project route, permanent and temporary rights-of-way, and structure and permanent access road locations so long as the Project does not involve a new landowner(s) and North Plains Connector LLC has secured landowner approval.

APPROVED BY GOLDEN VALLEY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

By: _____ Date: _____
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST

By: _____ Date: _____
Auditor

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Farstveet and seconded by Commissioner Schmeling and upon a vote being taken thereon:

The following voted YEA: Smith, Schmeling and Farstveet

The following voted NAY:

Whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to re-appoint Troy Tescher retroactive to 2022 and Darin Maus retroactive to 2021 for another 4-year term and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the road. Various road topics were discussed. Chairman Smith signed the annual maintenance certification for the county federal aid projects.

Commissioner Smith moved if the LoadPass fees collected per individual Townships exceed \$1,000, 75% of the fees collected will be dispersed to that individual Township, the County will retain 25% of the fees for administration of the program for the September and October payments and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. The Board will work on a Township Permit Agreement to present to the Townships at the Annual County/Township meeting held in March every year for future distributions of the LoadPass fees collected.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 21, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting along with Gary Howard with the Golden Valley County News and Sheriff Dey Muckle.

The purpose of this special meeting is to accept the resignation from Custodian Thomas Littlecreek and to discuss a plan moving forward to fill the vacancy and discuss the current burn ban and discuss the December regular meeting date.

A letter of resignation was reviewed from Thomas Littlecreek. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the resignation of Custodian Thomas Littlecreek with December 14, 2024 being his last day and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to advertise for the position immediately with a starting salary of \$19-21/hr DOE and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the following updated burn ban and Commissioner Farstveet seconded:

**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 **High, Very High or Extreme category and/or a Red Flag Warning** has been issued for Golden Valley County, North Dakota. Effective immediately until rescinded. **Any prior Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions issued by Golden Valley County are rescinded and replaced by this ban.**

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 21st day of November, 2024.

Adam Smith, Board Chairman
Golden Valley County Commission

Tamra Sperry
Golden Valley County Auditor

Commissioner Farstveet moved to change the regular December meeting to Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 9 A.M. and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	November Payroll	\$67,980.05
-86996	NDPERS		\$16,552.91
-86997	NDPERS		\$875.00

-86998	Ascensus		\$287.84
-86999	MT Dept of Treasurer		\$249.00
-87000	NDPHIT		\$28,011.78
-87001	IRS		\$23,753.71
-99698	JP Morgan		\$2,258.59
-99699	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
85664-			
85689	Collections Submitted		\$44,361.63
85690	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85691	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$1,002.70
85692	NDAAO	Membership	\$50.00
85693	I-29 Trailer Sales	Parts	\$271.98
85694	Powerplan	Repair/Parts	\$3,709.75
85695	GS Publishing, LLC	publishing	\$575.14
85696	SW Multi-County Correction Center	Prisoner Care	\$3,075.00
85697	Bobcat of Dickinson	Parts	\$353.60
85698	ES&S	Elections	\$2,066.13
85699	Golva Repair	Repair/Parts	\$275.00
85700	Applied Concepts	Equipment	\$7,739.10
85701	Armor Interactive	Contract/Equipment	\$2,769.17
85702	Farmers Union	Parts/Repair	\$9,822.73
85703	ND Association of Counties	D&A Test	\$138.60
85704	Beach Food Center	Supplies	\$15.08
85705	Prairie Lumber	Supplies	\$158.43
85706	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$6,548.31
85707	ND State Radio	Lines/renewal	\$8,298.76
85708	Pitney Bowes	Contract	\$441.99
85709	Adam Smith	Travel	\$364.36
85710	Charbonneau Car Center	Repair	\$1,479.91
85711	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$214.40
85712	Dakota Dust-Tex	Contract	\$235.35
85713	Motorola Solutions	Equipment	\$21,590.60
85714	Steve Raisler	Veteran Service Veteran	\$140.00
85715	Burt Cook	Service/Travel	\$431.39
85716	Candie Loftsgard	Travel	282.00
85717	Ward County Auditor	Prisoner Care	\$2,326.50
85718	Big State Industrial Supply	Parts	\$649.76
85719	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$214.40
85720	Cassandra Szudera	Travel	\$111.40
85721	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$465.81

85722	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$1,609.12
85723	Rohan Hardware	Parts	\$51.25
85724	Cerberus Security LLC	Contract	\$200.00
85725	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$35.63
85726	ND Association of Counties	Conference	\$1,550.00
85727	American Ford	Repair	\$338.00
85728	Steele Auto Body LLC	Repair	\$2,520.35
85729	KLJ Engineering LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$21,636.45
85730	Code 4 Service Inc	Equipment Install	\$16,066.88
85731	Uniform Center	Uniforms	\$168.00
85732	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$717.50
85733	ND One Call	Locates	\$3.00
85734	Total Safety	Inspections	\$648.52
85735	Integrity Auto Glass	Repair	\$145.00
85736	Mayo Construction Company	Rd & Bridge	\$145.00
85737	Renae Smith	Election	\$305.50
85738	Raynette Szudera	Election	\$305.50
85739	Tracey Streitz	Election	\$314.50
85740	Marcia Sperry	Election	\$314.50
85741	Red Rock Ford	Repair	\$761.77
85742	Eric Farstveet	Rent	\$500.00
85743	Clay Farstveet	Rent	\$500.00
85744	Badlands Truck Sales	Parts	\$4,000.00
85745	City of Beach	Utilities	\$510.59
85746	Pump Systems	Parts	\$224.16
85747	NDCISA	Ag Improvement	\$900.00
85748	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$1,786.70
85749	West Plains Inc	Parts	\$12.55
85750	Reservation Telephone Coop	Trunking	\$40.00
85751	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$2,004.00
85752	Farmers Union	Gas/Parts	\$636.94
85753	RTC Networks	Internet/Phones	\$1,439.02
85754-			
85763	November Payroll		\$13,985.64
85764-			
85769	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,090.96
85770-			
85773	Library Disbursements		\$198.19
85774	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,785.55
85775	Café		\$200.00
85776	Dell Beach	Tax Refund	\$744.46

85777	Stark-Billings County Extension Office	NDSU Disbursements	\$48.57
85778	GV County Treasurer	Transfer	\$15,000.00
85779	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.83
		Load Pass	
85780	Beach Civil Township	Disbursement	\$6,452.61
		Load Pass	
85781	Sentinel Township	Disbursement	\$10,562.42

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 10, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint Commissioner Adam Smith as the Chair for 2025 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Commissioner Schmeling as the Vice Chair for 2025 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the November regular and special meeting minutes with proposed changes and County Auditor Sperry will update the November regular meeting minutes with those changes 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:

- The date and time for the final meeting of the year is December 30th at 9 am.
- Discussion was held on outstanding checks for First State Bank account #913900. County Auditor Sperry will reach out to the payees for the possibility of a re-issue of some of the checks. There will be a follow-up with the Board at the December 30th meeting.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the LoadPass fees collected for November following the formula that was approved at the November regular meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Budget authorizations were discussed. Budget authorizations are good for one year unless renewed or they are a large budgeted item like a highway project that it's stated ahead of time will last longer than a year as advised by Linda Svihovec with NDACo.
- Chairman Smith presented the Board with Committee reports that he is appointed to for informational purposes.
- There were 4 applicants received for the Custodial/Maintenance position. County Auditor Sperry will reach out to the applicants to set up interviews with the hiring committee.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.
- County Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the SLFRF funds cannot be used for the audit of the County. Sperry was advised by Eide Bailly that the funds could be used for wages. The Board agreed the funds that were originally obligated to be used for the County Audit will now be obligated for wages.
- The final certification of local match for project number SC-1728(056) was presented and signed.

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the annual agreement with Cerberus Security, LLC for unlimited security support for 2025 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign and accept the MOU between Billings, Golden Valley and Stark Counties with NDSU Extension and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Tax/Zoning Director met with the Board to discuss 4 abatements to reimburse 2024 primary residence credits to 4 mobile homeowners that qualified and the County will be reimbursed from the State in June of 2025. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the 4 abatements on mobile home I.D. numbers: 7002000, 7002300, 7002400 and 0702000 totaling \$1,603.58 and adding the line item to the general fund and amending the general fund budget to reflect those reimbursements and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Per the Zoning Board's recommendation of approval, Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign a utility installation permit for replacement of existing fiber optic telecommunications cable facilities due to road work on Sec 25-138-103 and Sec 36-138-103 submitted by ReadITech Engineering on behalf of Reservation Telephone Company and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ joined the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a core permit application for the County Road 5 structure replacement and grading improvements to occur in 2025 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:42 A.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 17, 2024 1:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting is to review the applicants that the hiring committee interviewed for the Building and Grounds Maintenance/Custodian position and make the final decision as to who is the best applicant for the position and to review and possibly adopt a resolution opposing the designation of grasslands along the Maah Daah Hey Trail as a national monument.

The hiring committee consisted of County Auditor/HR Tamra Sperry, Commissioner Adam Smith and Sheriff Dey Muckle. The committee recommended to the Board to consider hiring Dave Helsper. After discussion Commissioner Farstveet moved to offer the position to Dave Helsper with a starting wage of \$20/hour and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Smith called Helsper and he came and met with the Board. Helsper accepted the position with a starting date of January 6, 2025.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-14

Resolution of the Golden Valley County Commission

Opposing the Designation of Grasslands Along the Maah Daah Hey Trail as a National Monument

Whereas, Golden Valley County is home to extensive grasslands that provide critical resources for agriculture, energy development, and recreation, all of which are vital to the county's economy and way of life;

Whereas, the proposal to designate grasslands along the Maah Daah Hey Trail as a national monument would impose unnecessary federal restrictions on land use, representing an overreach by the federal government that threatens local management and decision-making;

Whereas, the designation would unnecessarily restrict oil and gas development in Golden Valley County, negatively impacting the local economy, private landowners, and mineral owners whose assets would be rendered inaccessible due to their proximity to the proposed national monument;

Whereas, modern oil and gas extraction methods in the Bakken, such as extended-reach laterals, minimize surface impacts by accessing thousands of acres of minerals from a single well pad located up to three miles away, making additional restrictions on development unwarranted and detrimental to both the economy and private property rights;

Whereas, Golden Valley County's economy and many of its citizens rely heavily on the energy sector for employment and economic growth, and restricting oil and gas development would have a cascading negative effect on local businesses, schools, and infrastructure;

Whereas, additional federal restrictions would harm the county's longstanding agricultural families, particularly ranchers who depend on the use of grasslands for grazing and have successfully managed the land for generations, ensuring its sustainability;

Whereas, the proposal conflicts with Golden Valley County's statutory stance on maintaining section-line access, a critical component of local transportation and land management policy;

Whereas, the proposed national monument is adverse to the planned expansion of U.S. Highway 85 into a four-lane highway, which has been identified as essential for the safety and welfare of Golden Valley County residents and the broader region;

Whereas, U.S. Highway 85 is a critical transportation corridor for residents, agricultural producers, and energy operators, and the expansion project addresses significant safety concerns, including treacherous conditions, challenging topography, and increased traffic that have resulted in numerous fatalities over the past two decades;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Golden Valley County Commission stands in firm opposition to the designation of grasslands along the Maah Daah Hey Trail as a national monument and urges federal and state authorities to respect local land management practices that balance economic growth, environmental stewardship, and public safety;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Commission calls upon federal officials to recognize that restrictions on oil and gas development, agricultural use, and critical infrastructure projects like the expansion of U.S. Highway 85 are unnecessary, harmful, and contrary to the best interests of Golden Valley County and its citizens;

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Golden Valley County Commission encourages residents, stakeholders, and elected representatives to actively oppose this proposal and advocate for policies that support the continued prosperity, safety, and self-determination of Golden Valley County.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2024, by the Golden Valley County Commission.

Adam Smith, Chairman
Golden Valley County Commission

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 30, 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 Golden Valley News.

Discussion was held in regards to Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch to renew the beer and liquor license for 2025. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the renewal of the beer and liquor license for 2025 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to amend the following expenditure budgets as listed below and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

- Expenditure Budgets
 - a. General Fund-\$25,183 LoadPass fees disbursed to Townships
 - b. General Fund-7,474 Opioid funds received and disbursed to SW Dist. Health
 - c. General Fund-\$14,423-Back the Blue Grant disbursed to Law Enforcement
 - d. GV Ag Improvement Fund-\$3,100 additional checkoff seed reporting to NDCISA
 - e. Emergency Fund-\$2,600 dumpsters at complete Burn Ban period
 - f. Soc Ser Abuse Fund-\$111 money sent to Soc Ser Zone to zero out fund

Commissioner Farstveet moved to amend the following revenue budgets as listed below and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

- Revenue Budgets
 - g. Capital Outlay Reserve Fund-\$47,167-insurance payment for roof
 - h. General Fund-\$92,100-more interest received than anticipated
 - i. General Fund-\$72,600-more e-permit funds received than anticipated
 - j. GV Ag Improvement Fund-\$11,500-collections came in higher than anticipated
 - k. Hazardous Materials Fund-\$500-collections came in higher than anticipated
 - l. BLM Fund-\$6,100- payment came in higher than anticipated
 - m. Emergency Fund-\$1,100- State Aid came in higher than anticipated
 - n. Weed Control-\$85,000- more spraying and chemical sold than anticipated
 - o. Library CD-\$50 interest missed at budget time
 - p. Special County Road Fund-\$3,900-NDIRF ins claim paid

Commissioner Smith moved to set the February 2025 regular meeting date for February 11, 2024 to allow the Board to attend meetings in Bismarck that fall on the normal meeting date of the first Tuesday of the month and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved to cancel payments on the following checks and reissue or void as noted and Commissioner Farstveet seconded.

77583	11/2018	Mary Ann Schillo	\$46.17	Soc Ser Board Salary-REISSUE
76385	03/2018	Kaydee Baker	\$104.70	Mileage-VOID
77478	11/2018	Troy Tescher	\$27.25	Mileage-REISSUE
78406	05/2019	NDSU Ext. Pesticide Program	\$140.00	Study Material-VOID
78480	06/2019	Julie Goldsberry	\$30.00	Soc Ser Competency class-REISSUE
79937	06/2020	Sam Clyde	\$140.00	Study Material Reimb.-REISSUE
81707	10/2021	Henry Township	\$277.95	Coll submitted-REISSUE
84431	11/2023	Kim Obrigewitch	\$25.00	Soc Ser Bld. Clean-REISSUE

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REGARDING THE DRUG AND
ALCOHOL USE POLICY

WHEREAS, the County has an Employee Handbook which outlines drug and alcohol use for employees, which is stated as follows:

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its policy regarding drug testing for employees to offer a safe workplace, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Golden Valley County hereby amend the Drug and Alcohol Use Policy of the Employee Handbook as follows:

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE POLICY

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE COMPLIANCE POLICY: Illegal drugs in the workplace are a danger to us all. They impair safety and health, promote crime, lower productivity and quality, and undermine public confidence in the work we do.

Drug and alcohol use is highly detrimental to the safety and productivity of employees in the workplace. To be in compliance with regulations issued by the Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration under authority of Congress via the Omnibus Drug and Alcohol Testing Act, and under the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act, the County adopts the following policy. In order to be considered a “responsible source” for the award of federal contracts, Golden Valley County has developed the following policy for our employees. Unless otherwise set forth in other County policies which may be stricter, the following policy shall apply.

POLICY:

County employees may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or controlled substances in County buildings, offices, vehicles, or while driving or doing business on behalf of the County. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited on any work site and during all working hours by employees. No employee will be allowed to perform job duties when impaired or under the influence of mind-altering drugs, illegal drugs and or alcohol during working hours.

Employees are hereby notified that a compliance with this policy is a condition of employment and failure to comply with this policy could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Employees performing safety sensitive functions or driving county vehicles must not consume alcohol 8 hours prior to duty time and up to 8 hours following an accident or until the employee undergoes a post-accident test, whichever occurs first.

1) DEFINITIONS:

- 1) Positive alcohol test. Alcohol test will be considered positive if the breath test indicates an alcohol presence of 0.04 or greater. If an alcohol test indicates an alcohol concentration of at least .02 but less than .04, the test is considered negative, but the employee will be taken out of service for 24 hours. If the test results are positive, the employee and supervisor will be notified before the employee leaves the test site.
- 2) Positive controlled substance test. A test will be considered positive if there is no legitimate explanation why the controlled substance is in the urine sample.
- 3) Safety Sensitive Employee: An employee whose duties are fraught with such “risks of injury to others that even a momentary lapse of attention can have disastrous consequences.”

2) TESTING GUIDELINES:

- 1) Post offer pre-employment testing for drugs will be conducted on all new employees.
- 2) Testing for drugs or alcohol of any current employee will be conducted when a supervisor has reasonable suspicion and employee is violating policy. The request to undergo a reasonable suspicion test must be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations concerning the appearance, behavior, speech, or body odor of the employee. These observations may include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of controlled substances. The chronic and withdrawal effects of controlled substances may not be the sole indicator for reasonable suspicion but may be used in conjunction with other indicators.
- 3) If an employee is involved in a motor vehicle collision using a county vehicle or if using a personal vehicle driving for county business when the county liability could be affected, then post collision testing is required.
- 4) Employees requiring drug or alcohol testing because of motor vehicle collisions or determination of probable cause will be transported to and from the testing site by a supervisor or department head. Under no circumstances will the employee provide their own transportation.
- 5) Should the test results for drug or alcohol be positive, a confirmation test will be conducted. Once the test is verified as positive, the employee may not return to work until directed by the County.
- 6) An employee’s refusal to be tested may be considered cause for dismissal. Refusal to test behavior includes refusing to take the test, inability to provide a sufficient quantities of breath, saliva or urine to be tested without a valid medical explanation, tampering with or attempting to adulterate the specimen, interfering with the collection procedure, not immediately reporting to the collection site, failing to remain at the collection site until the collection process is complete, having a test result reported to be adulterated or substituted, or leaving the scene of an accident without a valid reason before the tests have been conducted.

3) TYPES OF TESTING:

- 1) Pre-Employment. All employees working for the County will be subjected to pre-employment testing for controlled substances only. All pre-employment testing will be conducted prior to the employee’s first day of employment.

- 2) Reasonable Suspicion. The County will test an employee if a supervisor has reasonable suspicion that the employee has used a controlled substance or has misused alcohol.
 - a. Alcohol. Reasonable suspicion alcohol testing is permissible when the employee's supervisor has reason to believe that the employee has used alcohol in violation of this Policy. An alcohol test may be administered just prior, just after, or while the employee is performing a job-related function.
 - b. Controlled Substances. Reasonable suspicion testing for controlled substances may be based on observations at any time the employee is on duty.
 - c. Supervisor Training. All supervisors will be given adequate training to make judgments about reasonable suspicion of alcohol or drug use. The supervisor's judgment must be based on specific observations related to appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors, including indications of chronic and withdrawal effects of controlled substances. The supervisor must document the observations fully upon notifying the employee that testing is required. Supervisors will be trained regarding physical, behavioral, speech, and performance indicators of probable alcohol misuse and use of controlled substances.

- 3) Post Accident. Post collision testing is required when the collision involves a fatality, any involved vehicle requires towing from the scene, any person involved requires medical treatment away from the scene of the collision, or for cause.
 - a. Employees must be tested for alcohol within two hours and controlled substances within 32 hours.
 - b. If the alcohol test is not administered within two hours, the supervisor must file records stating why.
 - c. If no alcohol test is administered within 8 hours of the accident, no test will be given and the supervisor must file records stating the reason for the delay and lack of testing.
 - d. Employees must submit the police report with the necessary accident/incident reports and when injuries occur, the Workforce Safety and Insurance reports. Records will be maintained by the Human Resources Department.

- 4) Random Testing. Employees that have a commercial driver's license (CDL) will be subject to random testing in compliance with DOT regulations, and employees classified as safety sensitive will also be subject to random drug testing. However, a minimum number of alcohol tests equal to 25% of the average number of county employees covered under the policy will be performed each year.
 - a. The vendor will select drivers using a computerized random selection program. Employees selected will be tested only while the employee is on duty, just prior to, just after, and while performing a safety sensitive function.
 - b. Tests may be performed at any time the employee is on duty, regardless of the duties being performed at the time of testing because of the random selection process.
 - c. Employees may potentially be tested at any time, even if there is a recent previous test. Once an employee is notified of the testing, he or she must report immediately to this testing site.

- 5) Return to Duty. If an employee receives a positive test, the employee will immediately be suspended. Following this suspension, the County will investigate to review the employee's past record of performance and appropriate action will be taken. The employee's supervisor, in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioners, will

decide on further action.

- a. These actions may include any or all of the following:
 - i. Referral to a substance abuse professional (SAP) for assessment and recommendations for a plan of treatment.
 - ii. Reduction or removal from any supervisor duties.
 - iii. Termination of employment.
- b. Employees referred to an SAP must successfully complete the recommended treatment plan and receive a negative return to duty test.

6) Follow Up. Any employees that have received a positive drug or alcohol test and have returned to duty are subject to additional random screenings for 12 to 16 months. Any employees with a positive test result during this follow up. Will be terminated from employment with the County.

4) OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS:

- 1) Employees must notify their employer of any criminal charge or conviction of a drug and or alcohol violations within five days, which may result in appropriate disciplinary action.
- 2) This policy does not apply to controlled substances prescribed by a physician or to alcoholic beverages or controlled substances which are maintained or used as evidence for law enforcement purposes and or county nursing services.
- 3) Employees working for the County are subject to the FMSCA Clearinghouse Guidelines program. These guidelines affect only those employees working for the county that are holders of a CDL (Class A) driver's license.

Dated this 30th day of December 2024.

APPROVED:

Adam Smith, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
County of Golden Valley

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry
Golden Valley County Auditor

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M

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

Direct Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	December Payroll	\$67,669.44
-99696 thru -			
99697	Post Board	License	\$135.00
-86958	NDPERS		\$2.40
-86967	NDPERS		\$17,545.22
-86970	Ascensus		\$287.84
-86971	MT Dept of		\$249.00
-86972	NDPHIT		\$28,895.55
-86973	IRS		\$25,671.62
-99688	JPMorgan Chase Bank		\$1,660.74
-99691	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
-99692	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
-99693	ND State Treasure		\$13.95
-99694	JP Morgan		\$3,981.31
85782-85807	Collections Submitted		\$17,264.40
85808	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$427.64
85809	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$2,585.54
85810	Golden Valley States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85811	Election Systems & Software LLC	Election	\$3,787.45
85812	Tamra Sperry	Reimbursement	\$189.72
85813	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$690.28
85814	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
85815	GV County Weed Board	Spraying	\$25,177.38
85816	Jandt Plumbing & Heating LLC	Repair	\$766.72
		Fair Board	
85817	EAPC Architects Engineers	Contract	\$996.84
85818	Electro Watchman Inc	Contract	\$189.06
85819	Radar Shop	Certifications	\$256.00
85820	Robert Schmeling	Travel	\$1,232.80
85821	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$16,037.14
85822	Linde Gas & Equipment	Lease	\$412.90
85823	Thomas Heckaman	Election	\$9.00
85824	Darin Maus	Travel	\$17.42
85825	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$33.50
	West Dakota Parent & Family		
85826	Resource Center	Education	\$859.91
85827	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$344.61
		Collections	
85828	SW District Health Unit	Submitted	\$10,818.71

85829	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$336.40
85830	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
85831	Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	Floor Care	\$98.10
85832	Wallwork Truck Center	Repair	\$1,740.93
85833	Software Innovations	Software Update	\$700.00
85834	Eide Bailly LLP	Audit	42,210.00
85835	North Central International	Parts	\$309.53
85836	Steve Raisler	VA	\$100.00
		Fair Board	
85837	Craig Concept	Contract	\$35,550.00
85838	Lawson Products	Parts	\$1,919.64
85839	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$73.05
85840	KLJ Engineering LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$9,036.81
85841	Axon Enterprise	Supplies	\$1,757.92
85842	Uniform Center	Uniforms	\$1,029.95
85843	Ashley Ueckert	Reimbursement	\$691.86
85844	Powerplan	Repair	\$1,105.20
85845	Prairie Lumber Beach	Parts	\$135.00
85846	Burt Cook	VA	\$481.39
85847	SW Multi-County Correction Center	Prisoner Care	\$4,500.00
85848	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$981.50
85849	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$355.56
85850	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$40.00
85851	IAAO	Membership	\$240.00
85852	Dept of Transportation	Rd & Bridge	\$32,936.26
85853	Gloria Padilla	Training	\$44.28
		Load Pass	
85854	Sentinel Township	Disbursement	\$4,302.70
		Load Pass	
85855	Bullion Township	Disbursement	\$3,864.86
85856-85859	Mobile Home Tax Credit	Disbursements	\$1,603.58
85860	RTC Network	Internet/Phone	\$1,440.69
85861-85862	Library Disbursements		\$1,145.98
85863	Farmers Union Oil	Parts.Fuel	\$420.37
85864-85874	December Payroll		\$18,068.08
85875-85878	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,932.52
85879	Café		\$200.00
85880	Cenex Fleet Fueling Fuel		\$1,571.69
85881	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$114.46
85882	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.72

85883	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council		\$5,700.00
85884	EAPC Architects Engineers	GVC Fair	\$101.50
85885	Motorola Solutions	Supplies	\$123.20
85886	G & G Garbage LLC	Garbage Bins	\$2,431.00
85887	Goldenwest Electric Cooperative	Prepayment	\$808.50
85888	Software Innovations	Software Update	\$4,850.00
85889	Mayo Construction Company	Hwy 10	102,197.84
		Hwy 10 & Rd &	
85890	KLJ Engineering LLC	Bridge	\$15,784.70
85891	Dak Insurance	Notary	\$50.00
85892	Motorola Solutions	Supplies	\$9,680.22
			\$1,053,835.0
85893	GVC Treasure		0
85894	Powerplan	Supplies	\$518.72
85895	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$90.35
85896	Wallwork Truck Center	Repair	\$3,061.08
85897	Begger Repair & Custom Work	Parts	\$5,940.00
85898	Prairie Lumber Beach	Parts	\$12.65
85899	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$49.75
85900	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$1,002.70
85901	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$1,309.03
85902	Boespflug Trailers	Repair	\$250.00
85903	Golden Valley County Treasurer	Postage	\$91.75
85904	Farmers Union Oil	Parts & Fuel	\$2,600.80
85905	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$1,865.92
85906	Eide Bailly LLP	Audit	\$21,000.00
85907	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	46.29
85908	Burt Cook	Veterans Affair	100.00
85909	Steve Raisler	Veterans Affair	80.00
85910-85914	Re-issued Checks		546.37
85915	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	85.60

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners