

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the 2004 DES Budget by \$1252.26 to cover additional hours and retirement that was authorized for the job at the December 2, 2003 meeting and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Treasurer's report was presented to the Board for review:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-03 through 12-31-03

BALANCE 7-1-2003	\$2,149,521.88		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$151,443.70	JULY PAYMENTS	\$255,761.15
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$253,681.63	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$134,815.45
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$98,523.33	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$214,687.38
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$137,590.57	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$227,258.47
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$197,229.76	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$283,341.78
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$548,723.14	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$293,447.37
		BALANCE 12-31-2003	\$2,127,402.41
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TOTAL	\$3,536,714.01		\$3,536,714.01
BALANCE 12-31-2003	\$2,127,402.41	BANK DEPOSITS	\$551,760.20
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$71,487.23
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$1,500,814.36
		CASH ITEMS	\$60.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$1,089.78
		CASH ON HAND	\$2,190.84
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TOTAL	\$2,127,402.41		\$2,127,402.41

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

Tax Director Sue Finneman met with the Board to discuss valuations and sales ratios. Sue also informed the Board that she has received her certificate and is now a Certified Tax Director. The Board approved of Sue attending an appraisal class for grain elevators in Bismarck in February.

Darrin Lee, Manager of IT Business Consulting Telecommunications Division, met with the Board to discuss the benefits to the county in connecting with STAGEnet (Statewide Technology Access for Government and Education Network). The Board will get back to Lee on this proposal.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss a light bar for the new sheriff vehicle and extra help in the Sheriff's department due to Deputy Scott Steele having been deployed to Iraq. The Board approved of overtime for the deputies, when necessary, to cover the extra hours

needed for the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2004-13

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASING RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WHEREAS various counties of North Dakota have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the centralized and coordinated acquisition and delivery of essential and optional services by participating member counties (hereafter referred to as the "Master JPA");

AND WHEREAS, the undersigned county (County") is a participating member of such Master JPA;

AND WHEREAS, the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo), has secured the joint acquisition of the service described below on behalf of those participating members of such Master JPA;

AND WHEREAS, the County has determined that the joint acquisition of this specific service is in its best interests;

SERVICE PURCHASED: Special Operations Team Support

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED:

1. That the County recognizes the potential need for the services of a qualified law enforcement Special Operations tactical team by those various law enforcement agencies of the County that don't maintain such a unit themselves.
2. That it is not cost effective for every county and city to maintain such a team; however isn't possible for those entities that maintain such teams to provide no-cost access to their teams when needed by other entities.
3. That the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) encourages the use of qualified Special Operations teams in appropriate situations and has indicated it's intention to support this joint effort by serving as depository of funds and fiscal agent for payments to agencies providing Special Operations team support to all law enforcement agencies within participating counties.
4. That the County agrees to make annual payments into a Special Operations Fund to facilitate no-cost access to the Special Operations Team offering services to the law enforcement agencies of the County, when requested by those agencies and when the situation meets established criteria as determined by the North Dakota Attorney General pursuant to NDCC 54-12.
5. That the County agrees to make the annual payment established by

Attachment 1 to NDACo, on or before January 31 of 2004 and each year thereafter. That should the annual payment need to be increased to meet the actual and anticipated reimbursements for Special Operations Team support, NDACo will notify the County in writing by August 31st of the preceding year.

- 6. That the County may rescind this acknowledgment without terminating the Master JPA, by notifying BCI in writing prior to October 1st of the year preceding termination.
- 7. That the County accepts that if it terminates this acknowledgement, the full costs of accessing a qualified Special Operations team can be billed directly to the County by the law enforcement entity maintaining the Special Operations team.
- 8. That NDACo shall notify the County in writing, and the County's participation in this service will be terminated, at such time as there is no qualified Special Operations Team available to serve the County.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2004.

Golden Valley County

By: _____
Chairman of Co. Comm.

Attest: _____
County Auditor

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss various road department concerns and future road projects. The Board approved of Pete attending the ND County Engineers Association Convention in Dickinson January 28th through the 30th.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 3, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

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

Julie Goldsberry from the Golden Valley News Office was present for the meeting.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the January minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to discuss her appointment as DES Director. The Board discussed the possibility of combining the DES Director, 9-1-1 Manager and Risk Manager into one position. Carole stated that she would be interested in all three of these positions. Carole also stated that the county will receive \$88,976.72 in grant monies as a result of the Homeland Security Assessment that was done for the County by Nick of Time. \$56,047.39 of the \$88,976.72 is to be used for general funds which include the fire departments, public works, medical etc. The balance will be used for law enforcement. Carole will see if the sheriff's new expedition is an eligible expense under this grant. The Board informed Carole that they will visit with Sue Finneman regarding the 9-1-1 position before they make a decision on the DES appointment.

Tom Wilhelmi from Midstate Communications met with the Board to request road easements for the fiber optic project they are planning for both the southern and northern parts of the county. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the easements for the south route on the south and east sides of County Rd 11 in Sections 27 & 34-138-104 and Sections 3,10,15,22,27,28,29 & 30-137-104 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the easements for the south side of 25th ST SW and the south and east sides of the Westerheim Rd in sections 7,8,9,10,11,12 & 18-141-104; Sections 9,10,11,12,13 & 24-141-105; Section 6-141-103; and Sections 25,26,27,28,29,30 & 31-142-103 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the death of Golden Valley County's Veteran's Service Officer LeRoy Walz. The Board will check into various options concerning this appointment and revisit this issue at their special meeting on February 26th.

Tax Director Sue Finneman and Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to show them the progress that has been made on the Golden Valley County Road Map that Stacey GPS'd and has put together. Sue also presented a letter from the SW Water Pipeline requesting the County's concurrence that their plans for the proposed project are in compliance with any applicable zoning laws. Sue will check with Zoning Board Chairman, Keith Farstveet and States Attorney Charles Peterson regarding this request. Sue also visited with the Board regarding county agricultural land values in relation to State recommendations and soil survey modifiers.

The Board was presented an abatement from the Golden Valley County Airport Board for property that they had purchased for the extended runway. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the abatement for the GV County Airport Board due to the fact that this property is now tax-exempt and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Beverly Wolff, Secretary of the GV County Museum, and Museum member Gwen Lorenz met with the Board to ask the Board to put the question to the voters to raise their current ¼ mill levy to ¾ mill. Commissioner Quale made a motion to put the question to the voters at the June Primary election to give the County Commissioners authority to raise the GV Historical Society mill to ¾ mill and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gwen Lorenz, Coordinator of the Council on Aging requested that the Board put the question to the voters to raise the Council on Aging/Sr. Citizen mill from 1 mill to 2 mills. Commissioner Ross made a motion to put the question to the voters at the June Primary election to give the County Commissioners authority to raise the Council on Aging/Sr. Citizen mill from 1 to 2 mills and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay for the Sheriff's new 2004 Ford Expedition out of the Capitol Outlay Reserve fund, until we see if this expense qualifies for the grant monies the county will receive from the Homeland Security Grant, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board revisited the request made by Gwen Lorenz for a donation to the Council on Aging. Commissioner Quale made a motion not to make a donation at this time due to inquiries he had made regarding this request, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board in regard to road projects, weed board issues and other road department concerns. Commissioner Ross made a motion to allow the road crew to attend a gravel road maintenance workshop in Bismarck on February 11th and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co.Comm.



WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has received blizzard conditions along with very high winds due to the winter storm of February 10, 2004;

AND WHEREAS, the heavy snow and blowing and drifting snow caused immobility throughout the County, including the Interstate system. Immediate emergency actions were necessary to reduce health and safety hardships, and shelter;

AND WHEREAS, the City is experiencing an overwhelming impact from stranded travelers, including Greyhound buses and truck drivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby, declare a snow emergency to be in effect until conditions allow normal mobility within the County.

Dated at Beach, North Dakota this 10th day of February, 2004.

Irvin Bares, Chairman
Golden Valley County Commissioners

Commissioner Quale made a motion to re-enter into a funding agreement with the State for the 2005-2007 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of a raffle application for Home on the Range and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of the Joint Powers Election Agreement between the County and the City of Beach and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board of the mandatory Election School she is to attend in Bismarck on March 24th and 25th. This school is put on by the Secretary of State's Office.

Sheriff Stedman met with the Board to discuss the possibility of changing his cell phone to a new company due to his current service and the need for a new fax machine. Stedman also informed the Board that he and DES Director Carole Vondall will be traveling to Watford City on Thursday to discuss the qualifications of the grant monies that the county received from the Homeland Security Grant.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Keith Farstveet, Joel Erickson and Perry Stockwell to another 4 year term on the County Zoning Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion regarding the Veterans Service Officer vacancy and the advertisement for applications for this position.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to apply for an Oil Impact Grant for 2004 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to request reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant Y02895 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DES Director Carole Vondall met briefly with the Board to discuss expenditures that are covered and not covered by the Homeland Security Grant. Vondall stated that the new expedition does not qualify for this grant. She also stated that she and Sheriff Stedman will be attending the meeting in Watford City on Thursday to learn more about this grant.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to transfer \$12,000.00 from the County Loan Fund and \$14673.00 from the Sheriff's budget into the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund to reimburse the payment made from that fund last month for the expedition and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:30 P.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with County Park Board members Brian Keohane and Patricia Lynch. Janie Rathbun was also present to represent the Beach City Park Board. The Auditor presented a letter from the Golva Park Board requesting funds for their park expenses. After some discussion, Keohane made a motion to give the Beach Park Board \$5000.00 for the pool, \$1000.00 to the Beach Park Board for other park and golf course expenses and \$800.00 each to the Golva Park Board and to the Sentinel Butte Public Rec for expenses. Lynch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will meet again later in the year to disburse funds that will be

collected for the County Park fund between now and then. Keohane made a motion to adjourn at 1:50 P.M. and Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss oil impact grants and road projects. There was also discussion regarding a pipeline easement from Bear Paw Energy that Wirtzfeld will check into and report back to the Board on his findings.

Alan Wosepka met with the Board to discuss road conditions and work that needs to be done on the Pipeline Road going to his place.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners



**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 26, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale & Gary L. Ross were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a tax exempt hearing for a new building for Dakota Farm Equipment. Mike Ballard from Dakota Farm Equipment was present along with Tax Director Sue Finneman and Julie Goldsberry from the Golden Valley News. Dakota Farm Equipment requested a 5 year tax exemption on a new ag repair shop that they plan to put up this spring. The Beach School District and Beach Civil Township Boards had both been notified of this hearing and neither entity had a problem with granting this exemption. The Board discussed with Ballard how many people this would employ compared to his current number of employees and the economic

development this would bring to the county. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of a full 5 year exemption for this new structure and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The exemption will start with the 2005 taxes if the building is entirely constructed in 2004.

Harvey Peterson met with the Board to discuss the applications for the Veteran’s Service Officer position. The Board reviewed the 2 applications that were received for this position and had the Legion Board review them as well. It was decided to set up interviews with the 2 individuals that have applied and make a decision after the interviews are held.

The Board received an offer for the 1994 Crown Victoria car that had been advertised in the paper. The deadline for the bids had been March 2, 2004 and no bids were received at that time. Commissioner Ross made a motion to accept the offer of \$500.00 from Douglas & Mary Combs

for the 1994 Crown Victoria car and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 A.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 6, 2004 8:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the March minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Carole Vondall as the DES Director through 2004 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to request reimbursement from the Energy Impact Office for Grant Y02897 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to leave the county polling places and times for the 2004 elections the same as they were for the 2002 elections and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor presented a list of election inspectors for the 2004 elections to the Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint this list of Election Inspectors for a two year term and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Election Agreements between the County and the cities of Golva and Sentinel Butte and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of a raffle application for the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The prize will be drawn at the Home on the Range Rodeo on August 8, 2004.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to transfer the DES General funds, that were deposited into Special County Road fund in error in 2003, back into the General fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to request from the ND Department of Commerce a re-amortization of the existing Buffalo Gap Lodge, LLC CDBG loan for a twenty year period with the annual payments due August 31st of each year and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow an additional \$95,000.00 subordination of Golden Valley County's lien on the real estate collateral of the Buffalo Gap Lodge, LLC to American State Bank and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Marty Campbell, Director of Prairie West Development Foundation met with the Board to give them a report of their annual meeting and to discuss technology grant funds that are available.

At 10:00 A.M. the Board recessed to conduct a job interview for the County Veteran's Service Officer position.

At 10:30 A.M. the Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners

Ray Clouse met with the Board to give them an update on the GV County Manor project and to request a donation from the County. The Board stated that the County may be able to provide in kind services as a donation toward the project. Clouse also updated the Board regarding the future of school lands in the surrounding counties.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to present a Mutual Aid Agreement between Golden Valley County and Billings County. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing the Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management between Golden Valley County and Billings County and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vondall also discussed some of the grant monies that are coming into the Count through DES.

Jason DuBord, Field Representative of the ND Water Users Association met with the Board to explain their services and to request the County become a member of this organization. After some discussion, Commissioner Quale made a motion to join the ND Water Users Association membership and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to transfer \$84,000.00 from the Road Reserve Fund into the County HT fund to cover royalty and crushing costs and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board was informed that the annual PILT Payment came in a little over \$44,000.00 over last year's payment. The Board will meet with the 2 School Boards at their regular May meeting to discuss the disbursement of these funds.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve a Pipeline Easement for Bear Paw Energy to cross a county road in the NESW ¼ of Section 3-142-103 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss easements and road projects. The Board approved of purchasing the tubes for Lone Tree Township to replace the bridge south of Gerald Curl's between Sections 5 & 6 -137-105. Wirtzfeld also discussed the job applications he received for the county road department position. Pete will set up interviews with the applicants before the final decision is made.

Jeff Schieffer met with the Board to discuss a Water Line Easement. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of a Limited Water Line Easement for Schieffer to cross the Bell Lake Road in the SW ¼ of Section 3-142-103 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Martinson from Tractor & Equipment Company met with the Board to have the Chairman sign some forms for the motor grader that was delivered in January. Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt the following Resolution and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2004-15

LESSEE'S AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Whereas, Golden Valley County, a body politic and corporate duly organized and existing as a political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, is authorized by the laws of the State to purchase, acquire and lease personal property for the benefit of the County and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

Whereas, in order to acquire such equipment, the County proposes to enter into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to that certain Governmental Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation, the form of which has been presented to the governing body of Golden Valley County at this meeting;

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved:

Section 1. Approval of Documents. The form, terms and provisions of the Agreement and all other schedules and exhibits attached thereto are hereby approved in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by counsel of Golden Valley County or other members of the governing body of Golden Valley County executing the same, the execution of such documents being conclusive evidence of such approval; and the persons holding the titles listed below or any other officer of Golden Valley County who shall have the power to execute contracts on its behalf are hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge, countersign and deliver the Agreement and all exhibits attached thereto, and the Auditor of Golden Valley County is hereby authorized to attest to the foregoing and affix the seal of the Governmental Entity to such documents.

Section 2. Other Actions Authorized. The officers and employees of Golden Valley County shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the parties to the Agreement to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing and other documents required to be delivered in connection with the Agreement.

Section 3. No General Liability. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Agreement, or any other instrument shall be construed with respect to Golden Valley County as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of Golden Valley County or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Agreement, or any other instrument or document executed in connection

therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon Golden Valley County or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Agreement are special limited obligations of Golden Valley County as provided in the Agreement.

Section 4. Authorized Signatories. Following are the true names, correct titles and specimen signatures of the incumbent officers referred to in the foregoing resolution:

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

Gary L. Ross, County Commissioner

David L. Quale, County Commissioner

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption. This Resolution was adopted and approved on April 6, 2004.

Cecilia Stedman, County Auditor

Jeremy Woods from Kadrmars, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board, the Road Foreman, Larry Kokken from BTA Oil Producers, Don Clark from Belfouce Pipeline and adjacent land owners Gene Federenko & Don Hall regarding the revised alignment of the Divide Road. Everyone at this meeting was in agreement with the revised alignment. Federenko stated that if his property sells at the auction next week that he will be sure that the new owners know they are subject to the terms of this project.

Harvey Peterson and Robert Austin met with the Board in regard to their appointment of the County Veterans Service Officer. Peterson and the Board will check out a few options and revisit this issue at their meeting in May.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 4, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the April minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion regarding the Veteran's Service Officer. Commissioner Quale made a motion to contract with Stark County for Veteran Service Officer services for a trial period of 8 months at \$200.00 per month and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The County Extension Office has agreed to be the local contact for county veterans.

Jerry Mayer, Director of Sunrise Youth Bureau, met with the Board to discuss their services and their need for funding and support. Mayer stated that this program was started in 1998 with grant monies and the grant monies have all been used up. This is a diversion program to keep our youth from going to juvenile court when they get in trouble in their communities. Mayer stated that out of the 8 southwest counties that use this program, Stark County uses it the most and Golden Valley County is second in using this program. Mayer is asking counties to consider putting on a mill levy to keep this program going. Commissioner Quale made a motion to put on 1 mill, beginning with the 2004 taxes, to help support the Sunrise Youth Program in our County and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Beach School District Superintendent Larry Helvik and Golva School Principal Gary Evans met with the Board to discuss the 2004 PILT payment. The payment came in a little over \$44,000.00 more than last years payment. After some discussion Commissioner Ross made a motion to give both the Beach School

District and the Golva School District 5% of the PILT payment, Sentinel Township 3%, each of the unorganized townships with Federal Lands in them \$500.00 and the balance of \$247,552.05 in the Special County Road Fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Ressler, Director of Information Technology Department (ITD) and Vern Welder, Director of Software Development for ITD met with the Board to discuss the possibility of setting up an office in the Courthouse for Lindsay Kremers who is a Web designer for ITD. Commissioner Quale made a motion to lease the empty judges office upstairs to ITD for \$150.00 per month and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. ITD will send out a contract between them and the County.

Tax Director Sue Finneman and deputy Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to inform them that they are done with the reassessment of the City of Beach. They presented the Golden Valley County 911 Emergency Map that they have been working on and discussed purchasing a printer from the Beach Pharmacy which would enable them to print their own maps on 13 x 19 inch paper. This printer may qualify for the DES grant monies and the Board told them to check into purchasing the printer. The Board also approved of Stacey attending a Cost Approach Seminar in Bismarck May 10th through the 14th.

Tax Director Sue Finneman submitted her resignation as the County's Tax and Zoning Director. She stated that she has accepted a job with Burleigh County but that she would be here until the

County Equalization meeting was held to finish up loose ends the first part of June. Commissioner Quale made a motion to accept Sue's resignation and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board thanked Sue for the fine job she has done as the County's Tax & Zoning Director.

Sheriff Stedman met with the Board to discuss the need for a cage to be installed in the Expedition that they use for transporting prisoners. The Board encouraged Stedman to get a cage put in place as soon as possible.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc., Loren Daede from Interstate Engineering, Julie Goldsberry from the Golden Valley News Office and Tina Thornton, Ron Jablonski Jr. and Steve Volesky from the Forest Service met with the Board for their annual meeting. Items discussed were the Schedule A,B & C Road Maintenance Agreements, road easements, future road projects planned and scoria & gravel permits and pits.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods met with the Board regarding the Divide Road project. Wirtzfeld informed the Board that he has hired Mert Mitchell to fill the open road crew position and that Aaron Brown is resigning the end of this week.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 13, 2004 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gary L. Ross was present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with Rick D. Larson, Director of the Energy Development Impact Office regarding the County's 2004 request for Oil Impact Funds. The County requested funds for a new semi-tractor & belly dump, for a used water truck and spray

unit and for funds for improvements on the Pipeline Road. Larson stated that there are 12 million dollars requested for Oil Impact Funds and only 2.4 million dollars available.

Chairman Bares declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Comm.



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 1, 2004 9:30 A.M.**

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale and Gary L. Ross were present.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the May minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Mike Van Horn and Andrew Smith to the Golden Valley County Weed Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to have Golden Valley County help sponsor the 2005 Southwest Night at the Legislature in Bismarck and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to appoint Dan Farstveet to the County Committee for the purposes of school district annexations, dissolutions and reorganizations and Commissioner

Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Farstveet's term will begin July 1, 2004 and he will replace Mary Anne Ulfers on this committee.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement between Golden Valley County and the counties of Stark, Slope, McKenzie and Wibaux and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

This Mutual Aid Agreement is an Emergency Management Memorandum of understanding between the counties for emergency assistance.

County Superintendent of Schools, Virginia Bares, met with the Board to inform them that the ND County Superintendents of Schools will be holding their annual convention in Beach. Virginia asked the Board if the County would be willing to pay for the bus & driver to transport the members to different locations during the convention, since Golden Valley County is the host county. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have the county pay for this transport expense and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

James J. Wosepka met with the Board to review the County's 2003 audit report. After discussing the report, Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow General Fund monies to be used to cover approved grant expenses until the grant monies are collected and

Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross made a motion to accept the County's 2003 Audit Report and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have Wosepka's firm conduct the County's 2004 audit for \$4000.00 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Feland, a sales representative from RDO Equipment of Bismarck, stopped in briefly to introduce himself to the Board.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to present them with the list his department has sent in on the sheriff's equipment grant through DES. Stedman also informed the Board that his department needs a new computer, fax machine and shredder. The Board approved these expenditures.

At 11:30 the Board adjourned to hold a job interview over the phone for the Tax Director position.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. The Commissioners met as the Board of Unorganized Townships. Tax Director Sue Finneman, Stacey Heckaman and Audrey Schieffer were present for this meeting. Schieffer was concerned about some of her property values that had increased more than 15%, on which she had been sent a notice of increase. Finneman and Heckaman explained the changes due to soil types and changes that had been made throughout the county. Finneman stated that overall, ag land values had decrease 2.71% for the 2004 values. After reviewing changes made in the unorganized townships, Commissioner Ross made a motion that all classifications of property were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously. There were no tax exempt or Homestead Credit Applications presented for the unorganized townships. Commissioner Quale made a motion that the overall assessment roll for the unorganized Townships for 2004 were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross made a motion that based on the proceeding motions, the Board declared the assessment roll for 2004 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:45 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then met as the County Equalization Board. Sue Finneman reviewed the additions, deletions and changes in classifications she has made county wide on the 2004 valuations. Commissioner Ross made a motion that the commercial, residential and agricultural property assessments in the County and within the city limits of Beach, Golva and Sentinel Butte, as equalized by the local Boards of Equalizations, met the ND Statutes Guideline of the State Board of Equalization as shown by the Commercial and Residential Ratio Study and Adjustment Worksheet and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion stating

that the Assessment Rolls, Statistical Data, Exemptions, Homestead Credit Applications, Spot Inspections, Supplementary Abstract, Fish & Game Abstract, Mobile Home Ratio Study, Local Board of Equalization Minutes, Farm Residence Exemptions and the valuation of properties owned by employees of the County Tax Equalization office have been reviewed by the County Board of Equalization and found proper as presented and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross made a motion that the overall assessment roll for 2004 for the Organized and Unorganized Townships and the Cities have been reviewed and found properly assessed by the County Board of Equalization and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to declare the Assessment Roll and Statistical Reports for Golden Valley County for 2004 equalized as assessed and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn as the County Equalization Board at 2:05 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:05 P.M. the Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

An abatement for George Vincent was presented to the Board due to excess taxes that had been paid by Vincent. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve this abatement due to the overpayment of taxes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Director Sue Finneman met with the Board regarding to recent zoning meetings that had been held. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve of the County Zoning Board's recommendations regarding the ordinance for Harry Zachmann's trees and approved of the ordinance for the mobile home in Golva subject to the recommendations of the Golva City Council on this issue and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

An application for a pipeline permit from Bear Paw Energy LLC was presented to the Board. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve this permit for the pipeline in Section 10-142-103 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing a Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services between the County and the State for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the drought conditions within the County. Commissioner Quale made a motion to have DES Director, Carole Vondall draw up a drought declaration for the County and for the Board to send a letter to Governor Hoeven requesting that Golden Valley County be declared a disaster due to the drought conditions and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DROUGHT DECLARATION

Whereas, Golden Valley County suffered damage to crops, feed and water shortages for livestock, water problems, the potential for rural fire emergency due to vegetation with varying degrees of dryness, and adverse economic effects on Golden Valley County's agribusiness caused by drought conditions occurring since the Spring of 2004; and

Whereas, the impact of these damages threaten the health, well-being, and public safety of citizens in Golden Valley County; and

Whereas, these impacts constitute an imminent threat of widespread potential for severe losses, damage and hardship to the economy in Golden Valley County in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioner declare a drought emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Golden Valley Emergency Plan, its procedures, attachments, and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship, and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Golden Valley County.

Dated at Beach, North Dakota, this 1st day of June, 2004.

Irvin Bares, Chairman
Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road department concerns and present and future road projects.

At 3:30 P.M. the Board, Courthouse employees and other guests gathered to wish Sue Finneman well in her new position as Tax Director for Burleigh County. The Board expressed their gratitude to Sue for a job well done as Tax and Zoning Director and 9-1-1 Coordinator for the County.

From 4:00-5:00 P.M. the Board conducted interviews for the Tax Director position.

At 5:00 the Board reconvened. After some discussion, Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Stacey Heckaman as the County's new Tax & Zoning Director, at her current hourly wage, for a 6 month probationary period and Commissioner Ross

seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed that Stacey would be eligible for the county insurance and retirement benefits now since she has been working part time for the county since December 2002.

The Board approved of Stacey attending a Geographic Coordinate Database Seminar in Bismarck on June 15th & 16.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 6, 2004 9:00 A.M.

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

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the June minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that the ND County Auditor's Convention will be held in Dickinson on July 21st – 23rd. Commissioner Bares consented to welcoming the auditors to the convention since Golden Valley County is the host county.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board regarding some county cases.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve a Space Lease Agreement between Golden Valley County and the State for the office Lindsay Kremers will occupy in the courthouse and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board and States Attorney to discuss open grazing area issues. There was also discussion regarding easements on an existing road across State School Land in Section 16-142-103.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss complaints his department has had to address concerning cruelty to animals and that his department will have to hire additional help over the Spirit of the West weekend.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss a pipeline permit for Bear Paw Energy. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the pipeline permit for Bear Paw Energy in Section 24-144-103 extending to Billings County, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Stacey also discussed the laser printer the county purchased from TCI Publications and the fees she should charge for printing maps for the public. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of Stacey attending the annual Tax Director's Conference in Bismarck, August 9th through the 12th and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Stacey Heckaman as the County's 9-1-1 Coordinator, retroactive to June 1, 2004, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to cancel the following outstanding warrants, per NDCC 11-25-05, and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The warrants over \$5.00 will be that haven't already been reissued, will be reissued to the original claimant.

Treasurer Checks On Account 14-060

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Issued to:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2932	11-16-98	Farm Credit Training	\$ 21.00
2943	12-29-98	Rick Rogers	\$ 5.00
2971	6-25-99	Sandra Sherry	\$ 2.00
2978	8-04-99	Brent Morningstar	\$ 2.00
2986	10-18-99	Vicki Haarer	\$ 3.00
2989	11-29-99	Michelle Greimann	\$ 1.00
3000	2-16-00	Leonard Hall	\$ 4.64
3003	3-06-00	Jonathan Aisenbrey	\$ 1.00
3005	4-20-00	Art Brown	\$ 5.20
3006	5-01-00	Cam West Exploration	\$ 20.00
3009	5-22-00	Eugenia Brown	\$ 2.00
3012	6-01-00	Bear Paw Energy	\$828.00
3025	9-06-00	Cody Kristenson	\$ 1.00
3026	9-08-00	Wallace Leastman	\$ 1.00

3027	9-14-00	Dana Smith	\$ 2.00
3037	10-23-00	Lee Knudson	\$ 2.00
3055	1-10-01	Jason Zinter	\$ 2.00
3068	2-28-01	Jeremy Larson	\$ 1.00
3073	3-28-01	Mary Hohlt	\$ 2.00
3213	5-20-03	Gate City Bank Fargo	\$ 13.00
3214	5-21-03	Harlan Ekre	\$ 22.72

County Warrants on account # 913-900

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Issued to:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
39377	11-09-98	Judy Hamilton	\$ 5.15	General
39396	11-13-98	Walt Rojic	\$ 20.00	Weed Control
42069	1-28-00	Jim Tescher	\$ 31.00	GV AG
42526	4-05-00	Brockmeyer Radio	\$ 19.65	Sp.Co.Rd.
42718	5-08-00	Airport Authority	\$ 435.14	Coll.Sub.
42939	6-15-00	Troy Tescher	\$ 94.25	Weed Control
42941	6-16-00	Judy Hamilton	\$ 5.15	General
43269	8-16-00	Joanne Tescher	\$ 81.00	Library
44098	1-02-01	Dickinson Tire	\$ 283.20	General
46460	3-05-02	Bowman Sales	\$ 41.50	General
47833	11-06-02	Mary Anne Ulfers	\$ 82.43	General
48939	6-03-03	BW Seven Seas	\$ 90.00	Soc. Ser.
49744	11-05-03	Trey Weyer	\$ 100.00	Clk Crt Trust
49887	12-03-03	Trey Weyer	\$ 4.00	Clk Crt Trust

The following semi-annual County Treasurer's report was presented to the Board for review:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-04 through 6-30-04

BALANCE 1-1-2004	\$2,127,402.41		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$934,234.68	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,056,032.13
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$982,595.70	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$406,088.83
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$484,717.26	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$854,711.35
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$297,952.59	APR. PAYMENTS	\$387,881.35
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$432,826.67	MAY PAYMENTS	\$455,179.04
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$103,878.69	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$219,444.46
		BALANCE 6-30-2004	\$1,984,270.84
TOTAL	\$5,363,608.00		\$5,363,608.00
BALANCE 6-30-2004	\$1,984,270.84	BANK DEPOSITS	\$408,363.74
		BUILDING FUNDS	\$0.00
		LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$71,487.23

	CERT. OF DEPOSIT	\$1,501,525.87
	CASH ITEMS	\$60.00
	CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$1,247.78
	CASH ON HAND	\$1,586.22
TOTAL	\$1,984,270.84	\$1,984,270.84

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

DES Director Carole Vondall met briefly with the Board in regard to grant monies and fees.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to request partial reimbursement for the GPS Oil Impact Grant #Y02896 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Martinson from Tractor & Equipment met briefly with the Board regarding future equipment purchases.

Eileen Pfau, Program Coordinator for SW Community Service & Restitution Program, met with the Board with an update on their services and to request continued funding for their program in 2005.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road department equipment, road conditions and future road projects. The group was informed that Golden Valley County received \$50,000.00 in Oil Impact funds for a semi-tractor & belly dump trailer and \$40,000.00 in Oil Impact funds to help rebuild the Pipeline Road. Commissioner Quale made a motion to advertise for bids for a 2001 or newer semi-tractor and a new or used belly dump trailer, with the bids to be opened at the August 3rd meeting, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ray Clouse stopped in to express his gratitude, and the Manor Board's gratitude, to the Commissioners and Road Foreman for the help they gave in the manor project.

Don Hall stopped in to find out the progress on the Divide Road Project.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 3, 2004 9:00 A.M.

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the July minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Peterson updated the Board on county issues.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Gerald Curl for another term on the County Social Service Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss an exemption in the NDCC 57-02.2 for improvements to residential & commercial property in buildings that are 25 years old or older. Commissioner Quale made a motion to make this exemption available for property in the county and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss various office and deputy issues in his department.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to give the SW District Health Maintenance Program the annual \$3232.00 donation for 2005 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 A.M. was the annual budget hearing for the SW District Health Unit. Carlotta F. Ehlis, Executive Director of the SW District Health Unit and Judy Curl, the County's representative on the SW District Health Board were both present for this hearing. Carlotta reviewed the 2005 budget with the Board. There will be a Joint Board of County Commissioners Meeting on August 26, 2004 to finalize their budget.

At 11:30 A.M. the Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and met as the County Park Board along with County Park Board member Brian Keohane. The Board discussed the disbursement of the rest of the County Park Board funds for 2004. Keohane made a motion to give the Pumpkin Festival \$200.00, the Beach Archery Club \$300.00, the County Fair Board \$100.00 and the Spirit of the West \$800.00 and Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Keohane made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 A.M. and Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11:40 A.M. the Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Aaron Brown to put in a living snow fence on the west side of the county road going to Home on the Range in the SW ¼ of Section 14-140-105 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dariann Johnson from Domestic Violence and Ravi Mangru from Family Connection-Safe Haven met with the Board to discuss their services and request a donation again for 2005.

2:00 was the advertised bid opening for a truck & semi-trailer. Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Don Rea from Wallwork Truck Center were all present for the bid opening. Bids were received from Nelson International, Wallwork Truck Center, Westlie Crossroads, RDO Mack Sales & Service, RDO Equipment, Beall Trailers of Dakota, Inc. and CP & the Farm Boys. Wirtzfeld will review the bids and there will be a special meeting held at a later date to make a final decision. Wirtzfeld and Woods discussed current and future road projects with the Board.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 5, 2004 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Dave Quale and Gary L. Ross were present along with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld.

The purpose of this special meeting was to make a decision on the truck and trailer bids that were opened at the August 3rd meeting. After discussing the various bids and specs, Commissioner Quale made a motion to accept the low bid from RDO Mack Sales & Service of Fargo for a 2005 Mac CXN613 truck for \$69,358.50 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. \$50,000.00 of this will be paid for from Oil Impact Grant Funds and Wirtzfeld will check out various financing options for the balance.

The trailer bids were tabled until Wirtzfeld can visually inspect the trailers bid by CP & the Farm Boys.

seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. This new position will start sometime in October.

Ken Stedman met with the board to discuss open range areas in the county. Commissioner Ross made a motion to declare Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18 of 142-105 as a grazing area and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Quale made a motion to declare the road between Sections 17 & 18 and the road between Sections 8 & 17 of 142-104 as a grazing area and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Prairie West Development Director Deb Walworth and Board member Dave Ekre met with the Board to discuss changes and expenses within Prairie West Development. They would like the Board to levy all 4 available mills for Jobs Development as county mills rather than have the 3 county and 1 city as they currently are levied. They also discussed Marty Campbell using the Community Learning Center for her Horizons Leadership Program. The Board said they had no problem with Campbell using the facilities as long as the Ministerial Association agreed to this arrangement.

Darrin Lee, Manager of IT Business Consulting Telecommunications Division, met with the Board to discuss the county connecting to STAGEnet which was set up and mandated by the State in 1999. The group discussed costs, services and the need for this service. The County and Lee will look into further options before a final decision is made regarding this service.

Social Service Director Dick Fedje met with the Board to discuss a multi-county agreement to share staff and services between Golden Valley/Billings counties and various other counties in SW North Dakota. Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve this multi-county agreement between Golden Valley/Billings Counties and Adams, Bowman/Slope, Dunn, Hettinger and Stark Counties and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Fedje also presented a copy of the agreement between Golden Valley/Billings Counties and Adams County for Social Service Director services. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve signing the updated agreement between Golden Valley/Billings and Adams Counties and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director and 9-1-1 Coordinator Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss a ND 9-1-1 Association meeting in Bismarck September 20th and a Regional Tax Director meeting in Medora September 29th and 30th. The Board approved of Stacey attending these meetings. Stacey also spoke briefly about cropland values.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve the 2005 SW District Health Unit budget and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss various road projects and concerns. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve signing a revised Forest Development Road Cooperative Agreement-Schedule A,B and

C between the Forest Service and Golden Valley County and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow the State Water Commission to bore across Highway 10 to extend water service to Home on the Range from the SW Water Pipeline Rural Water Distribution System and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to purchase a 1997 Midland trailer for \$25750.00 from CP & Farm Boys and to pay for this out of the Special County Road fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of the Road Foreman attending the annual County Road Advisor's Conference in Rapid City October 20th & 21st.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to apply for partial reimbursement for Oil Impact Grant #Y03336 for the belly dump trailer and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Cecilia Stedman(Auditor

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 8:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 8:00 A.M.

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dave Quale and Gary L. Ross were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to review the proposed 2005 budgets.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board briefly to discuss certain line items on his proposed budget. Commissioner Quale made a motion to enter into a Commercial Rental Lease agreement between the County and the City of Beach for the Sheriff's department

to store vehicles and other items on a tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 30-140-105 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Custodian Al Miller met briefly with the Board to discuss his proposed budget.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to raise the county's mileage rate to 37 cents, effectively today, due to increased gas prices and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2005 budgets at 8:00 A.M. Thursday, September 30, 2004.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 7, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the September minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to appoint Dan Farstveet as the County's delegate to the State Fair Association's Annual Meeting in Bismarck and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the list of property that was turned back to the County for non-payment of taxes. The Board will give the individuals involved until October 30th to remove their personal property from the property. The Board set the values on this property and will hold a hearing on October 19, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. for the values set on this property.

Beach City Auditor, Kim Nunberg, met with the Board to discuss a recycling building that the city of planning to put up and the possibility of having an area in this building for the Social Service & Council on Aging to park their vehicles. Commissioner Ross will take this information to the Social Service Board and get back to the City on their decision.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss road department issues. The Board approved of the road crew attending a Winter Road Maintenance Workshop in Dickinson on October 12th.

With no further business, Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 1:00 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioners



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 19, 2004 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Gary L. Ross and Dave Quale were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a hearing on the values the Board set on the property turned back to the County for taxes. Cory Erickson met with the Board with an offer on one or all twelve of the lots the County has owned for a few years in Near’s Re-Survey Addition of Beach. Commissioner Quale made a motion to accept Erickson’s offer of \$75.00 per lot or \$900.00 for the 12 lots in Block 3 of Near’s Re-Survey Addition to the City of Beach, depending on how many he decides to purchase from the County, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Erickson will let the Auditor know in a few days how many of these lots he plans to purchase from the County.

No one else showed up for the hearing so Commissioner Quale made a motion to leave the minimum sale price on the property turned back to the County as set at their October 7th meeting and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News Office joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Assistance between Golden Valley County and Bowman County and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 A.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 2, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to approve the October minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Charles Peterson updated the Board on various county issues.

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

Commissioner Ross made a motion to have the Chairman sign a Certification of Award for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending a seminar on Federal Reporting Requirements in Bismarck on December 9th.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to give the County employees November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving off for a longer holiday weekend and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board in regard to the Divide Road project and grants she has applied for. The Board approved of Stacey attending Course 101 on Tax Administration, which is needed for Stacey to get certified, in Bismarck November 15-19th.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board in regard to grant funds, a building for storing county vehicles and an update on his department. Commissioner Ross made a motion to pay the overrun on the generator that was purchased from the Homeland Grant '04 out of the General Contingency Fund and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat Rafferty met with the Board briefly to discuss the Multi-Agency Emergency Building that Sheriff Stedman had discussed with the Commissioners and the Beach City Council.

Pete Wirtzfeld, representing the GV County Weed Board met with the Board to ask them to amend the Weed Board's 2004 budget due to a grant they received for a 4 wheeler and extra cost sharing on chemical and salt cedar surveys. Commissioner Ross made a motion to amend the

2004 Weed Board Budget to \$66,000.00 due to the grants and cost sharing and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Woods and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss appraisals and negotiations for the Divide Road Project. The group also discussed the County's 2005-2006 Federal Aid Program and had the Chairman sign the revised program sheet.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Commissioner

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 7, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

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

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson updated the Board on various county issues.

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

Commissioner Quale made a motion to transfer \$5000.00 from the General Contingency Fund into the County Agent Fund to cover that fund's deficit and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board set December 29th at 9:00 A.M. for the late December meeting to pay the final bills from the 2004 budgets.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to reappoint Judy Curl to another 5 year term as the County's representative on the SW District Health Unit Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding juvenile offenders. Commissioner Quale made a motion for Golden Valley County to support the SW Multi-County Correctional Center in cooperation with the SW Sheriff's Association in attempting to receive certification from the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation to hold juvenile offenders for up to 72 hours in the Dakota Horizons Youth Center and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy County Recorder, Patty Thompson, met briefly with the Board to explain the County Recorder's Office off site storage of documents for backup of all documents in the Recorder's Office.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board for a hearing on the valuation of a parcel of property since this parcel had not been assessed before the city and county equalization board hearing. The property owner did not show up for this hearing. Stacey also updated the Board on the Divide Road project and discussed bringing the County easements up to date on the Bell Lake Road that runs through Section 16-142-103.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the West River Road, future and current road projects, the Oil Impact Assessment Survey, a road tour and road department concerns.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 3:35 P.M. and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Irvin Bares, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 29, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Irvin Bares called the meeting to order. Commissioners Gary L. Ross and Dave Quale were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the Board to approve the final vouchers for the 2004 budgets.

Mark O. Golberg met with the Board to request the renewal of his beer and liquor licenses for 2005. Commissioner Ross made a motion to renew the beer and liquor licenses for the Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC for 2005 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:15 the Board met as the County Park Board along with Park Board member Patricia Lynch. Tammy Hoffer met with the Board to discuss the possibility of using the County Park Fund to run their Optimistic Club monies through for optimistic tournament expenses for grades 3 through freshman. Lynch made a motion to allow the Optimistic Club to run their monetary funds through the County Park Fund, contingent upon approval from the County States Attorney, and Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Quale made a motion to adjourn as the County Park Board at 9:30 and Lynch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

DES Director Carole Vondall met with the Board to give them an update on her medical condition. She will be going to Billings, MT for treatments and Hallie Lavelle and Sheriff Stedman will be her backup while she is out of town.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the Weed Board's 2004 budget for another \$4000.00 for a late chemical bill they had to pay and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor updated the Board regarding the status of various departmental budgets all within the General Budget.

After some discussion regarding the Special County Road budget, Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the Special County Road budget for \$27475.00 for a printer and trailer that was purchased through this fund, but reimbursed with Oil Impact Funds, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the County Highway Tax Fund budget. Commissioner Quale made a motion to amend the Co. HT fund by \$130,000.00 due to 2 years of crushing that were paid in 2004 and some Oil Impact Grant Funds that reimbursed some of the crushing expense and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Recorder and Clerk of Court Susan Davidson met with the Board to discuss a 2nd computer station that has been set up in the Recorder's Office for public use and also record retention.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 A.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: