

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )  
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COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 3, 2006 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 December minutes and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to appoint Dave L. Quale as Chairman of the Board for 2006 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Gary L. Ross as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2006 and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Quale took over as Chairman of the Board.

The following annual Resolutions were adopted by the Board:

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Raeann Gilbertson for a 3 year term on the GV County Library Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Gilbertson replaces Judy Hamilton whose 2 terms are up.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Dr. Wm. Tidball to the GV County Airport Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was presented a letter from the County Fair Board requesting them to appoint Corey Erickson to the Fair Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Corey Erickson to the GV County Fair Board and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss the county's liability in the use of the county 4-wheeler. The Board instructed Stedman to add to the Sheriff's Policy that only county

employees may use this 4-wheeler for county business and that they wear an OSHA approved full face helmet while riding this ATV.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board regarding an abatement hearing for Donald Miller on Lots 10 & 11 of Block 2 of Original Beach. Heckaman stated that she has done a comparable sales analysis and calculator cost formula on this property and recommended this property be valued at \$24400.00 to equalize it with adjacent commercial properties in Beach. Commissioner Bares made a motion to reduce the value on Lots 10 & 11 of Block 2 or Original Beach to \$24400.00, to be more in line with adjacent properties, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Heckaman also presented a Notice of Intent to Engage in Geophysical Exploration from Telsa Exploration USA Ltd. This form is to be filed in the county and is good for 1 year. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of Heckaman signing this Notice of Intent and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobby Olstad from Dakota Insurance met with the Board with annual review of the county's insurance policy with NDIRF.

Erv Bren, Director of Community Action in western North Dakota met with the Board to explain their services to our area.

Troy Tescher made a courtesy call regarding the low water crossing on Mosher road built by an oil company and the increased truck traffic on the Mosher Road bridge. The Board stated that they will discuss this issue with the Road Foreman.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Woods from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board regarding various road projects and road department concerns.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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FEBRUARY 7, 2006  9:00 A.M.**

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

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

The annual County/Township meeting was discussed and set for Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 1:00 P.M. at the Community Ambulance Building.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a raffle permit for the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The drawing for this raffle will be held at the annual Home on the Range Rodeo on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Board approved of the Auditor attending a 3 day Election Equipment Training Seminar in Williston February 8,9 and 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Board reviewed the following Treasurer's biannual report:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER  
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-05 through 12-31-05

BALANCE 7-1-2005	\$2,434,830.73		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$ 134,173.26	JULY PAYMENTS	\$175,751.67
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$ 273,144.18	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$219,693.30
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$ 122,185.37	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$259,501.40
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$ 150,329.47	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$138,055.29
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$ 338,437.02	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$217,051.43
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$ 752,084.45	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$514,894.99
		BALANCE 12-31-2005	\$2,680,236.40
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TOTAL	\$4,205,184.48		\$4,205,184.48

BALANCE 12-31-2005	\$2,680,236.40	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,089,069.36
		LIBRARY CD. & SAV.	\$ 70,117.50
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$1,510,034.62
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 60.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 9,268.70
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 1,686.22
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TOTAL	\$2,680,236.40		\$2,680,236.40

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GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

Steve Dorval, Project Engineer, and Ted Billadeau, Project Manager, from Interstate Engineering, Inc. met with the Board to inform them that they have opened a satellite office in Belfield and would be interested in submitting proposals for engineering projects for Golden Valley County.

Dan Buchholz, Beach Fire Chief, met with the Board to express the fire department's interest in the county's old expedition. The Board stated that since it is county surplus property they will be putting it out for bids along with some other surplus property.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to put out on bids the sheriff department's surplus property, to be opened at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at 11:00 A.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss various zoning issues.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman visited with the Board regarding his surplus property and truck permit fees.

County Agent Harvey Peterson and Gerald Sturn, NDSU SW District Director met with the Board to present Peterson's letter of resignation effective May 15, 2006. This was to give the Board lead time to search for a replacement to hopefully be on board by fair time.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept Harvey Peterson's resignation and to work with Sturn & NDSU to find a replacement as soon as possible and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ike McCaskey and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the dissolution of Elmwood Township. The group discussed the major roads and maintenance agreements in Elmwood Township. The Board went on record to accept approximately 11 miles of roads in Elmwood Twp. (142-105) and the existing cattle guards in the township rite-of-way, which will now belong to the County.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the low water crossing on Mosher Road, a 5 year Federal Aid Project Plan for NDDOT, the oil impact grant application for 2006 and purchasing a water truck for the road department. Commissioner Ross made a motion to allow Pete to checkout some leads on a used water truck and purchase one if he finds one within budget and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 14, 2006   2:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with John Neller-moe, Troy Tescher, Ray Tescher and Doug Mosser all representing the Pearl Township Board regarding acquiring road right-of-way easements on the Mosher Road in Section 16-143-104. Hunt Petroleum is willing to pay for the road easement providing the county or township is will to apply for these easements. The group discussed the State’s proposal and held a conference call with States Attorney Charles J. Peterson. The township will present a revised proposal to the State, and if the State accepts this proposal, the Auditor shall send the \$50.00 application fee to the State and deduct this \$50.00 from the credit Pearl Township currently has with the County for overpayment on road work done in their township.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 7, 2006   9:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the February minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved of Harvey Peterson attending the Spring Conference for the ND Department of Veterans Affairs in Bismarck April 17, 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Gary L. Ross to another term on the Golden Valley/Billings County Social Service Board and Commissioner Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the Application for Abatement for Flying J Inc. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve this abatement for prorated taxes for 2005, due to the fire on September 17, 2005, which destroyed the building, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to purchase 10 plat books, from Great Plains Directory Service of Jamestown, out of the General Contingency Fund, for resale to individuals requesting these plat books, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to re-enter into another funding agreement with the State for the 2007-2009 biennium, to receive reimbursement for providing district clerk of court services and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson proposed to the County Commissioners a re-designation of the State's Attorney's office from elected to appointed, due to the fact that no attorney living in Golden Valley County is interested in serving as the County's States Attorney. Attorney Brian Keohane went on record with the Board that he has no intention of running for or serving as the County's States Attorney. Commissioner Bares made a motion to adopt a preliminary resolution stating the position of State's Attorney for Golden Valley County shall be re-designated as an appointed position, rather than an elected position, effective January 1, 2007 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There will be a public hearing held on this resolution at the April 4<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting at 10:00 A.M. Peterson also updated the Board regarding Mosher Road and the correspondence he has had with the State Land Department and Pearl Township Supervisors.

At 10:30 the Board met as the County Park Board along with County Park Board members Brian Keohane and Pat Lynch. Walter Losinski, representing the Spirit of the West, Janie Rathbun, representing the Beach Park Board and the Golf Assn. and Dan Farstveet, representing the County Fair Board met with the Park Board to request park board funds. Keohane made a motion to give the Beach City Park \$5000.00 for the pool, \$1000.00 to the Golf Association, \$500.00 each to Golva Park and Sentinel Public Rec, and split the balance of the funds in the County Park Fund between the Spirit of the West and the County Fair Board for \$783.00 each. Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Keohane made a motion to adjourn at 10:45.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

The Auditor informed the Board that she will attend a mandatory Election Conference with the Secretary of State's Office in Bismarck on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 8, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a conference call with Dave Leftwich, Local Government Engineer with NDDOT regarding the County's Federal Aid Project funding. A May bid letting is planned for the Divide Road Project.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 24, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with Gene Jackson from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld to discuss the Divide Road project and funding for this project.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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APRIL 4, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

The Board discussed the easements on Mosher Road that the ND State Land Department wants resolved. Commissioner Ross made a motion to advance funds from the Road Reserve Fund to purchase easements from the State Land Department for Mosher Road for Pearl Township, subject to Pearl Township reimbursing the County if they receive Oil Impact Funds on Mosher Road in the future, and to amend the Road Reserve Budget for this expense. Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to move the May meeting from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:00 A.M. was the advertised time for the hearing on the re-designation of the State's Attorney position in the County. Ray Clouse, Dick Goodijohn, Alan Wosepka and Gene Hamilton were present for this hearing. State's Attorney Peterson explained the process and options to the group since there is currently no qualified attorney living in Golden Valley County that is interested in running for this position. After much discussion, Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt a final resolution stating the position of Golden Valley County State's Attorney shall be re-designated as an appointed position, rather than an elected position, effective January 1, 2007 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. This office will not be on the 2006 County ballot.

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

Harvey Peterson met with the Board to discuss the County's Veteran's Service Officer. Harvey stated that he would be willing to accept this position since he is retiring as County Agent in May. Commissioner Bares made a motion to terminate our current contract with Stark County for Veteran Service Officer Services and appoint Harvey Peterson as the County's Veteran Service Office effective June 1, 2006 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The office location and hours will be determined at a later date.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a raffle application for Home on the Range, with the prizes to be awarded at the Home on the Range rodeo in August, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to pay the labor bill on the GV/Billings County Social Service/Council on Aging garage out of the Capital Outlay Reserve Budget, and to amend this

budget due to this disbursement, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11:00 A.M. was the advertised time for opening bids for maintenance work on the Sheriff Department's Shop. Only one bid was received and it was from Chad Hammerstrom & Mike Weyer for \$26,000.00 for labor & materials. Commissioner Bares made a motion to table this bid until the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so the Board can visit with Hammerstrom & Weyer regarding this bid and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

James & Staci Giggey met with the Board to make an offer on Lots 6-14 of Block 4, Hunter's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to the City of Beach. Giggey's offered \$7500.00 for the lots, which they plan to use to create & expand Koolscapes Landscape Supply & Nursery. The group discussed the possibility of utilizing all of the 14 lots in this parcel. Both parties will look into this option and meet again at a later date.

The Board reviewed their property & content amounts in their ND Fire & Tornado Insurance Policy. The new GV/Billings County garage will have to be added to this policy.

The Chairman signed a Joint Powers Election Agreement between the County and the City of Beach.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss sheriff department expenses.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Wood from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects and the county bridge report. Three applications were received for the road crew position. After some discussion it was decided to hire both Wade Remillong & Duane Stedman full time, with a 6 month probationary period, for the County Road Department. The group also held a conference call with Dave Leftwich from NDDOT regarding FHC & SC funding and with Rick Larson from the Energy Development Office regarding Oil Impact grants.

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

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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APRIL 12, 2006 8:30 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the County's PILT payment that came in at \$1,040,102.68. Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News were also present for this meeting.

There was discussion regarding paying down equipment debts, work on old Highway 10, the Johnstone bridge on 169<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and crushing.

The Board will meet with the 2 school districts at their meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> regarding this payment.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 4, 2006 10:30 A.M.**

Chairman Dave Quale called the meeting to order. Commissioner Irvin Bares was present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with Rick Larson, Director of the ND Energy Impact Office regarding our 2006 Oil Impact Application. Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld was present for this meeting.



Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Joint Powers Election Agreement between the County and the City of Sentinel Butte. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the uniform county permit system fee schedule. Commissioner Bares made a motion to clarify his April 6<sup>th</sup> motion to adopt the ND Association of Oil & Gas Producing Counties Proposed Uniform County Permit Heavy Weight Fee Schedule and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to extend the Commercial Rental Lease between Golden Valley County and the GV County Soil Conservation District for another 3 years and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that Ashley Krause has accepted the GV County Extension Agent/Agriculture position, beginning June 1, 2006

Larry Helvik, Superintendent of the Beach Public Schools, Kim Trones, Principal of the Golva Public School and Jim Schulte President of the Golva School Board and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the disbursement of the 2006 PILT payment of \$1,040,102.68. After some discussion, Commissioner Bares made a motion to give each of the School Districts 5% of the payment, Sentinel Township 3%, each of the 6 unorganized townships with Forest Service Lands \$500.00, \$210,000.00 to the Special County Road fund and the balance into the Road Reserve Fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a water line easement for Melvin Bosserman on the north side of 49<sup>th</sup> ST SW along Sections 3 and 10 in 137-105 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Farstveet made a courtesy call to the Board to inform them that he is resigning from the Water Management Board and the County Zoning Board. The Board stated that Keith has done a wonderful job for the County on both of these Boards and regretted his decision to resign. Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept Farstveet's resignation and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will check with various individuals to see who they can find to replace Farstveet.

GV Manor Administrator Vickie Braden, Manor Board Members Steve Raisler, Darrel Oech and Paul Thompson, GV Manor residents Pearl Olstad, Sid Connell, Ruth Johnson and Orville Moe and DES Manager Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the

need for a generator at the Manor. Currently there is no back up for power at the Manor and after the storm last October and again this April there is a dire need for a power back up. Kitty stated that she is working with ND Department of Emergency Management for a generator and while they say this would qualify for a generator they cannot guarantee how soon one will be available. The group is requesting funds from the County as they would like to make

the Manor the emergency station for the entire county. The Board will look into their options regarding this request and get back to them.

Deb Walworth, Prairie West Development Director met with the Board to discuss funds for the ND PACE program. The PACE (Partnership In Community Expansion) Program is through the Bank of North Dakota and is designed to assist ND communities in expanding their economic base by providing new job creation. The County's interest would be in the interest buy-down program. The Board will have the State's Attorney look into options for this funding.

Cliff Obrigewitch met with the Board & Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld regarding the possibility of the County taking over maintenance on the Sentinel Township road past his place due to the oil traffic & dust problem. He also asked that they clean out the ditches on the Ness Road. The Board or Wirtzfeld will talk with Sentinel Township regarding this request to see what can be done to help with this problem.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Wood from Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the County's 2007-2008 Federal Aid Program and current road projects going on in the County. The Board also reviewed and certified the biennial County Township Road Mileage Certification.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn at 4:10 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 6, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

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



State's Attorney Peterson gave the Board and update on various County issues that have involved his office.

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Ken Stedman to the GV County Water Management Board, to replace Keith Farstveet who resigned last month, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Capital Outlay Reserve Budget by \$2000.00, for additional expenses for the GV/Billings County garage, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Krause, Golden Valley County's new County Agent met with the Board to introduce herself to the Board and discuss various issues concerning her office.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve of Golden Valley County participating in the Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement for low income pipeline hookups for the SW water pipeline and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Feland, Sales Representative for RDO Equipment Company met with the Board to discuss county equipment needs.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt Resolution 2006-13 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION 2006-13**

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$624,418.92 from Edward H. Schwartz Construction received in the bid opening of May 19, 2006 for Project SC-FHC-02-01(006) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of GOLDEN VALLEY County will award to Edward H. Schwartz Construction the contract for Project SC-FHC-02-01(0006) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

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County Auditor

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at Golden Valley County on June 6, 2006.

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County Auditor

Commissioner Ross made a motion to appoint Paul Schmitz to the Golden Valley County Zoning Board, to replace Keith Farstveet, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman and Joann & Bill Lowman were present for this meeting. Stacey stated that overall, ag land values will remain the same for the 2006 values. Lowman's questioned the value set on their hunting lodge and Stacey worked through some changes on the lodge value that were acceptable to all. After reviewing changes made in the unorganized townships, Commissioner Bares made a motion that all classifications of property were reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There were no tax exempt or Homestead Credit Applications presented for the unorganized townships. Commissioner Bares made a motion that the overall assessment roll for the unorganized townships for 2006 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 2006 for the

Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:40 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then met as the County Equalization Board. Stacey reviewed the additions, deletions and changes in classifications she has made county wide on the 2006 valuations. Commissioner Bares made a motion that the commercial and agricultural property assessment 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 Statues Guideline of the State Board of Equalization as shown by the Commercial and Residential Ration Study and Adjustment Worksheet and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ross made a motion that the residential property in the County and within the city limits of Beach, Golva & Sentinel Butte was reviewed and properly assessed and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares 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 2006 for

the Organized and Unorganized Townships and the Cities have been reviewed and found properly assessed by the County Board of Equalization and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to declare the Assessment Roll and Statistical Reports for Golden Valley County for 2006 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 2:00 P.M. and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Zoning Director Stacey Heckaman presented a pipeline permit to the Board from Bear Paw Energy. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve this permit for Bear Paw Energy to cross Sections 22, 23 & 24-142-103, as long as they follow the County’s application guidelines for pipeline permits, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Jablonski Jr., Tina Thornton, Curt Glasoe & KC Homiston from the US Forest Service along with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Steve Dorval from Interstate Engineering met with the Board for their annual meeting. Items discussed were the Schedule A,B & C Road Maintenance Agreements, scoria & gravel permits, road easements and future road projects.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. and Steve Dorval from Interstate Engineering met with the Board to discuss recent and future road projects. Commissioner Bares made a motion to have KLJ look into putting Old Highway 10, from the Billings County line to Beach, on the Forest Highway Designation System and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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David Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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**JUNE 12, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet with Sheriff DaLayne Stedman regarding his working for a trucking company out of Baker, MT. Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News Office was also present for this meeting. Stedman stated that he is working 5 days a week in Baker but can be back in Beach within 45 minutes if an emergency occurs. The Board is concerned about the County being covered when he is out of the County. Commissioner Bares made a motion to give the employees the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July off as a holiday, for a longer 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**JULY 11, 2006 8:30 A.M.**

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

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

Ray Clouse met with the Board to discuss progress on the Inventoried Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Clouse stated that this lawsuit is close to conclusion but the counties still have some research to do on these areas before this “Roadless Rule” is settled. County Clerk & Recorder, Susan Davidson, met with the group to discuss the information the counties will need to research. Much of the purpose of this lawsuit was to prevent any restrictions on the current uses of roadless and wilderness areas in Golden Valley County.

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adopt the following resolution, retroactive to July 7, 2006, when Chairman Dave Quale and DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz originally signed the resolution, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUITON 2006-14

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY IS DECLARED UNDER A FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER

1. No travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for vehicular traffic.
2. Industrial operating crews shall have fire extinguishers and fire-fighting equipment at hand. Personnel shall remain at the job site for one-half hour after daily operations are completed.
3. Smoking is restricted to inside vehicles or buildings.
4. No open burning is to be allowed, including campfires, garbage or pit burning, brush, field or ditch burning.
5. The use of fireworks is prohibited.
6. These regulations shall be in effect whenever the fire index is in the HIGH, VERY HIGH, OR EXTREME category in Golden Valley County.

Dated at Beach, ND this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Quale, Board Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kitty Knapkewicz, Emergency Management

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt the following resolution and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION 2006-15

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. No travel is to be allowed off of established roadways normally used for vehicular traffic, excluding normal agricultural activities.
2. Smoking is restricted to inside of vehicles or buildings.
3. No open burning is to be allowed, including campfires, garbage or pit burning, brush, field or ditch burning.
4. These regulations shall remain in effect until further resolution of this Board.
5. These regulations shall be enforceable by law enforcement personnel. A fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) can be imposed for violating fire restrictions.

Dated at Beach, ND, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY  
David L. Quale, Chairman

Commissioner Bares made a motion to budget \$3232.00 for the SW District Health Unit's Health Maintenance Program for 2007 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to transfer the \$4500.00, that was paid for part of the lot across the street from the courthouse, from the Land Purchase Fund into the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that she will be attending the County Auditor's Convention in Valley City July 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Eileen Pfau, Program Coordinator for SW Community Service and Restitution met with the Board to update them on their program and request continued funding for 2007.

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

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY  
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-06 through 6-30-06

BALANCE 1-1-2006	\$2,680,236.40		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$1,243,011.52	JAN. PYMTS.	\$1,258,345.09
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$1,176,459.32	FEB. PYMTS.	\$ 435,294.85
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$ 234,372.47	MAR. PYMTS.	\$ 872,028.15

APR. COLLECTIONS	\$1,219,553.06	APR. PYMTS.	\$ 212,203.44
MAY COLLECTIONS	\$1,243,107.44	MAY PYMTS.	\$1,283,019.31
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$ 152,468.92	JUNE PYMTS.	\$ 400,814.67
		BALANCE 6-30-2006	\$3,487,503.62

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TOTAL	\$7,949,209.13		\$7,949,209.13
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BALANCE 6-30-2006	\$3,487,503.62	BANK DEP.	\$1,746,776.79
		BUILD. FUNDS	\$ .00
		LIBR. CD & SAV.	\$ 70,117.50
		CERT. OF DEP.	\$1,666,174.57
		CASH ITEMS	\$ 60.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$ 1,248.09
		CASH ON HAND	\$ 3,126.67

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TOTAL	\$3,487,503.62		\$3,487,503.62
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GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

Commissioner Bares made a motion to reappoint Rick Bostyan to another 3 year term on the Golden Valley County Committee for the purpose of school district annexations, dissolutions and reorganizations, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to reappoint Dave Quale to another 3 year term on the Golden Valley County Tuition Appeals Committee and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Bureau of Land Management budget by \$303.00 due to the increase payment received this year and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to transfer the BLM payment of \$17303.00 from the BLM Fund into the Special County Road Fund and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road Reserve Fund by \$63,000.00, due to the increase in the BLM mineral payments, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed that Golden Valley County received \$80,000.00 in Oil Impact Grant Funds for road construction and surfacing and \$5000.00 for overtime for law enforcement.

Harvey Peterson met with the Board to discuss the Veteran Service Officer position. Harvey has set up an office at the Beach Legion Club in the mornings to meet with veterans. The locked veteran file is still located at the County Agent's Office. Commissioner Bares made a motion to pay Harvey \$250.00 per month for this position, which was effective June 1, 2006, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vickie Braden, GV Manor Administrator, and Manor Board members Steve Raisler and Paul Thompson and DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss designating the manor as the county emergency center for county emergencies and therefore giving the manor some county emergency funds to help purchase an emergency generator for the manor. Braden, Raisler & Thompson will discuss this proposition with the manor board and get back to the commissioners.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the burn ban and Homeland Grants.

County Agent Ashley Krause and Amy Northrop met with the Board to discuss Amy helping out at the County Agent Office when the County Agent Secretary, Jen Steiner, is on maternity leave. Ashley stated that she could use Amy 8 to 10 hours a week. The Board approved of this as long as it can be worked out with the other offices in the courthouse. Ashley also asked the Board if it would be possible for the county road dept. to mow the grass up at the fair grounds with their big mower a few times a year. The Board said they would talk to the Road Foreman about this.

Jerry Mayer from the Sunrise Youth Bureau and Luane Tormaschy from the Juvenile Court System met with the Board to request the 1 mill levy funding from the county again in 2007 and to thank them for their support in the past.

John Nellermoe met with the Board to discuss his concerns about a rite-of-way easement between Pearl Township and the State Land Department. States Attorney Charles Peterson had already looked over the easement and felt it was alright for Pearl Township to sign.



Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Jeremy Wood from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board regarding road department bills, cattle guards, road department overtime and future road projects. Commissioner Ross made a motion to approve of the Chairman signing a Construction Engineering Service Agreement for County Federal Aid Project SC-FHC-2-1(006) and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson joined the meeting.

Sheriff DaLane Stedman met with the Board to discuss concerns about the sheriff's department due to Stedman working in Baker, MT. Stedman assured the Board that he would be working no more than 25-30 hours a week now in Baker and will make sure there is little or nor overtime for the deputies unless there is an emergency.

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

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 1, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

The Board received a letter of resignation from Destry Northrop from the County Weed Board. After some discussion, Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Amy Northrop to the County Weed Board, to replace Destry, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to reappoint Dave Quale to the GV/Billings County Social Service Board for another term and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Dave Quale as the County's Delegate at the NDACo annual convention in Bismarck in October and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:00 AM was the advertised time for the annual hearing on the SW District Health Unit 2007 budget. Judy Curl was present for this hearing and she is the County's representative on this board. Judy updated the Board on the Unit's operations. The Board will attend a Joint Board of County Commissioners meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> in Dickinson to finalize the Health Unit's 2007 budget.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the extra time she has been putting in due extra paper work and the Homeland Grants. Right now these hours are covered by the grants but that will change in 2007. These extra hours will be discussed again at budget time. Kitty also presented a Declaration of Application Spending Plan Consensus FY 2006 State Homeland Security Program form which is a new requirement for the Chairman to sign. The group also discussed upgrades on the emergency radios in the County

James J. Wosepka met with the Board to discuss the County's 2005 audit report. Sharon Dietz from the Golden Valley News joined the meeting at this time. Commissioner Bares made a motion to accept the 2005 audit as presented and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberta Biel from the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center met with the Board to discuss their activities and request funding for 2007.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood & Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects, crushing and equipment repairs. The Board gave Pete the authority to purchase a water truck at an auction sale in Billings, MT if he found one that fit the county's needs and budget.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

ATTEST:

Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

Dave Quale, Chairman Co. Comm.

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**COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the August minutes and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor informed the Board that after all the Primary Election bills were paid the final cost per vote was \$10.88.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to compensate the County Recorder's Office employees for hours spent over and above their regularly scheduled hours to research easements on Forest Service Lands in Golden Valley County, with this time to be managed by the County Recorder, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. County Recorder Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss this project. They plan to visit Billings County to see what is all involved in researching these easements.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson visited with the Board about the States Attorney's 2007 budget since this position will be appointed as of January 1, 2007 and updated them on current county issues his office is involved with.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to extend the final payment date for Giggey & Sons Construction by 30 days or until October 1, 2007, due to Giggey's waiting on payments for various projects they have done, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:00 was the time set for the abatement hearing for Betty J. Dickerson on Lot 7 of Block 9, Hunter's 4<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of Beach. Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board to discuss this abatement application. This property had been damaged in February 2006 by a defective baseboard hot-water heating system and Heckaman has inspected and reevaluated this property. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve a partial abatement reducing the structure from \$37600.00 to \$18200.00 for a total value of \$20000.00 for the land and structure, per the Tax Director's recommendation, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the "Shared Parenting Initiated Measure" that the NDACo Board of Directors sent to each county to consider adopting a resolution of opposition of this measure. The Board took no action on this issue at this time.

The Board discussed a County Smoke-Free resolution sent to them from the SW District Health Unit. Commissioner Ross made a motion to adopt Resolution 2006-16 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2006-16

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY SMOKE-FREE AND 'LOCAL CONTROL'  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona issued a new "Report of the Surgeon General" on June 16, 2006 which clearly says the only way to protect nonsmokers from the dangerous chemicals in secondhand smoke is to eliminate smoking indoors; and

WHEREAS, in a subsequent interview, Dr. Carmona stated: "There's no safe amount of secondhand smoke and it will hurt you." Secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen containing over 4,000 chemicals, 200 of which are poisons and 50 of which are known to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke kills 50,000 to 60,000 Americans every year from diseases such as heart disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, children are particularly vulnerable to the hazards of secondhand smoke, which causes respiratory tract infections, asthma induction and aggravation, middle ear infections, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and decreased lung function; and

WHEREAS, employees should not be forced to risk their health through exposure to dangerous and deadly toxins in their workplace; and

WHEREAS, the County of Golden Valley is responsible for protecting the health and safety of all who live, work and visit here; and

WHEREAS, the County of Golden Valley believes that the issue of smoking in public places and work sites should be a concern for all levels of government – federal, state and local;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commissioner of the County of Golden Valley, North Dakota:

1. The County of Golden Valley hereby requests that the North Dakota Legislature strengthen state laws to fully protect workers and the public from the known health dangers in secondhand smoke by adopting legislation that creates smoke-free workplaces.
2. The County of Golden Valley also requests that any state legislation or regulation must preserve the right of local levels of government to adopt more restrictive measures to protect citizens from secondhand smoke.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006 at Beach, North Dakota:

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Dave Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners

Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the 2007 SW District Health Unit budget and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Joint Powers Election Agreement between Golden Valley County and the City of Golva, for the election that was held in June, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Golden Valley County Manor Administrator Vickie Braden and Board members Paul Thompson and Steve Raisler met with the Board to discuss the generators for the manor.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Manor Board in which the County shall contribute \$40,000.00 toward an emergency electrical generator for use in the event of an electrical power outage, and in consideration the Manor Board agrees to designate the Manor building as an emergency shelter for the County. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to contract with James J. Wosepka, P.C. to do the County's 2006 audit at an estimated cost of \$4600.00 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to have the Chairman sign a funding agreement for Clerk of district Court Services between the County and the State of North Dakota for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss road projects and road department issues. Commissioner Bares made a motion to apply for reimbursement for Oil Impact Grants Y02895 and Y03588, for work done on Blacktail Road and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to advertise for bids for crushing 100,000 or more yards of gravel &/or scoria and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 1:00 P.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to meet on the proposed 2007 budgets.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to remove the County Burn Ban and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach City Council Member Tim Marman and City Auditor Kim Nunberg met with the Board to discuss the Commissioners request for a 10% increase to the County/City Law Enforcement Contract beginning January 1, 2007. The reason for this increase is there hasn't been one for 3 years and fuel, vehicles and wages have all gone up since the last increase.

The Board decided to continue reviewing budgets Wednesday morning at 9:00 A.M.

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

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Commissioners

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**COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to finish reviewing the proposed 2007 budgets.

The Board made changes and additions to the proposed budgets and will hold a hearing on this proposed budget on October 3, 2007 at 10:30 A.M.

Commissioner Ross made a motion to appoint Kim Nunberg to the County Park Board to replace Pat Lynch and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 3, 2006 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Troy Tescher as the County’s delegate to the State Fair Associations’ Annual Meeting in Bismarck on November 16, 2006 and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Ueckert, representing the Golden Valley County Garden Club, met with the Board to see if the County would sponsor a grant, on behalf of the Garden Club, through ND Department of Transportation. This grant would allow the Garden Club to do landscaping on the off ramps coming off of I-94 onto exit #1 in Beach which the Garden Club feels would entice more people to pull off on exit #1. 80% of these funds are federal funds with the rest a local match. Cities with a population under 5000 have to have this grant sponsored by the counties. Commissioner Ross made a motion to have Golden Valley County sponsor this grant on behalf of the GV County Garden Club and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the property that was turned back to the County for non-payment of 2001 taxes. Commissioner Bares made a motion to set a minimum price of \$250.00 per lot on this property and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A hearing on these values is set for Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 1:15 P.M.

The Board held a discussion regarding the BLM mineral payments that the County receives quarterly and how they have increased over the past couple years. Commissioner Bares made a motion to disburse these funds on a quarterly basis, rather than annually, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road Reserve budget by \$67324.04, to disburse the BLM mineral monies, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The annual budget hearing was held at 10:30 A.M. Gene Hamilton was present for this hearing. After some discussion, Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the proposed 2007 budgets, as amended by the Board, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Wilhelmi from Midstate Communications met with the Board to request a Limited Fiber Optic Cable Easement along 30<sup>th</sup> Street and County Road 5. The Board tabled this request until they could discuss it with the Road Foreman later today.

At 11:30 A.M. the Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and met as the County Park Board with other County Park Board members Brian Keohane and Kim Nunberg. Darin Maus, representing the Golva Park Board was also present for this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to disburse some of the remaining funds in the County Park Fund. Maus requested funds to help pay for an air conditioner for the W.P. Nistler Memorial Building in Golva. Keohane made a motion to give Golva Park \$1000.00 toward the air conditioner and to retain the remaining funds until other requests are made of the Park Board and Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The group discussed the 3 mill levy for the pool and after some research it was discovered that this mill can only be removed by a vote of the people. Keohane made a motion to retain these mill levy funds in the County Pool Fund until they receive a request for them and Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Keohane made a motion to adjourn as the County Park Board at 12:05 P.M. and Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:00 P.M. the Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

DES Director Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the progress and expense in updating all the county radios.

County Recorder/Clerk of Court Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss their progress in doing title searches in the National Grasslands located in our county.





Commissioner Ross made a motion to appoint Al Miller to the County Canvass Board in place of County Recorder/Clerk of Court Susan Davidson and her deputy Patty Thompson, who are both ineligible to serve on this board for this election, and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met briefly with the Board in regard to the County doing maintenance on the road going into Bill Lowman's in Section 34-142-103. Pete will visit some more with Lowman regarding this section of the road and get back to the Board.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 P.M. and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, Co. Comm.

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**COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 7, 2006  9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Bares made a motion to close the Courthouse & Social Service Offices, Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, in order to give the county employees a longer Thanksgiving holiday and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to appoint Darrin Nielsen to the GV County Committee for the Reorganization, Annexation and Dissolution of School Districts, to replace the vacancy created by Dan Farstveet's resignation, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Volesky from the Golden Valley News joined the meeting at this time.

Debra Walworth, Executive Director of Prairie West Development Foundation, met with the Board to discuss the Community Works ND Dream Fund. This program, approved by the ND Housing Finance Agency, assists with down payments and closing costs, first mortgages and rehabilitation loans. The county is asked to pledge funds toward this program in order to receive matching grant funds. Commissioner Ross made a motion to have the County make a 3 year pledge of \$2800.00 per year to the Dream Fund, beginning in 2007 and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Director Stacey Heckaman met with the Board in regard to the Plummer abatements. There were 6 different parcels in Twp. 136-106 that had had modifiers placed on their valuations that were missed on the 2004 valuations. Commissioner Bares made a motion to approve the Plummer abatements due to the error on these 2004 valuations and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agent Secretary Jen Steiner met with the Board to get approval for the County Agent's Office to get caller ID, due to missed calls, and a fax machine for their office. The Board approved of this request. County Agent Ashely Krause was at a conference and couldn't attend the meeting. There was also some discussion regarding a new front door at the office. Commissioner Bares will check into this matter.

Deputy Scott Steele and Des Manager Kitty Knapkewicz met with the Board to discuss the County radios. Kitty informed the group that the county has received \$274,962.34 to date in various Homeland Grants since 1999.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Tim Kelly from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the County Federal Aid Program for 2007-2008, current road projects, crushing, gravel and scoria supplies, the bridge on the Marmarth Road on Forest Service property and road concerns received in a letter from the Beach Post office.

The following Golden Valley County residents met with the Board in regard to road conditions in the county: Alan Wosepka, Lee Thompson, Ray Clouse, Duane Hildebrant, George Underwood, Curt Ekre, Charles Scherman, Dick Knopp, Edward Dietz, Dick Olstad, Lynn Olstad, Kyle Sperry Jr. Howard Olstad and Steve Kremers. A petition was presented to the Board with 103 signatures stating that they felt the condition of the county roads are the responsibility of the county commissioners and the action they plan to take if something isn't done about their complaints. The following are some of the comments brought before the Board: their goal was to meet with the Board regarding these complaints since the county employees work for the Commissioners and are their responsibility, a challenge the next time it rains to get in their wife's car and go to the farthest place in their district using county roads and not township roads, the central roads were the ones they use to try and get to and now these roads are in the worst shape of the roads in the county, if an ambulance had tried to get through and couldn't whose responsibility would that be, the townships take care of & keep good surfaced roads, the county should work with contractors to get the roads maintained if they can't handle



The Auditor informed the Board that Gwen Miller will be her new part-time deputy and floater at the courthouse. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay Gwen \$10.00 per hour and ½ of her single insurance policy and Chairman Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to move the January 2007 meeting to Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>, instead of the first Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Chairman Quale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deputy Scott Steele met with the Board to ask permission to start the hiring process for a new deputy when he takes office as County Sheriff January 1, 2007. Commissioner Quale made a motion to allow Deputy Steele to advertise and start the hiring process and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board also approved some updating some of the furniture in the sheriff's department out of the 2006 budget, discussed repairs needed on the sheriff's garage and Deputy Steele's accrued vacation & sick leave. Chairman Quale made a motion to pay Steele his accrued vacation and sick leave on December payroll, since he isn't able to use it all before the end of the year, at which time he will be an elected official and will no longer accrue vacation or sick leave, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board was presented a refund check from Blue Cross Blue Shield for 80% of the August premium. Chairman Quale made a motion to refund the employees who pay a part of their premium and the entities who pay employee premiums the 80% due to them and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Quale made a motion to pay a single policy for full time employees, but to set a maximum of \$350.00 on the amount the county will pay, and to prorate the amount for part-time employees and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Agent Ashely Krause met with the Board to discuss repairs that need to be done at the County Agent's Office and various bills from her department.

Richard Volesky from the Golden Valley News joined the meeting at this time.

A letter was presented from the Golden Valley Manor Board requesting the \$40,000.00 the County had pledged for an emergency generator for the manor. The letter stated that both Billings and Wibaux County's have pledged \$20,000.00 each toward the purchase of this generator and the generator has been ordered. Chairman Quale made a motion to amend the 2006 Emergency Fund budget for \$40,000.00 and issue a check to the Manor and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board was presented a letter from the Badlands Human Service Center that stated Ceil Stedman's term on the Badlands Human Service Regional Council will expire on 12-31-06. Chairman Quale made a motion to reappoint Stedman to another 2 year term on this Board and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Commissioner Bares made a motion to transfer \$100,000.00 to the Social Service fund and amend the County Poor budget by \$100,000.00 for this transfer and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed to pay the C.E. Brooks & Associates bill, even though it went a little over the original \$30,000.00 cap set in 2001, but not pay anymore money for these fees until the Board has the opportunity to visit with someone regarding the status of this law suit.

States Attorney Charles J. Peterson stopped in briefly during the meeting.

Mark O. Golberg met with the Board to renew the liquor licenses for Buffalo Gap Lodge. Commissioner Bares made a motion to renew the beer & liquor licenses for Buffalo Gap Lodge, LLC for 2007 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Document Preservation budget by \$500.00 due to extra revenue & expenses in 2006 and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Vet Service Budget by \$200.00 due to hiring a new Vet Service Officer and expenses and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the County Library budget by \$2200.00 due to increased State Aid revenue and extra expenditures and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss his 2006 budget which went over due to hiring a 5<sup>th</sup> employee for the road crew, more fuel for the extra operator and higher fuel prices plus repair bills. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend the Special County Road budget by \$90,000.00 due to unexpected expenses and to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Road Reserve budget into the Special County Road budget and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Wirtzfeld also discussed the Road & Bridge budget with the Board. Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road & Bridge budget by \$600.00 due to the coal expense for the shop and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Road Reserve budget by \$63947.67 due to the disbursement of BLM mineral payments to the schools & cities and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to amend all the unorganized township budgets and to adopt and amend the Elmwood Township budget, since this township became unorganized January 1, 2006, due to road tax revenue received by these townships to help pay for road work

done by the County in these townships and Commissioner Bares seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bares made a motion to amend the Homeland '05 Grant budget by \$2000.00 due to additional expenditures and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quale declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Cecilia Stedman, Auditor

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Dave Quale, Chairman, County Commissioners