

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
January 5, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Elizabeth Ebert.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to approve the December minutes as edited and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to appoint Harley Steffen as Chairman of the Board and Commissioner Tescher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to appoint Troy Tescher as Vice Chairman of the Board and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to reappoint Pat Kukowski to another term on the County Library Board and Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following resolutions have been adopted for 2016:

RESOLUTION 2016-1

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, CLERKS, CUSTODIAN, & ROAD FOREMAN

STATES ATTORNEY	ELIZABETH EBERT
TAX & ZONING DIRECTOR	HENRY GERVING
CUSTODIAN	ALAN MILLER
ROAD FOREMAN	PETER WIRTZFELD
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	HENRY GERVING
CORONER	JOHN FOSTER
CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	TAMRA SPERRY
SAFETY RISK MANAGER	ANGELINA GONZALEZ
ENGINEER	SELECTED PER PROJECT
DES DIRECTOR	RACHEL KEOHANE

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

COMM. TROY TESCHER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-1;

COMM. DON MAUS SECONDDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2016-2

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

WHEREAS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 11-11-05 N.D.C.C., THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE THE DATES FOR REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2016,

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

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

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

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

COMM. DON MAUS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-2;

COMM. HARLEY STEFFEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2016-3

ESTABLISHMENT OF DAYS THE COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAYS

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

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

JANUARY 18 -	M. LUTHER KING DAY	SEPTEMBER 5 -	LABOR DAY
FEBRUARY 15 -	PRESIDENT'S DAY	NOVEMBER 11 -	VETERANS DAY

MARCH 25 - GOOD FRIDAY NOVEMBE 24 & 25 - THANKSGIVING
MAY 30 - MEMORIAL DAY DECEMBER 23&26 - CHRISTMAS
JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

COURTHOUSE CLOSING WILL ALSO BE OBSERVED UPON ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ND.

COMM. HARLEY STEFFEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-3;

COMM. TROY TESCHER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2016-4

BUSINESS HOURS OF COURTHOUSE OFFICES

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL DETERMINE THE HOURS THE COURTHOUSE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COURTHOUSE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M., WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF HOLIDAYS.

COMM. TROY TESCHER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-4;

COMM. DON MAUS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2016-5

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE, MEALS AND LODGING

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

AND WHEREAS, IF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO INCUR SUCH EXPENSE, THE COUNTY AUDITOR, UPON BEING PRESENTED WITH DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE AND IS SATISFIED WITH AUDIT OF EXPENSES, MAY APPROVE PAYMENT BETWEEN REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS,

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

PERSONAL VEHICLE, MILEAGE STATE RATE (\$0.54/mile)

DEPUTY AUD./TREAS.	17.10/HOUR
CLERK OF COURT/ROD	45,737.15
MAGISTRATE	1,200.00
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT/ROD	15.30/HOUR
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT	17.10/HOUR
TAX DIRECTOR	40,985.00
STATE'S ATTY. (INCLUDES CITY PROSEC. CONT.)	45,732.00
COUNTY AGENT (CO. SHARE 50%)	23,178.00
CO. AGENT SECRETARY	16.60/HOUR
HOME ECONOMIST (CO. SHARE)	2,500.00
D.E.S. COORDINATOR	12,000.00
SHERIFF	63,591.17
DEPUTY SHERIFF	57,211.44
DEPUTY SHERIFFS	46,426.32
DEPUTY SHERIFF	45,979.92
PART TIME DEPUTY	18.50/HOUR
OFFICE DEPUTY	20.60/HOUR
CUSTODIAN	26.37/HOUR
ROAD FOREMAN	61,079.49
ROAD CREW (2)	21.68/HOUR
ROAD CREW (2)	22.94/HOUR
ROAD CREW (1)	24.99/HOUR
PART TIME ROAD CREW	15.36/HOUR
WEED CONTROL OFFICER	37,080.00
COMMISSIONERS (3)	14,832.00
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR (CO. SHARE 60%)	41,718.19
SOCIAL WORKER II (CO. SHARE 60%) (2)	27,252.00
ELIGIBILITY SPEC. WORKER II (Co. SHARE 60%)	31,227.89
ELIGIBILITY SPEC. WORKER II (CO. SHARE 60%)	27,942.60
ADM. SECRETARY I (CO. SHARE 60%)	9.02/HOUR
HOMEMAKER	17.89/HOUR
HOMEMAKER	16.89/HOUR
HOMEMAKER	13.25/HOUR
HOMEMAKER	13.15/HOUR
CSSB MEMBERS	50.00/MTG
RISK MANAGER	1,200.00
CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	1,200.00
COUNTY CORONER	3,500.00
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER	7,200.00
911 COORDINATOR	6,000.00
WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR	1,200.00
ZONING DIRECTOR	2,400.00
ZONING BOARD MEMBERS & SEC.	45.00/MTG

COMM. DON MAUS

MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-11;

COMM. HARLEY STEFFEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Current business brought before the Board:

- It was agreed that the annual township meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting on February 2, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.
- The County Auditor presented the Bowman Radar Contract to the Board. After some discussion, they agreed to renew the contract.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to change the pay date in January to the 15th due to the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday on the 18th, and to change the pay date in February to the 12th due to President's Day on the 15th, and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Deb Nelson with Vision West met with the Board to discuss appointing an individual as the representative on the Vision West Board. Nelson discussed the consortium and how they work actively with the Oil and Gas Producing Association. The meetings are held every other month.

County Auditor Tamra Sperry presented the Board with the outstanding balances on taxes that are delinquent pursuant to NDCC 11-11-13.

Tax Director Henry Gerving met with the Board requesting to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve Bridger Pipeline, LLC's request for a pipeline permit to emplace a 16" pipeline to carry liquid petroleum from the Fryburg station east of Medora to Bridger's Bosserman Station west of Baker, Montana. The pipeline will parallel an existing Bridger pipeline. The pipeline will pass through townships 137-106, 137-105, 138-105, and 138-104. Gerving also requested that they approve the conditional use permit for the Weinreis Brothers for a tract in the SE ¼ of Section 18-140-05, and the extension thereof for the purpose of crew housing. Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the recommendations and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Gerving also presented the Board with an ad pertaining to Homestead Property Tax Credit that will run in the paper to inform those who may qualify. Gerving notified the Board of a few zoning violations that are in the court docket for January. Gerving requested that the Board accept an abatement for WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. due to their being assessed as agricultural land when they should have been centrally assessed. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the abatement and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer Henry Gerving presented an agreement between the ND Department of Veterans Affairs and Golden Valley County on the disposition of sub-recipient vans under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "Highly Rural Transportation Grant" program pertaining to the grant money granted to Golden Valley County to operate the van. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to sign the agreement and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was also held in reference to charging the DAV rent for the van storage.

Discussion was held with Henry Gerving regarding the duties of the County 911 position. Gerving updated the Board and said that he is caught up with the County 911 work. It was

agreed that Gerving will take the County 911 position permanently with a salary of \$500/month. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to hire Gerving as the County 911 Coordinator with a \$500/month salary and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Bobby Olstad with Dakota Insurance met with the Board to go over the County's schedule of vehicles and equipment, and the insurance policy for 2016. Discussion was held on the increase of the policy due to the increase of exposure from 2015 to 2016.

Sheriff Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the vacancy of a deputy sheriff. Steele informed the Board that the Sheriff's Department will be running short handed until a qualified candidate is hired. Steele discussed with the Board the option to offer more overtime to the current Deputies and utilize the part time Deputy to cover the shifts.

City Auditor Kim Nunberg met with the Board to discuss SW REAP and Economic Development how they work hand in hand. Nunberg informed the Board that in order for the applicants and funds to be available to the Golden Valley County residents to obtain the funds, there needs to be a County support mill levy to keep the Economic Development office operating in order to access the SW REAP funds.

Bob Procive and Jim Kadrmas from Interstate Engineering met with the Board to introduce themselves and the engineering services they offer, and asked the Board to consider them on upcoming projects.

Rachel Keohane met with the Board to discuss filling the vacancy of the County's Director of Emergency Services. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to hire Rachel Keohane for the position with a six month probation salary of \$1000/month and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried. Full time benefits will be offered to Rachel as her part time position of Clerk of Court/Recorder and the position of DES qualifies her as a full time employee.

Jon with Brozs Engineering joined the meeting. Jon stopped by to discuss the projects they are working on now and discussed what Golden Valley County is working on.

Clerk of Court/Recorder Patty Thompson met with the Board to update them on issuing passports. Thompson also informed the Board on the case load filtering through the office and the increase from 2014 to 2015.

Jeremy Woods with Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board to discuss a letter from the State Historical Society of ND requiring a class III survey on the low water crossing road reconstruction in a portion of T140N R104W section 29, NE before construction can be started.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ joined the meeting to bring them up to speed on the final steps regarding the closing of the box culvert project. Krebs also let the Board know where we stand with the Lardy corner project. Discussion was also held on repairing the Beaver Creek Bridge.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld informed the Board that the graveling and Lardy project has been approved for the HB 1176 funding. Wirtzfeld is finishing up the reporting and paperwork to receive final funding on the County's projects.

Chairman Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
February 2, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Elizabeth Ebert and Christina Wenko.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the January minutes and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- County Auditor, Tamra Sperry presented the Board with the following bi-annual treasure report from 7-1-15 through 12-31-15.

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

Ledger Balance for period 7-1-15 through 12-31-15

BALANCE 7-1-2015	\$10,603,634.03		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$423,155.68	JULY PAYMENTS	\$1,368,497.01
AUGUST COLLECTIONS	\$216,289.57	AUGUST PAYMENTS	\$1,094,695.84
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$166,321.44	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$788,462.45
OCTOBER COLLECTIONS	\$2,236,225.00	OCTOBER PAYMENTS	\$928,965.56
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$147,189.46	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$2,546,172.99
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$974,802.28	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$555,454.74
		BALANCE 12-31-2015	\$7,485,368.87
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BALANCE 12-31-2015	\$7,485,368.87	BANK DEPOSITS	\$1,859,119.12
		WESTERN COOP.CU SA	\$225,393.21
			\$0.00
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$10,679.41
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$5,380,200.71
		CASH ITEMS	\$160.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$1,467.09
		CASH ON HAND	\$8,349.33
TOTAL	\$7,485,368.87		\$7,485,368.87

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to continue the \$1.00 emergency telephone excise tax for another six years retro-active to June 2014, that had been voted on and approved in the June 2008 Primary Election, and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. This excise tax will be presented to the voters again in 2020.
- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to continue to have only 1 precinct in Golden Valley County for the 2016 elections at the Beach Community Center and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried
- The annual park board meeting has been set at the regular March 1st meeting at 1 pm.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to increase the sick leave per year that can be used in the event of sickness in the immediate family from 3 days or 24 hours to 10 days or 80 hours retro-active to January 1, 2016 and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from the Road Reserve Fund to the County Road and Bridge Fund and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to pay Brenda Frieze \$20/hr for her assistance in helping with the new DES director training and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to appoint Christine Wenko as the Assistant States Attorney to States Attorney, Elizabeth Ebert and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

States Attorney, Elizabeth Ebert discussed with the Board the current case load she is currently working on for the County. Ebert also discussed with the Board about the land north of town that the County wants to offer for sale is 1.84 acres and is adjacent to 2 acres the City owns. It was agreed that States Attorney, Ebert will send her opinion and County Auditor, Tamra Sperry will present it to the City to possibly selling it together.

Discussion was held on renewing a contract with a private contractor for blading 10 miles of road. It was agreed that States Attorney, Ebert will draft a contract to be discussed at the next regular meeting March 1.

Discussion was held on capital outlay projects that have been presented to the Board. It was agreed they will prioritize the projects and see how revenues come in for 2016.

Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss with them the 2016 Law Enforcement Services Contract. It was agreed the County will request \$59.65/hour an increase from \$47/hr in the 2015 contract due to figuring in all costs from 2015 and divided out to get a cost per hour from the 2015 expenditures to figure for the 2016 rate from the City for the 2016 year. County Auditor, Tamra Sperry will update the contract and present it to the City for approval. Steele then informed the Board that the Siren Program Federal mandates will take into effect by 2020 and the State will be updating the radio system by 2018 so the Sheriff's department will have to

be updated as well requiring a new radio system. Steele also informed the Board that his Deputies are keeping up with the work load at this time.

Lonny with from NRG met with the Board and employees to discuss their services they can offer to Golden Valley County for IT. A few employees expressed their interest in going into a contract with NRG.

Zoning Director, Henry Gerving met with the Board to request their approval of the following recommendations from the Zoning Board: 4 Boots Investments, LLC's request for a variance from the currently approved variance, which was to emplace a sign that was 35' wide and 16' high (permit 468). The required setbacks are 150' from all section lines, and the center of county highways, and secondary county and township roads. They are requesting this variance to meet the actual sign dimensions, which are 23'7" wide and 14'16" high. The Zoning Board recommended to deny the variance request. The Zoning Board also approved the request to move the sign to a different area and to approve the amended request for the sign's new location to be moved by July 31, 2016 pending approval by Sentinel Township. Commissioner Maus made a motion to endorse the Zoning Boards recommendations and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

County Agent, Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to ask if one of the Board members can be present for her annual review. Commissioner Tescher agreed to be present for the review. Ueckert then presented to the Board a letter to request them to appoint Stephanie Farstveet to the Fairboard. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to appoint Farstveet to the Board and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

1:00 P.M. was the time scheduled for the Annual Township meeting. The Board met as the County/Township Board with 10 township members. Chairman Steffen started with introductions. Tax/Zoning Director, Henry Gerving handed out the equalization meeting schedule for April. Gerving informed the Board that Ag land will increase roughly 3 %. Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld discussed custom rates and that they will not go up for 2016, the culvert policy will remain the same as 2016 and culvert prices have gone down this year. He updated them on the completed road projects that were finished in 2015 and crushing planned for 2016 and the upcoming projects for this year. Jeremy Woods with Northern Plains Engineering and Andrew Krebs with KLJ joined the meeting. County 911 coordinator, Henry Gerving visited with the township boards about 911 signs that they may need. Weed Control Officer, Jayce Huffman informed the group on the upcoming Weed Board meeting that will be discussing to possibly increase rates per hour, the cost share will continue on a 80/20 and that it looks like there will be another crew on for 2016. Huffman encouraged the township boards to call him if they need spraying or need chemical this year. The floor was opened up for discussion.

Discussion was held on the core testing on the Bill Johnson pit and when all the analysis are back a better look and comparison can be done. Jeremy Woods with Northern Plains Engineering elaborated on the core testing and he will review the analysis when they are finished. Discussion was held on bid specs on crushing down south and the 3 different gravel projects that are planned this year. Woods informed the Board that the change orders are almost done on the Bell Lake

Road-approaches and seeding and such. The intention is to send in for final payment this month.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board to discuss the status on the Lardy project and possibly doing rehab on a bridge.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
March 1, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with Attorney Chuck Perterson, States Attorney Elizabeth Ebert and Assistant States Attorney Christina Wenko.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to approve the February minutes and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Discussion was held on the 2016 Law Enforcement Contract. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to leave the rate at 2015's rate of \$47/hour and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. The County Auditor will deliver the signed contract to the City for their approval.
- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to enter into another subcontract with Noll Construction, LLC for the 2016 year and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to enter into another funding agreement between the County and State for the 2017-2019 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12
Fire Emergency Order**

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that Golden Valley County, North Dakota has potential dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the Golden Valley County Department of Emergency Services has been in consultation with local fire departments; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear and fire damages may be in excess of available County resources; 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 THAT GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY IS DECLARED TO BE UNDER A FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER AND A BURN BAN IS IN FORCE.

1. Golden Valley County follows the North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide.
2. This burn ban is automatically in effect for Golden Valley County whenever the North Dakota Daily Fire Danger Rating is in the Extreme category and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Golden Valley County, North Dakota, however, additional restrictions on outdoor activities are enforced when the Fire Danger Rating is High or Very High. The Daily Fire Danger Rating can be found at the following web sites;

www.weather.gov/bis or www.weather.gov/fgf

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-10.1, any person who willfully violates the burning ban established by this resolution is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor, which carries with it a penalty of up to 30 days in jail, a \$1,500.00 fine, or both. In addition, restitution of fire suppression costs may be sought from the court.

Dated at Beach, ND, this _____ day of March, 2016.
Golden Valley County, North Dakota

BY: _____
Harley Steffen, Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

- It was agreed that Commissioner Steffen will sign the Final Certification of Local Match identifying the local match money came from mill levies.
- Discussion was held on the land North of Beach the County wants to offer for sale. States Attorney, Elizabeth Ebert drafted a memo with her recommendation on the procedure to sale the land. County Auditor, Tamra Sperry will contact the City to see if they would be interested in selling the 2 acres they have adjacent to the County's 1.84 acres.

- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to accept States Attorney, Elizabeth Ebert's resignation effective March 18, 2016 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to appoint Christina Wenko as the States Attorney for Golden Valley County and appoint Haley Cripe as the Assistant States Attorney for Golden Valley County and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with the Attorney's regarding permits and enforcing truck weights on trucks. Discussion was also held on what the Counties impact would be on special assessments for city road improvements.

Weed Control Officer, Jayce Huffman met with the Board to discuss the 2016 spraying season. Huffman also informed the Board that he will be the assistant golf coach and will adjust his hours and days accordingly to keep up with spray projects in the Spring until his crew comes the second week in May. Huffman also updated the Board on the last Weed Board meeting that was held.

Tony Wanner, president of the Senior Citizen Center met with the Board to let them know the Senior Center will be applying for a grant through Roosevelt Custer and asked the Board when he is finished with the paperwork if the County would sign a letter of support. The grant money would be used for plumbing and updating the Center to be handicap accessible.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss the Lardy Road Project. It was discussed that negotiations will start on the right of ways. Andrew Krebs with KLJ joined the meeting. Krebs updated the Board on the Lardy Road Project. Krebs informed the Board that the mitigation plan for the wet lands are about finished up and the core permit is about ready to be sent off. Krebs also gave the plans to Wirtzfeld on the project. It was agreed that the bid opening date for the project will be at the regular May meeting and the completion date on the project of October 7th.

At 1:00 P.M. the Board met as the County Park Board along with Park Board member Kim Nunberg. Janie Rathbun and Mike Braden requested \$5000 for the swimming pool. Joe Kreitinger requested \$2500 for playground equipment. Judy Ridenhower requested \$1000 for the Spirit of the West. John Kouba requested \$2000 for a paving project up at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to give the pool \$4500, Golva Park \$1595, Spirit of the West \$1000, and the Fairboard \$1100 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. The County Park meeting was declared adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board and Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld. Jeremy brought the Board up to speed on finalizing the Bell Lake Road project and the issue with the contractor on requesting additional money for clearing and grubbing was dissolved. It was agreed that the bid opening for gravel hauling and crushing will be scheduled at the April 5th meeting.

Commissioner Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
April 5, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the March minutes and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current vouchers for payment. Commissioner Maus made a motion to wait with the payment to Berger Electric until further information is provided and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Various election topics were discussed. Commissioner Steffen made a motion to appoint Raynette Szudera as the Inspector for the 2016 Primary and General Elections, to not charge the cities and schools to have their elections with the Primary Election, that precinct hours will be set at 8 am to 7 pm, and election workers will be paid \$15/hr with no mileage and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus a motion to transfer \$150,000 from County Poor Fund to Social Welfare Fund per 2016 budgets and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on a County credit card for Social Services. It was agreed they will not get one.
- It was agreed that Chairman, Steffen will sign a lease for 2016 between the City and County on the Weed Board office rent.
- The Board agreed to sign the Home On The Range gaming site authorization for the Calcutta at the rodeo held this summer.

Discussion was held on selling the land north of town. States Attorney, Christina Wenko informed the Board that the land can be sold by sealed bids or live auction, it was agreed that the sale will be conducted through sealed bids. Wenko also let the Board know she has been in contact with the City of Beach's attorney to sell their acres with the County. County Auditor, Tamra Sperry will contact the City to have a representative from the City present at our next regular meeting. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the following resolution and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 1.84 ACRE
PARCEL OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 141,
RANGE 105 WEST

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 11-27-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Board of County Commissioners may dispose of any property, either real or personal, which the County has acquired through purchase, forfeiture, or operation of law other than through tax sale proceedings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 11-27-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, upon the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners authorizing the sale of county property at public sale, the County Auditor shall cause to be published in the official county newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks a notice containing a description of the property to be sold and designating the place where and the day and hour when the sale will be held. The notice shall specify whether the bids are to be received at auction or as sealed binds as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 11-27-03, the sale of county property at public sale shall be held at the office of the County Auditor and shall be conducted by the County Auditor. The property shall be sold to the highest bidder if the highest bid is deemed sufficient by a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County of Golden Valley owns a 1.84 acre parcel of land in Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 141, Range 105 West; more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point North 33 feet and East 860 feet from the S.W. Corner of the SW¹/₄, said Section 16, thence North a distance of 400 feet, thence east a distance of 500 feet, thence south a distance of 400 feet, thence West a distance of 500 feet to a place of beginning,

Excepting all that portion previously acquired by the County. Tract contains 1.84 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the City of Beach owns a 2.0 acre parcel of land in Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 141, Range 105 West adjacent to the County's 1.84 parcel of property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beach desires to sell its 2.0 acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County to sell the County property in conjunction with the sale of the City of Beach property; and

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

1. The County of Golden Valley hereby authorizes the sale of the 1.84 acre parcel owned by the County.

2. The County of Golden Valley hereby authorizes the County Auditor to publish a Notice of Sale as required under N.D.C.C. § 11-27-02.
3. The Notice of Sale shall specify that the bids are to be received as sealed bids.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2016.

_____, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry
County Auditor

- DES, Rachel Keohane met with the Board to update them on what she has been working on and the upcoming Severe Weather Seminar to be held on April 25, 2016. Discussion was also held on a fire band for Golden Valley County.
- County 911 director, Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss repairing the roof on the tower building located on the Sentinel Butte hill. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to fix the building and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was also held that it is a goal to assign the rigs in Golden Valley County a 911 address.

Tax Director, Henry Gerving updated the Board on the salt water wells that we hired Picket to assess. Discussion was also held on the farm home exemptions.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Improvement, Andrew Krebs with KLJ, and Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld joined the meeting.

10 am was the advertised time to open bids for the crushing and stockpiling project in the SE ¼ Section 8 136-104. Arnulfo with Meyer Aggregate LLC was present for the bid opening. The following bids were received. Wm. D. Scepaniak, Inc.-\$181,500.00, Meyer Aggregate LLC-\$220,500.00, Noll Construction LLC-\$271,595.00, Fisher Sand & Gravel-\$395,000.00, and Knife River-\$267,150.00. Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering will review the bids. Reference checks will be conducted as a condition of the award.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board to update them on the Lardy road project. The ad will be running in the newspaper this week. We have not heard back on the core permit. Bid opening for the Lardy project will be at 1 pm at the May 3, 2016 meeting. Discussion was held on repairing the Beaver Creek Bridge.

Wirtzfeld requested to send his crew to a motor grader fire training in Fallon County and the Board agreed it would be good to attend.

COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 11, 2016 1:00 P.M.**

Co-Chairman, Troy Tescher called the meeting to order. Commissioner Don Maus, Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, and Jeremy Woods with Northern Plains Engineering were present for the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was to award the project for the hauling and laying of gravel on Blacktail Road. Commissioner Maus made a motion to accept the lowest bid from the bid opening held on April 7, 2016 to Hlebechuk Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$576,974.68 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Contracts for the hauling and laying of gravel on Blacktail Road were signed by Co-Chairman, Troy Tescher and attested by County Auditor, Tamra Sperry. Contracts for the crushing and stockpiling project that was awarded at the last regular monthly meeting on April 5, 2016 to Wm. D. Scepaniak, Inc. for the amount of \$181,500.00 were also signed by Co-Chairman, Troy Tescher and attested by County Auditor, Tamra Sperry.

Commissioner Don Maus declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
May 3, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to approve the April minutes and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Discussion was held on payment of current easements to landowners pertaining to the Lardy Road Project. Commissioner Maus made a motion to have County Auditor, Tamra Sperry pay the landowners once the signed and completed easements are returned to the office and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor, Tamra Sperry presented the Board with the updated Joint Powers Election Agreement between the cities and Golden Valley County. It was agreed that Chairman, Harley Steffen will sign the agreement.
- The Board reviewed the Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services and the County. Chairman, Harley Steffen sign the agreement.

- County Auditor, Tamra Sperry informed the Board that Terry Egan is interested in obtaining back possession of the old Highway 16 that goes through his property. States Attorney, Christina Wenko will check into the different options and let the County Auditor know.
- County Auditor presented the Board with a waterline easement between Golden Valley County and J/L Ditching in 137-105 SE quarter of section 20 across the township road 166th into the SW quarter of section 21. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the waterline easement and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.
- DES director, Rachel Keohane met with the Board to discuss the multi-hazard litigation plan that will expire in 2018. The new plan is currently started and the cost to the County will be 25% of the project and when Keohane receives the information she will forward onto the Commissioners.

Joelle Muckle with the Ambulance met with the Board. She is wanting to work more hand in hand with the County. It was agreed the Ambulance and County will meet more often. Muckle then updated the Board on the new EMS State changes that will affect the Ambulance services in the future.

City Auditor, Kim Nunberg and Mayor, Walt Losinski met with the Board to discuss selling their 2 acres of land North of town with the Counties acres north of town. States Attorney, Christina Wenko discussed with the City where the County stands on the sale and the legalities of selling it. It was agreed that the City's Attorney will work with Wenko on getting the sale rolling. The County and City would like the separate parcels to be sold together. Discussion was then held on the City of Beach proposed street improvements around the fairgrounds that would affect the County. There will be a public hearing on June 6, 2016.

Tax Director, Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss the extra hours he put in at the equalization meetings. Discussion was held on exemptions.

Zoning Director, Henry Gerving then introduced Reinholz with Northern Improvement Company. Commissioner Maus made a motion to accept the following zoning Boards recommendations of Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch's request for a conditional use permit for the construction/operation of an entertainment facility in an area that is zoned agricultural in the S1/2 (less tract) of Section 2-140-103, parcel 8-0-01694500 and Northern Improvement Company's request for a temporary/conditional use permit to emplace a temporary construction plant for the purpose of I-94 construction located in the NW1/4 and SE1/4 of Section 17-140-104, parcel 8-001920500 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Co. 911 Director, Henry Gerving informed the Board the equipment in the structure on Sentinel Butte hill belongs to BLM but the building is owned by the Forest Service. In an agreement between the Forest Service and the County states the County is responsible for the maintenance of the building.

An update on the VSO van was then giving.

Ross Mitchell with the Medora Fire Association informed the Board that they went into a contract with Buffalo Gap to have a pull tab machine placed at Buffalo Gap. Mitchell then requested the Board to sign off approving this request. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to sign the gaming application and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld joined the meeting. Plan reports and the actual plans were presented to the Board on the Lardy Road Project that will be bid this afternoon at 1 pm. Discussion was held on providing 600 yds of scoria to Garner township to work on a road out of the Underwood pit. Discussion was also held on road blading.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering joined the meeting. It was agreed that a pre-job meeting will possibly be this Thursday for the gravel laying and hauling for the Blacktail Road project. The project may start as early as next week. Update was giving that Scepaniak has returned the contract on the crushing and stockpiling project.

1 pm was the advertised time for the bid opening for the Lardy Road Project CNOC-1711 (056) PCN 21488. The following bids that were opened by KLJ Engineer, Andrew Krebs: BKW, Inc.: \$1,428,941.07, Central Specialties Incorporated: \$718,075.94, Dennis Drewes Inc.: \$539,461.20, Edward H Schwartz Construction: \$578,519.43, Foothills Contracting, Inc.: \$371,126.59, Hanson's Excavating, Inc.: \$867,741.40, Hlebechuk Construction Inc.: \$467,062.98, Jensen Brothers Construction, Inc.: \$482,862.40, Kern & Tabery Inc.: \$648,071.52, Knife River-Northwest: \$682,432.85, Koehl Excavating LLC: \$546,937.63, Martin Construction, Inc.: \$499,550.00, Park Construction Company: \$971,994.48, Shep's Welding & Construction: \$579,404.00, Veit & Company, Inc.: \$868,749.90, Wanzek Construction, Inc.: \$699,542.20, Wilson Construction, Inc.: \$553,329.01, Wyo Group Construction LLC: \$480,208.77, and Younderian Construction LLC: \$579,292.46. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to award the Lardy Road Project pending the Engineer's review and recommendation to Foothills Contracting, Inc. and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld asked the Board about Jim Muckle's request about getting a couple loads of road millings from the Hwy 10 project for the bus barn. The Board agreed to let a couple loads go to the school for the bus barn. Wirtzfeld is going to get some quotes on the fencing that will need to be done on the Lardy Road Project.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
June 7, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to approve the May minutes and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Hamilton joined the meeting.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to sign the request for funding of the health maintenance program for 2017 for SW District Health Unit for \$6000 and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried
- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to re-appoint Tamra Sperry to the County Reorganization Committee for another 3 year term and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to appoint Marty Campbell to the Golden Valley County Fair Board per their request and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to create the fund Social Services Abuse Prevention and accept the budget retro-active to May 2016 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the County Township Road Mileage Certifications and it was agreed that Commissioner Steffen will sign the certification.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to update the panic button system for the courtroom and the clerk of court offices through Electro Watchman, Inc for \$2,816.25 to be paid out of the contingency account in the general fund and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the public hearing to be held on June 20th at 7:30 pm on the special assessments proposal for the City of Beach.
- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to accept the following resolution and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried:

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION 2016-14:

A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE AND NOTICE REQUESTS FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1.84 ACRE PARCEL OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 141, RANGE 105 WEST, GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, OWNED BY GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11-27-02 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE.

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County passed Resolution No. 2016-14, which provided that pursuant to Chapter 11-27-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Board of County Commissioners may dispose of any property, either real or personal, which the County has acquired through purchase, forfeiture, or operation of law other than through tax sale proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 further provided that pursuant to Chapter 11-27-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, upon the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners authorizing the sale of county property at public sale, the County Auditor shall cause to be published in the official county newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks a notice containing a description of the property to be sold and

designating the place where and the day and hour when the sale will be held. The notice shall specify whether the bids are to be received at auction or as sealed binds as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 further provided that pursuant to Chapter 11-27-03, the sale of county property at public sale shall be held at the office of the County Auditor and shall be conducted by the County Auditor. The property shall be sold to the highest bidder if the highest bid is deemed sufficient by a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 further provided that the County of Golden Valley owns a 1.84 acre parcel of land in Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 141, Range 105 West; more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point North 33 feet and East 860 feet from the S.W. Corner of the SW¹/₄, said Section 16, thence North a distance of 400 feet, thence east a distance of 500 feet, thence south a distance of 400 feet, thence West a distance of 500 feet to a place of beginning,

Excepting all that portion previously acquired by the County. Tract contains 1.84 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 further provided that the City of Beach owns a 2.0 acre parcel of land in Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 141, Range 105 West adjacent to the County's 1.84 parcel of property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 further provided that the City of Beach desires to sell its 2.0 acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 further provided that the Board of County Commissioners determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County to sell the County property in conjunction with the sale of the City of Beach property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-14 resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Golden Valley, North Dakota, that the County of Golden Valley hereby authorizes the sale of the 1.84 acre parcel owned by the County, that the County of Golden Valley hereby authorizes the County Auditor to publish a Notice of Sale as required under N.D.C.C. § 11-27-02, and that the Notice of Sale shall specify that the bids are to be received as sealed bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GOLDEN VALLEY, NORTH DAKOTA, PURSUANT TO N.D.C.C. § 11-27-02. BY RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14: NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED: The Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County has authorized the sale of said the above described real estate. This NOTICE and RESOLUTION shall be published in the County's official newspaper as provided in Section 11-27-02, NDCC, once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least ten (10) days in advance of the date set for the bid opening, scheduled for the County Commissioner's meeting Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 10:00 AM, MST. Bids are to be received as sealed bids on or before 12 noon MST, Friday, July 1, 2016. The property interests advertised for sale shall be sold to the highest bidder if his bid is deemed sufficient by the majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners. The highest responsible bidder shall be the bidder who in addition to price has the best ability, capacity, and skill to perform the contract to provide the service required, promptly or within the specified time without delay or interference.

There shall also be considered character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder, the quality of the performance of previous contracts, sufficiency or financial resources, and previous and existing compliance with state laws and city ordinances. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Certified funds shall be required to be deposited in escrow 10 business days following the bid opening and closing set within 30 days of the bid opening.

ADOPTED _____ Harley Steffan,
Chairman ATTEST: _____ County Auditor, Tamra Sperry

- Canvassing for the June 14th Primary Election will be held on Monday, June 20th at 1 pm.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to begin the public hearing and Commissioner Maus seconded. 10 am was the advertised time for the public hearing on Beach Coop Grains request for property tax incentives. Dave Wagner and Larry Helvik with the Beach School District and Kim Nunberg and Jeanne Larson with the City of Beach and Levi Hall with Beach Coop Grain were present for the public hearing. Levi Hall gave an update on the expansion of the grain elevator and rail expansion. Discussion was then open up to the public. Beach Coop Grain does not qualify for the property tax exemption but could for payments in lieu of taxes. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to close the public hearing and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. It was decided to table the decision.

911 Coordinator, Henry Gerving met with the Board to present them with the updated 911 address map with the oil well sites updated as well.

Zoning Director, Henry Gerving requested that Board approve the following recommendation from the County Zoning Board: Beach Civil Township's request of a conditional use permit for the purpose of establishing a new scoria/gravel pit in the N ½ & S ½ SEC 1-139-105 parcels # 8-0-002024500 & 8-0-002026500. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the recommendation and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

County Agent, Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to update them on the extension office. Ueckert discussed with the Board that her office will be needing a new copy machine and to update the computers.

Terry Egan joined the meeting to discuss with the Board and States Attorney, Christina Wenko on the possibility of obtaining the acres back from the County on his property that was the old highway 16 road that runs through his property. A discussion was held regarding the benefits of the sale. It was determined that the existing road created liability for the County due to its current lack of maintenance. Commissioner Maus made a motion to sell the land to Terry Egan for the price of \$900 contingent to States Attorney, Christina Wenko's findings that the sale will not cause any issues with County notice and Country road closures and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Weinreiss with Lonetree School District and Kim Nunberg, Larry Helvik and Dave Wagner with Beach School District met with the Board to discuss the PILT money the

County received. The amount was \$1,534,902.00. Discussion was held on the effects the schools are facing with the decrease in oil revenues. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to pay the PILT money out at 7.5% to the Beach School District and 3% to the Golva School District. The motion failed to due to a lack of a second. Commissioner Maus made a motion to increase the School Districts percentage by 1% and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried. It was agreed that the Board will wait until the next meeting to meet with Sentinel Township and discuss their needs before deciding on the amount they will receive.

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. The Board met as the Unorganized Township Board. There will be a 5.4% increase for agricultural property 2016 in order to be in tolerance with the State values and no changes for residential and commercial property. Commissioner Tescher made a motion that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and find them proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Maus made a motion that a finding be made that all Exemption Applications and Homestead Credit Applications have been reviewed and find them proper as presented or corrected and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2016 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the Assessment Roll for 2016 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried. The Board adjourned as the Unorganized Township Board at 1:30 P.M.

The Board met as the County Equalization Board. Various changes to the townships and cities were reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Maus made a motion that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and found properly assessed with a 5.4% increase for agricultural property and no changes to the residential and commercial properties and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion that a finding be made that the Board reviewed all Exemption Applications, including Non-Profit Organizations, Farm Home Exemptions, Veteran's Exemptions and Homestead Credit Applications and found them properly assessed except for the following exemptions: farm home exemption for parcel #0082500, legal description E1/2 Sec 3-140-105 and parcel #00632100, legal description tract in SE1/4 Sec 5-137-105 which were submitted after Beach Civil and Lone Tree Board of Equalization and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Steffen made a motion that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for Golden Valley County for 2016 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion that based on the preceding findings, the Board declared the Assessment Roll for 2016 for Golden Valley County equalized and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. The Board adjourned as the County Equalization Board at 2:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board to discuss the Progressive Estimate #1 due to Hlebechuck Construction and the updates on the aggregate surface course graveling project on Blacktail Road. Wood also reminded the Board of the special meeting on June 9th for bid openings for construction of CP-17(16)02 bituminous seal coat on highway 10 and for aggregate surface course graveling: project 1: CMC 1746 (Pipeline Road) aggregate surface course 30,000 tons, project 2: CMC 1746 & CMC 1703 (Carlyle Road and Marmarth Road) aggregate surface course 28,000 tons, project 3: CMC 1744 (163rd Ave. SW) aggregate surface course 15,000 tons. The permit for the 34th St. SW Bridge (2015-1722-BIS) has been completed.

Fencing bids were opened for the Lardy Project. It was agreed after calculations and some reference checks the Board will award the project.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board to update them on the Lardy Corner Project. The contracts have been sent to Foothills and waiting for them to return them and also the core permit was received for the project. Discussion was also held about relocating the overhead distribution lines for the project.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld requested the County pay Doug Davidson for scoria royalties at \$1.50/yd and crushing at \$3.20/yd to Noll Construction. Commissioner Tescher made the motion to pay the bills and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
June 9, 2016 1:00 P.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with Pete Wirtzfeld, Road Superintendent and Jeremy Wood, Northern Plains Engineering.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering opened the 3 bids received for the CP-17(16)02 Highway 10 Seal Coat. The as read bid amounts are Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation for \$188,247.50, Morris Sealcoat & Trucking for \$188,901.57 and Bituminous Paving for \$222,183.10.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering opened the 10 bids for the CNOC-1700(053), CNOC-1742(001), and CNOC-1744(001), Gravel Hauling and Laying projects. The as read bid amounts are: Edward H Schwartz Construction Inc. – CNOC-1700(053) \$213,719.32, CNOC-1742(001) \$247,051.26, CNOC-1744(001) \$112,610.37; Wilson Construction – CNOC-1700(053) \$241,594.40, CNOC-1742(001) \$298,839.55, CNOC-1744(001) \$114,106.15; EHC, LLC – CNOC-1700(053) \$256,240.00, CNOC-1742(001) \$348,620.05, CNOC-1744(001) \$143,019.00; Hlebechuk Construction – CNOC-1700(053) \$265,631.80, CNOC-1742(001) \$316,723.11, CNOC-1744(001) \$124,375.36; Border States Paving – CNOC-1700(053) \$290,730.00, CNOC-1742(001) \$345,686.50, CNOC-1744(001) \$143,374.50; Northern

Improvement Company – CNOC-1700(053) \$295,686.40, CNOC-1742(001) \$372,995.90, CNOC-1744(001) \$155,796.90; Plote Contracting LLC – CNOC-1700(053) \$296,025.39, CNOC-1742(001) \$374,325.56, CNOC-1744(001) \$146,943.91; Park Construction Company – CNOC-1700(053) \$312,554.04, CNOC-1742(001) \$381,554.06, CNOC-1744(001) \$161,524.90; Wm. D. Scepaniak Inc. – CNOC-1700(053) \$314,438.00, CNOC-1742(001) \$410,072.70, CNOC-1744(001) \$169,806.00; Noll Construction – CNOC-1700(053) \$336,998.00, CNOC-1742(001) no bid, CNOC-1744(001) \$163,293.00.

Jeremy Wood thanked the bidders in attendance and said the bids would be reviewed and awarded at the July Meeting.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
July 5, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Adam Smith.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to approve the June minutes and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Discussion was held on surplus items no longer used by the Fair Board and the Extension Office. A letter was submitted by the Fair Board and County Agent, Ashley Ueckert requesting to sale the items and Commissioner Steffen made a motion to allow the Fair Board and the Extension Office to sell the surplus items and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to sign the Quit Claim Deed to Terry and LaDonna Egan on the old Highway 16 that runs through his property: the 15.88 acre tract that was previously deeded to Golden Valley County in Lots 2, 3, 4; S1/2NW1/4; S1/2 of Township 143N, Range 105W of Section 2 for the purchase price of \$900 and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.
- Chairman, Harley Steffen signed a purchase agreement with Electro Watchman, Inc. on updating the emergency response buttons in the Courtroom and the Clerk of Court office with a 50% down payment required for the amount of \$1,408.13.
- Discussion was held on budgets for 2017. County Auditor, Tamra Sperry will be sending out the paperwork to start working on budgets which will be submitted back to the Auditor's office the end of August.
- County Treasurer, Gene Skoglund joined the meeting to discuss with the Board the revenue sources for the general fund and to discuss the following ledger balance:

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 1-1-16 through 6-30-16

BALANCE 1-1-2016	\$7,485,368.87		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$1,191,618.87	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,669,401.21
FEB. COLLECTIONS	\$1,097,318.75	FEB. PAYMENTS	\$497,190.20
MAR. COLLECTIONS	\$232,281.67	MAR. PAYMENTS	\$855,411.35
APR. COLLECTIONS	\$976,159.41	APR. PAYMENTS	\$573,762.21
MAY. COLLECTIONS	\$1,656,704.92	MAY. PAYMENTS	\$383,453.92
JUNE COLLECTIONS	\$248,019.83	JUNE PAYMENTS	\$789,007.68
		BALANCE 6-30-2016	\$8,119,245.75
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TOTAL	\$12,887,472.32		\$12,887,472.32
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BALANCE 6-30-2016	\$8,119,245.75	BANK DEPOSITS	\$2,672,868.48
		WESTERN COOP.CU SA	\$225,449.76
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$10,679.95
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$5,201,639.51
		CASH ITEMS	\$160.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$1,467.09
		CASH ON HAND	\$6,980.96
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TOTAL	\$8,119,245.75		\$8,119,245.75

GOLDEN VALLEY CO. TREASURER

- DES, Rachel Keohane met with the Board to request a pay raise as her 6 month probation is up. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to increase Rachel's salary by \$250 per month and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

10 am was the advertised time to open bids on the land north town beginning at a point North 33 feet and East 860 feet from the S.W. Corner of the SW ¼, said Section 16, thence North a distance of 400 feet, thence east a distance of 500 feet, thence south a distance of 400 feet, thence West a distance of 500 feet to a place of beginning for a total of 1.84 acres. One bid was received for \$125/acre from the Beach Rifle and Pistol Club. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the \$125/acre and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the jail budget. Steele also requested the Board move forward with remodeling of the unused space downstairs to build an interview room.

Tax and Zoning Director, Henry Gerving met with the Board. Discussion was held on the payment in lieu of taxes for Beach Coop Grain as discussed at the last regular meeting. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to give Beach Coop Grain 100% for the first 2 years, 50% for the 3rd year, 30% for the 4th year and 10% for the 5th year. Motion died due to a lack of a

second. Commissioner Maus made a motion to give Beach Coop Grain 100% tax relief for 2 years, 50% for the 3rd year, and 30% for the 4th and 5th year and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Roll call vote as following: Maus-yes, Tescher-yes, and Steffen-yes. Motion carried. Gerving then requested the Board accept the following recommendations from the Zoning Board: Gregory and Donna Hickman's request of a variance of 10' to place a structure 15' from the property line, the Front Sentbacks are 25' from the lot line or 103' from the roadway centerline for Lot 12 Blk 7, Original Sentinel Butte, parcel #05534100; Byron Richard's request for a conditional use permit to establish 2 scoria pit and 1 gravel pit in an area zoned agricultural, the pits will be located in Sec 3-143-104 parcel #03813500 and Sec 33-144-104 parcel #04060500; and Linda Ruland's request to rezone Lots 3-4-5-6 Blk 1 McClosky's 2nd Addition Parcel #22-8-05586000 from Commercial to Residential. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the recommendations as described above and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer, Henry Gerving updated the Board on the DAV van. He also informed the Board of the trips taken with the van and the funding received to run the van up to date.

911 Coordinator, Henry Gerving discussed with the Board the Counties tower located on Sentinel Butte hill. Discussion was held on the structure and if it would be feasible to purchase the building as the State is putting up a new building. Gerving will do more research to help find the most feasible option for the County on the structure.

Discussion was held on roads. Commissioner Maus made a motion to hire Howard Olstad for \$4575 to fix a snow trap west of Charley Sherman's Driveway and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering, Scott and Heather Weishaar met with the Board to discuss road Projects. An opinion of cost for a 1.4 mile grading and aggregate surfacing created by Northern Plains Engineering was presented to the Board for a possible project to use up some funding money. Weishaar's discussed some concerns on the crushing and stockpiling gravel project in the Johnson pit. After Jeremy Wood reviewed the bids for the CP-17(16)02 Highway 10 seal coat, it was awarded to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation for \$188,247.50, CNOC-1700(053), CNOC-1742(001), and CNOC-1744(001) gravel hauling and laying projects, they were awarded to Edward H Schwartz Construction, Inc. for \$247,051.26 CNOC-1742(001), \$112,610.37 CNOC-1744(001), and \$213,719.32 CNOC-1700(053)

Andy Moe with Sentinel Civil Township joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the PILT money the County received. Commissioner Maus made a motion to give Sentinel Township 2.5% of the PILT money the County received and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ updated the Board on the Lardy corner project. Discussion was also held on the Beaver Creek Bridge. It was agreed that we will start the process to build a new bridge to replace the current Beaver Creek Bridge. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to build a new bridge to replace the current Beaver Creek Bridge and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Wirtzfeld asked the Board to purchase a bobcat sweeper attachment for \$3,985. It was agreed to purchase the sweeper. He then discussed the current pressure washer the County owns. It is old and not working up to par. Wirtzfeld got 3 quotes for a new one. It was agreed to purchase one from Pump Systems for \$5,999.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
August 2, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Gene Hamilton.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the July minutes and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Review of the prepaid and current vouchers to be paid was done. It was agreed to wait with the payments on the road projects until Pete reviews them.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from the BLM fund to the Special County Road fund per 2016 budgets and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried
- Discussion was held to water a road into the Sperry Ranch on a township road the weekend of August 13th and 14th. It was agreed to discuss this with Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld.
- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to transfer \$1,304,666.70, the remaining money left in the Forest Service fund after distribution to the school districts and Sentinel Township and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Steffen signed the representation letter so we can finish the 2015 Audit with Wosepka CPA.
- Treasurer, Gene Skoglund met with the Board to discuss the general fund. Discussion was held to look at different options to help the general fund stay financially stable.

Discussion was held on making royalty payments for the inventory the County purchased from the Johnson Pit. Commissioner Maus informed the Board that the projects down South are moving along.

Clerk of Court/Recorder, Patty Thompson and Tracey Trask met with the Board to discuss upgrading some equipment in the Recorder's office. The money is in the Documentation Fund

to update a scanner and printer. Discussion was also held on SB 2141 where the Bankers Association submitted where they wanted a mandated straight across the board with scanning fees which was not passed in legislature. A task force was created state wide for recording fees. A predictable fee increase will probably be State wide in the future.

County Agent, Ashley Ueckert and Jim Gray the NDSU Extension Service SW District Director met with the Board. Gray introduced himself to the Board. Discussion was held on the agricultural down turn. Gray informed the Board the State is going to cut the overall NDSU Extension Service budget 10% for the 2017 budget year.

Tax Director, Henry Gerving met with the Board. Gerving presented the Board with the 2015-2016 ratio adjustment worksheet from the State.

Zoning Director, Henry Gerving met with the Board to approve the following recommendation from the Zoning Board: Commissioner Maus made a motion the approve Foundation Energy Management, LLC's request of a pipeline permit to emplace a 22,000' of 3" poly pipeline that will support produced water transportation from the Delhi Oil Field which will cross Sec 19, 29, 30, 31, 141-104 and Sec 24, 25, 141-105 and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer, Henry Gerving informed the Board the grant money to run the van will end on September 31, 2016. There may be another grant round to run the van in the future.

911 Coordinator, Henry Gerving discussed with Board the Sentinel Butte Tower and purchasing the building, generator and transfer switch and propane tank all located at the Tower for \$5 and to buy the propane in the tank at current market price. Gerving will find out when the building needs to be moved. Gerving also updated the Board on GIS updates.

Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss the Law Enforcement Services Contract for 2017 with the City of Beach. The City has decided to cut the law enforcement services from 45 hours to 40 hours for 2017. To meet the hour cuts the Sheriff's office will eliminate animal ordinance enforcement in 2017.

Sheri Adams Joyce Thompson with the SW District Health Unit met with the Board to discuss 2017 budgets and the mill levy proposal. Sheri reminded the Board of the August 30th Annual meeting to be held at the Elk's and official invites will go out in a couple of weeks.

Holly Praus and Amber Hopstead with the Sunrise Youth Bureau met with the Board. Discussion was held on the services they provide to the County and funding from the County for the 2017 budget season.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld, Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering and Jordon Woroniecki with KLJ met with the Board. Discussion was held on the CP-17(16)01-gravel crushing and the gravel deduct from not meeting specs. It was agreed to assess a 25% gravel deduct. After reviewing progressive estimate #3 for CNOC-0017(051) for \$141,486.25, progressive estimate #1 for CNOC-1742(001) for \$43,759.00, and progressive estimate #2 for CP-17(16)01 for \$24,458.99 it was agreed to pay them. Jordon with KLJ then brought the Board up speed on current road projects and those coming down the pipeline in the future.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
August 24, 2016 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Harley Steffen and Troy Tescher were present, along with Pete Wirtzfeld, Road Superintendent, Jeremy Wood and Dan Pladson - Northern Plains Engineering and Bruce Batzer- Astech Corp. A review of the Highway 10 project specifications and schedule was discussed with Mr. Batzer. Mr. Batzer indicated a starting date of the seal coat of early September. Adding road CMC 1711 both north and south of Sentinel Butte to the project was discussed. Astech will hold the unit bid prices from the Highway 10 portion of the project and the total estimated construction cost is \$60,000 which will be added to the project was approved with Commissioner Steffen making the motion and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
September 6, 2016 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Maurice Hardy.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the August minutes and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Commissioner Maus made a motion to change the poll hours to 7:30 am to 7 pm for the upcoming General Election on November 8, 2016 and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.
- Lease agreement with the SCD was presented to the Board. Commissioner Steffen will attend the meeting on September 14 to discuss with SCD.
- The Law Enforcement Contract for 2017 was presented to the Board. It was agreed to wait with signing the contract until discussion is held with Sheriff, Scott Steele.
- Commissioner Maus accepted Al Miller's letter of retirement effective October 14, 2016 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to offer Treasurer, Gene Skoglund \$1000 per month to complete the duties of custodian effective October 15, 2016 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. Skoglund accepted the position.
- Commissioner Tescher made a motion to transfer \$1,304,666.70 from the Forest Service fund to Road and Bridge and Commissioner Steffen seconded.
- NDACo conference was discussed that will be held in October.
- The Board set September 21st at 9 am for the budget preliminary meeting.

- County Auditor, Tamra Sperry handed out the preliminary budgets for 2017 to the Board for them to review prior to the September 21st meeting. Sperry also handed out the projected revenues for the General fund for 2017.

Jim Wosepka with Wosepka CPA met with the Board to discuss the 2015 audit for the County. Discussion was held on the different funds the County has. Commissionier Maus made a motion to accept the 2015 audit and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Buresh with Roosevelt Custer met with the Board to discuss the financial stand on Roosevelt Custer. Buresh requested that we consider approving the \$5700 request for the 2017 year.

Joelle Muckle and Alan Muckle with the Ambulance met with the Board to discuss a drainage issue that is happening at the Ambulance building. They are requesting the Boards approval to fix the problem as the lot is County owned. It was agreed that they fix the problem with Ambulance funds. Joelle Muckle discussed to the Board where they will stand with revenues being so decreased for 2017. They are requesting the Board to start thinking about levying the 10 mills versus the 8 mills as in the past.

Darriane Johnson and Heather Ingman with Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center met with the Board to discuss about the new facility they are trying to complete. Discussion was also held about what the facility offers to people and families. Buresh requests the County consider to continue to support the services.

Mark Resner with SW Reap, Kim Nunberg, and Julie Walz met with the Board to discuss the benefits of Job Development Authority. Resner explained to the Board that in order to keep the SW Reap benefits there needs to be a levy in the County for Jobs Development.

Zoning Director, Henry Gerving met with the Board and handed out the agenda for the upcoming meeting on the 19th. Gerving then informed the Board he will be absent at the next Commissioner regular meeting and ask that Commissioner Tescher represent him at the meeting as he is on the Zoning Board.

Discussion was then held on the purchase of radio equipment enclosure located on Sentinel Butte Hill in Golden Valley County. The following was agreed: GVC to purchase the Radio Tower equipment enclosure (old) located on Sentinel Butte Hill for the purchase price of \$5.00, GVC agrees to purchase the propane tank for the calculated price of the propane the tank contains at current market price, and GVC agrees to remove the structure from the State site no later than the Spring of 2017. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to purchase the building and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Gerald Miller met with the Board to discuss Highway 16 and Highway 85.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board to discuss the progress on the Lardy Corner Project. Krebs presented the Board with a contract change order #1 on project NCOC-1711(056) PCN 21488-Lardy Corner Project for a decrease of \$31.95. Commissioner Steffen signed the contract.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld joined the meeting.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board to discuss the status of current road projects. The final pay estimate with Hlebechuck Const. was reviewed and accepted for the project CNOC-017(051) aggregate surface course graveling on Blacktail Road and the project is complete. The final pay estimate with Wm. D. Scepaniak Inc. was reviewed and accepted for the project CP-17(16)01 crushing and stockpiling gravel is complete. Progressive Estimate #2 for the CNOC-1742(001) aggregate surface course graveling and progressive estimate #1 CNOC-1700(053) aggregate surface course graveling to Schwartz Construction Inc. was reviewed. Bid opening for the Northrop pit is set for October 4th at 1 pm.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to transfer \$1,100,000 from road reserve to County Road and Bridge Fund due to projects budgeted to be completed in 2015 didn't complete until 2016 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to pay North Country Estate Fencing LLC \$3,462.75 and also \$100 to Ed Hammond for fencing supplies and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to pay Johnson Mineral Trust \$154,086.00 for gravel royalties and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to pay off the bobcat lease and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
September 21, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with Patty Thompson, Carrie Zachmann, Henry Gerving, Rachel Keohane, and Tracey Trask.

The purpose of this special meeting is to go over the budgets submitted for 2017.

Discussion was held on the Commissioner's budget.

Linda Stoveland and Sheila Stedman with the Soil Conservation District met with the Board to discuss the mill levy for the SCD. Discussion was held that the SCD will continue to receive 2 mills. Stedman then gave the County the lease on the County Agent's office. Dick Knopp joined the meeting. He discussed funding that the state gives the SCD for office funding was decreased by 10%.

County Auditor, Tamra Sperry discussed with the Board the 2017 budget submission for the Auditor office.

Treasurer, Gene Skoglund met with the Board to discuss his 2017 budget. Discussion was held on his technology line item. Skoglund informed the Board it is for the County server and maintenance agreement with the tax program-Software Innovations.

Clerk of County/Recorder Patty Thompson met with the Board to go over her budget submission for 2017. Discussion was held on budget items.

Adam Smith joined the meeting.

Henry Gerving met with the Board to review his 2017 budget submission for the Tax Director, Zoning, Veteran, County 911 and GIS offices. Discussion was held on Gerving's travel and training to maintain his certification.

Gene Skoglund met with the Board to discuss the custodian budget submitted for 2017 expenses.

Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board to review his proposed expenses for 2017. Discussion was held on Deputy hours and duties. Questions were addressed on jail expenses for next year. Discussion was held on the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Beach.

County Agent, Ashely Ueckert with Fair Board members John Kouba, Ron Volk, and Zane Manhart met with the Board to go over requested mill levies for 2017 and the importance of the County Fair in the Community.

Discussion was held on the submitted County Agent budget for 2017. The County Auditor informed Ueckert and the Board that there is carryover funds in the County Agent fund.

DES, Rachel Keohane met with the Board to present her updated budget request for 2017.

Weed Control Officer, Jaycee Huffman met with the Board to go over projected revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year 2017. Discussion was held with Huffman to help with snow removal at the Courthouse this winter.

Risk Manager/Website Administrator, Angelina Marman met with the Board to go over her 2017 budget submission.

Further evaluation of all the budgets took place. It was agreed to not grant the employees a raise for 2017 but continue to pay up to 75% of a family plan.

Chairman, Harley Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
October 4, 2016 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney, Christina Wenko, Rick Noll and Adam Smith.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss different things. Bullion Township is inquiring if the County would furnish them another culvert to extend their project further. Discussion was held on the culvert and it was agreed since the County furnished with them one culvert already there would be a charge for the second culvert. Andrew Krebs with KLJ joined the meeting. Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering joined the meeting.

1 pm was the advertised time for the bid opening for the upcoming crushing and stockpiling gravel project at the Northrop Pit but due to the delay of the arrival of the Engineer it started at 1:20 P.M. 2 bids were received, one from Aggregate Construction Inc for \$564,625 and Fisher Sand and Gravel for \$711,700. Discussion was held on the grade of the material in the pit. Commissioner Maus made a motion to reject the bids and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering discussed with the Board the chip seal project on Highway 10. He presented the Board with a letter from the Contractor, Astech to serve as agreement to extend the warranty period to two years. It was agreed to pay the progressive estimate on the project. Wood then brought the Board up to speed on the other 3 projects that he is engineering for the County. The 3 projects South should be finished by the November meeting. Discussion was held on projects for 2017.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board to discuss the current project on the Lardy Corner. Discussion was held on the Bridge at the Beaver Creek. Wetland monitoring for CP-1711(10)02 mitigation site and the Westerheim Road Mitigation Site were presented to the Board. Krebs reminded the Board of the DOT meeting to be held at the upcoming NDACo convention.

Discussion was held on the e-permits that are submitted for Pete's approval on overweight permits. Wirtzfeld mentioned to the Board that Game and Fish contacted him about doing some dirt work at Camel Hump and want an estimate if the County can do it. Discussion was held on the preliminary budget changes that were made to the road budgets for 2017. It was agreed when the final fencing bill from North Country Estate Fencing, LLC comes in on the Lardy Corner Project, it is approved to pay it as a prepaid.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to approve the September regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Chairman, Steffen signed a letter to the ND State Fair to delegate John Kouba as the Counties representative at the State Fair Association's Annual Meeting.
- The Auditor presented the property that may go back to the County for non-payment of taxes. The Board reviewed the property and Commissioner Steffen made a motion to set the value on this property for the following: TR A-24 of Lot 3 Block: 10, Hunter's 1st is

\$63,300 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried. The Board set October 18, 2016 at 8:00 A.M. for the hearing on the value that was set on the property.

- Commissioner Steffen made a motion to sign the agreement between the County and Wosepka CPA to do the County's 2017 audit and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried
- The NDACo Convention was discussed and meeting time and dates.
- Real American Heroes of ND requested a gaming site authorization for a gun raffle was presented to the Board. It was agreed to grant them the authorization and County Auditor, Tamra Sperry will sign the authorization form.
- The updated Soil Conservation District Lease was signed.

County Coroner, John Foster met with the Board to discuss the County Burial Contract. The last contract that was reviewed was in 1995. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to increase the contract to \$2400 per incident and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried. States Attorney, Christina Wenko will draft a new contract.

Treasurer, Gene Skoglund met with the Board for Tax/Zoning Director, Henry Gerving to present to them the recommendations from the Zoning meeting that was held on September 19, 2016. Commissioner Maus made a motion to accept the following recommendations: Michael and Pam Weyer's request: a variance of 25' rear and 5' side to place a structure 5' from the property line, the rear setbacks are 30' and the side setbacks are 10' from the lot line for Lot 17-18 Block 1, Gass Vetsch 2nd Add City of Golva, parcel 21-3-05468000 and Kenneth and Rita Dedekers request to rezone the following parcel from Industrial to Agriculture, NE1/4 (Less R/W) Sec 14-140-106 parcel #9-0-02490000 and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board to inform the Board that the grant money for vehicle, radios, and servers etc. is back available for 2016. He discussed the stipulations with the grant and that there would be a 10% match from the County. It was agreed to continue with the grant contract. Discussion was held on the Sheriff's submitted 2017 budget. It was agreed by the Board to leave the Sheriff's budget as revised from the preliminary budget meeting and address budget amendments in 2017 as needed to cover overtime costs.

6 P.M. was the advertised time for the public hearing on increase of taxes.

Chairman, Steffen opened the floor up for discussion with those that attended the hearing. Discussion was held on the shortfall revenues for 2016 that put the County General fund in deficit spending. It was pointed out the reserve money that the General fund has but is not in abundance and if we continue to deficit spend the reserve is estimated to be depleted in 2-3 years. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to close the public meeting and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to levy \$270,000 for the general fund and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to accept the 2017 budgets as revised at the preliminary budget meeting and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman, Harley Steffen adjourned the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 18, 2016 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Don Maus and Troy Tescher was present for this meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold the hearing on the values that were set on the property turned back for taxes. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to leave the values set at the October 4th meeting and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held on the agenda for the upcoming November 1st meeting. The Board requested to set a time to meet with Sheriff, Scott Steele and Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld at the upcoming meeting in regards to overtime.

Chairman Steffen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Harley Steffen, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
November 1, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Harley Steffen called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Troy Tescher were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko, Patty Thompson and Gene Hamilton.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the October regular meeting and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

John Thompson joined the meeting.

Current business brought before the Board:

- Chairman Steffen signed a County deed granting property that was delinquent in taxes back to the owner as the owner paid the taxes and are now current.
- Discussion was held on Christmas. It was agreed to grant the employees December 23rd and December 26th off due to the Holiday falling on a weekend.
- Discussion was held on the Quiet Title Litigation on roadless initiative/section lines and the County's decision to not continue payment for attorney fees in 2017. A letter was

signed by Chairman, Steffen to send out to those involved in the litigation informing them of the County's decision.

- County Auditor, Tamra Sperry informed the Board that one employee has used the 80 hours of sick time used for immediate family members per County policy. Sperry requested the Board allow the employee to continue to use sick time as needed for future appointments as long as the employee has the sick hours and the Board agreed to do so.

John Thompson met with the Board to discuss some concerns with the 2017 budgets.

Discussion was held with States Attorney, Christina Wenko about the Social Services Board and Library having their own Boards. Wenko pointed out that the Board needs to follow state guidelines that are set for Social Service employees.

Discussion was held on the decisions of the budgets for 2017. It was discussed that budgets were cut to offset deficit spending and was done for the County's best interest.

Discussion was held on road issues. Commissioner Maus contacted Boyd Trester about the possibility of future gravel purchases. Discussion was held on decreased gravel inventories for the County. It was discussed to visit with Pete on where the County is for inventory and what is left in the budget for crushing yet in 2016.

Veteran Service Officer, Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss with them the training he currently attended in Fargo for Veteran Service Officers. Gerving informed the Board that Golden Valley County was approved for \$50,000 grant money for 2017 to run and operate the Veteran Service van.

Zoning Director, Henry Gerving discussed NPES Energy Services has constructed an above ground fresh water pipeline without a permit. This matter was referred to States Attorney, Christina Wenko.

911 Coordinator, Henry Gerving discussed with the Board acquisition of the current communications structure, tower, and the land in which it is located. He also provided with a general estimate to move the newly acquired state structure to the current location.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld and Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board to discuss overtime in the 2017 budgets. Steffen discussed with them the Board wants to be more in the loop of the overtime that is being spent in the road and sheriff department's budget. Discussion was held on comp time. Discussion was held on previous County comp time policies. Wirtzfeld discussed with the Board his thoughts of the pros and cons of the possibility of implementing a comp time policy. Sheriff Steele then expressed his thoughts on the comp time. He explained to them that the County is not fully staffed in the Sheriff's department at this time and so it would be hard to use the comp time. Steele did express that it would be a good idea to see the Comp time policy come back into play at the County. Wirtzfeld pointed out that overtime that is being put in by the road crew is legit work and work that is needed to be done. Cutting overtime will decrease services to the public. It was agreed to table the decision of adopting a comp time policy for the

time being. Commissioner Maus made a motion to table the comp time policy until further discussion is done and Commissioner Steffen seconded. Motion carried.

Steele then discussed with the Board the siren 20/20 program. Steele discussed he checked with other radio personnel to see how they stand on the program and those he visited with agreed it would not benefit GVC. Steele then informed the Board if the legislature decides to go with the program it would be a huge financial burden on the County with little benefit to the County. Steele personally feels it would not benefit the County.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board and discussed the final review and acceptance for CNOC-1711(056) PCN 21488. It was agreed the job is complete and Chairman Steffen signed the final review and acceptance. Discussion was held on the future project of the Beaver Creek Bridge. Discussion was held on possible road closure during certain phases of the project.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering joined the meeting. Discussion was held on doing the preliminary survey on the 1.4 mile reconstruction project on Bell Lake Road. Wood then discussed with the Board where the projects CNOC-1700(053) and CNOC-1744(001) are at and the contractors have a few things to finish up on and the project will be finalized soon.

Discussion was then held with Wirtzfeld about the County's gravel supply and different pits that are available in Golden Valley County. He expressed his thoughts about the Northrop pit and feels that there could be some good product from there. Various road topics were discussed.

Chairman, Harley Steffen adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Troy Tescher, Vice Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
December 13, 2016 9:00 A.M.**

Vice Chairman Troy Tescher called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Dennis Dietz were present, along with States Attorney Christina Wenko, and Gene Hamilton.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to appoint Commissioner Tescher as Chairman and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dietz made a motion to appoint Commissioner Maus as Vice Chairman and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to approve the November regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought before the Board:

- The Board set the final meeting for 2016 on December 28, 2016 at 1 pm.
- Discussion was held on the January regular meeting. County Auditor, Tamra Sperry is out of the office Jan 1-10. The Board set January 12, 2017 at 9 am for the January regular meeting.
- Commissioner Dietz made a motion to amend the 24/7 budget by \$200 due to drug testing and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried
- Commissioner Maus made a motion to transfer \$750,000 from the Road Reserve Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund due to not receiving state and federal funding not yet paid to the County for Road projects and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Dietz made a motion to amend the Road and Bridge budget by \$1,100,000 retro-active to the September 9, 2016 meeting where the motion was made to transfer \$1,100,000 from Road Reserve Fund to Road and Bridge Fund to cover final payments but not a budget amendment on road projects that were started in 2015 and paid in 2016 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on how the Library budget works. It was discussed that there was a 3% pay raise increase on the presented budget for 2017. It was overlooked at the final budget meeting and it was agreed that the Library will not be receiving a raise in 2017. Commissioner Maus made a motion to amend the Library budget decreasing the 3% pay increase for a total of \$1,010 for 2017 and Commissioner Dietz seconded.
- The County Auditor presented to the Board the Western Dakota Energy Association Permit Agreement. It was agreed Chairman, Tescher will sign the agreement.
- Discussion was held on the request from the Roosevelt Custer for a donation in 2017. It was agreed at the final budget meeting the County will not donate in 2017 due to decreased revenue for the County. The States Attorney drafted a letter for the Chairman to sign to inform the Roosevelt Custer Board of the County's decision to not donate in 2017.
- Chairman Tescher signed the SW District Health Certificate levy for 2017.
- Discussion was held on a payroll error for 2016 for the Deputy Recorders position. The rate of pay was entered into the payroll system based on a prior employee's rate of pay. The Board acknowledged the error and recognized the difficulty in retro actively correcting the error. The Board also discussed future plans to make sure the error doesn't happen again in the future. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to continue to pay at the current error rate for the remaining of 2016 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on annual testing of the Courthouse fire alarm system. It was agreed the County Auditor will check for other companies that can do the testing. Commissioner Dietz made a motion to pay up to \$560 for the annual testing of the fire alarm and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on asking the Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld to get his agenda for the upcoming regular meetings in the future to the County Auditor ahead of time so the Board has

time to review his agenda and to better utilize the time at the meetings. Other discussion was held on the County Roads.

DES, Rachel Keohane and 911 Coordinator, Henry Gerving met with the Board to discuss Code Red. It was discussed with the Board that paying for the Code Red out of County 911 fund has put the fund in the negative. Discussion was held on the benefits of continuing Code Red versus not having it. It was agreed that DES, Rachel Keohane will gather more information on Code Red to present to the Board at the December 28, 2016 special meeting at which that time the fund balance will be addressed for County 911.

VSO, Henry Gerving presented the Board with the 2017 Van Schedule to Fargo:

1. The schedule for the van to transport veterans to Fargo will be as follows;

JAN 10-12	JUL 11-13
JAN 24-25	JUL 25-27
FEB 7-9	Aug 2-4
Feb 21-23	Aug 22-24
Mar 7-9	Sep 12-14
MAR 28-30	Sep 26-28
APR 11-13	Oct 10-12
APR 25-27	Oct 24-26
MAY 9-11	Nov 14-15
MAY 23-25	Nov 28-30
JUN 13-15	Dec 12-14
JUN 27-29	

2. Golden Valley County Veterans (only) may call to schedule an appointment to FT Meade South Dakota
3. To schedule a ride please contact the Point of Contact (POC) for this memo listed below, one week prior to schedule departure date.
4. POC this memo is the undersigned at; (701) 872-4673 office, (701) 440-0351

Sincerely,

Henry Gerving

Henry Gerving
Service Officer

Gene Skoglund and Jaycee Huffman met with the Board to discuss snow removal for the County. Skoglund and Huffman requested that the County continue with having Ordahl clean the back parking lot as it has been in the past. Bud Ordahl could not meet with the Board today but stopped in and visited with County Auditor, Tamra Sperry. Ordahl stated it didn't matter to him either way if he did the parking lot or not as next winter season he will probably not obligate to do it. The Board feels Huffman should do the snow removal to save the County on extra expenses for snow removal. It was agreed that the Board will discuss with Road Foremen, Pete Wirtzfeld to use the bobcat to remove the snow and possibly to store the bobcat at the Sheriff's shop next to the Courthouse. Huffman agreed that he will do the parking lot if the equipment will be available to him.

Treasurer, Gene Skoglund informed the Board that someone reproduced a check and forged signatures from one of the County's checking accounts. The check was caught by the bank and not ran through so it was caught before the funds were debited from the County's account. The account has been closed and States Attorney, Christina Wenko will look into the situation with Sheriff, Scott Steele.

County Agent, Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to discuss her 2017 budget. Commissioner Dietz made a motion to amend The County Agent's 2017 budget with the changes as presented at the final budget meeting reflecting the new total of \$68,899 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Ueckert then presented the Board with her new job description that was created for her.

Clerk of Court, Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss with them the revenue comparison for 2015 to 2016. She informed the Board that the recorder's office revenue is within \$1600 from 2015. Thompson asked that the Board re-consider her budget for 2017 taking away her full time Deputy Recorder.

Road Foreman, Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board to discuss deeds that the States Attorney drafted for the Lardy Project on easements that were created way back when the Lardy road was originally built and the Deeds are to give the landowners ownership back on vacated acres. Discussion was then held on a gravel mining lease that was drafted by the States Attorney with Clarence Finneman. States Attorney will update the gravel mining lease per discussion and get the updated lease to the Board for their approval.

Andrew Krebs with KLJ and Jeremy Wood with Northern Improvement joined the meeting. Krebs discussed with the Board the deeds and discussion on the bridge at Beaver Creek was held. Woods discussed with the Board the hydrology review of the Little Beaver Creek stream crossing located on 30th St. NW in Section 6, 140-105 as requested. Woods then presented the Board with the engineering plan for a possible road extension of the Bell Lake Road.

Road Forman, Pete Wirtzfeld informed the Board of a round table discussion scheduled for next Thursday at the Buckskin Bar and Grill pertaining to legislative funding. Wirtzfeld said he was approached from a company that has scoria in a Baumgartner pit. They just wanted to get the information out in case a township or some other entity that may be interested in purchasing and utilizing the product. Discussion was held on the Camel Hump Road that was used by Knife River as a haul road to do the Interstate project. Discussion was held on motor graders and Wirtzfeld informed the Board that one motor grader will be out of warranty in 2017. Discussion was then held on Jaycee using the bobcat to do snow removal. Wirtzfeld agreed it would be ok for Huffman to use the equipment. Wirtzfeld will work with Jaycee and Scott Steele to work out the details and to use the Sheriff's department shop to store the equipment. Discussion was held with Wirtzfeld to get his agenda for the regular meetings to the County Auditor ahead of time so she can forward it on ahead of time and Wirtzfeld thought that could work.

Chairman, Troy Tescher adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 28, 2016 1:00 P.M.**

Chairman Troy Tescher called the meeting to order. Commissioners Donald Maus and Dennis Dietz were present along with States Attorney Christina Wenko.

The purpose for this special meeting was to approve the final bills for 2016 and review the 2016 budgets.

Danielle Bettencourt with CE Brooks & Associates, Keith Winter, and Roger Chinn met with the Board to discuss the Quiet Title Action lawsuit pertaining to opposition of the Off Road Vehicle Plan, the Road management Plan and the President's Roadless proposal for the National Grasslands located within Golden Valley County and throughout Western North Dakota.

DES, Rachel Keohane met with the Board to discuss Code Red. Keohane explained to the Board a plan she has that she will implement to evaluate if the program will be useful for the County and get the information out to the public. Discussion was held how the Code Red program would be able to benefit the citizens of Golden Valley. It was agreed after informing the public of the program it will be re-evaluated in 2017 if this program is useful in the County.

Clerk of Court/Recorder, Patty Thompson met with the Board to discuss the Deputy Recorder position in her office. Discussion was held with using the Deputy Auditor part time over in the Recorder's office. After discussion it was agreed that Deputy Auditor will be split between the Recorder's and Auditor's office. Thompson and Sperry will work out a schedule for the shared deputy.

Commissioner Dietz made a motion to renew Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC's liquor and beer license for 2017 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff, Scott Steele met with the Board. Discussion was held on the purchase of a new vehicle and server funded by a grant. It was agreed to wait to pay for the bills when the vehicle and server are completed and pay for it in 2017. Steele informed the Board that he was offered \$5000 or less on the 2008 F150 patrol unit as a trade in on the new vehicle. It was agreed to get the vehicle looked at by a mechanic and possibly put it out on bids rather than trade it in. States Attorney, Christine Wenko visited with the Board on the Marcy's Law that was passed. Wenko gave a brief definition on the law and what the law enforcement will be required to do to notify the victims. Wenko informed the Board that this new law will create more work and expense for the County as the County doesn't have a victim witness coordinator. Discussion was then held on the law enforcement 2017 budget. Discussion was held on the wages approved for in 2017. Commissioner Dietz made a motion to move the \$40,000 allocation for Deputy Sheriff wages from the Special County Road Budget to the General-Law Enforcement Budget for 2017 and Commissioner Maus seconded. Commissioner Dietz made a motion to amend the General-Law Enforcement Budget by \$30,000 for overtime for 2017 and Commissioner Tescher seconded.

Motion carried. Commissioner Tescher made a motion to move the 2017 allocation for prisoner care from the General-Law Enforcement Budget to the General-Non-Departmental Budget and Commissioner Maus seconded.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to appoint Linda Ridenhower to replace Judy Ridenhower to the Library Board for a 3 year term and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

The BLM Mineral payment came in and discussion was held on the formula for disbursements. Commissioner Maus made a motion to follow the formula for distribution as done so in the past putting the County's share in the general fund and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with the Board to inform them that they can get on the County's e-dispatch system.

County Auditor, Tamra Sperry reminded the Board that the County will observe New Years's Day on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Chairman, Troy Tescher signed the fire alarm testing agreement.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to amend the Unorganized Township Budgets by \$95,000 due to extra road work completed in 2016 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dietz made a motion to amend the Road Reserve Budget by \$700,000 for transfers to County Road and Bridge Fund for the Hwy 10 project and Commissioner Maus seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tescher made a motion to amend the County Road and Bridge Budget by \$50,000 due to the Hwy 10 project not budgeted for in 2016 and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to transfer \$40,000 from the County Poor Fund to the Social Welfare Fund per 2016 budgets and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to transfer \$2000 from the General Fund to the County 911 Fund to help cover the Code Red expense and Commissioner Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to amend the General Budget by \$6763 to reflect the County Agent's revised 2017 budget for \$4518 transfer from General and to cover County Agent Secretary fica and medicare for \$2245 and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maus made a motion to amend the General-Clerk of Court/Recorder Budget by \$2154 for Deputy Salary and Commissioner Tescher seconded. Motion carried.

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