

Official Proceedings

August 3, 2010

8:00 am

Chairman Duane Wolf called the meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present.

Chairman Wolf asked for any additions to the agenda. Chairman Wolf added salaries. Auditor Alice Schulz added Resolution signature, conference registration, Distracted Driving Policy and Railroad Crossing. Comm. Zander moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff moved to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2010 meeting. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Kuntz moved to accept the accounts payable plus the supplement as presented. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Darriane Johnson, Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center Director, gave an update on services provided by the DVRCC and Family Connections Visitation Center, and requested \$4,000 funding for 2011. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request.

Sherry Adams, Southwest District Health Administrator, presented the Southwest District Health budget and requested funding for 2011. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request.

Rena Paasch, Dickinson Area Public Library Director, presented the library budget, gave an update on library activities, and requested funding for 2011. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request.

The following checks are over a year old and have not been cashed. Comm. Zander moved to cancel these checks and report them to the Unclaimed Property Division of the ND State Land Department. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Cancel Checks Over a Year Old

American State Bank

Demand Checks:

08-06-08	#19874	Choice Point	Sheriff	\$ 4.00
11-03-08	#20001	Terry L Sakellariou	Sheriff	\$7.50
			Total	\$11.50

Auditor Alice Schulz discussed moving the vote center that was located at the Days Inn to the Stark County courthouse. Comm. Elkin moved to relocate the vote center to the Stark County courthouse. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Larry Messer, Richardton Fire District, discussed constructing an addition to the Fire District building and increasing their mills from five to ten mills. The Richardton Fire District requested funding for 2011. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request.

Auditor Alice Schulz on behalf of Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, requested membership approval for our Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Comm. Hoff moved to approve the membership for the LEPC. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Kevin Thompson, Dickinson State University, gave an update on the Badlands Activities Center.

Bid opening was held for the courthouse generator. Two bids were received; Denny's Electric for \$41,995 and Berger Electric for \$44,948. Assistant States Attorney Jim Hope reviewed the bids and specs were met. Comm. Kuntz moved to award the bid for the generator to Denny's Electric for \$41,995. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented an Engineering Agreement for Stark County. Comm. Elkin moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Engineering Agreement. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented a Department of Transportation Resolution for Project Bro-0045(045). Comm. Zander moved to authorize the Chairman sign the Resolution Project Bro-0045(045), contingent upon the county board concurs in awarding Onsite Improvements, Inc. the bid. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Auditor Alice Schulz reported receiving a bill from the ND Department of Transportation for \$19,596.27 for BNSF signal upgrade at 128th St., Southwest of Belfield. Discussion was held that the Commission voted not to participate in the BNSF signal upgrade.

Jerry Mayer, Director of Sunrise Youth Bureau, and Holly Praus, gave an update on services provided by the Sunrise Youth Bureau, thanked the Board for the support given by Stark County, and requested continued support for 2011.

Comm. Hoff moved to appoint Gilbert Ridl and Gary Kostecky to the Housing Authority Board for five year terms. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Alice Schulz, Auditor, confirmed registration for the annual conference dated October 10th – 13th.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy gave an update on the task force and monthly transports.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy discussed the 24/7 Program.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy requested out-of-state travel for two deputies to attend a training conference in Missouri. Comm. Hoff moved to approve out-of-state travel for two deputies to Missouri. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, discussed road conditions in the county. Discussion was to try magnesium chloride.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, discussed reducing the speed limit on 34th St. SW for about a five mile stretch, due to the heavy traffic. Comm. Elkin moved to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph from Highway 22 West on 34th St. SW to just past 116th Ave SW. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, discussed purchasing four motor graders. Discussion was paying 3.4% interest on a loan vs. inflation costs of the motor graders over a five year period. The Commission authorized Al Heiser to advertise for bids.

Shawn Kessel, City Administrator, discussed a proposal using a Joint Powers Agreement to share resources and hire a Planner to manage growth in the City of Dickinson and throughout Stark County. There are three items the City is proposing:

1. The City and County negotiate a Joint Powers Agreement that best serves all of the residents of Stark County.
2. The City and County each appoint three members (elected and/or appointed) to negotiate a proposed Joint Powers Agreement.
3. The County appoints a member of the County Commission to participate in the hiring process for the Planner.

The Commission appointed Comm. Hoff, Tax Director Diane Brines and Road Superintendent Al Heiser as the three County members to negotiate a proposed Joint Powers Agreement and Comm. Hoff to participate in the hiring process for the Planner.

Bonnie Twogood, representing Central Stark and Western Soil Conservation Districts, submitted a proposal to purchase the County's property at 497 26th Ave. E. for \$130,000 plus an existing building at 664 12th St. W. Comm. Zander moved to accept the offer for \$130,000 plus an existing building at 664 12th St. W with a value of \$20,000, for a total of \$150,000. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

The Board recessed at 10:30 a.m. for a Park Board Meeting.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, discussed going forward with the Weed Board and cold storage building, which consists of a 50' x 150' building.

Auditor Alice Schulz reported the Distracted Driving Policy was complete. Comm. Elkin moved to adopt the Distracted Driving Policy. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Auditor Alice Schulz reported the SW Association of Counties meeting was set for August 30, 2010.

Comm. Zander moved to adjourn. Comm. Hoff seconded.

Alice Schulz, Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman