

Official Proceedings

December 2, 2014
8:00 am

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

Agenda

Chairman Hoff asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner Zander added JLG Architects.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Elkin **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To approve the agenda as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2014 Board of County Commissioners meeting were presented.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Kuntz **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014 Board of County Commission minutes as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Accounts Payable

Additionally Ms. Haag presented a copy of a Northern Improvement bill for the City of South Heart. This item was discussed at a previous meeting of which the County and City of South Heart would split this cost however a final split was not decided. The Northern Improvement bill is in the amount of \$25,589.20.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Zander

To approve the accounts payable with the supplement as presented to include the Northern Improvement bill with a 50/50 split between the County and the City of South Heart.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

General: Payroll: \$252,573.98; NDACO: \$1,480.00; Russ Hoff: \$941.92; Jay Elkin: \$1,142.40; Doreen Altenburg: \$262.50; Donald Bussier: \$360.00; Dorothy Bussier: \$360.00; Eleanora Fischer: \$345.00; JoAnn Heiser: \$315.00; Kay Mikkelson: \$120.00; Luella Ridl: \$386.89; Sharon Runcorn: \$322.50; Rose Senn: \$262.50; Dickinson Press: \$2,692.72; ND Supreme Court: \$25.00; Visa: \$1,538.79; Comfort Inn: \$489.48; Sanford Health: \$2,368.55; State Board of Law Examiners: \$1,490.00; West Payment Center: \$1,706.38; Dakota Water Treatment: \$56.75; SBM Inc: \$5,059.44; 4 Seasons Trophies: \$14.20; Xerox Corporation: \$1,336.97; Menards: \$169.48; Consolidated: \$438.25; MDU: \$3,716.15; Roughrider Electric: \$152.80; SW Water Authority: \$42.14; A-1 Sprinklers: \$240.00; Berger Electric: \$68.00; Braun Distributing: \$1,096.12; ETSystems Inc: \$59.50; Mann's Plumbing: \$818.00; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$283.85; One Stop Rental: \$152.70; Rudy's Lock & Key: \$11.40; Runnings Supply: \$150.15; T-Rex Conoco Inc: \$1,201.54; City of Dickinson: \$12,332.11; Clean Sweep: \$948.98; Consolidated Plastics:

\$75.76; Walmart: \$632.82; Dickinson State University: \$100.00; Election Systems: \$3,157.30; ND Secretary of State: \$5,368.80; NDPers: \$37,096.45; Mackoff Kellogg: \$1,800.00; Sacajawea Substance Abuse Center: \$896.00; Wex Bank: \$477.32; Cenex Fleetcard: \$8,282.50; Brightside Services: \$210.00; AT&T Mobility: \$1,650.63; Century Link: \$482.00; The UPS Store: \$47.76; Dacotah Paper Co: \$725.08; Jobs HQ: \$213.60; Logo Magic Inc: \$80.00; Unlimited Office: \$3,898.68; Great Plains Directory: \$378.00; McHenry County Auditor: \$69.16; Rita Wanner: \$5.33; Forsgren Association: \$5,366.63; ND Youth Correctional Center: \$16,168.95; Linda Krebs: \$75.00; Dickinson Parks & Rec: \$70.72; Just In Glass: \$207.79; Taser International: \$315.14; Ipromoteu: \$770.64; Expressway Inn: \$149.40; Radisson Hotel Bismarck: \$298.80; Springhill Suites: \$298.80; Belfield Sportsman Club: \$920.00; Great Plains Clinic: \$964.00; West Wind Consulting: \$800.00; Dakota Rubber Stamp: \$24.95; Lynn Card Company: \$484.95; Advanced Business Methods: \$418.79; Balco Uniforms Co: \$72.95; Millie's Stitching: \$3.00; Dickinson Ambulance: \$217.06; Dickinson Tire: \$2,147.52; Electronic Communications: \$112.50; Parkway Ford: \$605.00; Sax Motor Co: \$231.47; Tri-Energy Coop: \$510.23; Applied Concepts: \$73.25; Midas Auto Service: \$532.91; Brownells Inc: \$290.80; Uniform Center: \$966.75; Chief Law Enforcement: \$358.96; Bob's Photo: \$175.50; The Attic Sports: \$178.00; LEC Maintenance: \$8,901.46; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$616.68; Holly Bloodsaw: \$71.82; Quality Quick Print: \$59.99; Kohler Communications: \$47.45; Hewlett-Packard: \$2,257.20; Dickinson Area Chamber Commerce: \$2,050.00;

10 Mill: Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$14,517.22; ND Dept of Transportation: \$2,124.59;

County Road: Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$52,582.21; Boltz Construction: \$5,475.00; Jurgen's Trucking: \$6,180.00; Northern Improvement: \$86,086.33; Edward Schwartz Construction: \$60,601.50; West River Striping: \$13,681.52; Martin Construction: \$35,602.50; Onsite Improvements: \$1,770.00; AT&T Mobility: \$111.20; City of Belfield: \$26.25; City of Dickinson: \$162.20; City of Richardton: \$75.90; Consolidated: \$49.11; MDU: \$1,395.97; Roughrider Electric: \$1,933.00; SW Water Authority: \$58.80; Century Link: \$56.08; Belfield Automotive: \$101.19; Carquest Auto Parts: \$34.62; Diamond Truck Equipment: \$705.17; Dickinson Supply: \$864.42; DTE Truck Equipment: \$1,566.64; Hedahl's: \$743.08; J & J Operating: \$4,360.12; Kimball Midwest: \$1,115.96; Matco Tools: \$39.95; Midwest Hose & Specialty: \$565.46; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$108.62; Prairie Auto Parts: \$7.99; Rummel Auto Wrecking: \$46.80; Runnings Supply: \$717.63; SBM Inc: \$143.99; SW Grain: \$32,526.10; Boespflug Trailers: \$6.00; Braun Distributing: \$58.00; Butler Machinery: \$3,566.00; General Steel: \$1,732.87; Kramer Sheet Metal: \$98.00; Lenny's Repair: \$83.26; Mac's Inc: \$45.88; Menard's: \$61.71; NW Tire: \$2,507.37; One Stop Rental: \$21.25; Total Safety US: \$1,207.47; Visa: \$588.49; Westlie Truck Center: \$309.99; Energy Systems Inc: \$97.80; Frederick Repair: \$854.65; George's Tire: \$1,794.00; Interstate Powers: \$7,153.19; Jay R's Sandblasting: \$14,350.00; Just In Glass: \$994.24; Nelson International: \$212.51; Ray's Auto Electric: \$349.95; Wallwork Truck Center: \$560.55; Badlands Trailers: \$668.00; Larry's Alignment: \$225.00; Sax Motor Co: \$358.59; Stone Mill Inc: \$66.75; Al's Metal Work: \$238.73; Titan Machinery: \$2,768.29; West Plains Inc: \$162.00; Certified Power: \$6.11; JP Steel & Supply: \$125.36; Tom Stephens:

\$46.02; West Dakota Oil: \$395.82; Knife River: \$723.00; Mid-West Doors: \$192.50; Motion Industries: \$41.20; O'Reilly Auto parts: \$5.17; Praxair: \$196.86; Road Equipment Parts: \$8,419.00; Val's Sanitation: \$420.00; Cenex of Richardton: \$36.71; Creative Energy: \$83.89; Dakota Filter Supply: \$12.98; Krebs Machine: \$126.00; NSC Minerals: \$4,533.59; Steffan's Saw & Bike: \$97.78; Fisher Sand & Gravel: \$92,947.24; Larry & Betty Jo Ridl: \$76,505.52; Lyle Signs Inc: \$943.09; 3D Specialties: \$3,110.00; Coca-Cola Bottling: \$294.00; Dickinson Press: \$27.72; Logo Magic Inc: \$101.00; NDACO: \$150.00; Oil Patch Hotline: \$128.00; Randy Hondl: \$6,320.00;

Highway Tax Distribution: Payroll: \$111,554.16; NDPers: \$29,252.02;

Special Road & Bridge: City of South Heart: \$12,794.60;

Social Welfare: Payroll: \$197,358.35; AT&T Mobility: \$47.50; Wrap Around Checks: \$792.13; ND Dept of Human Services: \$3,775.95; NDPers: \$52,790.04; Advanced Business Methods: \$460.02; Braun Distributing: \$953.03; City of Dickinson: \$167.27; Consolidated: \$1,077.71; Electric Sales & Service: \$300.00; Bertie Gustafson: \$650.00; Hewlett-Packard: \$3,497.48; Ladbury Funeral Home: \$13,650.00; MDU: \$1,254.04; NDACO Resources: \$3,250.00; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$32.96; Ramada Plaza & Suites: \$165.08; Record Keepers: \$57.50; Reserve Account: \$4,300.00; Safety Works: \$620.00; SBM Inc: \$3,089.01; Sunrise Youth Bureau: \$71.25; SWCSSB: \$50.00; Visa: \$455.78; Walmart: \$443.09;

County Poor: ND Dept of Human Services: \$29,795.25;

IT-Computer/Updates: NDACO Resources: \$18,720.30; Consolidated: \$269.26; Advanced Business Methods: \$4,530.00; NDSU: \$1,569.62; Information Technology Dept: \$1,697.45; Xerox Corporation: \$374.68; Zuercher Technologies: \$3,838.97;

Capital Improvement: Berger Electric: \$2,412.78; Electric Sales & Service: \$1,451.52; Prairie Engineering: \$18,350.00; Bosch Lumber Co: \$205.79; Consolidated: \$1,271.32; Dickinson Steel: \$49,566.57; Jon's Home Comforts Inc: \$2,672.00; Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$138.65;

County Park: Stark County Auditor: \$148.08;

Fair Board: Stark County FairBoard: \$215.37;

County Jail: SWMCCC: \$210,138.66; St Joseph's Hospital: \$110.00;

Insurance: NDACO: \$350.00; American Insurance Center: \$185.00;

Comp Health Care: Humana Insurance: \$891.60; NDPers: \$32,183.72; Blue Cross Blue Shield: \$447.20;

VSO Fund: Payroll: \$9,099.83; NACVSO: \$30.00; SBM Inc: \$5,133.93; Dakota Water Treatment: \$1.25; Consolidated: \$138.12; Xerox Corporation: \$46.66

Social Security: Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$42,033.22;

Advertising: Dickinson Press: \$760.68; ND Newspaper Association: \$252.30;

County Agent: Payroll: \$7,110.16; NDPers: \$847.48; Samantha Roth: \$1,158.33; Kurt Froelich: \$70.00; Ag Communications: \$169.00; Consolidated: \$181.23; SBM Inc: \$370.36; Xerox Corporation: \$347.40; NDEAFCS: \$115.00;

Weed Control: Payroll: \$16,039.39; Kaye Jessen: \$38.31; NDPers: \$4,516.07; AT&T Mobility: \$22.66; SBM Inc: \$63.59; Menards: \$167.28; Pump Systems LLC: \$2,031.16; Runnings Supply: \$529.68; Gempler's: \$429.60; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$219.71;

9-1-1: Payroll: \$5,307.02; NDPers: \$1,800.80; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$379.50; City of Dickinson: \$11,275.83; Holly Bloodsaw: \$89.32; Comfort Inn: \$222.00; Dickinson Press: \$301.76; Century Link: \$1,616.31; Consolidated: \$473.00;

Domestic Violence: State Treasurer: \$875.00;

Oil 3061 Grant: Payroll: \$3,225.71; NDPers: \$1,316.16; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$216.86;

NDBCI-Oil 3518: Uniform Center: \$4,309.13; Taser International: \$2,836.26; The Attic Sports: \$1,602.00;

Criminal Justice/Oil Impact Grant: Payroll: \$3,952.94; NDPers: \$1,474.16; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$302.40;

Traf Safety Grant: Payroll: \$1,134.75;

Cops Grant 2011: Payroll: \$4,392.16; NDPers: \$1,101.59; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$327.82;

Misc. Grants: Uniform Center: \$340.00; Philip Wolf: \$52.50;

SW Victim Witness Program: Payroll: \$5,895.72; SBM Inc: \$271.14; NDPers: \$1,278.49; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$434.69; AT&T Mobility: \$84.73; Consolidated: \$45.44;

Estimate Taxes: Justin Hoff: \$209.21;

Security/Transfer DJS Reimb: Tri-Energy Coop: \$148.00;

DVRCC: Domestic Violence: \$977.50;

State Reimbursements: Zachary Milne: \$50.00; Tom Grosz: \$50.00; Jesse Becker: \$50.00; Mike Legler: \$25.00; Chad Hoponen: \$25.00; Megan Nygard: \$25.00; Michael Olson: \$25.00;

Siren Contingency: Roughrider Electric: \$266.00;

Other Reimbursements: Best Western Plus: \$448.20; Sure Sign: \$360.00; Consolidated: \$178.16; Comfort Inn: \$148.00; Electronic Communications: \$3,519.00; PNC Equipment Finance: \$33,660.16; Office of Attorney General: \$7,570.00; Pharm Chem Inc: \$5,025.00; Walmart: \$1.88;

Judgment Execution: Patricia Snyder: \$503.32; Stark County Sheriff's Dept: \$144.00;

BCI-Task Force Grants: Payroll: \$8,901.62; NDPers: \$1,479.52; Stark County Auditor (Federal Deposit): \$639.44; Walmart: \$65.43; Bob's Photo: \$1,258.98; Cerberus Security: \$361.78; Smart Computers: \$355.98; Galls: \$4,816.41; Logo Magic Inc: \$50.00; SBM Inc: \$3,968.32; Sirchie: \$1,874.38; Cellebrite USA: \$1,099.00; Dakota Communications: \$550.00; Consolidated: \$66.91; Travis Holding Eagle: \$175.66; Verizon Wireless: \$2,567.40; Wex Bank: \$759.10; American Insurance: \$3,142.00; Adaptive Digital: \$1,700.00; Qualification Targets Inc: \$373.00; Streicher's: \$1,554.95; Tuffsteel Manufacturing: \$520.19;

911 Equipment: SBM Inc: \$490.00; Consolidated: \$57.14; Electronic Communications: \$400.00; Penguin Management: \$280.00; Zuercher Technologies: \$337.50;

Sheriff Tuhy

Sheriff Tuhy provided the Sheriff's Department monthly report. Advised that there is a bill for another juvenile transport. As this will be the last Commission meeting Sheriff Tuhy will be attending he thanked the citizens of Stark County for his time of service.

Road Superintendent - Al Heiser

Mr. Heiser provided the Road Department monthly report. Mr. Heiser advised the Commission that last Thursday the North Dakota Department of Transportation red lined the Plum Creek Road Bridge (shut down) to all traffic due to damage that the bridge has sustained. True North Steele will providing a presentation at this meeting regarding bridge options. Mr. Heiser also advised that if we get some warmer weather he would also like to continue hauling scoria.

County Engineer

Justin Hindman provided the following Engineer's update:

- Green River Bridge – NE of Dickinson – Project Final – DBE and NOI issues are being addressed;
- Saetz Bridge – NW of Dickinson – Schwartz Construction, Winter Suspension Change Order. Completion Date October 17th;

- 38th Street Gas Plant to Billings County – Martin Construction. Winter Suspension Change Order. Completion Date October 18th;
- 32nd Street west of ND 22 1 mile – KLJ met with AI for a PS&E meeting. Plan to bid grading December 2014 with 112th Ave SW. Paving will be bid separately;
- 116th Ave HWY 10 north to West Dickinson Bypass 1.6 miles – KLJ met with AI for PS&E meeting. County will bid project for early 2015 construction;
- HWY 10 Antelope intersection 5.6 miles to Morton County – Border States, KLJ working on project final;
- HWY 10 Gladstone to SW Grain 2.5 miles – Northern, KLJ working on project final. Stark County responded to DBE issues;
- Landfill Road East Villard 2.3 miles south – Northern, Project complete. KLJ working on project final;
- 32nd Street east of ND 22 0.6 miles – Northern, Project complete. KLJ working on project final;
- Green River Bridge by Letang’s – Working on preliminary design. Anticipated 2016 bid opening and construction, depending on federal funding;
- Roadway Grading 112th Ave SW – KLJ had PS&E meeting with AI. Plan to bid December 2014 with 32nd St SW grading plans;
- 115th Avenue SW Paving BOE Access Road – Northern, project complete. Final estimate submitted;
- 39th St SW Norwegian Creek Box – Martin Construction, project to start 2015;
- Golf Course Road – Possible Future Overlay.

Michael Maus – Northern Improvement

A representative from Northern Improvement advised that their conditional use permit expires March 31st, 2015. Northern Improvement is requesting a longer term on the conditional use permit.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To extend conditional use permit to a 3 year period.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

Northern Improvement is also requesting an adjustment for the setback. They advised that they have planted trees as a buffer zone and would like to park equipment in this area. Ultimately they are requesting eliminating the setback and have a 20 foot buffer zone.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To approve the 20 foot buffer zone.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Todd Miller

Mr. Miller with the Stark County Road Department gave a presentation on some capabilities of the Road Department Technology. The Road Department has deployed a number of devices to monitor vehicle counts and speed on identified areas. Mr. Miller provided a handout of the statistics summary report for these devices. Mr. Miller also demonstrated the GPS capabilities found in some of the road department equipment. The GPS capabilities allow them to locate equipment at all times, monitor equipment

performance, and trace the path of the equipment. They then use this data for items such as confirming load tickets. Mr. Miller then presented their Geographic Information System (GIS) software and provided an overview of how they use this software. For example they have all bridges listed in the county, their load capacities, and pictures of the bridges.

Valley Air Med

Jake Keller representing Valley Air Med spoke regarding the community membership program for Stark County. Valley Air Med started services based in Dickinson on September 1st, 2014. Valley Air Med is based out of Grand Forks. In Dickinson they have a helicopter which will be based at the new St. Joseph's Hospital once that facility is open. They also have a fixed wing aircraft based in Williston which will also be used to provide services to the Stark County Communities. The proposed membership program will cover all citizens within Stark County in the event they are transported by Valley Air Med. Currently the average out of pocket expense to individuals is \$476. The contract price is \$99,000 per year.

Jeremy Butman – Prairie Engineering

Mr. Butman provided a study report on the Courthouse Security plans. In the study he outlined three options for the Commission to consider. Option 1 is the lowest cost option, and would only provide work on the interior of the building. No site work would be required for this option. Option 2 would be very similar to option 1, except that the west handicapped entrance would be eliminated. This would be beneficial because then all public visitors would be routed through the south entrance. A new handicapped accessible route would be constructed to the south entrance. Option 3 would also incorporate either option 1 or 2 with the only difference for this option is to suggest a separate security office in the first office immediately west of the south entrance. This would allow security officers, camera monitoring equipment, duress monitoring equipment, and any other security related items to be inside a separate room from the Lobby, and out of the public view.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To accept option 2 and proceed in a timely manner and to dissolve the courthouse security committee.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kuntz

To request a proposal from Prairie Engineering for the project.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

True North Steel – Bridges

A representative from True North Steel provided a packet to the Commissioners on bridge solutions. True North Steel outlined bridges in North Dakota that they have provided solutions to. Mr. Heiser advised this may be an option for the Plum Creek Road Bridge.

Sanford Air Med

Tim Meyer presented on behalf of Sanford Air. Mr. Meyer advised that Sanford Air Med will be opening a fixed-wing ambulance based at the Dickinson Airport beginning flight operations December 15th. Mr. Meyer advised they have not heard of a decision on the community based membership program that they proposed to the Commission in June of 2014. Mr. Meyer also outlined the expected costs of fixed-wing service versus helicopter service.

Dickinson Ambulance – Lynn Hartman

Mr. Hartman spoke on behalf of Dickinson Ambulance regarding the proposed air ambulance services. Mr. Hartman advised that he feels there is a need for this service in the area however he has a concern that the call volume is not sufficient to sustain both air services and Dickinson Ambulance.

The Stark County Commission felt we are not to the point where we should yet schedule a public forum to discuss these options. Mr. Fahlsing advised he also feels there is a need for air ambulance services in the area however we need to look at the big picture and review the business plans of all of the services to get a clear understanding of the volume needed to sustain the services and the full impact of having air services will have to current ground services. Mr. Fahlsing requested that the Commission allow him to meet with the services to review this information and bring forth a recommendation to the Commission at a later Date. The Commission advised Mr. Fahlsing to proceed with his recommendation and also include Commissioners Hoff and Elkin.

Delinquent Tax Properties

Ms. Haag provided two delinquent tax properties to the Commission at a former Commission meeting. The properties are as follows:

- Belfield, Lot 29 Block 18 Original Plat of Belfield
- Belfield, Lot 8 Block 1 Nelson's Addition

Ms. Haag advised that the sale of these two properties were held the 3rd Tuesday in November. There were no parties that showed up for the sale. Ms. Haag advised the County can now offer these properties to the City of Belfield at a cost of \$50 per property.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To sell the mentioned properties to the City of Belfield for a cost of \$50 per property.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

Beer & Liquor Licenses

Ms. Haag advised that she mailed out the applications to existing license holders listed below and have received all applications back. The applicants are as follows:

- County Line Truck Stop
- Golf Course
- St. Pius
- Assumption Abby
- Lefor

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander

SECOND BY: Commissioner Wolf

To approve the license for County Line Truck Stop, Golf Course, St. Pius, Assumption Abby, and Lefor.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Wolf also advised he would like to look at the rates again next year.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

Red Trail Energy

Ms. Haag received a call from Red Trail Energy advising they would like to purchase the County owned shares back. Commissioner Wolf felt there was not enough information to take action on this request.

Veteran Services Officer

Commissioner Zander advised that the Commission received a letter from the State of North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs regarding actions taken by the Stark County Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Leslie Ross. Actions included unpleasant conversations with a North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs employee, unprofessional emails, and actions which caused the revoking of the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs accreditations. The Commission expressed concerns that while these actions were happening Ms. Ross was unprofessional and failed to include Stark County Commissioners and the State's Attorney in these conversations. Ron Otto, Morton-Oliver County Veterans Service Officer spoke in support of Ms. Ross. Mr. Otto advised he was at the meeting on his own time and dollars. Stated that Ms. Ross did not cause any issues with the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To terminate Leslie Ross effective immediately.

Commissioner Elkin called for the question.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To appoint Jessica Clifton as interim Veterans Service Officer.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

The Stark County Commission advised Mr. Henning to contact all counties of which Stark County has a Joint Powers Agreement for the Veterans Service Officer and advise of the situation.

Bill – Engineering Services Agreement

Mr. Fahlsing presented a engineering services agreement with KLJ for the purpose of performing initial discovery of current Stark County PSAP in order to plan for the Next Generation PSAP which will be located in a new building. Mr. Fahlsing advised this is phase 1 of a radio study needed to proceed with the 9-1-1 radio system upgrade. Once this study is complete, phase two of the project will be brought forth to the Commission. Mr. Fahlsing advised that Commissioner Hoff signed this document prior to the meeting in order to get this project off of the ground and is asking the Commission to ratify Commissioner Hoff's signature.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Zander

To ratify Chairman Hoff's signature on the engineering services agreement.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Sunrise Youth Bureau

Ms. Haag advised that Stark County needs to be the grantee for the Sunrise Youth Bureau. Nothing would change in funding. The Sunrise Youth Bureau would receive the funds directly as Stark County would not act as the pass through agency. Mr. Henning is questioning the change as he is unclear why the North Dakota Association of Counties is involved. Commissioner Hoff will discuss this topic with the Sunrise Youth Bureau and bring additional information back to the Commission.

Zoning

Derek Rebel is requesting a zoning change from Agriculture to Rural Residential on a parcel located in the NE4 of the SW4 of Section 34, Township 140, Range 93 containing approximately 5.02 acres. The purpose of the zoning request is to build a personal residence. Staff and Planning and Zoning both recommended approval.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Elkin **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Zander

To approve zoning request for Derek Rebel.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

Melissa Hochmuth of NextEra Energy Resources is requesting a conditional use permit for a 197 foot meteorological tower on a parcel located in the SW4 of Section 26, Township 140, Range 94 containing approximately 160 acres on a lease area of approximately 2.5 acres. Mr. Josephson advised that the applicant is fine with the conditions. Staff and Planning and Zoning both recommended approval.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Elkin **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kuntz

To approve zoning request for Melissa Hochmuth.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

Commission Meeting Dates – 2015

The following dates were presented by Ms. Haag to the Commission for the 2015 Stark County Board of County Commissioners meetings.

- January 6
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- September 15
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1
- December 29

MOTION BY: Commissioner Kuntz **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin
To approve the 2015 Stark County Board of County Commissioners meeting dates.
DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Board Appointments

Ms. Haag presented the following board appointments.

Southwestern District Health Unit

Shirley Kallenbach, Dr. Robert Baer, Dr. Amy Oksa.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf
To appoint Shirley Kallenbach, Dr. Robert Baer, and Dr. Amy Oksa to the Southwestern District Health Unit Board.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Commissioner Zander would also like to appoint Joyce Thompson as a Stark County representative to the SWDHU board.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf
To appoint Joyce Thompson to the Southwestern District Health Unit board as a Stark County representative.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Water Management Board

Ms. Haag advised that Gary Bleth's term is up and he has agreed to continue to serve on this board.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin
To reappoint Gary Bleth to the Water Management Board.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Vision West

Ms. Haag advised that Gaylon Baker's term on the Vision West board is up. Gaylon would like to continue to serve.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Elkin **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Zander
To reappoint Gaylon Baker to the Vision West board.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Stark County Jobs Development Board

Ms. Haag advised that Bob Maeyaert, Vaune Cripe, Joe Frenzel, and Bob Zent's terms are all up on the Stark County Jobs Development Board. All members would like to continue to serve on this board.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin
To reappoint Bob Maeyaert, Vaune Cripe, Joe Frenzel, and Bob Zent to the Stark County Jobs Development Board.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

JLG Architects

Rob Remark with JLG Architects advised that they have opened an office in the Elk's Building. The firm currently has a 100 person staff located throughout North Dakota. The

Firm specializes in public projects and schools. Would appreciate the Stark County Commissions support and consideration for future projects.

Dean Franchuck

Sheriff Department Captain Dean Franchuck requested approval to present Sheriff Tuhy with his duty weapon when he exits his term as Sheriff. Commissioner Wolf advised that Stark County has a policy that an individual must have 20 years of service to be presented their duty weapon. Sheriff Tuhy has been in his position for 12 years.

Sheriff Tuhy asked if he could be allowed to purchase his weapon from the County at a discounted rate. No decision was made.

The following Miscellaneous Receipts were filed: General: \$262,363.48; County Road: \$205,000.65; Highway Tax Distribution: \$366,816.10; Social Services: \$138,854.83; IT-Computer/Updates: \$366.74; Capital Improvement: \$96,204.37; County Park: \$37.94; Insurance: \$357.00; Social Security: \$4,864.22; County Agent: \$30.00; Weed Control: \$3,355.05; 911 Revenue: \$27,271.81; Adult Education: \$110.00; Fingerprint Station: \$48.00; Domestic Violence: \$700.00; Oil3061 Grant: \$8,609.68; NDBCI-OIL 3518 Grant: \$517.50; Criminal Justice/Oil Impact Grant: \$20,272.73; Estimate Taxes: \$620.00; Game & Fish Licenses: \$18,075.00; Security/Transfer DJS Reimb: \$443.26; SW Victim Witness Program: \$1,907.50; Hazardous Chemical: \$575.00; Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center: \$977.50; Preservation Fee: \$2,358.00; State Reimbursement: \$725.00; Other Reimbursements: \$45,769.32; Judgment Execution: \$647.32; BCI Grants: \$46,614.62; 911 Equipment: \$5,212.75;

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander
To adjourn the meeting.

SECOND BY: Commissioner Elkin

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Kay Haag, Auditor

Russ Hoff, Chairman