

Official Proceedings

February 6, 2007
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. Comm.Nodland added county shop building financial update. Chairman Wolf added Dakota Women's Correctional & Rehabilitation Center. Comm. Willer moved to ratify the agenda. Comm. Hoff seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2007, meeting as presented. Comm. Willer seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

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

General: Payroll: \$109,297.14; NDSC: \$60.00; Rhonda L. Anderson: \$72.00; BW Seven Seas Inn: \$260.27; Rhonda R. Ehlis: \$137.00; Tom Henning: \$144.50; ND States Attorney Assoc: \$550.00; St Alexuis Medical Center: \$200.00; West Payment Center: \$443.80; Culligan Water: \$30.25; Office Systems Inc: \$1,107.74; SBM Inc: \$1,097.40; ND County Recorders Assoc: \$75.00; Xerox Corporation: \$303.80; B & M Security: \$16.50; Berger Electric: \$318.80; Border States Electric: \$98.70; Braun Distributing: \$59.00; Dickinson Supply: \$37.74; DJ's Amoco: \$86.40; Jerome Distributing: \$241.10; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$72.43; Quality Xterminators: \$70.00; Rudy's Lock & Key: \$2.50; Runnings Supply: \$29.99; City of Dickinson: \$7,124.11; MDU: \$3,801.81; West Plains Electric: \$230.00; Walmart: \$365.52; NDPers: \$11,776.04; Job Service North Dakota: \$77.36; Hardy Maus & Nordsvan: \$675.00; Keogh Law Office: 300.00; Kropp Law Office: \$307.50; Gary's Painting & Lawn Service: \$90.00; Quality Xterminators: \$50.00; Alltel: \$388.48; Consolidated Comm: \$581.61; Qwest Corporation: \$487.00; US Postal Service: \$50.00; American Bank Center: \$569.73; Dan's Supermarket: \$24.99; Dickinson Press: \$150.00; Gaffaney's Floral: \$38.00; ND Youth Correctional Center: \$439.92; ND Department of Corrections: \$225.00; NDACO: \$26.00; Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce: \$300.00; Dickinson Parks & Rec: \$76.96; Comfort Inn: \$100.00; US Police Canine Assoc: \$60.00; USPCA Inc: \$40.00; Advanced Business Methods: \$514.54; ND Surplus Property: \$8.00; Service Printers: \$279.65; Visa: \$118.97; Superior Cleaner: \$9.50; Wanner Western Wear: \$28.00; Copy Xpress: \$640.00; Dakota Communications: \$63.00; Dickinson Tire: \$286.60; Farmers Union Oil of Richardton: \$225.82; Kohler Communications: \$106.00; Legend Auto Body: \$250.00; Midas: \$65.89; Sax Motor Co: \$31.00; SW Wireless: \$64.99; T-Rex Conoco Inc: \$127.84; BP Amoco: \$1,877.89; Farmers Union Oil of Bis/Man: \$714.92; Hebron Veterinary: \$93.20; Galls Inc: \$30.66; Quartermaster: \$118.48; FBINAA: \$75.00; Motorola: \$885.00; LEC Maintenance: \$4,809.01; Dennis E Wolf MD: \$3,425.00; Comfort Suites: \$100.00; Eileen Steffen: \$40.00; ESP Computers: \$25.00; Care Inc: \$65.70; Belfield Ambulance Service: \$5,000.00; Dickinson Ambulance Service: \$10,000.00; Richardton-Taylor Ambulance Service: \$5,000.00; Dickinson Airport: \$15,000.00;

10-Mill: Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$1,210.00;

County Road: Benco Equipment: \$18,466.16; Berger Electric: \$6,363.10; BG Excavation: \$3,369.17; Central Mechanical: \$46,347.83; Dickinson Steel Builders: \$65,611.71; Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$14,379.31; Newby's Ace Hareware: \$163.84; Pump Systmes Inc: \$10,124.81; Runnings Supply: \$31.99; Runnings Supply: \$96.94; Sherwin-Williams: \$240.04; Southwest Grain: \$2,570.25; B & B Sanitation: \$570.00; Northern Improvement: \$400.00; General Steel: \$5,250.00;

Alltel: \$175.33; City of Belfield: \$13.45; City of Dickinson: \$57.62; Consolidated Comm: \$48.01; MDU: \$2,135.50; MGM Rural Sanitation: \$184.80; Qwest Corporation: \$49.77; Southwest Water: \$65.73; West Plains Electric: \$1,208.00; City of Richardton: \$43.87; ARC Aid Thrift Store: \$13.80; B & S Richardton Hardware: \$83.88; Belfield Automotive: \$258.81; Braun Distributing \$109.00; Butler Machinery: \$6.00; Country Drug Store: \$5.98; CR Auto Glass: \$15.00; Dakota Filter Supply: \$8.50; DTE Truck Equipment: \$716.29; Farmers Union Oil of South Heart: \$58.59; Hedahls: \$28.14; Praxair: \$43.60; R J Distributing: \$108.00;

Highway Tax Distribution:

Special Road & Bridge:

Social Welfare:

County Poor:

IT – Computer/Updates:

Fair Board:

County Jail:

Insurance:

Comp Health:

VSO Fund:

Social Security:

County Agent:

Weed Control:

9-1-1:

Adult Education:

Domestic Violence:

Communication Grant:

Homeland Security Grant:

Traf Safety:

Security/Transfer DJS:

LEC Financial Officer:

SW Victim Witness:

Preservation Fund:

State Reimbursement:

County Assessment Plan:

Other Reimbursements:

Sheriff's Trust Fund:

911 Equipment:

911 Wireless Fee:

Gary Kostelecky, Emergency Management, had no report.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy introduced Justin Fridrich who was recently hired as a deputy.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the raffle permit for the Roughrider Racing Association. Comm. Nodland seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Nodland moved to authorize Chairman Wolf sign Road Release Statement for road project #HSP-5-094(041)904 & SU-TEU-5-983(030)030. Comm. Hoff seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Wolf reported that the County Officials Academy will be held March 19-20, 2007. Notify Auditor Alice Schulz if anyone is interested in attending.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, reported that he is working on putting together a bid request for hay land rent, and that the drug testing company has changed their guidelines and increased the fee for conducting drug tests.

Comm. Hoff moved to pay \$1.00 for gravel, shale and scoria royalties, with \$.15 being paid to the owner of the land and \$.85 to the owner of the gravel, shale and scoria. Comm. Nodland seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on if now would be a good time to check with the City of Dickinson if they would be interested in assuming the part of Highway 10 which lies in the city limits. Chairman Wolf suggested Al Heiser work with Tom Henning, States Attorney, to draft a letter to the City.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy expressed concern with the drug testing company increasing their fee midstream. This change affects budgets. Chairman Wolf suggested to articulate concerns to North Dakota Association of Counties.

Terry Boehm, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, gave an update on the county shop. An invitation open house will be held on Wednesday, February 28th, starting at 11:00 AM. Comm. Zander and Comm. Hoff volunteered to assist Al Heiser and Terry Boehm to coordinate the event.

Bid opening was held for gravel crushing and equipment rental. Bids for equipment rental were received from Fisher Sand & Gravel Company, Edward H. Schwartz Construction, Inc., Boltz Construction and JK Excavation & Construction. Tom Henning, States Attorney, checked specifications and contractor licenses. Comm. Nodland moved to approve the equipment rental bids submitted and keep on file for reference as needed, and accept Fisher Sand & Gravel

Company's bid for crushing gravel. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Nodland gave the following financial report for the county shop.

Original project estimate:	\$2,106,875.00
Project expenses to date:	\$1,983,522.56
Capital Improvement funded:	\$1,500,000.00
County Road funded:	\$ 483,522.56

Comm. Nodland reported that funding for the county shop came from oil revenue money coming into the Capital Improvement Fund and County Road Fund.

Comm. Nodland also expressed concern with legislature wanting to tell us how to run our show by implementing property tax relief and putting a 3% cap on property values.

Chairman Wolf gave a brief review of the 6 counties having ownership in Law Enforcement Center and the New England Dakota Women's Correctional & Rehabilitation Center. Percentage of ownership is reflected by population. The members and their percentage of ownership are as follows: Billings County – 2.9%, Bowman County – 10.84%, Hettinger County – 10.92%, Dunn County – 11.81%, Slope County – 2.99%, and Stark County – 60.54%.

Bob Procive and Steve Dorval, Interstate Engineering representatives, gave a presentation on Interstate Engineering and would like to be considered for future engineering projects. Interstate Engineering has an office located in Belfield.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented a memorandum of understanding between Stark County and City of Dickinson to transfer federal funds from Stark County to City of Dickinson for seal coat project #SU5-983(034)034 for 3,200 feet of road on Highway 10 West that lies in city limits. Comm. Nodland moved to authorize the Chairman sign the memorandum to transfer funds and also to sign an agreement to transfer the 3,200 feet of Highway 10 West to the City of Dickinson. Comm. Willer seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Dean Karsky requested to renew a pasture lease in the N2 of Section 5-139-96. Comm. Nodland moved to accept the offer at \$13.00 per acre for 2007. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Colby Braun, Operations Administrator of the Dakota Women's Correctional & Rehabilitation Center (DWCRC), introduced Mark Bucholz, Energy Services Group, who recommended the scope of work on the DWCRC facility. Net cost would be \$1,336,135.00. Discussion was held. Concerns and suggestions voiced were to have a local auditor review figures; have a local engineer review plans; the boiler system is owned by St. Mary's Church; DWCRC is under legislative authority and has a 10 year commitment from the state with a 2 year renewable contract; what is the long term outlook for the DWCRC; what capital improvements on other county owned buildings needs to be done. Stark County's share would be 60.54% of the cost. It was the consensus of the Board that the county has a huge investment in the facility already and can't turn back. Chairman Wolf will continue to work with Tim Priebe and Diocese of Bismarck to develop ownership in the boiler system, and request Susan Ritter, Financial Officer for the Law Enforcement Center, contact the Bank of North Dakota for financing options.

Darren Czapiewski, Information Technology, gave an update on the Stark County website reporting it had over 6,000 hits in 2006. The video conference room has seen increased usage also.

The board recessed for the Stark County Park Board meeting.

The board reconvened.

Fr. Odo Muggli, Old Red Trail Committee, requested a letter of endorsement to designate Highway 10 from Mandan to Dickinson a Scenic Byway. Comm. Zander moved to endorse Highway 10 from Stark County border to border to be designated a Scenic Byway by the State of North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department. Comm. Nodland seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

The following **Miscellaneous Receipts** were filed: General: \$91,470.72; 10 Mill: \$3,210.57; County Road: \$172,245.92; Highway Tax Distribution: \$120,450.69; Special Road & Bridge: \$1,648.67; Social Services: \$32,552.08; County Poor: \$23,283.88; IT-Computer/Updates: \$4,748.08; Capital Improvement: \$103,215.50; County Park: \$5,462.79; County Jail: \$4,483.23; Insurance: \$1,417.28; Comp Health: \$2,198.23; Emergency: \$549.56; Veterans Service Office: \$923.10; Social Security: \$5,503.36; Advertising: \$260.32; County Agent: \$18,555.04; Weed Control: \$404.94; 911 Revenue: \$32,440.42; Adult Education: \$3,307.01; FingerPrint Station: \$128.00; Victim Witness/Domestic Violence: \$579.79; Homeland Security Grant: \$40,268.72; Traf Safety Grant: \$1,412.64; Estimate Tax: \$1,926.25; Game and Fish: \$4,379.00; Security/Transfer DJS: \$284.62; LEC Financial Officer: \$8,986.53; SW Victim Witness: \$2,344.38; Preservation Fee: \$1,506.00; Other Reimbursements: \$9,131.25; 911 Equipment: \$10,810.18; 911 Wireless Fee: \$11,758.44;

Comm. Zander moved to adjourn meeting. Comm. Willer seconded.

Kay Haag, Deputy Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman