

Official Proceedings

January 5, 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. Auditor Alice Schulz added Social Services budget amendment and portfolio changes.

Comm. Kuntz moved to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2009. Comm. Hoff seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Wolf asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board. Comm. Elkin nominated Duane Wolf. Comm. Hoff seconded. Chairman Wolf asked if there were any other nominations, there being none, votes were cast. Roll call vote. All voted Aye with Chairman Wolf abstaining.

Chairman Wolf asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Comm. Hoff nominated Ken Zander. Comm. Elkin seconded. Chairman Wolf asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairman, there being none, votes were cast. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

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

Discussion was held regarding any portfolio changes. There were none.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy introduced Kenneth Prentice and Arlan Swanson as the new deputy officers recently hired.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy requested out-of-state travel, to Minnesota, for Deputy Weiler to attend canine training. Comm. Hoff moved to approve the out-of-state travel for Deputy Weiler. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

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

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy discussed an evacuation procedure for the courthouse is being put in place.

Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, reported the initial application for snow removal assistance has been made. Stark County submitted \$86,000.00 in costs for labor and equipment use.

Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, reported the State Health Department gave approval to dispose of the X-ray machine in the landfill. The Commission directed Brent Pringle to get a documentation letter for the approval.

Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, discussed the warning sirens located in all the cities of Stark County. Annual maintenance for all the sirens is approximately \$16,000.00, which is about \$1,000.00 per siren. Brent Pringle discussed relinquishing the siren maintenance to the cities themselves. The Commission directed Brent Pringle to discuss the siren maintenance with each city.

Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, requested out-of-state travel, to Chicago, for software and controller training. Comm. Zander moved to approve the out-of-state travel for Brent Pringle. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, discussed the tower status. To upgrade the tower an environmental study, an aeronautical study and FCC registration would be required at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. A new tower including a building for equipment would be approximately \$250,000.00. Comm. Zander moved to authorize Brent Pringle to move forward and pursue options regarding a new tower, location and funding. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Brent Pringle, Emergency Manager, reported he submitted a DOT Grant of \$15,500.00 for an upgrade to the City Watch system.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, reported Stark County may receive 75% to 100%, of what was received in the past, stimulus money.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, discussed completing Highway 10 to the Enchanted Highway.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, discussed snow removal. Comm. Hoff suggested an awareness flier be mailed to all Stark County residents informing them on snow removal policy.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, gave the engineers report. Bid opening for the seal coat project on Highway 10 will be in May. The box culvert project, south of South Heart, will have approximately 167 trees to be mitigated throughout the county for environmental purposes.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, followed up on pavement marking. The life of the markings depends on the type of paint. Waterborne paint is environmentally safe, but has a life of about one year. Epoxy base paint has a longer life, but is four times the cost.

The Board recessed at 9:30 AM for a Park Board meeting.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 AM.

The 2010 Commission meeting dates were set as follows: February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, September 21, October 5, November 2, December 7 and December 28. Comm. Zander moved to approve the meeting dates with a correction for December 21 to December 28 . Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff moved to accept and approve the report of pledge of assets and depositories:

<u>BANK</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>	<u>PLEDGES</u>
American Bank Center	\$11,519,856.00	\$8,027,740.05
Dacotah Bank	\$1,265,000.00	\$1,265,000.00
Dakota Community Bank	\$5,865,618.50	\$4,358,977.88
Bremer Bank	\$2,062,701.05	\$4,358,977.88
Bank of the West	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Western Coop Credit Union	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Elkin and Comm. Hoff were directed to each get one person from their district to be a member of the Zoning Board and the Weed Board.

Auditor Alice Schulz reported Bruce Baer was resigning from the SW REAP Board as of January 31, 2010. The Commission directed Auditor Schulz to get a recommendation from Rod Landbloom.

Comm. Zander moved to amend the Social Service Fund budget and to transfer \$7,590.17 from the General Fund to the Social Service Fund. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the Park Boards recommendation of donating \$15,000.00 to the Taylor Lions Club. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Diane Brines, Tax Director, asked the Commission to adopt a new resolution for the residential exemption. Comm. Elkin moved to mirror the City of Dickinson's Resolution. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Debra Hughs, The Dickinson Press, inquired if Stark County would like to purchase an ad in The Dickinson Press Progress Edition. Comm. Zander moved to continue with the ad and to enhance it with information regarding improvements made in the county and the ad is not to exceed \$1,183.00. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. Comm. Kuntz voted Nay, Comm. Elkin voted Aye, Comm. Hoff voted Aye, Comm. Zander voted Aye and Chairman Wolf voted Aye, the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff moved to adjourn. Comm. Elkin seconded.

Alice Schulz, Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman