

Official Proceedings

June 5, 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 zoning board recommendation. Chairman Wolf added Dakota Women's Facility/Energy Services Group. Alice Schulz, Auditor, cancelled the 10:30am agenda item. All voted in favor to ratify the agenda.

Comm. Hoff moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2007, meeting as presented. Comm. Willer seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander 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: 107,598.91; Institute of Local Govt: \$120.00; BW Seven Seas Inn: \$50.00; Expressway Suites: \$63.95; Kay Haag: \$131.70; Jim Hope: \$95.54; CNA Surety: \$50.00; Commission for Cont Legal Education: \$25.00; West Payment Center: \$458.01; Culligan Water: \$35.25; SBM Inc: \$503.86; Walmart: \$104.15; Carol Beckert: \$50.50; Braun Distributing: \$111.00; ESP Computers: \$111.83; B & M Security: \$16.50; Berger Electric: \$42.00; B G Excavation: \$6,300.00; Dickinson Heating & Air: \$521.51; DJ's Amoco: \$118.03; Electric Sales & Service: \$158.00; Jerome Distributing: \$230.95; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$67.86; Kelly Privratsky: \$200.00; R J Distributing: \$54.96; Runnings Supply: \$3.49; Steffan's Saw & Bike: \$319.93; Western Fire & Safety: \$7.00; City of Dickinson: \$7,126.63; MDU: \$1,975.95; West Plains Electric: \$171.00; Medcenter One: \$337.50; NDPers: \$11,606.70; Hardy, Maus & Nordsvan: \$675.00; Consolidated Comm: \$487.86; Qwest: \$487.00; US Postal Service: \$50.00; American Bank Center: \$547.67; ND Dept of Corrections: \$150.00; Dan's Supermarket: \$73.24; Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce: \$75.00; Roosevelt-Custer: \$765.00; The Wurst Shop: \$136.71; Beach Veterinary: \$135.00; Dickinson Parks & Rec: \$74.88; Just In Glass: \$45.00; Larry's Alignment: \$24.00; T-Rex Conoco: \$371.64; National Pen Company: \$124.65; Terry Oestreich: \$20.00; Post Board: \$135.00; Visa: \$209.60; Advanced Business Methods: \$515.08; Bob's Photo: \$57.42; Hoskins-Meyer Floral: \$17.48; K-Mart: \$65.96; Polk City Directory: \$108.50; Service Printers: \$498.45; Hewlett-Packard: \$212.00; Superior Cleaners: \$61.50; Wanner Western Wear: \$126.00; Farmers Union Oil of Richardton: \$602.80; Kohler Communications: \$14.30; Midas: \$262.11; BP Amoco: \$3,350.26; Farmers Union Oil of Bis/Man: \$1,069.05; Jay Kuntz: \$60.00; Adamson Industries: \$97.90; Galls Inc: \$46.47; Amera-Chem Inc: \$76.90; LEC Maintenance: \$8,198.61; Duraclean: \$45.00;

10 Mill: Northern Improvement: \$3,818.00; ND Dept of Transportation: \$594.00;

County Road: Payroll: \$156.12; Western & Central Soil Conservation: \$60.00; Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$4,440.06; Northern Improvement: \$15,059.64; Loretta Baer: \$560.00; American Bank Center: \$16,289.90; Prairie Implement: \$500.00; City of Dickinson: \$53.24; City of Belfield: \$12.85; City of Richardton: \$54.90; Consolidated: \$21.18; MDU: \$445.88; SW Water Authority: \$40.18; West Plains Electric: \$562.00; Qwest: \$49.95; ACME Electric: \$179.99; B & S Richardton Hardware: \$63.88; Beall Corporation: \$111.00; Belfield Automotive: \$15.35; California Contractors Inc: \$154.80; Carquest Auto Parts: \$172.48; Country Drug Store: \$71.49; Dakota Filter Supply: \$354.94; Dakota Dust-Tex: \$26.15; Dickinson Supply: \$313.29; Don's Filters & Supplies: \$101.16; Farmers Union Oil of South Heart: \$3.98; Hedahl's Headquarters: \$5.38; Napa Quality Auto Parts: \$11.94; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$44.42; Praxair: \$59.90; Pump Systems Inc: \$23.28;

Quality Xterminators: \$35.00; Runnings Supply: \$514.18; Stone Mill Inc: \$60.49; Western Fire & Safety: \$61.85; Dickinson Tire: \$74.64; Light & Siren: \$205.40; Performance Truck Center: \$1,415.26; Roughrider Speed Center: \$119.99; Butler Machinery: \$298.01; Capital I Industries: \$188.53; Dakota Farm Equipment: \$20.38; Dunn County Auditor: \$647.66; George's Tire Shop: \$350.00; Harlen's Radiator Shop: \$58.50; Irving Machine & Repair: \$1,116.74; Kohler Communications: \$692.83; National Oil Well: \$113.13; NW Tire: \$39.48; OK Tire Stores: \$4,200.00; Tom's Service Center: \$14.80; West Plains Implement: \$158.84; Powerplan-RDO: \$1,754.84; GA Sadowsky & Son: \$10,487.50; Missouri Valley Petroleum: \$2,244.66; Southwest Grain: \$10,271.42; Tiger Discount: \$94.57; West Dakota Oil: \$7,679.58; JP Steel & Supply: \$92.27; Lenny's Repair: \$104.00; Johnston Fargo Culverts: \$3,738.40; Steffan Feeds: \$600.00; Dickinson Ready Mix: \$1,249.50; Newman Traffic Signs: \$68.88; Institute of Local Govt: \$240.00; ND Dept of Transportation: \$2,322.00;

Highway Tax Distribution: Payroll: \$61,276.98; NDPers: \$12,770.07;

Social Welfare: Little Ones Preschool: \$120.00; MonDak Sports Center: \$200.00; ND Dept of Human Services: \$8,407.89; Carey Huntsman: \$285.00; Payroll: \$159,056.93; NDPers: \$36,956.17; Division of Vital Statistics: \$7.00; Child Support: \$8,861.46; Social Services: \$17,398.53;

County Poor: ND Dept of Human Services: \$23,965.74;

IT – Computer/Updates: Payroll: \$4,000.00; NDPers: \$619.47; American Bank Center: \$299.51; Consolidated: \$198.04; ESP Computers: \$49.95; SBM Inc: \$465.33; Walmart: \$97.82; Information Technology Dept: \$1,117.40; Vanguard Appraisal Service: \$2,790.00; Official Payment Center: \$225.00;

County Park: Dickinson Press: \$85.56; Nitro Green: \$225.00;

Fair Board: Stark County Fair Board: \$980.59;

County Jail: SWMCCC: \$55,898.43; St Joseph's Hospital: \$178.00;

Comp Health: Blue Cross Blue Shield: \$427.20; Medicare Blue RX: \$131.80; NDPers: \$15,989.91;

VSO Fund: Payroll: \$5,621.31;

Social Security: American Bank Center: \$23,919.02;

Advertising: Dickinson Press: \$183.54;

County Agent: Payroll: \$3,342.97; NDPers: \$234.06; NDSU Extension Service: \$343.62; Kurt Froelich: \$30.00; Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig: \$30.00; Consolidated: \$150.24; SBM Inc: \$27.71; Alice Pajorlie: \$100.00; Debra Theurer: \$100.00;

Weed Control: Payroll: \$6,440.62; NDPers: \$867.87; SBM Inc: \$77.00; Walmart: \$33.73; Quality Quick Print: \$204.94; Helena Chemical \$74.94; Queen City Motors: \$27.52; Runnings Supply: \$66.19; Pump Systems Inc: \$117.08; Gate City Bank: \$50.00; Western Fire & Safety: \$29.00; American Bank Center: \$96.84;

9-1-1: Payroll: \$4,855.81; NDPers: \$1,546.60; American Bank Center: \$397.26; City of Dickinson: \$5,939.58; Qwest: \$1,762.88; Consolidated: \$571.00; Reservation Telephone: \$80.00; SBM Inc: \$47.50; 3D Specialties: \$190.61;

Adult Education: NDSU Extension Services: \$225.00; Walmart: \$20.39;

Fingerprint Station: SBM Inc: \$559.99;

Domestic Violence: State Treasurer: \$770.00;

Northland Project Grant: Community Action: \$300.00; Fedex: \$228.34; Kim Moser: \$300.00; Darcy Schulte: \$200.00; Carole Smolnikar: \$346.40;

Traf Safety Grant: Payroll: \$4,287.95; Farmers Union Oil of Richardton: \$300.00;

Homeland Security Grant: BW Seven Seas Inn: \$100.00; Payroll: \$14.00; American Bank Center: \$1.07; Motorola: \$3,886.40;

Security/Transfer DJS: Payroll: \$313.22;

LEC Financial Officer: Payroll: \$4,100.67; American Bank Center: \$307.10; NDPers: \$373.98; Susan Ritter: \$378.65;

SW Victim Witness Program: Payroll: \$2,758.85; BW Seven Seas Inn: \$50.00; SBM Inc: \$65.52; City of Dickinson: \$.24; Consolidated: \$4.53; American Bank Center: \$200.74; NDPers: \$506.27; Alltel: \$91.06;

Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center: Domestic Violence: \$596.24;

Preservation Fund: Cass County Treasurer: \$636.00; Underground Vaults: \$9.00;

State Reimbursement: Mike Hanel: \$25.00; Dave Wilkie: \$25.00; Travis Leintz: \$25.00; Travis Holding Eagle: \$25.00;

Other Reimbursements: Comfort Inn: \$50.00; Electric Sales & Service: \$823.20; Consolidated: \$137.12;

Judgment Execution Fund: Continental Real Estate: \$7,464.42; Clerk of District Court: \$1,852.34; Gate City Bank: \$14,647.66; Stark County Sheriff's Dept: \$635.00;

BCI-Task Force: Payroll: \$2,845.05; American Bank Center: \$217.64; NDPers: \$519.54;

911 Wireless Fee: Allan's Decorating: \$317.94; Consolidated: \$35.00; Dickinson Heating & Air: \$80.00; Dave Lennick: \$173.00; NDACO: \$4,515.23; Rudy's Lock & Key: \$54.00; Zeller Construction: \$8,890.00; Verizon Wireless: \$35.02;

Gary Kostelecky, Emergency Management, reported the county readdressing project is almost complete. Gary also reported that State Emergency Management is working on a plan to consolidate the 57 emergency management offices in North Dakota.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy referenced an article in the Washburn Newspaper pertaining to the Sakakawea Drug Task Force. McLean County and Mercer County have formed their own drug task force and have discontinued their association with the Sakakawea Drug Task Force.

The County Board recessed and reopened as the County Board of Equalization. Stark County Tax Assessor, Diane Brines presided. The first order of business was the equalization of property assessed by City Boards of Equalization.

City of Dickinson, City Assessor, Jan Zent, reported in the City of Dickinson there was a 9% average increase on residential properties and a 2% average increase to commercial properties. Market value increased to \$678,528,750 and taxable value to \$31,411,864 for 2007. Comm. Willer moved to approve the Dickinson valuations. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of Belfield there was a 5% increase on residential properties, market value increased to \$13,931,025 and taxable value to \$648,219 for 2007. New residential construction of \$80,000 was reported. Comm. Hoff moved to approve the City of Belfield valuations. Comm. Nodland seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of South Heart there was a 5% increase on residential properties, market value increased to \$6,921,700 and taxable value to \$316,310 for 2007. New residential construction of \$365,200 was reported. Comm. Willer moved to approve the City of South Heart valuations. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of Gladstone there was a 5% increase on residential properties, market value increased to \$2,565,500 and taxable value to \$117,480 for 2007. New residential construction of \$23,400 was reported. Comm. Zander moved to approve the City of Gladstone valuations. Comm. Hoff seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

City of Taylor, Assessor, Lorna O'Connor reported in the City of Taylor there was a 5% increase on residential properties, market value increased to \$2,298,600 and taxable value to \$105,331 for 2007. New residential construction of \$56,900 was reported. Comm. Willer moved to approve the City of Taylor valuations. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

County Assessor Brines reported in the City of Richardton there was a 5% increase on residential properties, market value increased to \$11,563,600 and taxable value to \$528,198 for 2007. New residential construction of \$112,300 was reported. Comm. Nodland moved to approve the City of Richardton valuations. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of assessments of rural property. County Assessor Brines reported a 3.5% increase in farm land and the average value per acre is \$200.28. Residential properties had an increase from 5% to 10%. Market value increased to \$290,632,285 and taxable value to \$14,030,892 for 2007. There was new residential construction of \$5,284,950, new commercial construction of \$476,000 and 27 residential exemptions reported. Comm. Nodland moved to accept the recommendation of the county assessor for rural Stark County valuations. Comm. Willer seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried. Total valuations for Stark County are market value of \$1,006,441,460 and taxable value of \$47,158,294 for 2007.

Alice Schulz, Auditor, presented a mineral lease offer from Harold J Anderson Inc for a 2.19 acre tract in Section 21-140-95. Comm. Zander moved to accept the offer and authorize the Chairman to sign the lease. Comm. Nodland seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, gave an update on road projects. Al also reported receiving complaints of garbage being dumped along county roadways, and that he had applied for Energy Impact funds to improve several roads.

Comm. Zander moved to authorize the Chairman sign the NDDOT Contract and Contract Bond for Project #SC4510(058), SC4511(056) and SU-5-983(034)034. Comm. Willer seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Wolf presented a request from the Richardton Fire District for a \$32,125 match for a FEMA grant. It was the consensus of the Board that the City of Richardton and Red Trail Energy are the biggest benefactors, they should pay for it. Chairman Wolf directed the Auditor to write a letter to the Richardton Fire District informing them of the Boards decision.

Comm. Nodland moved to reappoint Duane Wolf, Ken Zander and Nancy Hartman to the Social Service Board, upon Nancy accepting her reappointment. Comm. Hoff seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to reappoint Art Decker and Ron Hauck to the County Weed Board. Comm. Nodland seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff moved to reappoint Mike Olienyk to the Vector Control Board. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Nodland moved to appoint Bruce Baer to the Rural Economic Area Partnership Board. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Nodland presented a recommendation from the Zoning Board to approve a request from Debra Olive. Comm. Nodland moved to approve Debra Olive's request to change zoning on an 18.09 acre tract in the W2SE4 of Section 5-139-94 from agricultural to residential/agricultural. Comm. Willer seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Crooked Crane Shared Path. It was the consensus of the Board to put the matter aside until next year.

Chairman Wolf requested approval to finance a Dakota Women's Correctional & Rehabilitation Center project through the Energy Services Group, the project would take care of energy efficiencies such as lighting, mechanical and electrical. The project would not include the boiler system. Funds to do the project are in the Women's Facility budget, so Stark County would not have to commit funds. Comm. Nodland moved to have Stark County participate in the contract, along with the five other counties, with Energy Services Group to have them perform work at the Dakota Women's Correctional & Rehabilitation Center. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Dave Sanders, S & G Interventions gave an informational presentation on electronic monitoring. No action was taken.

Chairman Wolf opened the Public Auction on State Addition property owned by Stark County and called for bids. There being no bids, Chairman Wolf closed the Public Auction.

The following **Miscellaneous Receipts** were filed: General: \$55,106.70; County Road: \$5,854.09; Highway Tax Distribution: \$95,930.61; Social Services: \$44,276.89; Information Technology Dept: \$2,483.39; County Park: \$715.00; Social Security: \$1,540.76; Weed Control: \$2,732.55; 911 Revenue: \$9,966.28; Finger Print Station: \$272.00; Victim Witness/Domestic Violence: \$945.00; Homeland Security: \$6,378.56; Traf Safety Grant: \$2,869.39; Estimate Tax: \$1,882.35; Game and Fish: \$25,926.00; LEC Financial Officer: \$4,559.67; SW Victim Witness: \$4,615.82; Hazardous Chemical Prep: \$1,875.00; Preservation Fee: \$1,689.00; Other Reimbursements: \$4,462.14; Mineral Royalty: \$32,043.38; 911 Equipment: \$3,322.13; 911 Wireless Fee: \$3,219.85;

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

Alice Schulz, Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman