

Official Proceedings

March 5, 2009

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 or deletions to the agenda. Comm. Hoff added TransCanada pipeline. Comm. Hoff moved to accept the agenda. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2009, meeting as presented. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Elkin moved to approve the accounts payable and supplement as presented, plus \$2,400.00 to Northern Bags to be paid from the General. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Jan Zent presented an abatement for Sandra Koffler. The City Commission approved the abatement February 17, 2009. Comm. Kuntz moved to accept the cities recommendation for the Koffler abatement. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Scott Radig, Director of Waste Management with State Health Department, discussed the possible erionite problem. They will be conducting a medical study and are looking to recruit volunteers to aid in the study.

Gary Kostelecky, Emergency Management, gave an update on the SCAT Team meeting. A county picnic was set for August 4th. Also, Comm. Zander volunteered to represent the Commission for the SCAT Team meetings in the future.

Gary Kostelecky invited the Commission to be a part of the Southwest Disaster Coalition which meets on a monthly basis to discuss possible epidemics.

Gary Kostelecky discussed the purchase of the bookmobile from the Dickinson Public Library that is to be used as a communication center. A grant for \$19,818.00 has been applied for to fund the purchase and equip it. Discussion was held regarding the miscellaneous and maintenance charges. Comm. Zander moved to authorize the purchase contingent upon receiving the grant money. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. Comm. Kuntz voted Nay, Comm. Elkin voted Nay, Comm. Hoff voted Aye, Comm. Zander voted Aye and Chairman Wolf voted Aye. Motion carried.

Gary Kostelecky reported that the Rural Fire Department extended their thank you's to the Commission for the 2009 funding.

Gary Kostelecky reported that there are 30,000 sand bags available to the public in the event of flooding. Two thousand sand bags will be prefilled.

Sheriff Tuhy discussed County Government Week at the SCAT Team meeting. He asked for volunteers to represent the county for that week.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, reported Stark County can anticipate \$289,000 from the stimulus project. The project will consist of placing an overlay from Stransky Road to South Heart. Additional funding of about \$463,000 will be needed from the County. The funds will transfer from Highway Distribution.

Al Heiser discussed snow removal by the public is obstructing ditches and causing a safety issue. Tom Henning, States Attorney, stated to send letters informing them it is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a \$500.00 fine or 30 days in jail.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, gave the engineers report and update on stimulus project for Highway 10.

Kevin Thompson, Dickinson State University, gave an update on the Badlands Activity Center. Construction is on schedule and they are on budget at 16 million.

Mick Miller, Red Trail Energy, requested their 5 year property tax exemption be reconsidered due to the poor economy. Comm. Kuntz moved to deny the request. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff reported that TransCanada pipeline is on hold due to the economy.

Tom Henning, States Attorney, reported the Social Service lawsuit has closed.

Bill Reiter, represented by Attorney Mr. Maus, requested the value on his property, Lot 6 Block 4 Reiter's Subdivision, be reduced. Discussion was held regarding if the tanks located on the property should be taxed as a leasehold improvement or as personal property. The tanks belong to the tenant renting the property. The Commission requested Mr. Maus research the lease agreement and have Tom Henning, States Attorney, review it.

Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, Home Economist, introduced and welcomed Jennifer Illich to the Family Nutrition Program.

Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig announced her retirement as of March 31, 2009. Gerold Stern requested approval to refill the position and have a commissioner serve on the committee and be part of the process. Comm. Zander volunteered and in the event he can't make it, Chairman Wolf will. Comm. Elkin moved to authorize approval to move ahead to fill the position. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

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

Alice Schulz, Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman