

Official Proceedings

May 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. There were none. Comm. Hoff moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2009, special meeting as presented. Comm. Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Zander moved to approve the accounts payable and supplement as presented. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

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

Sheriff Tuhy reported on the Truck regulatory meeting held in Watford City. It was decided by the oil producing counties, Stark, Mountrail, Mercer and Ward, to stay with the original fees for road over weights.

Sheriff Tuhy reported that Criminal Process Clerk Sheri Peterson resigned as of May 1, 2009.

Sheriff Tuhy reported on grant reallocations. The City Police Department was awarded a Jag Grant for \$22,000. The Sheriffs Department will use \$9,000 of that money for a mobile data terminal. The Sheriffs Department was awarded \$12,500 for the shooting range. They are making a request to reallocate those monies to purchase security equipment for the court rooms.

Darren Czapiewski, Information Technology, requested approval to purchase a standby server for the Law Enforcement Center. The initial setup cost is \$2,799 with a 3 year contract at \$299 per month for licensing of the software. Comm. Kuntz moved to approve the purchase of a standby server with the 3 year contract. Comm. Hoff seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Gary Kostelecky, Emergency Management, reported on the Radar Base Hill tower. Grant monies, if available, and 9-1-1 funds will be used for the tower. Estimated cost is \$213,700.

Gary Kostelecky reported on the discussion held at the Law Enforcement Center meeting regarding the snow removal problem. Suggestions made were to either contract the snow removal out or enter into a joint agreement between the city and county.

Gary Kostelecky reported the purchase of AVL, automatic vehicle locator, software for the Archonix Cat System used in dispatch. The AVL is being used in one sheriff's vehicle at this time. The software allows dispatch to locate units closest to an emergency for quick response. The cost of \$8,000 was taken from the 9-1-1 fund. There is no individual cost to the vehicles.

Bid opening was held for gravel crushing. A bid of \$2.55 was received from Fisher Industries. Comm. Zander moved to accept Fisher Industries bid. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried

Brent Pringle, Emergency Management, discussed the request for snow removal assistance. A request of \$432,168.61 for the months of January, February and March was submitted. Stark County will receive approximately \$171,760.66. Also, Stark County will receive no assistance from the Public Assistance Program. Expenses fell short by about \$40,000.

Jan Zent presented an abatement for Shaun Lubken. The City Commission approved the abatement April 20, 2009. Comm. Zander moved to accept the cities recommendation for the Lubken abatement. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Leslie Ross, Veterans Officer, reported the 2008 geographic distribution of Veterans Administration expenditures, compensation, pension and education benefits returned to Veterans in Stark and Dunn County. Stark County increased \$742,000 and Dunn County increased \$214,000. Leslie suggested looking into increasing the rate paid by Dunn County and into adding Billings County.

Leslie Ross requested to reclassify the administrative secretary's position into an Assistant Veterans Service Officer position. Also, HB 1057 passed, which requires all Veteran Service Officers in the state to become nationally certified. Leslie will attend the training in June 2010.

Captain Kitzman requested out-of-state travel to Camp Dodge, Iowa for Deputy Weiler to attend training. Comm. Hoff moved to allow out-of-state travel for Deputy Weiler. Comm. Kuntz seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, gave an update on road conditions and repairs. Assistance from Dunn County was requested to help install a culvert on the county line.

Al Heiser requested that surplus equipment be put in an auction. Comm. Zander moved to allow surplus equipment go to a June 1st consignment auction at Stockmen's. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Al Heiser reported a bridge by the old Badinger pit needs replacing. The replacement cost will be roughly \$600,000. Stark Counties share would be \$200,000.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, requested the Chairman sign the Resolution for projects BRO-0045(044) and BRO-0045(046) and award On Site Improvements, the low bidder at \$325,020, the projects. Comm. Elkin moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution and award On Site Improvements the box culvert projects. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Alice Schulz, Auditor, requested the Chairman sign the Amended Construction and Maintenance Agreement. Department of Transportation added the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into the agreement. Comm. Hoff moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Amended Construction and Maintenance Agreement. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Alice Schulz requested the Chairman sign the Engineering Agreement. The agreement allows Kadrmas Lee & Jackson to perform engineering services on small projects and/or day-to-day activities without the Commissions consent. Comm. Hoff moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Engineering Agreement. Comm. Kuntz seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Zane Wicks made a request to install a cattle guard on a section line. Comm. Zander made a motion to authorize the installation of the cattle guard on the section line. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Maus, representing GTL Energy, presented a road agreement between GTL Energy and Stark County. GTL Energy will be responsible for any road upgrades for a 3 mile section of road known as 39th Street SW. Comm. Hoff moved to approve the road agreement. Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Alice Schulz, Auditor, reported the taxi service owned and operated by Elder Care needs insurance for their vehicles. The vehicles can be covered under Stark County's blanket policy at no cost to the county. Although, any vehicle claims would affect the counties liability policy. Tom Henning, States Attorney and Alice will research the counties liability.

Alice Schulz reported Red Trail Energy extended an invitation to Stark County for their annual meeting. If no one was going to attend they encouraged to vote by proxy method. Comm. Elkin moved to vote by proxy. Comm. Zander seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Alice Schulz received a letter from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson regarding the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway (US Highway 85) Corridor Study. The letter requested that the meeting dates be made public. Following is the meeting dates.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in Bowman and Belfield

Bowman City Hall

1st St NE, Bowman

Open House: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. (MST)

Formal Presentation at 12:15 p.m.

and

Memorial/Belfield City Hall

107 2nd Ave NE, Belfield

Open House: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (MST)

Formal Presentation at 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, 2009, in Watford City and Williston

Watford City Hall

2nd St NE, Watford City

Open House: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. (CST)

Formal Presentation at 12:15 p.m.

and

Williston State College

1410 University Ave Room 106, Williston

Open House: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (CST)

Formal Presentation at 5:15 p.m.

Comm. Hoff moved to appoint Brent Pringle interim Emergency Manager/9-1-1 Director.
Comm. Elkin seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Elkin moved to adjourn. Comm. Kuntz seconded.

Alice Schulz, Auditor

Duane A. Wolf, Chairman