

## Official Proceedings

August 5, 2008

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 Vickie Steiner, Association of Oil & Gas Producing Counties and zoning. Comm Zander reported he would be leaving the meeting at break time. Comm. Willer moved to approve the agenda. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Comm. Hoff moved to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2008 meeting, and the July 3, 2008 special meeting as presented. Comm. Zander seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

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

**General:** Payroll: \$116,448.51; Langdon Motor Inn: \$124.50; Rhonda L Anderson: \$30.00; Rhonda R Ehlis: \$122.85; James Hope: \$260.70; West Payment Center: \$490.82; Dakota Water Treatment: \$36.50; SBM Inc: \$333.20; ESP Computers: \$130.00; King Speed Printing: \$75.00; Xerox Corporation: \$370.80; Diane Brines: \$60.00; Natalie Wandler: \$60.00; Electric Sales & Service: \$521.68; Prairie Paving: \$475.00; B & M Security Inc: \$16.50; Dakota Farm Equipment: \$284.09; Dickinson Supply: \$6.44; DJ's Tesoro: \$49.88; Jerome Distributing: \$189.55; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$45.46; Nitro-Green: \$450.00; Quality Xterminators: \$160.00; R J Distributing: \$56.00; Runnings Supply: \$100.83; City of Dickinson: \$7,527.55; MDU: \$2,406.59; Roughrider Electric: \$141.00; Walmart: \$343.33; NDPers: \$13,164.95; Sandness Law Office: \$75.00; Visa: \$806.65; Alltel: \$825.45; Consolidated: \$564.27; Qwest: \$487.00; Instructional Media Center: \$7.20; Quality Quick Print: \$25.00; ND Youth Correctional Center: \$2,925.60; NDACO: \$59.00; Dickinson Parks & Rec: \$58.24; DJ's Tesoro: \$89.21; National Pen Company: \$213.95; Ultramax: \$832.00; American Insurance: \$100.00; ND State Radio Communications: \$525.00; SW Wireless: \$723.88; Secretary of State: \$36.00; Advanced Business Methods: \$571.44; Balco Uniforms Center: \$310.00; Superior Cleaners: \$19.25; Dickinson Tire: \$289.44; Farmers Union Oil of Richardton: \$242.98; Kohler Communications: \$130.60; Midas: \$92.95; Sax Motor Co: \$43,972.53; T-Rex Conoco Inc: \$128.05; Western Fire & Safety: \$46.00; ND Dept of Transportation: \$34.50; Farmers Union Oil of Bis/Man: \$3,623.19; Tesoro Fleet Service: \$2,088.63; Killdeer Veterinary Clinic: \$252.98; Todd Weiler: \$120.00; Dennis E Wolf: \$4,600.00; American Bank Center: \$549.80; NDEMA: \$150.00; Professional Printing: \$76.00; Care Inc: \$36.20; Dickinson Press: \$36.00;

**10 Mill:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$725.18;

**County Road:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson: \$17,194.07; Earthworks Inc: \$2,750.00; Martin Construction: \$4,047.50; Traffic Safety Services Inc: \$7,403.26; American Bank Center: \$15,874.51; Diamond Truck Equipment: \$8,760.60; MGM Rural Sanitation: \$186.00; City of Dickinson: \$241.24; Alltel: \$87.52; City of Belfield: \$12.85; City of Richardton: \$54.90; Consolidated: \$20.99; MDU: \$249.13; Qwest: \$50.90; Roughrider Electric: \$854.00; Southwest Water Authority: \$39.45; Arc Aid Thrift Store: \$16.09; Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig: \$40.38; Dickinson Supply: \$225.65; Newby's Ace Hardware: \$133.19; Quality Xterminators: \$40.00; Runnings Supply: \$34.91; Schmidt Repair Inc: \$776.52; Western Fire & Safety: \$15.00; Basin Hydraulic: \$335.14; Dakota Filter Supply: \$322.68; East End Auto: \$300.00; Performance Truck Center: \$1,967.22; Pump Systems Inc: \$911.87; Butler Machinery: \$1,552.12; Dickinson Tire: \$2,100.87; Ray's Auto Electric: \$183.90; Powerplan-RDO: \$112.17; Southwest Grain: \$21,817.97; Todd's Auto: \$106.00; West Dakota Oil: \$4,188.90; Fisher Sand & Gravel: \$1,290.95; Lomco Inc: \$5,350.94; Mid-West Doors: \$631.75; ND Dept of Transportation: \$11,374.55; One Stop Rental: \$42.00; Husky Oil Market: \$7,195.20; Northern Improvement: \$210.00; Semmaterials LP: \$9,785.15; Lyle Signs Inc: \$2,595.83; Connie Ordahl: \$289.80; Payroll: \$163.92; Anderson Western: \$16,975.82;

**Highway Tax Distribution:** Payroll: \$59,508.55; NDPers: \$11,916.46;

**Social Welfare:** Payroll: \$162,364.06; Sharon Rivers: \$656.00; Sandra Brown: \$400.00; Robin Mellott: \$145.00; Emmerick Eye Clinic: \$99.00; ND Dept of Human Services: \$7,206.56; Travel Host Motel: \$314.17; US Postal Service: \$88.00; Social Services: \$9,796.02; NDPers: \$35,711.39;

**County Poor:** ND Dept of Human Services: \$26,669.59;

**IT – Computer/Updates:** Payroll: \$4,200.00; NDPers: \$637.71; American Bank Center: \$305.67; NDACO Resources: \$2,698.82; Alltel: \$21.88; Consolidated: \$161.63; Archonix: \$17,832.58; CDW Government Inc: \$3,805.35; Hewlett-Packard: \$609.00; SBM Inc: \$19.99; Zones: \$229.22; Information Technology Dept: \$1,179.65;

**County Park**

**Fair Board:**

**County Jail:**

**Insurance:**

**Comp Health:**

**VSO Fund:**

**Social Security:**

**Advertising:**

**County Agent:**

**Weed Control:**

**9-1-1:**

**Adult Education:**

**Domestic Violence:**

**Homeland Security Grants:**

**Traffic Safety Grant:**

**Security/Transfer DJS Reimb:**

**Game & Fish:**

**SW Victim Witness Program:**

**Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center:**

**Preservation Fee:**

**State Reimbursement:**

**Other Reimbursements:**

**911 Equipment:**

Vickie Steiner, ND Association of Oil & Gas Producing Counties, updated the Board on a uranium company that is looking at a coal seam in a 100 square mile area in southwestern North Dakota. There is a possibility that a chemical plant could be located in Stark County near Belfield. The Association is proposing Stark County be proactive and be involved in a study conducted by NDSU to find out information about what tax is involved with uranium, how is the tax generated, and how is the tax distributed. Stark County's share of the study would be \$3,000.00. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request at the September meeting.

Gary Kostecky, Emergency Management, reported the burn ban will continue until haying and harvest season are complete.

Sheriff Clarence Tuhy introduced Phil Pfenning, Director of South Sakakawea Narcotics Task Force, who gave an update on the SSNTF and requested the county fund the full time deputy assigned from the sheriff's office to serve on the SSNTF for the 2009 budget. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request at the September meeting.

Al Heiser, Road Superintendent, gave an update on road projects, and reported that load restriction road signs need to be replaced and recommended that we replace them with signs that are similar to the state's load restriction signs. Chairman Wolf directed Al to work on changing the load restriction signage to be uniform with the state, and make necessary changes in the load restriction manual.

Comm. Zander moved to authorize the Chairman sign the North Dakota 2009 – 2010 County Federal Aid Program Sheet. Comm. Willer seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Tim Kelly, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, gave the engineers report. Tim reported that a meeting with the Department of Transportation has been set up for 11:20 AM, Monday, October 13, 2008, at the North Dakota Association of Counties annual convention.

Bob Shannon, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented the Urban Street and County Road Funding Needs Assessment for thirteen North Dakota Cities and fifty three North Dakota Counties. Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson worked on the project for the Department of Transportation to aid ND Association of Counties and legislators find a way to leverage more money in to the Highway Distribution Fund from the surplus in the state budget.

Cheryll Tollefson, Dickinson Area Public Library Director, presented the library budget, gave an update on library activities, and requested funding for 2008. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request at the September meeting.

Comm. Zander left the meeting.

Bob Zent, Chair of Dickinson Rural Fire District, presented the Fire District's budget and requested \$50,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck in addition to the mills already levied for the fire district. The Dickinson Rural Fire District is the back up for the City of Dickinson Fire Department and other fire districts. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request at the September meeting.

Comm. Nodland stated for the record he will not propose to assess the full valuation, after the appraisals were done, we are going to have to reduce the mills. People want their taxes cut.

Chairman Wolf opened the Public Hearing for the Southwest District Health Unit Budget. No one was present to speak for or against the budget. Chairman Wolf closed the Public Hearing. The Board of Commissioners will consider the request at the September meeting.

Matt Remynse, Manager of the Dickinson Regional Airport, presented the airport budget, gave an update on current and future projects, and thanked the Board for their past support.

Tom Knutson, G & G Garbage Inc. inquired if Stark County would be interested in doing a study to find out if there is a need in rural Stark County for transporting waste to approved sites. No action taken.

Comm. Nodland presented a recommendation from the Zoning Board to deny Stevenson Funeral Home's application to build a cremator with attached storage. Comm. Nodland moved to deny Stevenson Funeral Home's application for a special use permit to place a cremator with attached storage on a tract of land in the E2E2E2 of Section 9, Township 140 North, Range 96. Comm. Hoff seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

The following checks are over a year old and have not been cashed. Comm. Hoff made a motion to cancel these checks and report them to the Unclaimed Property Division of the ND State Land Department. Comm. Nodland seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

### **Cancel Checks Over a Year Old**

#### **American State Bank**

#### **Demand Checks:**

11-29-06	#18499	Net Bank	Recorder	\$ 10.00
12-18-06	#18531	Choice Point	Sheriff	\$ 4.25
1-10-07	#18643	Brandy Vandersloot	Taxes	\$ 4.98
1-19-07	#18661	Fidelity Nat'l Title Insurance Co.	Taxes	\$118.19
			Total	\$137.42

Tom Henning, States Attorney, reported that according to Century Code 40-01.1 every five years it should be on the ballot if the electorate would like to have the commission appoint a five-member advisory study committee. An advisory study committee may be established under this chapter to provide local citizens and leaders with the means for fully and adequately studying options available for positioning their local governments for effective, creative and efficient service in the future. It was the consensus of the Board to bring the issue up with North Dakota Association of Counties and see how other counties are dealing with or complying with the statute.

Comm. Willer moved to adjourn. Comm. Hoff seconded.

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Alice Schulz, Auditor

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Duane A. Wolf, Chairman