

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

August 4, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of McKenzie County, North Dakota met at the Courthouse at Watford City, North Dakota on August 4, 2009. Present: Commissioners Anderson, Cayko, Chinn, Lawlar and Patten and Auditor Olson. Chairman Lawlar called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CDT.

Treasurer Svihovec presented her report. This included a discussion of the changes to the oil and gas production tax distributions and a review of the services being currently received from NRG.

Moved by Cayko and seconded by Patten to approve the minutes as written and the Treasurer's report and bills as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Patten and seconded by Anderson to make the following board appointments: County Weed Control - Howdy Lawlar; Watford City Pest Control - Rick Holm; and County School Reorganization - Gene Transtrom. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Chinn to grant \$3,000 to the McKenzie County Fire Protection District and \$5,000 to the McKenzie County Ambulance from the Hazardous Chemical Preparedness fund for the purchase of pagers. All voting aye, motion carried.

A letter from McKenzie Electric Cooperative offering 20% of current capital credits now as full payment. Consensus to continue with annual payments.

Moved by Chinn and seconded by Cayko to approve utility permits to Bear Paw Energy and Reservation Telephone Cooperative. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Patten and seconded by Anderson to approve an approach permit to Burlington Northern. All voting aye, motion carried.

Reporting on Sheriff's department matters were Chief Deputy John Fulwider, Deputy/911 Coordinator Lloyd Clock and Chief Dispatcher Tammy Evanson. Deputy Clock reviewed changes coming for E911.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Cayko to update the 911 software to improve mapping and dispatch capabilities for wireless 911. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Cayko and seconded by Anderson to replace the transmitter with a one that is P-25 capable, using E911 funds. All voting aye, motion carried.

There was a consensus to go forward with realigning the workspace within the dispatch center.

Jaret Wirtz updated the Board on the water systems. System Two is now fully funded. Users on System Three are receiving letters to hook up. Moved by Patten and seconded by Anderson to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the McKenzie County Water Resource District is a duly organized body politic incorporated pursuant to the Constitution, statutes and laws of the State of North Dakota; that the McKenzie County Water Resource District and all of its previous past acts of such McKenzie County Water Resource District are hereby ratified and confirmed by the McKenzie County Board of County Commissioners as being duly authorized and appropriate; that the appointments of the various persons to the McKenzie County Water Resource District are reaffirmed and confirmed; that the following positions and seats on the McKenzie County Water Resource District are hereby designated as valid and existing in the

names of the following individuals: Denton Zubke, Chairman, Gene Veeder, Vice-Chairman, Doug Danielson, Don Anderson, and Leif Jellesed; further that the McKenzie County Board of Commissioners does hereby ratify, confirm and approve all past actions of the said Board Members both present and past in relation to acts taken for McKenzie County by the McKenzie County Water Resource District.

All voting aye, motion carried.

No public appeared for the hearing on the Upper Missouri District Health Unit budget.

Terrille Jacobson, City of Alexander Council member and City Auditor Anne Mrachek met with the Board to review the status of their water system. They have received the funding for the re-drill of the second well, which is required by the state. This leaves them with no additional funds for the expanded capacity storage tank. They are requesting the match for this project.

Following noon recess, fuel bids were opened per notice with bids submitted by Farmers Union Oil Company and Rolfson Oil Company. Moved by Cayko and seconded by Anderson to accept the bid of Farmers Union Oil Company for all fuels at all locations. All voting aye, motion carried.

Rose Eschenko met with the Board to discuss the road situation near her home. Road department to determine what would be needed for a culvert to give access to pastureland.

Lynn Hovde, Don Sherlock, and Kirk Olson, Arnegard Township Supervisors, met with the Board regarding road work that had been requested by the township. They are to work with Road Superintendent Mark Koeser.

Alan Sims met with the Board to discuss plans for the veterans memorial planned for the Alexander City Park. Moved by Anderson and seconded by Cayko to grant the Forrest E. Williams Legion Post \$12,000 for this project. All voting aye, motion carried.

There was further discussion on the road work requested by Frank Leppell at the last meeting. The consensus is to do motor grader work only.

There was further discussion on the Alexander request. Tabled for additional information.

Jerry Samuelson reported that he had attended a meeting in Indianapolis, IN, for all newly installed state department commanders. North Dakota was singled out for its high percentage of participation in the military covenants.

Chinn reviewed the draft findings of fact in the Reichman case. Patten and Olson to do an edit tomorrow.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Chinn to approve the proposal from the State's Attorney's office for the removal of the Becken trailer to the landfill. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Lawlar appointed Recorder Ann Johnsrud to a two year term as the county's representative to the NDACo Delegate Council during the annual October conferences.

Information was received from Hulsing Associates regarding some re-shaping of the front lawn that will be needed to avoid drainage problems as the new sidewalks are completed with the elevator project. Consensus to follow their recommendation. The proposal for \$7,000 from Jost Painting to redo all the currently painted portions of the front of the building along with the new portions was accepted.

Moved by Cayko and seconded by Anderson to allow an additional FTE in the Auditor's office. All voting aye, motion carried.

Cayko reported that Mike Melius has resigned as the director at Upper Missouri District Health Unit and that Javayne Oyloe is the interim director. They will be interviewing on Friday. Also the building has been completely paid off. Cayko, Anderson and Chinn indicated that they would attend the annual budget meeting to be held September 3.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM, until Tuesday, September 1, 2009, beginning at 9:00 AM CDT.

Attest: _____
Frances M. Olson, County Auditor

Richard Lawlar, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners