

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

February 3, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of McKenzie County, North Dakota, met at the Courthouse at Watford City, ND, on February 3, 2009. Present: Commissioners Anderson, Cayko, Chinn, Lawlar and Patten. Chairman Lawlar called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Treasurer Linda Svihovec presented her report, including the interest allocation for 2008.

State's Attorney Dennis Edward Johnson presented the Board with paperwork on a proposed well and discussed the collections policy. Moved by Patten and seconded by Chinn to execute the stipulation of interest and cross conveyance for two tracts in Section 27 Township 152N Range 96W. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Patten and seconded by Cayko to accept the 2008 interest allocation as presented, retaining all interest earned in the General Fund. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Jerry Samuelson reported that he will be testifying in opposition to HB 1057 on Thursday, a bill relating to county veterans' service officers, governance of the veterans' home, the commissioner of the department of veterans' affairs, and the administrative committee on veterans' affairs.

Patten reported on a conversation with a Watford City Council member regarding consideration of moving the police department back to City Hall because of space restraints at the courthouse.

Cayko reported that he hasn't been able to contact the person inquiring about a light at the railroad crossing in East Fairview, but that it appears to him that there is adequate light there.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Patten to approve the raffle permit application from the Keene Relay for Life team. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Chinn and seconded by Cayko to approve approach and pipeline permits for McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Bear Paw and Burlington Resources. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Chinn to execute a lease on a .42 acre tract in Section 2 Township 151N Range 96W. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Cayko and seconded by Patten to approve the following board appointments: JDA Board: Betty Weber, Jim Pojorlie, Paul Wisness, Denton Zubke; Library Board: Megg Hermanson; School Re-Organization Board: Jim Jacobson, John Johnston. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Chinn and seconded by Anderson to deny an application for off sale beer from Mike Sheehan, DBA Mondak Trucking, Inc., as incomplete and have the Auditor return it with an explanation. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Lawlar will attend the performance appraisals for the county extension agents on February 25.

Ray Powell reported on the progress on the addition to the fire hall in Alexander. Moved by Anderson and seconded by Patten to grant an additional \$86,000 toward completion of the building. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chinn reported on hearings he had attended in Bismarck regarding the caps on oil & gas taxes to the counties.

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 Chinn to accept the bid of Farmers Union Oil Company for all fuels at all locations. All voting aye, motion carried.

County Road Superintendent Mark Koeser reported that most of their hours have been snow related. Anderson reported on discussions with Bechtold Paving for repairs on Route 55. This is a project that could come under the economic stimulus program that is proposed. Other discussions with Koeser and County Engineer John Holter included Route 16 overlay, Nohley road overlay and dust control.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Cayko to execute a scoria crushing and stockpile agreement with Wallace Tweden. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Chinn and seconded by Anderson to execute the Construction and Maintenance agreements and the right of way certification for Project SC-2730(056), overlay and seal coat on 4 miles of Route 30. All voting aye, motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:00 PM for a Park Board meeting, reconvening at 3:30 PM.

Emanuel Stroh and Steve Stenehjem met with the Board regarding the on-going improvements to the access to McKenzie Bay. The Board approved in-kind assistance with chip sealing if it can be worked into our road department's schedule.

Sheriff Ron Rankin was asked about the proposed move by the city officers back to the City Hall. He agreed that space is an issue for both them and the county. The only real change would be the lack of intercom communications. It would be good to look at better utilizing some of the old jail area as well. Moved by Chinn and seconded by Cayko to accept bids on March 4 for a new patrol vehicle. All voting aye, motion carried.

LeRoy Defoe and Mike Dollinger presented the annual report for the landfill and information on a new oil burning heater for the shop and a vacuum system to aid in keeping the perimeter litter free. They also asked about keeping the old compactor for use in the inert pit. This was approved pending agreement from RDO who bid it as a trade on the new compactor. The new heater was approved. They are to bring recommendations to the next meeting for rate changes. Moved by Cayko and seconded by Patten to purchase the litter vacuum if they are satisfied with the demonstration. All voting aye, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM until Wednesday, March 4, 2009, beginning at 11 AM.

Attest: _____
Frances M. Olson, Auditor

Richard Lawlar, Chairman
Board of County Commissioner