

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

**January 5, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of McKenzie County, North Dakota met at the Courthouse at Watford City, North Dakota on January 5, 2010. Present: Commissioners Anderson, Cayko, Chinn, Lawlar and Patten and Auditor Olson. Chairman Lawlar called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Treasurer Linda Svihovec presented her report. Moved by Cayko, seconded by Anderson to approve Dakota West Credit Union, First International Bank and Trust and McKenzie County Bank as depositories of county funds for calendar year 2010. All voting aye, motion carried.

There was discussion on the possible impacts of a recent Attorney General's opinion on the revenues from the permit system. Some clarifications will be needed.

Moved by Patten and seconded by Cayko to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written, the treasurer's report as presented, the bills as listed and the pledges of assets from the depositories. All voting aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Rankin introduced Ron McCloud, the new field deputy. Mountrail, Williams and McKenzie Counties all had increased traffic fatalities in 2009. He continues to work with as many entities as possible to promote safe driving.

Jaret Wirtz and Gene Veeder updated the Board on the water projects. The District will be reviewing bids on System 2 on February 2. They will be advertising for an assistant manager/operator.

Robin Arndt and Linda Svihovec gave the Board a year end report on the Watford City Park District. They continue to work to recover from the ice damage in the spring flood and plan to lessen future impacts. They requested up to \$23,000 toward work on picnic shelters and purchase of ADA compliant tables. A number of grant applications have been made.

Deb Wisness met with the Board regarding a request from the State Land Department for an appraisal for lands to be acquired for a recreational trail. Based on what she has found for comparable sales, she appraised \$450 per acre. Moved by Patten and seconded by Anderson to approve the valuation as determined and authorize the required signatures. All voting aye, motion carried.

Brenda Pitts met with the Board to request speed bumps on a road in East Highland Acres during the busy season for the greenhouse. She also requested consideration of changes to culverts due to some flooding that occurs. The Board will need to determine the status of the road.

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

County Engineer John Holter and Road Superintendent Mark Koeser were present for a discussion of road projects and issues. Moved by Anderson and seconded by Chinn to adjust the rates to \$5 per cubic yard for gravel sales and \$4.50 per cubic yard for scoria sales. All voting aye, motion carried.

The rates for machine hire will be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

Route 14 has been listed as eligible for Forest Highway funding. Timing of any funding is uncertain. In addition, the State is currently only funding an eleven foot lane instead of the twelve foot lane of most of our roads.

Craig and Barbara Sorenson met with the Board to review a list of road concerns in their area. Oil is making a big impact there.

It was determined that the road in question in East Highland Acres is a public road and

speed bumps will be ordered.

Malcolm Pippen had passed on an inquiry from Deb Reichman's attorney questioning that the road through her place had not been snow plowed. Consensus to plow but only if the gates are open.

Dick Fischer met with the Board regarding the need for additional cleaning help. The courthouse has been impacted by the additional traffic due to oil. He was allowed additional 15 hours per week and is to advertise.

There was discussion on the county shops, that they are being outgrown, and possible alternatives. It would be good to co-locate the County Engineer and the Water District with the Watford City shop.

State's Attorney Dennis Edward Johnson reviewed a number of legal issues, including a division order and the AG's opinion on the permit revenues.

Moved by Chinn and seconded by Anderson to approve a scoria stockpile agreement with Craig and Carol Kieson. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Chinn to affirm the annual salaries set in the 2010 budget as follows: Ronald Anderson 14,040.00; Stacy Arnegard 24,345.12; Richard Cayko 14,040.00; Roger Chinn 14,040.00; Lloyd Clock 48,878.04; LeRoy Defoe 40,272.00; Jan Dodge 34,089.00; Tammy Evanson 41,334.00; Amy Fast 48,204.00; Richard Fischer 47,576.04; Rita Fischer 42,774.96; John Fulwider 50,097.00; Jodi Hanson 34,314.96; Denae Hoffmann 38,049.96; Karen Holte 32,813.64; John Holter 62,177.04; Matthew Johansen 37,535.04; Dennis Johnson 42,147.00; Ann Johnsrud 50,600.04; Bonnie Johnsrud 38,420.04; Vonnie Johnsrud 32,700.00; Debora Johnston 42,060.00; Christian Jones 36,426.00; Carol Kieson 36,012.96; Mark Koeser 61,197.00; Jodee Lawlar 26,610.00; Rick Lawlar 14,040.00; Sandy Meyer 31,401.84; Debra Moser Young Bear 37,080.00; Judy Murie 34,530.00; Dan Neprash 57,107.04; Kim Neprash 34,275.00; Frances Olson 56,900.04; Dale Patten 14,040.00; JoLynn Pelton 32,813.64; Robert Perry 46,274.04; Ron Rankin 52,793.04; Michelle Rogness 30,407.64; Kristy Roles 32,813.64; Lanae Roos 52,407.96; Jerry Samuelson 45,436.92; MaLissa Schroeder 34,268.04; Linda Svihovec 52,220.04; Marlys Sydor 25,710.00; Dawn Tschetter 35,844.00; Gene Veeder 69,510.96; Paula Wagner 27,229.92; Cherri Weyrauch 41,555.04; Jaret Wirtz 55,170.00; Debra Wisness 41,550.96; Ed Yadon 57,107.04; Margaret Zubke 30,672.00. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Cayko and seconded by Patten to approve utility permit applications from Bear Paw Energy and Hess Corporation. All voting aye, motion carried.

There was a short discussion on wind energy development and the need to be proactive. Sample land use plans will be obtained for review at the February meeting.

Moved by Patten and seconded by Cayko to appoint Brent Sanford, Mark Sovig and John Skurupey to the Job Development Authority. All voting aye, motion carried.

Notice has been received that the state rate for mileage reimbursements has changed effective January 1, 2010. Moved by Cayko and seconded by Patten to follow the state rate as it changes. All voting aye, motion carried.

The various building projects in the works were discussed. It was decided to continue with the HVAC retrofit and the storage building for completion in 2010. Work needs to continue on the Law Enforcement Center work so that it can start as soon as possible in 2011. Anderson will be the commission contact on the projects.

Moved by Patten and seconded by Chinn to send a letter of support for the appointment of Lance Gaebe as State Land Commissioner. All voting aye, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM CST until Tuesday, February 2, 2010, beginning at 9:00 AM CST.