

BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – March 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Kasian, Arthaud and Thompson in attendance. The meeting was rescheduled from Tuesday, March 3rd due to a conflict with a state meeting.

Arthaud moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2009 regular meeting. Thompson seconded.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Sharon Gerbig and Jennifer Illich, Stark/Billings Extension Service; Steve Dorval and Ted Billadeau, Heartland Engineering; John Hild, Medora Grazing Association; Craig Kubas, Kadrmas Lee & Jackson; Custodian Larry Johnson, Medora City Mayor Doug Ellison; State's Attorney Jay Brovold; Deputy Sheriff Pat Rummel; Tax Director Lynn Arthaud; First District Road Foreman Jim Haag; Sheriff Dave Jurgens; County Recorder/Clerk of Court Donna Adams

The board requested that Custodian Larry Johnson come into the meeting to discuss a bill received for cleaning snow off of the courthouse roof. Larry hired the contractor to complete the job because the roof was starting to leak. He thought the bill was a bit more than it should have been, and wasn't comfortable with the amount the county was being billed for the job. Chairman Kasian requested that the contractor be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Clint Schneider's term on the weed board expires March 31, 2009, and Clint has agreed to another term. Thompson moved to appoint him to another four year term. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

The board received and approved the following permits:

Application for Pipeline Permit

- Bear Paw Energy – Section 9, 10 & 16, Township 143, Range 102

The board discussed the need to find someone to represent Billings County on the Council on Aging board. To be a voting member of the board, the appointee needs to be at least 60 years of age. No decision was made at this time.

Sharon Gerbig and Jennifer Illich with Stark/Billings County Extension service met with the board to give them an overview of the Family Nutrition Program available to Stark, Billings and Golden Valley County residents. Sharon also informed the board that she is retiring effective March 31, 2009.

Steve Dorval and Ted Billadeau, Heartland Engineering, presented the board with preliminary plans for the proposed blacktail road project.

John Hild met with the board to request that the county allow 25% of the grazing fees that the county receives through the Bankhead Jones funding be allocated back to the Medora Grazing Association to help with completion of water projects. This is an annual request and will not carry over to future years unless it is requested. Thompson moved to allow the additional 25% allocation to the Medora Grazing Association. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

Doug Ellison met with the board, at their request, to discuss the quiet zone the City of Medora is proposing. There is a 60 day comment period, but Mayor Ellison informed the board that a comment from them is not necessary unless they wish to do so.

Pat Rummel, Jay Brovold, Lynn Arthaud and Doug Ellison updated the board on the paramedic position that is advertised. They've received some good applications and hope to have someone filling the position by summer. Discussion arose as to housing availability for the person that fills this position.

Commissioner Thompson informed the board that he had spoken with Philip Malkowski about the bridge on the Bill O'Brien road. Philip recalls that Billings County purchased that bridge from Dunn County.

KLJ Engineer Craig Kubas met with the board with the monthly engineer's report and project updates and the advertised gravel crushing and stockpiling bid opening. The bids received are as follows: Sundree Sand and Gravel - \$258,000.00 and Fischer Sand and Gravel \$257,000.00. Thompson moved to accept Fischer Sand and Gravel's bid. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

12 Noon to 1 PM – The board recessed for lunch.

Lynn Arthaud and Connie Kadrmas requested that they be allowed an additional 30 days to use their vacation hours that need to be used before April 1, 2009. Thompson moved to approve the additional 30 day grace period to all employees that have vacation time to use prior to April 1st. The extension is until May 1, 2009. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

Dave Jurgens and Donna Adams joined the meeting to select a voting delegate to the North Dakota Association of Counties for 2009 and 2010. Thompson moved to appoint Joan Jurgens as the voting delegate and Donna Adams as an alternate. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of February: Zoning Inspector \$50.00 Pipeline Permits; Clerk of Court \$281.80 County Fees and \$2,505.00 State Fees; County Recorder \$3,315.25 February collections; Sheriff \$20.00 Misc Fees.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in February: Joseph L. Kessel \$131.00 Dental Insurance Premium; Paul Douglas \$4,169.77 Economic Development Payment; Cody Cerkoney \$181.26 Chemical Spraying; Connie Redmond \$78.00 Used Bridge Plank; Ken Obrigewitch \$40.00 Used Edges;

Revenues for the month of February: Financial Institution Tax \$4,008.29; Highway Distribution \$9,091.76; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$79,217.75; Permits \$7,970.00; Royalties \$20,866.10; Highway Distribution \$9,091.76; Interest \$5,999.02; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$44,559.98

The following claims were approved for payment:

3D Specialties, Inc.	Road Sign Hardware	94659	\$	102.30	3
Acme Electric	Shop Supplies	94660	\$	98.96	3
Advanced Business Methods, Inc.	Copier Contract	94661	\$	977.50	
Alternative Sanitation	Haul Waste	94662	\$	141.00	1, 2, 3
AmeriPride Linen Service	Mat Rentals	94663	\$	83.05	3
B & B Sanitation	Shop Drain Repairs	94664	\$	250.00	1
Bares, Virginia	Supt. of Schools – Mathcounts	94665	\$	219.89	
Billings County Rural Fire District	Taxes	94666	\$	36,774.56	
Billings County Historical Society	Taxes	94667	\$	2,150.22	
Billings County Historical Society	Budget	94668	\$	12,500.00	
Billings Count Pioneer	Publishing	94669	\$	525.21	1, 2, G
Billings County School District	Weed – Shop Rent	94670	\$	300.00	Weed
Billings County School District	Taxes	94671	\$	182,396.76	
Billings County Sheriff	S.O. – Travel & Postage	94672	\$	79.31	
Beall Corporation	Parts & Supplies	94673	\$	5.44	3
Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94674	\$	2,440.63	2, 3, G
Best Energy	Propane	94675	\$	8,496.63	1, 2, 3, G
Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.	Dental & Vision Premiums	94676	\$	1,735.20	1, 2, 3, G, W
Boespflug Trailers & Feed	Parts & Supplies	94677	\$	11.41	3
Bosch Lumber Company	Courthouse – Remodeling	94678	\$	243.35	2, G
Boss Office Products	Supt. of Schools – Supplies	94679	\$	114.52	
Brooks & Associates, C. E.	Land Use Plan – Roadless	94680	\$	533.73	
Brooks & Associates, C. E.	Land Use Plan – Range Mgmt.	94681	\$	262.50	
Bullberry Systems, Inc.	911 Engineering	94682	\$	3,550.00	
Butler Machinery Company, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94683	\$	248.93	1
Carpenter Law Offices	W-2 Advisory Service	94684	\$	145.00	
Cass County Treasurer	Document Preservation Fund	94685	\$	99.00	
Chemsearch	Shop Supplies	94686	\$	258.48	2
Comfort Inn – Bismarck	Tax Director – Travel	94687	\$	55.00	
Cornerstone, Inc.	Courthouse – Remodeling	94688	\$	5,865.00	
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	Tractor Rental & Supplies	94689	\$	4,134.04	1, G
Dakota Filter Supply	Parts & Supplies	94690	\$	131.48	3
Dakota Jacks	Shop Expense	94691	\$	391.71	3
Dakota Water Treatment	Water System	94692	\$	25.00	1
Dan's Interstate Conoco	S. O. – Gas	94693	\$	578.33	
Diamond Truck Equipment	Parts & Supplies	94694	\$	29.76	1
Dickinson Public Library	Library Services	94695	\$	2,441.78	
Dickinson Supply, Inc.	Shop Supplies	94696	\$	120.39	3
Dickinson Tire, Inc.	S. O. – Tires	94697	\$	689.09	
DTE, Inc.	Road Equipment	94698	\$	2,773.00	3
Electronic Communications	Radio Expense	94699	\$	835.00	2
Expressway Inn – Bismarck	911 Mapping Meeting	94700	\$	384.80	

Farmers Union Oil Company	Gas & Shop Supplies	94701	\$	3,362.57	1, 2, G
Fastenal	Shop Supplies	94702	\$	545.09	3
Floor to Ceiling Store	Courthouse – Remodeling	94703	\$	10,200.00	
Four Season Trophies	Supt. of Schools – Spelling Bee	94704	\$	89.70	
General Steel & Supply Company	Parts & Supplies	94705	\$	349.53	3
George's Tire, Ltd.	Tire Repairs	94706	\$	408.00	3
Golden Valley County	Social Service	94707	\$	4,778.93	
Heartland Engineering	Blacktail Road	94708	\$	3,878.10	2
Heiser Electric, Don	Electrical Services	94709	\$	856.61	3, G
Hlebechuk Construction	Short Road Snow Removal	94710	\$	284.00	1, 2
J P Steel & Supply	Iron Supplies	94711	\$	227.73	2
Jurgens, Dave	Risk Mgmt. – Wellness Program	94712	\$	350.00	
Jurgens, Ken	Courthouse – Remodeling	94713	\$	3,240.00	
Kadrmass, Lee, & Jackson, Inc.	Engineering Services	94714	\$	30,957.47	1, 2, G
Kasian, Mike	Mileage	94715	\$	178.00	2
King Speed Printing	Auditor – Vouchers	94716	\$	195.00	
Krebs Machine & Repair	Parts & Repairs	94717	\$	2,137.52	2
Lacal Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94718	\$	325.24	3
Mid American Research Chemical	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	94719	\$	364.48	
Mark's Tire Service, Inc.	Maintenance – Sweeper Tires	94720	\$	96.24	
Medora, City of...	Taxes	94721	\$	22,853.39	
Midstate Telephone Company	Courthouse – Telephone Service	94722	\$	836.74	
Midstate Communications	Supt. of Schools – Telephone	94723	\$	41.30	
Missouri Basin Well Service, Inc.	Saltwater	94724	\$	468.75	3
Mobile Binders	Recorder – Binders	94725	\$	342.40	
Missouri Valley Petroleum, Inc.	Gas, Oil, & Diesel Fuel	94726	\$	14,330.28	2, 3
N.D. Association of Counties	D & A Testing	94727	\$	25.00	3
N.D. Association of Counties	911 Taxes	94728	\$	188.46	
N.D. Clerk of Court Association	2009 Membership Dues	94729	\$	60.00	
N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame	Meeting Room Maintenance	94730	\$	200.00	
N.D. Department of Transportation	Registration & Title Fees	94731	\$	10.00	2
N.D. Game & Fish Department.	Game Licenses	94732	\$	18.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Health Insurance Premium	94733	\$	21,491.20	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D. Secretary of State	Auditor – Notary Renewal	94734	\$	36.00	
N.D. State Radio Communications	911 Service	94735	\$	184.80	
N.D. State Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	94736	\$	6,851.51	
NDACO Resources Group.	Recorder – Thermal Labels	94737	\$	61.05	
N.D.A.C.S.	Supt. of Schools – Dues	94738	\$	100.00	
Nelson International	Parts & Supplies	94739	\$	152.84	1
Newby's Ace Hardware	Remodeling & Shop Supplies	94740	\$	1,302.43	2, G
O'Brien Welding	Parts & Repairs	94741	\$	1,443.91	3
Praxair	Shop Supplies	94742	\$	45.94	1
ProBuild	Courthouse – Remodeling	94743	\$	187.35	
Pump Systems, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94744	\$	25.72	1
RDO Equipment Company	Parts & Supplies	94745	\$	1,648.68	2
Roughrider Electric Cooperative	Electricity	94746	\$	2,360.00	1, 2, 3, G
Rummel Auto Wrecking	Shop Supplies	94747	\$	98.20	1
Rummel, Pat	D.E.M. – Travel	94748	\$	25.00	
Runnings Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94749	\$	1,307.44	1, 2, Weed
Southwest Business Machines	Office Supplies	94750	\$	403.71	G, Weed
Scheels – Bismarck	S.O. – Uniforms	94751	\$	74.99	
Schmidt Repair, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94752	\$	1,351.10	1, 3
Seven Seas – Mandan	Weed – Convention	94753	\$	110.00	Weed
Sherwin Williams	Courtyard Paint	94754	\$	130.00	
St. Joseph's Hospital	S.O. – Blood Test	94755	\$	89.00	
Stein's, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	94756	\$	97.86	
SuperPumper, Inc.	S. O. – Gas	94757	\$	27.00	
Southwestern District Health Unit	Taxes	94758	\$	13,379.21	
Southwest Multi-Co. Correction Ctr.	Prisoner Care	94759	\$	60.00	
Southwest Water Authority	Water Usage	94760	\$	105.85	2, 3
Southwest Water Authority	Taxes	94761	\$	4,346.51	
Thompson, Allan T.	Mileage	94762	\$	229.00	1
Tom's Service Center	S. O. – Service Work	94763	\$	294.10	
Tractor & Equipment Company	Parts & Repairs	94764	\$	667.90	1
Vogel Law Firm	Land Use Plan – Elk Mgmt.	94765	\$	82.00	
Wal-Mart	Supplies	94766	\$	387.67	2, 3, G
West Dakota Oil, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	94767	\$	660.20	1
Western Fire & Safety, Inc.	Safety Supplies	94768	\$	757.38	1, 3
Westlie Truck Center	Parts & Supplies	94769	\$	6,471.08	3
Wolf, Rod & Mony	Courthouse – Remodeling	94770	\$	2,500.00	
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	94771	\$	170.08	2, G
Alltel	Cellular Service	94808	\$	326.87	1, 3, G
American Family Life Assurance	Premium	94809	\$	674.82	
Consolidated	Internet Service	94810	\$	238.45	2, 3, W
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Administrative Fees	94811	\$	90.00	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Premium	94812	\$	1,918.35	
Information Technology Dept.	S.O. – T-1 Line	94813	\$	415.40	
Medora, City of...	Courthouse – Utilities	94814	\$	165.19	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Deferred Comp. Premium	94815	\$	3,889.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Retirement	94816	\$	9,585.53	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D. Teachers Fund	Retirement	94817	\$	208.70	
Prudential	Deferred Comp. Premium	94818	\$	50.00	
Qwest	Telephone Service	94819	\$	297.41	1, 2, 3, G, W

Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Telephone Service	94820	\$	49.58	1, 2, 3, G
Visa	Courthouse – Supplies	94821	\$	969.35	

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for February: General Fund \$59,820.03; Road and Bridge Fund \$55,553.84; Weed Fund \$3,603.60

With there being no further business, Kasian moved to adjourn the meeting 2:45 P.M. Thompson seconded.

Michael E. Kasian, Chairman

Attest: _____

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer