

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Arthaud, Kasian and Kessel in attendance.

Kessel moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Tax Director Lynn Arthaud, Pat Rummel, Jason Kastrow, Grant Geis, Pat Weir, Sheriff Dave Jurgens, Don Heiser, John Hild, Jerry Krieg, Craig Kubas, Jennifer Turnbow.

Kessel moved to appoint Pam Evoniuk to a three year term on the Social Service Board. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Pat Rummel, Jason Kastrow and Grant Geis met with the board to discuss the shortage of ambulance volunteers. Issues that were discussed included hiring a paramedic, housing, and the possibly of combining a position with another. Pat Weir volunteered to work with the ambulance volunteers to explore options that might lead to a solution to this problem.

Tax Director Lynn Arthaud presented the board with the following permits:

Application for Pipeline Permit

- Bridger Pipeline - Section 15 141-98 to Section 33-140-100

County Highway Department Construction in County Right of Way Permit

- Bridger Pipeline – Sections 25,26,34 in 140-100; Sections 3,31 in 140-99; Sections 15,21,28,31,32 in 141-98

The board reviewed the North Dakota Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness. Kasian moved to adopt a resolution in opposition to the proposal. Kessel seconded. All voted aye. Copies of the proposal will we sent to our congressional delegation.

RESOLUTION NO: 2008-16

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Wilderness Coalition has proposed that over 67,000 acres of National Grasslands, State Land, and private land in four western counties and two southeastern counties in North Dakota as wilderness areas; and

WHEREAS, such proposed designation would severely curtail present legal uses of these lands, to the detriment of the local and state economies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED :

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Billings County, ND, does oppose designation of these Federal, State, and private lands in Billings, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Ransom, Richland, and Slope Counties, ND, as wilderness or wilderness study areas.

Dated at Medora, ND, this 7th day of October, 2008
Billings County, North Dakota

By: _____
Jim Arthaud, Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Joan Jurgens, County Auditor

Don Heiser, John Hild and Dave Jurgens met with the board concerning the burn ban. It was their suggestion that the burn ban go back to having it based on the fire index. Kessel moved to approve the following resolution and Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO: 2008-17

Fire Emergency Order

WHEREAS, the Billings County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that current conditions have created an extreme risk to the citizens and property within Billings County, ND, of unnecessary loss by fire; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BILLINGS COUNTY IS DECLARED UNDER A FIRE EMERGENCY ORDER AND A BURN BAN IS IN FORCE.

1. No travel is to be allowed off of surfaced roadways normally used for vehicular traffic except as necessary for normal farmer/rancher or industry operations.
2. Industrial operating crews and farmer/rancher operations shall have fire extinguishers and normal fire-fighting equipment at hand, and industrial personnel shall remain at the job site for one-half hour after daily operations are completed.
3. Smoking is restricted to inside of vehicles or buildings unless stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or clear of all flammable materials.
4. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site equipped with metal fire rings or with elevated charcoal or propane grills is prohibited. Developed recreation site is a cleared area specifically designated for camping/campfires.
5. This burn ban is in effect for Billings County when the Fire Index is in the High, Very High or Extreme category until further notice.

Pursuant to NDCC 37-17.1-10 (3), any person who willfully violates the burning ban established by this resolution is guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, and restitution of fire suppression costs may be sought from the court.

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KLJ personnel Jerry Krieg, Craig Kubas and Jennifer Turnbow met with the board for the monthly engineer's report and other project updates.

12 Noon to 1:00 PM – The board recessed.

The 2009 budget hearing was held at 1:30 as advertised. Nobody appeared either for or against it. Kessel moved to approve the 2009 budget as presented. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

The regularly scheduled November meeting date falls on Election Day. Kasian moved to hold the meeting the following day. Kessel seconded. All voted aye.

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of September: County Recorder \$5,647.50 September collections; Clerk of Court – State Fees \$5,350.00 County Fees \$337.60; Sheriff \$25.00 Civil Fees, Zoning Inspector \$125.00 Pipeline Permits.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in September: Public \$70.31 Misc. copies, maps and faxes; Kathy Dosch \$29.04 maps; Pat O'Brien \$117.60 gravel; Hallie Lavelle \$53.75 used

chair; Connie Redmond \$162.75 Used bridge plank and sill; Medora Grazing Association \$5,000.30 chemical and spraying.

Revenues for the month of September: Licenses & Permits \$8,180.00; Royalties \$114,625.13; Highway Distribution \$8,556.76; Interest \$16,747.75; BLM Minerals 369,891.16; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$650,317.03.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Adams, Donna	Recorder – Travel	93692	\$	48.00	
Alternative Sanitation	Haul Waste	93693	\$	141.00	1, 2, 3
Andreas, George & Rose Marie	Rough Scoria	93694	\$	120.00	3
Bares, Virginia	Supt. of Schools – Supplies	93695	\$	95.58	
Billings County Rural Fire District	Taxes	93696	\$	84.78	
Billings County Historical Society	Taxes	93697	\$	32.12	
Billings County Pioneer	Subscription	93698	\$	31.00	
Billings County Pioneer	Publishing	93699	\$	578.59	
Billings County School District	Shop Rent	93700	\$	300.00	Weed
Billings County School District	Taxes	93701	\$	504,916.97	
Billings County Sheriff	Travel Expenses	93702	\$	137.97	
Billings County Weed Board	Weed Spraying	93703	\$	11,237.15	1, 2, 3
Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	93704	\$	512.18	2, 3
Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.	Dental & Vision Premiums	93705	\$	1,669.70	1, 2, 3, G, W
Bob's Oilfield Service, Inc.	Fuse Pipe	93706	\$	469.50	1, 2
Boltz Construction	Blade Roads	93707	\$	5,079.00	3
Bosch Lumber Company	Shop Supplies	93708	\$	44.40	1
Boss Office Products	Supt. of Schools – Supplies	93709	\$	8.28	
Bowman County	Election Equipment	93710	\$	300.00	
Braunberger Construction, Gene	Courthouse – Concrete Work	93711	\$	19,927.00	
Brooks & Associates, C.E.	Land Use Plan	93712	\$	30.82	
Brooks & Associates, C.E.	Livestock Grazing Analysis	93713	\$	4,117.50	
Burnie's	Recording Binders	93714	\$	1,109.75	
Butler Machinery Company	Parts & Supplies	93715	\$	891.27	1, 2
Cass County Treasurer	Document Preservation Fund	93716	\$	526.50	
Chateau Nuts	NDACO Convention	93717	\$	49.00	
Computer Software Associates	Recorder – DocuPro Support Fee	93718	\$	2,104.00	
Connor Sales Company, Inc.	500 BBL. Water Tanks	93719	\$	37,370.00	1
Consolidated Telcom	Internet Service	93720	\$	238.45	2, 3, Weed
Copy X-Press	S.O. – Printing	93721	\$	120.00	
Cowboy Café	D.E.M. – Training	93722	\$	59.88	
Dakota Ag Seeds, Inc.	Weed Chemicals	93723	\$	10,839.69	Weed
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	93724	\$	2,471.52	1, 2, 3
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	John Deere Tractor	93725	\$	35,500.00	1
Dakota Filter Supply	Parts & Supplies	93726	\$	127.90	3
Dakota Insurance	Property Insurance	93727	\$	401.00	1,G
Dakota Sports	Fire District – 6x6 Equipment	93728	\$	15,141.00	
Dan's Interstate Conoco	S.O. – Gas	93729	\$	385.00	
Dash Medical Gloves	S.O. – Safety Supplies	93730	\$	44.90	
DF Lighting Company	Lighting Supplies	93731	\$	1,675.36	1
Dickinson Ambulance Service	Ambulance Assist	93732	\$	400.00	
Dickinson Press	Burn Ban Publishing	93733	\$	103.80	
Dickinson Public Library	Library Service	93734	\$	2,701.14	
DTE, Inc.	Parts & Hoist Repairs	93735	\$	3,448.76	2
Electronic Communications	Radio Equipment	93736	\$	630.50	1
Electro Watchman, Inc.	Courthouse – Security	93737	\$	529.35	
Emergency Medical Products, Inc.	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	93738	\$	194.04	
ESP Computers & Software, Inc.	Computer Supplies	93739	\$	69.90	
Farmers Union Oil Company	Shop Tools	93740	\$	38.65	2
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	Shop Supplies	93741	\$	269.92	1, G
Fireside Office Products	Recorder – Supplies	93742	\$	10.30	
Fix It Shop	Tool Repair	93743	\$	62.00	1
Golden Valley County	Social Service	93744	\$	5,045.61	
Great Plains Directory Service	County Plat Books	93745	\$	134.95	Weed
Heiman, Inc.	Fire District – Int'l Chassis	93746	\$	101,860.00	
Heiser Electric, Don	Shop Expense	93747	\$	101.07	1
Hlebechuk Construction	Blade Roads, Dig Reservoir	93748	\$	28,170.25	1, 2
Information Technology Dept.	S.O. – T-1 Line	93749	\$	415.40	
Jay R's Auto Body	V-Plow/Wing Repairs	93750	\$	7,450.00	3
J P Steel & Supply, Inc.	Steel Supplies	93751	\$	144.09	1
Jurgens, Dave	S.O. – Travel	93752	\$	45.00	
Jurgens, Joan	Auditor – Travel	93753	\$	93.50	
Kadrmars, Lee, & Jackson, Inc.	Engineering Services	93754	\$	94,786.55	1, 2, 3
Kasian, Mike	Mileage	93755	\$	225.00	2
Knudtson, Oscar	Ambulance – Training Travel	93756	\$	87.00	
Kohler Communications, Inc.	Radio Equipment	93757	\$	19.95	1
Kropp Law Offices, PC	Legal Services	93758	\$	123.75	
Larrivee Architects, Inc., J.P.	S.O. – Courthouse Remodeling	93759	\$	65.00	
Lindbo Welding Service	Machine Work & Repairs	93760	\$	130.00	Weed
Marboe, Jenny	Ambulance – Training Travel	93761	\$	35.00	
Marshall & Swift	Tax Director – Subscription	93762	\$	444.20	
Matthew Bender & Company, Inc.	Court Rule Updates	93763	\$	27.80	

Medora, City of...	Courthouse – Utilities	93764	\$	271.95	
Medora, City of...	Taxes	93765	\$	1,478.51	
Midstate Telephone Company	Courthouse – Telephone Service	93766	\$	1,109.58	
Midstate Communications	Supt. of Schools – Telephone	93767	\$	46.80	
Mobile Binders	Recorder – Book Repairs	93768	\$	516.08	
Missouri Valley Petroleum, Inc.	Gas, Oil, & Diesel	93769	\$	25,889.07	2, 3, G
N.D. Association of Counties	Taxes	93770	\$	186.85	
N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame	Meeting Room Maintenance	93771	\$	200.00	
N.D. Department of Health	Ambulance – License Renewal	93772	\$	50.00	
N.D. Envelope Company	Recorder – Supplies	93773	\$	100.07	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Health Insurance Premium	93774	\$	21,466.02	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D. State Radio Communications	S.O. – T-1 Line & 911 Services	93775	\$	543.00	
N.D. State Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	93776	\$	5,392.91	
Nelson International	Parts & Supplies	93777	\$	272.55	1
Newby's Ace Hardware	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	93778	\$	74.56	
Northern Plains Plumbing & Heating	S.O. – Courthouse Remodeling	93779	\$	5,620.75	
O'Brien Welding	Courthouse – Machine Work	93780	\$	115.39	
Off Road Software, Inc.	Offroad GIS Services	93781	\$	1,400.00	
OK Tires Stores	Tires	93782	\$	1,712.60	3
One Stop Rental	Ditch Witch Rental	93783	\$	68.00	1
Performance Truck Center	Parts & Repairs	93784	\$	305.22	1
Pitney Bowes Reserve Account	Postage Meter Refill	93785	\$	1,200.00	
Prairie Implement & Equipment	Leased Tractor Mileage	93786	\$	450.00	1
Press Room	Recorder – Maps	93787	\$	30.00	
Professional Printing	S.O. – Printing	93788	\$	138.00	
Pump Systems, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	93789	\$	768.65	1, 3, Weed
Pump Systems, Inc.	4500 Gal. Water Tank	93790	\$	43,267.05	1
Queen City Upholstery	Courtyard – Remodeling	93791	\$	750.14	
Ray's Auto Electric, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	93792	\$	118.28	1
Red Man Pipe & Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	93793	\$	807.13	2, 3
Roughrider Electric Cooperative	Electricity	93794	\$	2,523.00	1, 2, 3, G
Roughrider Speed Center, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	93795	\$	599.96	1, G
Rummel, Patrick	D.E.M. – Travel	93796	\$	100.00	
Runnings Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	93797	\$	477.26	1, 2, G
Sax Motor Company, Inc.	S.O. – Supplies	93798	\$	80.55	
Sax Motor Company, Inc.	Fire District – 2008 Pickups	93799	\$	72,379.76	
Southwest Business Machines	Office Supplies	93800	\$	534.03	1, G
Schmidt Repair, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	93801	\$	346.90	3
Service Printers	Tax Director – Printing	93802	\$	50.00	
Sherwin Williams	Courtyard – Remodeling	93803	\$	300.76	
Sleep Inn & Suites – Minot	D.E.M. – Travel	93804	\$	165.00	
St. Joseph's Hospital	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	93805	\$	11.80	
Steffan's Saw & Bike	Tool Repairs	93806	\$	136.90	2
Stein's, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	93807	\$	636.36	
Superpumper	S.O. – Gas	93808	\$	33.27	
Southwestern District Health Unit	Taxes	93809	\$	139.87	
Southwest Multi-Co. Correction Ctr.	Prisoner Care	93810	\$	165.00	
Southwest Water Authority	Water Usage	93811	\$	2,002.10	3
Southwest Water Authority	Taxes	93812	\$	42.91	
Symbol Arts	S.O. – Uniforms	93813	\$	128.00	
Tom's Service Center	S.O. – Gas	93814	\$	52.00	
Tractor & Equipment Company	Parts & Supplies	93815	\$	802.24	1
T.R. Medora Foundation	D.E.M. – Training	93816	\$	48.30	
United Building Centers	Courtyard – Remodeling	93817	\$	624.50	
Vanberkom Business Products	Auditor – Printing	93818	\$	196.38	
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	93819	\$	172.23	2, G
Vesey, Emily	Ambulance – Training Travel	93820	\$	240.00	
Viking Glass	Courthouse – Supplies	93821	\$	329.63	
Wal-Mart	Supplies	93822	\$	473.58	3, G
West Plains Implement Company	Parts & Supplies	93823	\$	43.17	3
Western Fire & Safety	Safety Supplies	93824	\$	174.05	1, 2, 3
Westlie Crossroads Truck Center	Parts & Supplies	93825	\$	1,844.00	3
Wolf, Rod & Mony	Courtyard – Remodeling	93826	\$	700.00	
Alltel	Cellular Service		\$	378.94	1, 3, G
American Family Life Assurance	Premium		\$	679.29	
Armbrust, Joseph A.	Primary Election Official		\$	254.80	
Conseco Health Insurance Co.	Premium		\$	24.90	
Dell Commercial Credit	Ambulance – Dell Computer		\$	4,994.00	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Administrative Fees		\$	90.00	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Premium		\$	1,985.02	
First State Bank of Golva	Payroll Taxes		\$	27,891.67	1, 2, 3, G, W
Job Service of North Dakota	Unemployment Taxes		\$	2,268.13	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Deferred Comp. Premium		\$	3,839.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Retirement		\$	9,542.38	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D. State Tax Commissioner	State Income Tax Withholding		\$	6,934.08	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D. Teachers Fund	Retirement		\$	191.83	
Prudential	Deferred Comp. Premium		\$	50.00	
Qwest	Telephone Service		\$	307.21	1, 2, 3, G
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Telephone Service		\$	49.69	1, 2, 3, G
Tczap, John	Courthouse – Snow Removal		\$	60.00	
Visa			\$	352.95	

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for September: General Fund \$58,182.75; Road and Bridge Fund \$57,050.33; Weed Fund \$5,611.71

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

James Arthaud, Chairman

Attest: _____

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer