

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 2, 2010**

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

Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2010 regular meeting and the February 4, 2010 special meeting. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Paul Kessel, Mildred Kessel, Bobby Olstad, Roy Krivoruchka, Don Heiser, Dave Jurgens, Pat Rummel, Jay Brovold, Keri Klang, Kelly Newman, Tom Cox, Milo Thompson, Lynn Heiser, Larry Strohm, John Tczap, Lynn Arthaud, Sandy Baertsch, Craig Kubas, Jim Haag, Jeff Iverson, John Hild, Don Heiser, Jennifer Ondracek, John Bey, Bernie Kordonowy, Michael Tank, Mike Njos, Jeremy Wood, Russel Lapp, Doug Ellison

Paul and Mildred Kessel met with the board to discuss their 2009 property valuations.

Gordon Gerbig's term on the weed board expires March 31, 2010. Gordon has indicated that he will accept another term. Thompson moved to appoint Gordon to another four year term. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

The zoning board terms of Anita Kessel, Connie Kasian and Cathy Cerkoney expire April 30, 2010. All have indicated that they would accept another term. Arthaud moved to appoint them to another four year term. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

The board discussed the possibility of joining Stark County in putting the question of whether to petition DOT for a change to central time to the county residents. It was the general consensus of the board to put the question on the ballot in June and let the residents of Billings County vote for their choice. If the vote comes back that the majority of the residents do wish to go on central time if Stark County does, and Stark County voters approve petitioning the Federal Department of Transportation, Billings County will also submit a petition. The final decision is up to the Department of Transportation whether to grant the change. A yes vote in Billings County would be contingent upon voter approval in Stark County. If the change is approved in Billings County, but not in Stark County, Billings County will not petition DOT for the change. Thompson moved to put the question on the June Primary ballot. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Roy Krivoruchka met with the board to discuss adding a small addition to the fire hall in second district to house the generator that will run both the fire hall and the county shop. The fire district has also proposed further addition that would also add additional equipment storage area. Commissioner Arthaud suggested putting this project on hold until the new fire chief takes over and get his input on an addition, however a shelter for the generator will be done immediately.

The board was notified that the new fire chief will take over mid March. Arthaud moved to leave the salary the same as it currently is. Thompson seconded. All voted aye.

Keri Klang and Pat Rummel presented the board with the bid on the new ambulance. The bid came in over the amount budgeted by \$36,000.00. Thompson moved to adjust the ambulance equipment budget by that amount with the funding from the general fund reserves. Arthaud seconded. All voted aye.

Discussion ensued about improving the top level of the emergency building in Medora for sleeping quarters for a paramedic to stay when covering the county on Keri's days off. It was determined that a building inspection should be done prior to starting the project to ensure that the construction is done according to code.

Bobby Olstad with Dakota Insurance met with the board with the annual insurance coverage and premium notice.

The board recessed for lunch from 12 noon to 1 P.M.

At 1:00 P.M. the board reconvened in the courtroom for the flood mitigation meeting. Representatives from Billings County, City of Medora, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad were in attendance. Jeremy Wood with Highland Engineering has reviewed the potential for ice jams and found that the trees around the interstate bridge and the railroad bridge may be a concern, but they were not a factor in the 2009 flooding. Reverse 911 was brought up, and the county is close to implementing that system. If something occurs prior to that implementation, an agreement is in place with Stark County to use their system. County officials will also contact residents along the river in addition to the reverse 911 notification. The use of sandbags and using the county dirt equipment to build earth dikes was discussed. Jeremy Wood is going to shoot the elevations of various areas along the river. The weather service has given their assurance that the gauges will not fail this year as they did last year.

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of February: Clerk of Court \$217.20 county fees and \$2,063.00 state fees; County Recorder \$5,437.25 February collections

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in February: Joe Kessel \$71.50 dental insurance; Allan Richard \$89.52 water; Joe LaDuke \$250.00 snow removal; Norm Winter \$50.00 snow removal; Dustin Richard \$17.78 weed chemical;

Revenues for the month of February: Financial Institution Tax \$2,025.65; Highway Tax \$5,731.29; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$221,341.32; Permits \$4,260.00; Royalties \$48,063.12, Interest \$17,476.22

The following claims were approved for payment:

Advanced Business Methods	Copier Contract	96905	\$	1,075.00	
Alternative Sanitation	Haul Waste	96906	\$	141.00	1, 2, 3
American Welding & Gas	Welding Supplies	96907	\$	73.48	2
Ameripride Linen Service	Mat Rental	96908	\$	42.85	3
Atlas Windshield Repair	Windshield Repair	96909	\$	280.00	1
Bares, Virginia	Supt. of Schools – Supplies	96910	\$	34.26	
Basin Hydraulic Company	Parts & Repairs	96911	\$	259.15	2
Billings County Auditor	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96912	\$	150.00	
Billings County Rural Fire District	Taxes	96913	\$	36,206.98	
Billings County Historical Society	Taxes	96914	\$	2,138.11	
Billings County Pioneer	Publishing	96915	\$	392.84	
Billings County School District	Weed – Shop Rent	96916	\$	300.00	
Billings County School District	Taxes	96917	\$	186,884.79	
Billings County Sheriff	Training Expenses	96918	\$	151.58	
Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96919	\$	680.32	2, 3, W, G
Best Energy	Propane	96920	\$	10,326.22	1, 2, 3, G
Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.	Dental & Vision Premiums	96921	\$	2,017.05	1, 2, 3, W, G
Brooks & Associates, C.E.	Land Use Plan	96922	\$	1,334.36	
Butler Machinery Company, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96923	\$	259.25	1
Carpenter Law Offices	W-2 Advisory Service	96924	\$	135.00	
Carquest Auto Parts	Parts & Supplies	96925	\$	54.29	1
Cash, Kathy	Election – Training	96926	\$	27.50	
Cass County Treasurer	Document Preservation Fund	96927	\$	150.00	
Channing Bete Co.	Ambulance – Supplies	96928	\$	343.51	
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	Courthouse – Soda Pop	96929	\$	112.77	
Consolidated	Weed – Supplies	96930	\$	47.93	
Creative Energy	Gas, Diesel, Oil, & Shop Supplies	96931	\$	4,063.23	1, 2, G
Custom Cage	S. O. – Partition	96932	\$	620.00	
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	96933	\$	2,250.57	1, 3
Dakota Filter Supply	Parts & Supplies	96934	\$	232.50	3
Dakota Insurance	Property Insurance	96935	\$	8.00	2, 3, G
Dakota Water Treatment	Water System	96936	\$	25.00	1
Dan's Interstate Conoco	S. O. – Gas	96937	\$	430.20	
Denny's Electric	Parts & Supplies	96938	\$	76.00	1
DF Lighting Company	Lighting Supplies	96939	\$	661.26	
Dickinson Public Library	Library Service	96940	\$	2,295.60	
DJ's Tesoro	S. O. – Gas	96941	\$	30.01	
Electronic Communications	S. O. – Radio Expense	96942	\$	980.00	
Dickinson Elks 1137	Grant Expenses	96943	\$	40.21	
Emil's Repair	Parts & Repairs	96944	\$	281.40	3
Fisher Industries, Inc.	Washed Sand	96945	\$	378.10	3
Fisher Industries, Inc.	Strip & Reclaim Pits	96946	\$	20,000.00	1, 2
Four Season Trophies	Supt. of Schools – Bee Trophies	96947	\$	105.20	
George's Tire, Ltd.	Tires & Service Calls	96948	\$	3,968.00	1, 2
Golden Valley County	Social Service	96949	\$	5,702.35	
Heiser Electric, Don	Electrical Service	96950	\$	983.54	2, 3, G
Hlebechuk Construction, Inc.	Snow Removal	96951	\$	960.00	2
J P Steel & Supply, Inc.	Iron Supplies	96952	\$	90.02	1, 2

Jurgens, Dave	S. O. – Travel Expense	96953	\$	37.50	
Jurgens, Joan	Auditor – Travel Expense	96954	\$	33.50	
Kasian, Mike	Commissioner – Mileage	96955	\$	209.00	2
Klang, Keri	Ambulance – Travel Expense	96956	\$	110.00	
Kohler Communications	Radio Expense	96957	\$	85.00	3
Krebs Machine & Repair	Parts & Repairs	96958	\$	8.55	2
Liberty Doors, LLC	Overhead Repairs	96959	\$	112.50	2
Mid-American Research Chemical	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96960	\$	561.80	
Mathison Company	Copier Inks	96961	\$	83.58	
Medora Convenience Store	Gas	96962	\$	90.15	3
Medora, City of...	Taxes	96963	\$	30,497.34	
Midstate Telephone Company	911 Changes	96964	\$	4.00	
Midstate Telephone Company	Courthouse – Telephone Service	96965	\$	985.63	
Midstate Communications	Supt. of Schools – Telephone	96966	\$	43.56	
Mobile Binders	Recorder – Vouchers	96967	\$	320.00	
Missouri Valley Petroleum, Inc.	Diesel Fuel & Shop Supplies	96968	\$	14,870.59	2, 3
N.D. Association of Counties	D & A Testing Fees	96969	\$	704.90	1, 2, 3, W
N.D. Association of Counties	Taxes	96970	\$	215.44	
N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame	Meeting Room Maintenance	96971	\$	200.00	
N.D. Emergency Mgmt. Association	Membership Dues	96972	\$	50.00	
N.D. Mathcounts	Supt. of Schools – Photo's	96973	\$	10.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Health Insurance Premium	96974	\$	27,936.66	1, 2, 3, W, G
N.D. State Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	96975	\$	6,588.79	
N.D. Veteran Service Officers	Membership Dues	96976	\$	50.00	
N.D. Workforce Safety & Insurance	Ambulance – Volunteer Insurance	96977	\$	250.00	
N.D. Assoc. of School Administrators	Supt. of Schools – Conference Fees	96978	\$	140.00	
N.D. Council of Educational Leaders	Supt. of Schools – Membership Dues	96979	\$	50.00	
N.D. Council of Educational Leaders	Supt. of Schools – Bee Photo's	96980	\$	40.00	
Newby's Ace Hardware	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96981	\$	2,076.16	
Northwest Tire, Inc.	Tires	96982	\$	1,005.24	3
O'Brien Welding	Parts & Repairs	96983	\$	75.00	3
O'Day Equipment, Inc.	2000 Gallon Tank	96984	\$	1,910.55	2
Off Road Software, Inc.	GIS Software	96985	\$	1,400.00	
OK Tire Store	Tires	96986	\$	1,710.29	3
Outback Lumber Company	Wood Supplies	96987	\$	79.00	1
Pakor, Inc.	Clerk of Court – Passport Equipment	96988	\$	1,068.30	
Parkway Ford Lincoln Mercury	Parts & Repairs	96989	\$	384.29	2
Pitney Bowes Reserve Account	Courthouse – Postage Meter Refill	96990	\$	1,200.00	
Pro-Tint	S. O. – Parts & Supplies	96991	\$	180.00	
Pump Systems, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96992	\$	117.09	
Ray's Auto Electric, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96993	\$	42.95	1
RDO Equipment Company	Parts & Supplies	96994	\$	1,754.35	2, 3
Rigging & Tools, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96995	\$	200.00	2
Rockmount Research & Alloys	Parts & Supplies	96996	\$	708.11	2
Rudy's Lock & Key	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	96997	\$	395.00	
Rummel, Patrick	D.E.M. – Travel Expense	96998	\$	25.00	
Runnings Farm & Fleet, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	96999	\$	1,437.66	1, 2, G
Southwest Business Machines	Office Supplies	97000	\$	812.59	1, 3, G
Schmidt Repair, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97001	\$	596.72	1, 3
Share Corporation	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97002	\$	349.77	
Smart Computers & Consulting	Sonicwall Security	97003	\$	4,714.99	
St. Joseph's Hospital	S. O. – Blood Test	97004	\$	89.00	
Stein's, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97005	\$	1,410.74	
Superpumper, Inc.	S. O. – Gas	97006	\$	29.01	
Southwestern District Health Unit	Taxes	97007	\$	15,910.56	
Southwest Multi-Co. Correction Ctr.	Prisoner Care	97008	\$	1,860.00	
Southwest Water Authority	Taxes	97009	\$	4,525.79	
Southwest Water Authority	Water Usage	97010	\$	234.40	1, 2, 3
Southwest Wireless	Cellular Equipment	97011	\$	253.35	
Thompson, Allan T.	Commissioner – Mileage	97012	\$	118.50	1
TMI Storage Systems Corporation	Commissioner Table/Storage Units	97013	\$	4,984.00	
Tom's Service Center	S. O. – Service	97014	\$	89.05	
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	97015	\$	170.73	2, G
Vogel Law Firm	Land Use Plan	97016	\$	60.00	
Wal-Mart	Parts & Supplies	97017	\$	334.24	2, G
Wanner, Dana	Tax Director – Travel Expense	97018	\$	127.50	
West Dakota Oil, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97019	\$	713.20	1
Westlie Truck Center	Parts & Supplies	97020	\$	1,313.25	3
Dakota Insurance	Property Insurance	97021	\$	56,749.00	1, 2, 3, W, G
Westlie Motor Company	R-Way Bottom Dump Trailer	97022	\$	27,756.97	3
Alltel	Cellular Service	97063	\$	481.41	1, 3, G
American Family Life Assurance	Premium	97064	\$	722.53	
Consolidated	Internet Service	97065	\$	240.45	2, 3, W
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Administrative Fees	97066	\$	89.25	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Premium	97067	\$	2,330.03	
Information Technology Dept.	S.O. – T-1 Line	97068	\$	437.80	
Medora, City of...	Courthouse – Utilities	97069	\$	164.27	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Deferred Comp. Premium	97070	\$	4,274.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Retirement	97071	\$	10,664.69	1, 2, 3, W, G
N.D. Teachers Fund	Retirement	97072	\$	217.91	
Prudential	Deferred Comp. Premium	97073	\$	50.00	
Qwest	Telephone Service	97074	\$	299.50	1, 2, 3, W, G
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Telephone Service	97075	\$	61.29	1, 2, 3, G

Roughrider Electric Cooperative	Electricity	97076	\$	1916.00	1, 2, 3, G
Visa	Courthouse Supplies	97077	\$	215.90	

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for February: General Fund \$64,029.48; Road and Bridge Fund \$61,071.04; Weed Fund \$2,929.70

With there being no further business, Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting 1:45 P.M. Kasian seconded.

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James Arthaud, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer