

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 6, 2019**

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

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Sheriff Pat Rummel, Fire Chief Kyle Shockley, Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Swanson, Daphne Senn, Ambulance Directors Mitch Gilseth & Kyle Michels, Rita Ennen, Renee Newton, Deb Theurer, Linda Weiss, Clarence Sitter, Joslyn Tooz, Holly Praus, Amber Hofstad, Cody Pulchrabek, Jen Turnbow, Jess Karls, Ryan Jilek, Julie Reis, Danielle O'Brien, Tammy Simnioniw, Kwirt Johnson, Kurt Froehlich, Holly Johnson, Sherry Adams, Cal Klewin, Kelly Braun.

Kessel moved to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2019 regular meeting. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

The North Dakota Association of Counties has requested a delegate for the October annual conference from the county. Kessel moved to appoint Road Superintendent Jeff Iverson as the county delegate for 2019 and 2020. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Auditor Lamb presented and discussed the templates for the Human Service Zone creation and requested that the board review them and discuss at the next commission meeting.

Clarence Sitter and Joslyn Tooz were present from the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to discuss the Point to Point park that they are working on east of the Badlands Motel. There will be free activities including a splash deck and pillow. They will be doing side street parking and a public crossing with three flashing crosswalks. Their request from the county is \$100,000/year for five years. They stated that they would give a 50% discount for Billings County employees and residents. There will be a pool and lazy river as well as an improved mini golf course and zip line. After discussion, the board will need to discuss this request with the State's Attorney and will bring back to the next meeting.

Deb Theurer was present from the NDSU Extension Parent & Family Resource Center. She went over the presentations that they provide to the schools. Their biggest promotion currently is literacy. They are requesting the same budget as last year \$1,300.00. They will be doing the changing program again in the schools, and also providing a newsletter each month with parent education classes etc. Kessel moved to approve the budget request for 2020. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Holly Praus and Amber Hofstad were present from the Sunrise Youth Bureau with their 2020 budget request. They went over the attendant care and diversion program – the court sends juveniles to Amber and she works with them to write up letters of apology, attend classes and crises intervention. This is a free service to residents of the county if anyone is having issues. They stated that vaping is extremely problematic and they are seeing mental health issues in much younger kids. Meth and prescription drugs in 14-15 year old users. The budget request is the same at \$7,000.00. Kasian moved to approve the budget request. Kessel seconded. All voted aye.

Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Swanson and Deputy Tax & Zoning Director Juliana Hammerstrom presented the following ARW & Pipeline Permits that were approved with conditions by the Road Superintendent and Weed Control Officer:

- Roughrider Electric – Section 6 & 7-140-100 across Government Creek Road.
- Century Link – Section 22-141-99 along Franks Creek Road.
- Petro-Hunt LLC – Section 9 & 10-144-98 along 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW.
- Southwestern Production – Section 17-138-101 along Tracy Mountain Road.
- Century Link – Section along 36<sup>th</sup> St SW (Old Hwy 10) 133-136<sup>th</sup> Ave SW - Discussion continued from June meeting. The county owns the right of way on curve. The rest is easement. Century Link hasn't approached landowners. The county can assist in contacting them. The county cannot allow anything other than public travel.

Sherry Adams was present from SW District Health to present the 2020 budget request. September 4 will be the budget hearing in Dickinson.

Kessel moved to approve a contract for the task and scope of the Little Missouri River Crossing engineering. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Cal Klewin was present to discuss the TR Expressway. Ryan Jilek from Stark County Development was also present. The Long X Bridge is currently beginning construction and they are working on a Final EIS for the Watford City to I-94.

School board members and staff were present along with Rita Ennen and Renee Newton from the Dickinson Public Library. Discussion ensued regarding the library budget and that they would like to offer staffing for the

evenings and the summer in Fairfield. The board discussed the Bankhead Jones funding request for \$360,000 for 2020. Kasian moved to approve. Kessel seconded. All voted aye.

Jeff Iverson presented his monthly report. He has received an estimate for 30<sup>th</sup> street. Water runs over every spring and during each rain event. He also discussed some erosion due to utilities being pushed onto county easement on federal land. State's Attorney Patrick Weir will be drafting a letter to the forest service. They are encroaching on our easement by forcing the utilities onto it. He hired Tracy Hauck for District 1.

Kelly Braun was present from the Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport. He stated that they are rebuilding the main runway. He hasn't made a request from the City of Medora yet. Dunn County gave a \$150,000 this year and they will be asking for 2020. Stark gave \$500,000 in addition to a mill levy. The City of Dickinson is giving \$1.6 million over 4 years. The board wants to discuss legalities with the State's Attorney regarding the authority to donate.

Kurt Froehlich and Holly Johnson presented the Stark/Billings Extension budget. We will be on a 50-50 split with the state on salary and benefits. Kasian moved to approve the budget. Kessel seconded. All voted aye.

Auditor Lamb went over the rest of the general fund budget and the board will approve the final budget during the October 1, 2019 commission meeting.

Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Swanson stated that she felt there was a disparity in salaries and requested a merit increase. After discussion, Kessel moved to approve a \$1,000.00 increase on all salaries that had not been individually increased in the budgets. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Kyle Michels and Mitch Gilseth gave their monthly report. They discussed the new ambulance purchases, part of the cost will be in 2019 and part in 2020. They also discussed being standby for an event where all the proceeds are for children with cancer. Kessel moved to waive the \$100/hr ambulance standby fee. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

The board discussed the Fire Chief salary and the transition to Emergency Manager. He will keep all of his duties as the Fire Chief. Kessel moved to increase his salary to \$76,807.99 effective August 1, 2019, with no further increase for 2020. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Fire Chief Shockley discussed the Mack truck for the fire district. The board requested that the fire district pay \$200,000.00 towards the new truck, due to the current balance of the fire district accounts.

Including all that was discussed and approved during this meeting, Kasian moved to approve preliminary budget. Kessel seconded. All voted aye. Notices will be sent and the final county budget hearing will be on October 1, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

The following claims were approved for payment:

| <u>PAYEE</u>                        | <u>CHECK #</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| N.D. P.E.R.S.                       | 016772         | \$ 72,512.75  |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.      | 016773         | \$ 3,945.50   |
| ABC Fencing, LLC                    | 016774         | \$ 2,782.20   |
| Advanced Collision Center, LLC      | 016775         | \$ 1,530.12   |
| AmeriPride Linen Service            | 016776         | \$ 1,129.19   |
| Aspen Mills                         | 016777         | \$ 604.62     |
| Barthel, Mary Kay                   | 016778         | \$ 97.56      |
| Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.    | 016779         | \$ 758.61     |
| Billings County Pioneer             | 016780         | \$ 33.00      |
| Billings County Rural Fire District | 016781         | \$ 5,671.73   |
| Billings County School District     | 016782         | \$ 1,794.82   |
| Billings County Sheriff             | 016783         | \$ 273.73     |
| Bob's Oilfield Service, Inc.        | 016784         | \$ 576.00     |
| Bound Tree Medical, LLC             | 016785         | \$ 628.18     |
| Braun Distributing, Inc.            | 016786         | \$ 952.62     |
| Buffalo Gap, Inc.                   | 016787         | \$ 96.00      |
| Charbonneau Car Center              | 016788         | \$ 34.83      |
| Code 4 Services, Inc.               | 016789         | \$ 567.35     |
| Computer Intelligence Association   | 016790         | \$ 301.22     |
| Creative Energy                     | 016791         | \$ 2,939.48   |
| Crowell & Moring, LP                | 016792         | \$ 25,771.06  |
| Dacotah Paper Co.                   | 016793         | \$ 59.25      |
| Dakota Insurance                    | 016794         | \$ 630.00     |
| Dakota Sports                       | 016795         | \$ 254.60     |
| Dell Marketing, LP                  | 016796         | \$ 1,422.58   |
| DF Lighting Company                 | 016797         | \$ 1,087.65   |
| Dickinson Public Library            | 016798         | \$ 4,082.54   |
| DWS, LLC                            | 016799         | \$ 2,380.00   |
| Emergency Safety Supplies, LLC      | 016800         | \$ 927.27     |
| Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.          | 016801         | \$ 211.79     |
| First Initial Response Systems      | 016802         | \$ 113.35     |
| Forsgren Associates, Inc.           | 016803         | \$ 268.43     |
| Four Corners Café                   | 016804         | \$ 200.00     |
| George's Tire, LTD                  | 016805         | \$ 8,220.00   |

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| Gerry's Plumbing & Heating            | 016806 | \$ | 956.00     |
| Gooseneck Implement                   | 016807 | \$ | 340.23     |
| Helena Chemical Company               | 016808 | \$ | 7,183.08   |
| Hlebechuk Construction, Inc.          | 016809 | \$ | 14,483.00  |
| Honda West                            | 016810 | \$ | 112.37     |
| J and J Operating, LLC                | 016811 | \$ | 1,083.99   |
| Jeff's Towing                         | 016812 | \$ | 251.65     |
| Johnson, Christine                    | 016813 | \$ | 15.98      |
| Kadrmass, Lee, & Jackson, Inc.        | 016814 | \$ | 29,593.64  |
| Kasian, Michael E.                    | 016815 | \$ | 154.28     |
| Kenny's Drain Cleaning                | 016816 | \$ | 296.00     |
| Kessel, Anthony                       | 016817 | \$ | 50.00      |
| Kessel, Joseph L.                     | 016818 | \$ | 293.60     |
| Kevin's Auto & Truck Repair           | 016819 | \$ | 500.85     |
| Klang, Kathryn                        | 016820 | \$ | 50.00      |
| Kohler Communications, Inc.           | 016821 | \$ | 200.00     |
| Krogh, Rodney                         | 016822 | \$ | 1,133.24   |
| Lawson Products, Inc.                 | 016823 | \$ | 338.65     |
| Lexipol, LLC                          | 016824 | \$ | 2,826.00   |
| Little Missouri Restaurant & Saloon   | 016825 | \$ | 420.00     |
| Mac's, Inc.                           | 016826 | \$ | 195.96     |
| Marman, Susan J.                      | 016827 | \$ | 50.00      |
| Medora, City of...                    | 016828 | \$ | 166.68     |
| Menards                               | 016829 | \$ | 867.37     |
| Metro-Billing Services                | 016830 | \$ | 198.00     |
| MGM Rural Sanitation, LLC             | 016831 | \$ | 222.00     |
| Midstate Telephone Company            | 016832 | \$ | 1,175.85   |
| Mobile Binders                        | 016833 | \$ | 600.95     |
| Montana Fluid Solutions, LLC          | 016834 | \$ | 12,600.00  |
| Motorola Solutions                    | 016835 | \$ | 647.76     |
| Murtha, Janilyn K.                    | 016836 | \$ | 2,416.66   |
| N.D. Association of Counties          | 016837 | \$ | 119.10     |
| N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame              | 016838 | \$ | 400.00     |
| N.D. Dept. Environmental Quality      | 016839 | \$ | 1,100.00   |
| N.D. Department of Transportation     | 016840 | \$ | 10.00      |
| N.D. Emergency Mgmt. Association      | 016841 | \$ | 50.00      |
| N.D. State Radio Communications       | 016842 | \$ | 1,787.04   |
| N.D. State Treasurer                  | 016843 | \$ | 649.21     |
| N.D. States' Attorney Association     | 016844 | \$ | 300.00     |
| NDACO Resources Group, Inc.           | 016845 | \$ | 721.57     |
| N.D. Assoc. of County Superintendents | 016846 | \$ | 50.00      |
| Nelson International                  | 016847 | \$ | 5,126.68   |
| North Dakota One Call                 | 016848 | \$ | 4.80       |
| Northern Improvement Co.              | 016849 | \$ | 119,884.07 |
| Northern Improvement Co.              | 016850 | \$ | 13,390.00  |
| Northwest Tire, Inc.                  | 016851 | \$ | 1,049.80   |
| Nutrien Ag Solutions                  | 016852 | \$ | 1,144.00   |
| Obrigewitch Estate, Clifford A.       | 016853 | \$ | 1,000.00   |
| Oyhus Land Company                    | 016854 | \$ | 3,000.00   |
| Physio-Control, Inc.                  | 016855 | \$ | 67.00      |
| Positive Promotions, Inc.             | 016856 | \$ | 1,241.19   |
| Pump Systems, Inc.                    | 016857 | \$ | 125,501.20 |
| Quality Quick Print                   | 016858 | \$ | 1,243.00   |
| Radisson Hotel – Bismarck             | 016859 | \$ | 169.20     |
| Rauschenberger Consulting, LLC        | 016860 | \$ | 1,200.00   |
| RDO Equipment Co.                     | 016861 | \$ | 5,135.03   |
| Runnings Supply, Inc.                 | 016862 | \$ | 464.18     |
| Sanford Health Occupational Medicine  | 016863 | \$ | 230.00     |
| Sax Motor Co.                         | 016864 | \$ | 57.53      |
| Schillo, Mary Ann                     | 016865 | \$ | 184.56     |
| Schmidt, Jeff & Shelley               | 016866 | \$ | 3,000.00   |
| Schmitz, Paul J.                      | 016867 | \$ | 97.56      |
| Service Printers                      | 016868 | \$ | 170.00     |
| Share Corporation                     | 016869 | \$ | 108.04     |
| Simnioniw, Dixie                      | 016870 | \$ | 1,500.00   |
| Solberg, Tim                          | 016871 | \$ | 29.00      |
| Southwest Business Machines           | 016872 | \$ | 2,001.85   |
| Southwest Multi-Co. Correction Center | 016873 | \$ | 445.00     |
| Southwest Water Authority             | 016874 | \$ | 2,515.97   |
| Southwest Water Authority             | 016875 | \$ | 1,048.28   |
| Southwestern District Health Unit     | 016876 | \$ | 3,922.06   |
| St. Alexius Medical Center            | 016877 | \$ | 560.63     |
| Stark County Auditor                  | 016878 | \$ | 2,988.00   |
| Stein's, Inc.                         | 016879 | \$ | 544.17     |
| Swanson, Stacey                       | 016880 | \$ | 156.60     |
| Tachenko, Terri & Terry               | 016881 | \$ | 1,500.00   |
| Thyssen Krupp Elevator                | 016882 | \$ | 529.67     |
| Total Safety US, Inc.                 | 016883 | \$ | 514.62     |
| Uniform Center                        | 016884 | \$ | 2,257.80   |
| Verizon Network Fleet, Inc.           | 016885 | \$ | 75.80      |
| Verizon Wireless                      | 016886 | \$ | 1,940.42   |
| Vesey, Emily                          | 016887 | \$ | 104.52     |
| Wal-Mart                              | 016888 | \$ | 396.88     |
| Warne Chemical & Equipment Co.        | 016889 | \$ | 245.90     |
| West Dakota Oil, Inc.                 | 016890 | \$ | 7,054.67   |
| Western Choice Cooperative            | 016891 | \$ | 39,219.40  |
| Western Dakota Energy Association     | 016892 | \$ | 5,250.00   |
| Westlie Crossroad Truck Center        | 016893 | \$ | 8,902.76   |
| Winter Equipment Co.                  | 016894 | \$ | 1,745.60   |
| N.D. P.E.R.S.                         | 016896 | \$ | 40,279.88  |

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| Century Link                      | 016903 | \$ | 583.95        |
| DirecTV                           | 016904 | \$ | 116.52        |
| Discovery Benefits, Inc.          | 016905 | \$ | 89.25         |
| Information Technology Dept.      | 016906 | \$ | 941.63        |
| Medora, City of...                | 016907 | \$ | 880.51        |
| Reservation Telephone Cooperative | 016908 | \$ | 42.48         |
| Roughrider Electric Cooperative   | 016909 | \$ | 4,549.73      |
| Verizon Wireless                  | 016910 | \$ | 30.06         |
| Visa                              | 016911 | \$ | 1,051.41      |
| Visa                              | 016912 | \$ | <u>779.07</u> |

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of July: Recorder \$890.20; Zoning \$784.16; Court \$60.00; Sheriff \$199.00.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in July: WEED REVENUE: Badlands Ministries \$22.28, Rod Wagner \$52.75, Bernard Kordonowy \$22.28, Joe Kessel \$44.56, Dave Urlacher \$31.40, Jon Klym \$18.22, Kay Poland \$51.81, Jay Obrigewitch \$2,004.31, Curtis Talkington \$85.37, Kevin Kessel \$56.57, Randy & Sue Mosser \$53.51, Von & Noreen Johnson \$44.56.

Revenues for the month of July: Sheriff \$6,729.25 permits, Highway Tax Distribution \$22,919.20; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$158,387.46; Interest \$27,687.77; Royalties \$28,222.46; Unorganized Oil & Gas Production Tax \$64,915.53; ND USDA \$7,266.95; LEPC \$10,062.50; City of Belfield Ambulance Building \$30,833.33; Beer & Liquor special permits \$50.00; State Aid Distribution \$75,008.32.

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for July: General Fund \$176,046.91; Road and Bridge Fund \$124,127.47; Weed Fund \$29,457.03.

With there being no further business, the meeting ended at 3:20 P.M.

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James Arthaud, Chairman

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

Marcia Lamb, Auditor/Treasurer