

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 1, 2010**

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

Kasian moved to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2010 regular meeting. Thompson seconded. All voted aye.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Sherry Adams, Pat Rummel, Karen Putnam, Tim Solberg, Mike Heiser, Daren Peterka, Lynn Arthaud, Dana Wanner, Ed Romanyshyn, Dave Jurgens, Larry Johnson, Pat Weir

The board reviewed the maintenance agreement for county roadways within NDDOT right of way that DOT is requesting. After discussion, the board decided that since the right-of-ways were not county property, they did not want to assume the liability. Thompson moved to have the Auditor write a letter letting them know that Billings County will not sign the agreement. Kasian seconded.

Karen Putnam met with the board on behalf of the Medora Heritage Commission to request financial assistance to purchase 12 flag poles which will be placed by the Old West Trail Marker. She stated that they are also going to request assistance from other entities. Thompson agreed to commit to the purchase of four flag poles. Kasian seconded.

Sherry Adams with Southwest District Health inquired whether the office being vacated by the Superintendent of Schools can be used for the County Health Nurse. Kasian moved to approve the office space for the county nurse. Thompson seconded.

The board received the following Gravel/Scoria leases and lease extensions:
James Adams/Ripley Family – Gravel Lease Agreement W1/2SW1/4 30-138-102
John Abraham - Extension of Gravel Lease Agreement SE1/4 31-142-104
Randall & Susan Mosser - Extension of Gravel Lease Agreement W1/2 10-143-102
Mike & Connie Kasian - Extension of Scoria Lease Agreement SW1/4 35-141-98
George & Rose Marie Andreas - Extension of Scoria Lease Agreement SE1/4 23-139-100
Kasian moved to approve the leases and extensions. Thompson seconded.

The following permits were received and approved:

Construction in County Right-of-Way Permit:

- Donald C. Majeres – Section 6, Township 142, Range 100

Tim Solberg, Mike Heiser, and Daren Peterka with Interstate Engineering met with the board about the proposed additions to the fire halls in Fairfield and Fryburg. They would like to get the Fryburg Firehall done this year and budget for the Fairfield Firehall to be done in 2011. The Fryburg Firehall is in District 3, and with 3rd District Commissioner Arthaud absent, the matter was tabled until the July meeting.

Craig Kubas with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson met with the board for the monthly engineer's report. The bid letting for the gas plant road was held May 22nd at KLJ's Office. Kasian moved to accept Martin Construction's bid for 9 miles. Thompson seconded.

The board recessed for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1 P.M.

At 1:00 P.M., the board recessed as the Board of County Commissioners and convened as the County Board of Equalization. Tax Director Lynn Arthaud and Deputy Tax Director Dana Wanner explained the process and reported on the county valuations. Ed Romanyshyn appeared on behalf of Curt Romanyshyn. He inquired why the valuation was increased. Lynn explained that the land was increased due to higher land sales in the area. The valuation on the house and buildings were not increased. Kasian moved to approve the assessments and valuations as presented. Thompson seconded.

At 1:35 P.M., Kasian moved to adjourn as the County Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Thompson seconded.

Dave Jurgens informed the board that he did some checking on replacing the radio tower on Sentinel Butte Hill. He found that the tower may not need to be replaced and may be able to be repaired and stabilized instead.

Lynn Arthaud presented the board with a copy of the minutes from the May 13, 2010 zoning meeting and reviewed the issues. Thompson moved to uphold the actions of the zoning board. Kasian seconded.

Lynn presented the board with a 2009 abatement on parcel 14-0000-00505-00 to abate the assessment for the home and shop. Kasian moved to approve the abatement. Thompson seconded.

Larry Johnson informed the board that the City of Medora and Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation started recycling plastic, cardboard and aluminum. They are looking for donations towards purchasing facilities to store the items until they are hauled away for recycling. The board tabled the issue until July when there was a full board.

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of May: County Recorder \$5,660.00 May collections; County Recorder \$96.80 county fees and \$2,497.00 state fees; Sheriff \$50.00 civil fees.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in May: Joseph L. Kessel \$71.50 dental insurance premium; Stoppeworth & Sons \$315.00 crushed gravel; Continental Metal Products \$722.25 scrap iron; TRMF \$1,220.40 scoria & trucking; Swenson Ranch \$150.00 snow removal; Belfield Sportsman Club \$150.00 loader work; Julie Dunn \$16.13 county map; Justin Williams \$16.13 county map; David Rodakowski \$261.75 scoria & trucking; Medora Convenience \$25.00 cash bar permit; Donovan O'Brien \$133.80 scoria & trucking; Hlebechuk Construction \$91.38 maps

Revenues for the month of May: Highway Distribution \$9,657.99; Interest \$10,022.70; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$168,339.83; Royalties \$54,098.58; Permits \$5,830.00; Emergency Management Grant \$3,868.79; Ambulance/EMT Grant \$6,459.02; Ambulance Call Reimbursements \$1,218.31

The following claims were approved for payment:

PAYEE	EXPLANATION	CHECK #	AMOUNT	DEPT
ABC Fencing, LLC	Fencing Materials	97472	\$ 703.80	3
Abraham, John	Gravel Lease	97473	\$ 125.00	2
Adams, Donna	Recorder – Travel	97474	\$ 34.00	
Adams, James W.	Gravel Lease	97475	\$ 500.00	3
Adams, Kenneth L.	Rough Scoria	97476	\$ 744.00	3
Advanced Business Methods	Recorder – Copier Paper	97477	\$ 134.50	
Alternative Sanitation	Haul Waste	97478	\$ 141.00	1, 2, 3
American Welding & Gas	Welding Supplies	97479	\$ 11.82	3
AmericInn of Medora	Ambulance – Travel	97480	\$ 349.40	
Ameripride Linen Service	Mat Rental	97481	\$ 79.25	2, 3
Andreas, George & Rose Marie	Scoria Lease	97482	\$ 125.00	3
Arthaud, Lynn	Tax Director – Travel	97483	\$ 190.00	
Balco Uniform Co., Inc.	S. O. – Equipment	97484	\$ 710.00	
Baranko Bros., Inc.	Blade Roads	97485	\$ 6,422.00	2
Billings County Rural Fire District	Taxes	97486	\$ 336.61	
Billings County Historical Society	Taxes	97487	\$ 231.75	
Billings County Pioneer	Publishing	97488	\$ 740.25	1, G
Billings County School District	Weed – Shop Rent	97489	\$ 300.00	Weed
Billings County School District	Taxes	97490	\$ 38,455.60	
Billings County Sheriff	Training Expenses	97491	\$ 126.92	
Beall Corporation	Parts & Supplies	97492	\$ 336.98	1, 3
Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97493	\$ 1,891.90	1, 2, 3, W
Belfield Plumbing & Heating	Courthouse – Plumbing Repairs	97494	\$ 170.45	
Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.	Dental & Vision Premiums	97495	\$ 2,100.70	1, 2, 3, W, G
Boltz Construction	Blade Roads	97496	\$ 7,671.50	3
Brooks & Associates, C. E.	Land Use Plan – F.O.I.A.	97497	\$ 2,985.42	
The Buffalo Gap, Inc.	S. O. – Uniforms	97498	\$ 108.00	
Butler Machinery Company, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	97499	\$ 24.80	2
Carquest Auto Parts	Parts & Supplies	97500	\$ 18.84	3
Cass County Treasurer	Document Preservation Fund	97501	\$ 301.00	
Cerkoney, Cathy	Zoning Meeting – Mileage	97502	\$ 70.00	
Chesak Seed House	Seed	97503	\$ 1,617.82	2, 3

Clyde, Katie	Pesticide Training	97504	\$	80.00	Weed
Comfort Suites – Bismarck	S. O. – Travel	97505	\$	126.00	
Connor Sales Company, Inc.	500 bbl. Water Tank	97506	\$	19,798.00	1
Creative Energy	Diesel Fuel	97507	\$	4,004.50	1
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Repairs	97508	\$	758.08	1, 2, 3
Dakota Insurance	Property Insurance	97509	\$	2,298.00	1, 2, 3
Dakota Water Treatment	Water System	97510	\$	25.00	1
Dan’s Interstate Conoco	S. O. – Gas	97511	\$	379.28	
Dan’s Supermarket	Bottled Water	97512	\$	47.88	
Denny’s Electric	Generator	97513	\$	16,044.13	1
DF Lighting Company	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97514	\$	244.53	
Dickinson Public Library	Library Service	97515	\$	2,735.15	
DTE, Inc.	Truck Gravel Body Package	97516	\$	26,316.00	2
Electronic Communications	Radio Expense	97517	\$	3,180.00	
Election Systems & Software	Primary Ballots	97518	\$	415.33	
Emil’s Repair	Parts & Repairs	97519	\$	100.00	3
Expressway Suites – Bismarck	Ambulance. – Travel	97520	\$	63.00	
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97521	\$	379.09	1
George’s Tire, Ltd.	Tire Mount	97522	\$	124.00	2
Golberg, Mark	Pesticide Training	97523	\$	80.00	Weed
Golden Valley County	Social Service	97524	\$	4,385.24	
Heartland Engineering	Blacktail Road – Engineering	97525	\$	344.90	2
Hedahls Parts Plus	Parts & Supplies	97526	\$	45.64	1
Heiser Electric, Don	Electrical Service	97527	\$	5,566.69	2, 3, G
Hlebechuk Construction, Inc.	Blade Roads	97528	\$	57,944.00	1, 2, 3
Interstate Engineering, Inc.	Survey	97529	\$	402.70	2
Iverson, Jeff	Parts & Supplies	97530	\$	150.00	3
J P Steel & Supply, Inc.	Iron Supplies	97531	\$	56.19	2
Jurgens, Dave	S. O. – Travel	97532	\$	55.00	
Just-In Glass	Parts & Supplies	97533	\$	10.00	1
Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson, Inc.	Engineering	97534	\$	31,739.78	1, 2, 3
Kadrmas, Connie M.	Auditor – Travel	97535	\$	163.50	
Kasian, Connie	Zoning Meeting – Mileage	97536	\$	65.00	
Kasian, Mike	Commissioner – Mileage	97537	\$	205.50	2
Kasian, Mike & Connie	Scoria Lease	97538	\$	125.00	2
Kessel, Anita	Zoning Meeting – Mileage	97539	\$	75.00	
Krush, Paul	Zoning Meeting – Mileage	97540	\$	77.00	
LaDuke, Joe	Zoning Meeting – Mileage	97541	\$	35.00	
Leistriz, Larry	Land Use Plan	97542	\$	1,800.00	
Lindbo Welding Service	Trailer Repair	97543	\$	136.00	Weed
Mark’s Tire Service, Inc.	Ambulance – Tire Repair	97544	\$	20.00	
Martin Construction	Parts & Supplies	97545	\$	800.00	3
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	Century Code Updates	97546	\$	366.32	
Medora, City of...	Taxes	97547	\$	7,500.41	
Medora Heritage Commission	Flag Poles	97548	\$	1,520.00	
Menards	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97549	\$	49.84	
Midstate Telephone Company	911 Changes	97550	\$	12.00	
Midstate Telephone Company	Courthouse – Telephone Service	97551	\$	1,404.97	
Midstate Communications	Supt. of Schools – Telephone	97552	\$	42.79	
Missouri Basin Well Service, Inc.	Empty Water Tanks	97553	\$	540.00	1
Mosser, Randy & Sue	Gravel Lease	97554	\$	125.00	1
Missouri Valley Petroleum, Inc.	Gas, Diesel, & Shop Supplies	97555	\$	20,795.66	2, 3
N.C.R.A.A.O.	Tax Director – Conference Fees	97556	\$	470.00	
N.D. Association of Counties	Workers Compensation Fees	97557	\$	1,118.56	
N.D. Association of Counties	Taxes	97558	\$	107.73	
N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame	Meeting Room Maintenance	97559	\$	200.00	
N.D. Dept. of Transportation	Registration Fees	97560	\$	4.50	2
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Health Insurance Premium	97561	\$	29,426.51	1, 2, 3, W, G
N.D. State Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	97562	\$	2,528.51	
Never Enough Thyme Greenhouse	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97563	\$	443.56	
Newby’s Ace Hardware	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97564	\$	151.55	
Northwest Tire, Inc.	Tires	97565	\$	2,522.84	1, 2
O’Brien Welding	Parts & Repairs	97566	\$	59.07	3
O’Herron Co., Inc., Ray	S. O. – Equipment	97567	\$	684.38	
Off Road Software, Inc.	GIS Software	97568	\$	1,400.00	
OK Tire Stores	Tires	97569	\$	2,615.17	3
Onsite Improvements, Inc.	S. Ash Coulee Road Project	97570	\$	7,512.50	2
Parkway Ford	Parts & Supplies	97571	\$	10.99	1
Performance Truck Center	Parts & Repairs	97572	\$	2,506.14	1, 2
Premier Woodcraft	Courthouse – Expense	97573	\$	4,094.91	
Probuild	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97574	\$	51.56	
Pump Systems, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97575	\$	1,629.82	1, Weed
Queen City Motors, Inc.	Tires	97576	\$	404.40	Weed
Radioelectronics, Inc.	D.E.M. – Equipment	97577	\$	263.00	
Rudy’s Lock & Key	Padlock’s	97578	\$	50.40	3
Rummel Auto Wrecking	Shop Supplies	97579	\$	71.45	1
Rummel, Patrick	S. O. – Travel	97580	\$	55.00	
Runnings Farm & Fleet, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97581	\$	554.39	1, 2, W, G
Southwest Business Machines	Office Supplies	97582	\$	848.56	G, W
Schmidt Repair, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	97583	\$	117.41	2, 3
Schoch Construction	Generator Building	97584	\$	19,052.00	2
Share Corporation	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	97585	\$	154.46	

Sherwin – Williams	Parking Lot & Museum Paint	97586	\$	318.15	
Steffan Feeds	Seed	97587	\$	1,310.50	2, 3
Steffan Saw & Bike	Shop Supplies	97588	\$	200.03	2
Superpumper, Inc.	S. O. – Gas	97589	\$	88.00	
Southwestern District Health Unit	Taxes	97590	\$	104.32	
Southwest Water Authority	Taxes	97591	\$	31.51	
Southwest Water Authority	Water Usage	97592	\$	1,414.69	1, 2, 3
Synergy Graphics	Election – Publication Ballots	97593	\$	150.00	
Tczap, John	Zoning Meeting – Mileage	97594	\$	35.00	
Thompson, Allan T.	Commissioner – Mileage	97595	\$	120.00	1
Tom’s Service Center	S. O. – Service & Gas	97596	\$	39.60	
Tractor & Equipment Company	Parts & Repairs	97597	\$	1,780.10	3
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	97598	\$	170.38	2, G
Wal-Mart	Supplies	97599	\$	369.23	3, G
Warne Chemical & Equipment Co.	Weed – Equipment	97600	\$	1,968.55	Weed
West Plains, Inc.	Bobcat Auger	97601	\$	1,794.15	3
Western Fire & Safety	Safety Supplies	97602	\$	133.65	2, 3
Westlie Truck Center	Parts & Supplies	97603	\$	889.07	3
Westlie Motor Company	Parts & Repairs	97604	\$	120.00	3
Wosepka Auto Service	Parts & Repairs	97605	\$	144.50	1
Zoll Medical Corporation	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	97606	\$	232.00	
Onsite Improvements, Inc.	S. Ash Coulee Road Project	97607	\$	43,760.25	2
Alltel	Cellular Service	97669	\$	531.92	1, 3, G
American Family Life Assurance	Premium	97670	\$	666.63	
Baranko, Phyllis	Election Official	97671	\$	51.00	
Cash, Kathy	Election – Travel	97672	\$	17.00	
Consolidated	Internet Service	97673	\$	244.45	2, 3, W
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Administrative Fees	97674	\$	89.25	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Premium	97675	\$	2,330.03	
Egly, Gwen R.	Election Official	97676	\$	226.00	
Ewoniuk, Shelly	Election – Canvass Board	97677	\$	43.00	
Fritz, Darlene	Election Official	97678	\$	221.50	
Golberg, Cecelia	Election Official	97679	\$	150.00	
Gordon, Donald	Election Official	97680	\$	145.00	
Haag, Jim	Election – Canvass Board	97681	\$	58.00	
Hande, Margie	Election Official	97682	\$	201.50	
Hewson, Robert	Election Official	97683	\$	181.50	
Information Technology Dept.	S.O. – T-1 Line	97684	\$	437.80	
Krogh, Margaret	Election Official	97685	\$	170.00	
Malkowski, Kathy	Election Official	97686	\$	201.00	
Medora, City of...	Courthouse – Utilities	97687	\$	197.79	
Muggli, Jane	Election Official	97688	\$	120.00	
Myers, Jane	Election Official	97689	\$	192.00	
N.D. Department of Transportation	Vehicle Registration Fees	97690	\$	11.50	1
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Deferred Comp. Premium	97691	\$	5,599.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Retirement	97692	\$	11,149.50	1, 2, 3, W, G
N.D. Teachers Fund	Retirement	97693	\$	217.91	
Polensky, Glenella P.	Election Official	97694	\$	230.00	
Polensky, Vernon	Election Official	97695	\$	253.00	
Prudential	Deferred Comp. Premium	97696	\$	50.00	
Qwest	Telephone Service	97697	\$	322.37	1, 2, 3, W, G
Redmond, Glenda J.	Election Official	97698	\$	165.00	
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Telephone Service	97699	\$	51.46	1, 2, 3, G
Roughrider Electric Cooperative	Electricity	97700	\$	2,044.00	1, 2, 3, G
Schaeffer, Al	Election Official	97701	\$	180.00	
Schneider, Mary L.	Election Official	97702	\$	130.00	
Swenson, Sunya	Election Official	97703	\$	226.00	
Thompson, Allan T.	Election – Canvass Board Mileage	97704	\$	40.00	
Thompson, Joyce	Election Official	97705	\$	255.00	
Visa	S.O. – Travel & Land Use Plan	97706	\$	296.94	

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for May: General Fund \$65,193.75; Road and Bridge Fund \$67,177.63; Weed Fund \$3,706.75

With there being no further business, Kasian moved to adjourn the meeting 3:20 P.M. Thompson seconded.

James Arthaud, Chairman

Attest: _____

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer