

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 1, 2011**

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

Kasian moved to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2011 regular meeting. Thompson seconded.

Others present during portions of the meeting were: Donna Adams, Lynn Arthaud, Roy Krivoruchka, Pat Rummel, Jay Brovold, Keri Klang, Denis Joyce, Doug Ellison, Todd Corneil, Carrie Law, Dave Jurgens, Jason Kastrow, Jim Haag, Jerry Martinson with Tractor & Equipment, Adam Hirstein with Caterpillar, Craig Kubas, Tim Solberg, Leona Odermann, John Hild, Mary Griffin, Stewart Preston, Milo Thompson, Harold Hugelen, Sheila Marie, Wally Owen, Sandy Baertsch

The board received and approved the following permits:

Construction in County Right-of-Way Permits

- Lois Lindbo – Custer Avenue, Fryburg, Section 9, Township 139, Range 100
- Jonathan & Steven Klym – Existing approach in Section 23, Township 140, Range 100
- Hlebechuk Construction – Section 26, Township 139, Range 100 (134th Ave SW)

During implementation of the new vacation accrual method approved at the last meeting, it was discovered that two employees were within one year of advancing to 14 hours per month under the old method. Under the new method they would have to wait an additional year. It was requested that those two employees start accruing 12 hours per month immediately and go to 14 hours per month on their 12th year anniversary. Thompson moved to approve. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

The board received the recommendations from JPL Architects concerning fixing the water leakage problems in the courtroom. Thompson moved to approve the recommendations and to proceed with the repairs. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Lynn Arthaud and Roy Krivoruchka met with the board concerning the land purchase for the Fairfield firehall.

Doug Ellison, Medora City Mayor, convened a Medora City Council meeting as there is a quorum of the council in attendance. Pat Rummel informed the boards that a housing committee has been formed to explore options to construct a 4-plex housing building, and a combined city/county fire and ambulance building. The city plans to put aside \$100,000 per year for this project and is wondering if the county would be willing to assist with funding the projects and the city reimburse the county. Commissioner Arthaud explained that there was some pending legislation that will help provide small cities with funding for projects such as the firehall, and recommended waiting to see if the pending bill passed into law. This proposed bill would not help with the housing issue, so other options were discussed for that project. Commissioner Arthaud requested that the city council come back with some options and proposals. The Medora City Council adjourned.

The equipment bid opening for one or more motor graders for District 1 started at 11:00 AM as advertised. One bid was received from Tractor and Equipment Company in the amount of \$314,012 per motor grader. Trade-in quotes were received for the three existing motor graders, and after the trade-in allowance the total price for three would be approximately \$450,000. Thompson moved to accept the bid for purchase of all three machines. Arthaud seconded. Motion passed.

Craig Kubas with Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson met with the board for the monthly engineer's report.

The board recessed from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM

Leona Odermann inquired as to whether the county would like to do something to celebrate the county's 125th Anniversary on July 1, 2011. She suggested inviting all past and present commissioners, have cake and a presentation. The board thought it was a good idea and Leona will coordinate it.

A public hearing concerning potential flooding issues was held at 2:00 PM in the courtroom. Emergency Manager Pat Rummel noted that according to the National Weather Service there is a 70 percent chance that the Little Missouri River will reach flood stage this spring. The city shouldn't be

compromised until the river reaches 19 feet, and at 18 feet, an emergency meeting will be called. Topics discussed were sandbagging, trees that may cause ice jams, call system notifications, long term and short term plans.

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of February: Zoning Inspector \$225.00 zoning and building applications; Clerk of Court \$137.40 county fees and \$2,463.00 state fees; Sheriff \$25.50 February collections

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in February: Thomas Grosulak \$87.00 insurance premiums; Jack Lorge \$12.82 map; Stoppleworth & Sons \$189.00 scoria; Bill Kennedy \$16.13 map; Rodney Syminow \$150.00 snow removal; Badlands Ministries \$75.00 snow removal

Revenues for the month of February: Department of Commerce \$6,000.00 energy grant; Financial Institution Tax \$2,461.22; Highway Tax Distribution \$11,462.25; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$273,248.07; Permits \$6,010.00; Interest \$5,571.44; Royalties \$99,096.78

The following claims were approved for payment:

Adams, Donna	Recorder – Travel Expenses	99308	\$	56.46	
Advanced Business Methods	Recorder – Copy Paper	99309	\$	1,838.17	
Alternative Sanitation	Garbage Removal	99310	\$	141.00	1, 2, 3
Ameripride Linen Service	Mat Rental	99311	\$	81.15	2, 3
ATCO International	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	99312	\$	433.45	
Barker, Gary	Museum – Wall Repairs	99313	\$	2,554.91	
Billings County Rural Fire District	Taxes	99314	\$	29,622.30	
Billings County Historical Society	Taxes	99315	\$	1,751.35	
Billings County Pioneer	Publishing	99316	\$	513.30	1, G
Billings County School District	Weed – Shop Rent	99317	\$	300.00	
Billings County School District	Taxes	99318	\$	179,658.77	
Billings County Sheriff	Travel Expenses	99319	\$	186.95	
Belfield Automotive Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99320	\$	3,481.85	2, 3, W
Best Energy	Propane	99321	\$	11,920.00	1, 2, 3, G
Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.D.	Dental & Vision Premiums	99322	\$	2,196.50	1, 2, 3, W, G
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	99323	\$	685.82	
Brooks & Associates, C. E.	Land Use Plan – Roadless	99324	\$	1,575.56	
Butler Machinery Co.	Parts & Supplies	99325	\$	8,953.15	1, 3
California Contractors Supply	Shop Supplies	99326	\$	110.00	3
Cass County Treasurer	Document Preservation Fund	99327	\$	228.00	
Comfort Inn - Bismarck	S. O. – Travel Expense	99328	\$	126.00	
Creative Energy	Diesel Fuel, Parts, & Supplies	99329	\$	5,324.64	1, 2
Dakota Farm Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99330	\$	921.74	1, 2, 3
Dakota Filter Supply	Parts & Supplies	99331	\$	484.84	3
Dakota Insurance	Property Insurance	99332	\$	143.00	2
Dakota Rubber Stamp	Recorder – Stamp Repair	99333	\$	63.90	
Dakota Water Treatment	Water System	99334	\$	25.00	1
Dan’s Interstate Conoco	S. O. – Gas	99335	\$	564.56	
Darby’s Welding & Machine	Parts & Repairs	99336	\$	418.79	3
Dickinson Public Library	Library Services	99337	\$	3,160.23	
Dickinson Supply, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99338	\$	50.86	3
Dickinson Tire, Inc.	S. O. – Tires	99339	\$	885.84	
DTE, Inc.	Utility Box	99340	\$	7,703.06	2
Electronic Communications	S. O. – Radio Set-Up	99341	\$	6,044.00	
Emergency Medical Supplies	Ambulance – Medical Equipment	99342	\$	4,056.63	
Expressway Suites – Bismarck	Ambulance – Travel Expense	99343	\$	346.50	
Fireside Office Solutions	Clerk of Court – Scanner	99344	\$	1,004.00	
Furniture City	Courtroom – Computer Desk	99345	\$	650.00	
General Steel & Supply Company	Iron Supplies	99346	\$	42.05	3
George’s Tire, Ltd.	Tires	99347	\$	2,167.00	2
Gilseth, Mitchel	Ambulance – Paramedic Training	99348	\$	214.50	
Golden Valley County	Social Service	99349	\$	6,947.26	
Hedahls Parts Plus	Parts & Supplies	99350	\$	59.20	3
Heiser Electric, Don	Electrical Service	99351	\$	194.94	3
Hlebechuk Construction, Inc.	Snow Removal	99352	\$	984.00	2
I Spy-Tech	Shop Expense	99353	\$	257.50	2
Institute of Local Government	I.L.G. Class Fees	99354	\$	140.00	
JP Frame Shop	Courthouse – Supplies	99355	\$	145.86	
JP Steel & Supply, Inc.	Iron Supplies	99356	\$	93.86	2
Jurgens, Dave	S. O. – Travel Expense	99357	\$	152.50	
Jurgens, Joan	Auditor – Travel Expense	99358	\$	25.00	
Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson, Inc.	Engineering	99359	\$	47,489.68	1, 2, 3
Kasian, Michael E.	Commissioner – Mileage	99360	\$	114.24	2
Klang, Keri	Ambulance – Paramedic Training	99361	\$	247.70	
Lacal Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99362	\$	675.90	3
Lawson Products	Shop Supplies	99363	\$	148.78	3
Legend Auto Body	Courthouse – Vehicle Repair	99364	\$	1,702.49	
Mid-American Research Chemical	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	99365	\$	298.42	
Mathison Company	Tax Director – Plotter Paper	99366	\$	125.96	

McJunkin Redman Corp.	Parts & Supplies	99367	\$	32.16	3
Med Alliance Group, Inc.	Ambulance – Medical Supplies	99368	\$	1,058.42	
Medora, City of...	Taxes	99369	\$	19,764.76	
Metro-Billing Services	Ambulance – Runs	99370	\$	15.00	
Midstate Telephone Company	Courthouse – Telephone Service	99371	\$	970.70	
Midwest Doors, Inc.	Shop Supplies	99372	\$	66.90	3
Mobile Binders	Recorder – Binders	99373	\$	904.49	
Missouri Valley Petroleum, Inc.	Gas, Oil, & Diesel	99374	\$	23,969.50	2, 3, G
N.D. Association of Counties	Taxes	99375	\$	111.83	
N.D. Association of Counties	2011 D & A Testing Fees	99376	\$	742.00	1, 2, 3, W
N.D. Boiler Inspection Program	Courthouse – Boiler Inspection Fee	99377	\$	80.00	
N.D. Clerk of Court Association	Membership Dues	99378	\$	60.00	
N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame	Meeting Room Maintenance	99379	\$	200.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Health Insurance Premium	99380	\$	28,387.04	1, 2, 3, G, W
N.D. Secretary of State	Election – Support	99381	\$	879.77	
N.D. State Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	99382	\$	6,503.14	
N.D.A.C.O. Directory Sales	Recorder – County Official Directories	99383	\$	60.00	
N.D.A.C.O. Resources Group	Recorder – Technology Services	99384	\$	162.50	
Northern Plains Engineering	Weed – Land Survey	99385	\$	1,350.00	
Northwest Tire, Inc.	Tire – Repair	99386	\$	42.26	2
O'Brien Welding	Ambulance – Repairs	99387	\$	50.55	
O'Day Equipment, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99388	\$	69.45	1
Off Road Software, Inc.	G.I.S. Software	99389	\$	1,400.00	
O.K. Tire Stores	Tires	99390	\$	32.12	3
Postmaster	Ambulance – Box Rental Fee	99391	\$	40.00	
Prairie Lumber Company	Shop Supplies	99392	\$	88.46	1
Probuild	Courthouse – Repairs	99393	\$	1,426.00	
Pump Systems, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99394	\$	336.13	3
RAM General Contracting, Inc.	Building – Agreements	99395	\$	10,000.00	1, 3
RAM General Contracting, Inc.	Building – Engineering	99396	\$	12,000.00	1, 3
Ramkota Hotel – Bismarck	Commissioner – Travel Expense	99397	\$	89.00	
RDO Equipment Co.	Parts & Repairs	99398	\$	5,865.83	2, 3
Reds Fixit Shop, LLC	Weed – Equipment	99399	\$	790.00	
Roughrider Electric Cooperative	Electricity	99400	\$	2,325.80	1, 2, 3, G
Runnings Farm & Fleet, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99401	\$	929.66	1, 2, 3, G
Southwest Business Machines	Office Supplies	99402	\$	117.69	
Schmidt Repair, Inc.	Parts & Supplies	99403	\$	1,362.16	2, 3
Service Printers	Weed – Newsletter Publishing	99404	\$	668.49	
Seven Seas Motel – Mandan	Weed – Travel Expense	99405	\$	228.59	
Share Corporation	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	99406	\$	351.80	
Stein's, Inc.	Courthouse – Maintenance Supplies	99407	\$	1,151.78	
Stopplesworth & Sons, Inc.	Road Repairs & Haul Scoria	99408	\$	4,395.50	2
Superpumper, Inc.	S. O. – Gas	99409	\$	53.00	
Sure Sign	Ambulance – Vehicle Graphics	99410	\$	3,272.00	
Southwestern District Health Unit	Taxes	99411	\$	14,819.73	
Southwest Multi-Co. Correction Ctr.	Prisoner Care	99412	\$	140.00	
Southwest Water Authority	Taxes	99413	\$	4,040.14	
Southwest Water Authority	Weed – Water Hookup Fees	99414	\$	1,147.00	
Southwest Water Authority	Water Usage	99415	\$	234.00	1, 2, 3
Tab Electronics	Ambulance – Radio Equipment	99416	\$	2,304.70	
Thompson Media Group, LLC	Subscription	99417	\$	328.50	
Thompson, Allan T.	Abatement	99418	\$	23.93	
Thompson, Allan T.	Commissioner – Mileage	99419	\$	153.00	1
Tom's Service Center	S. O. – Oil-x & Service	99420	\$	275.20	
Tractor & Equipment Co.	Parts & Supplies	99421	\$	2,458.89	1
Trappers Inn, Inc.	D.E.M. – Training Expense	99422	\$	45.61	
Theodore Roosevelt Medora Found.	Ambulance – Paramedic Housing	99423	\$	1,720.00	
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	99424	\$	234.09	2, G
Wal-Mart	Courthouse – Supplies	99425	\$	72.52	
Warne Chemical & Equipment Co.	Weed – Equipment	99426	\$	2,308.54	
Westlie Truck Center	Parts & Supplies	99427	\$	2,524.16	3
Alltel	Cellular Service	99473	\$	438.11	1, 3, G
American Family Life Assurance	Premium	99474	\$	666.63	
Consolidated	Internet Service	99475	\$	238.45	2, 3, W, G
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Administrative Fees	99476	\$	84.00	
Discovery Benefits, Inc.	Premium	99477	\$	1,816.69	
Information Technology Dept.	S.O. – T-1 Line	99478	\$	442.80	
Medora, City of...	Courthouse – Utilities	99479	\$	201.51	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Deferred Comp. Premium	99480	\$	5,964.00	
N.D.P.E.R.S.	Retirement	99481	\$	11,022.91	1, 2, 3, W, G
Prudential	Deferred Comp. Premium	99482	\$	50.00	
Qwest	Telephone Service	99483	\$	321.53	1, 2, 3, W, G
Reservation Telephone Cooperative	Telephone Service	99484	\$	60.59	1, 2, 3, G
Visa	Courthouse & Shop Supplies	99485	\$	1,927.62	1, 3, G

Payroll in the following amounts were approved for February: General Fund \$69,612.53; Road and Bridge Fund \$69,055.25; Weed Fund \$3,752.58

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

James Arthaud, Chairman

Attest: _____

Joan Jurgens, Auditor/Treasurer