

**BILLINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 7, 2022.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lester Iverson at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Dean Rodne and Michael Kasian in attendance.

Others were present during portions of the meeting: State's Attorney Patrick Weir, Deputy Auditor Jonna Bertelsen, Maintenance Supervisor Travis Bertelsen, Clerk/Recorder Juliana Hammerstrom, Tax Director Stacey Swanson, Ambulance Director Mitch Gilseth, Ambulance Director Kyle Michels, Road Superintendent Jeff Iverson, Major Dean Wyckoff, Sheriff Pat Rummel, Sunrise Youth Bureau's Holly Praus and Amber Hofstad, Dakota Insurance Dan Farstveet, County Extension Agent Kurt Froelich, Holly Tuhy, Taylor Downing, Alexis Lamb

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the board reviewed the commission minutes from the May 3, 2022 regular meeting. Kasian moved to approve the minutes. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

Sunrise Youth Bureau was added to the agenda for 9:10 am. Also EMS personnel discussion was added along with department reports. Rodne moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Holly Praus and Amber Hofstad were present to give an update on Sunrise Youth Bureau. Requesting \$7,000 as has been done in the past. This will be included in the preliminary budget for approval in July.

Dan Farstveet was present to go over the property survey for Fire and Tornado Insurance through the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund. He provided the board with information on some additional options that we should look into such as changing the wind and hail policy to a different deductible option, adding a sewer backup plan, increasing our electronic security coverage and increasing debris removal and equipment breakdown. Kasian made the motion to add the additional options to our insurance coverage. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

States Attorney Weir was present to give an update on the library progress and also had the development agreement ready to be reviewed by the commissioners. There are still concerns regarding the PILOT program with the county. State's Attorney Weir has met with the former Tax Commissioner, Ryan Rauschenberg and they are reviewing the taxing options. Weir gave his legal advice that the development agreement is ready to be signed. This agreement is not a binding agreement but protects the county and it lays out all the responsibilities of each entity. The project will still need to go through zoning and commission approval through each step of the development. Rodne moved to approve the development agreement. Iverson Seconded. Rodne and Iverson voted aye. Kasian voted nay. Motion passed.

Kurt Froehlich was present from NDSU Extension to introduce some of his new employees this summer. Holly Tuhy the Family Community Wellness Agent and Taylor Downing, who is a Billings County resident, doing an internship with NDSU at DSU.

Tax Director Stacey Swanson presented her monthly report. There was 1 ARW application this month to approve. Road Superintendent approved these with no conditions.

- 2022-7 McKenzie Electric Cooperative – Utility ARW – Crossing sections 1 & 2 144-98 along 121st Ave SW.

Rodne made the motion to approve the ARW as presented. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Stacey presented zoning meeting updates.

Road Superintendent Jeff Iverson was present to give his monthly report.

The Belfield Ambulance Merger was discussed and the next steps that will be taken. Kyle and Mitch handed out packets that will be presented in South Heart. After discussion, the Medora Ambulance numbers will be removed.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15pm and reconvened at 1:00pm.

Before the commission continued on with the agenda, States Attorney Weir brought up a concern regarding open meeting laws and asked if further business was discussed after the meeting was adjourned for lunch. Each commissioner stated no business was discussed and Weir advised them to be sure that they are not discussing county business together outside of a meeting in order to follow the rules of the Attorney General.

Further discussion was had regarding the Belfield Ambulance merger. Kyle and Mitch came back with updated packets to review. The formula that was used Tax Director Swanson felt is a good formula and can easily be used in the future as well. Iverson felt we are ok with going forward and asking South Heart for \$20,000 and Rodne

and Kasian were also in agreement with this amount. States Attorney Weir was asked to come up with a JPA similar to the one brought to Belfield.

EMS Directors presented their monthly report. It was asked of the commission to increase the volunteer wage in Belfield to match Medora. Kasian moved to match Belfield volunteer to Medora. Rodne Seconded. All voted aye. The EMT class is being audited, and we will be a cardiac ready community soon.

At 2:05PM the board recessed as the Billings County Commission and convened as The Billings County Board of Equalization.

Tax Director Stacey Swanson was present to discuss the valuation changes for 2022. Director Swanson gave an overview of the appraisal process and then went over changes in agricultural, commercial and residential values. Most of the notices sent out this year were for new construction. Residential and commercial land values increased 6.6% on average. She then went over individual industrial assessments by TY Pickett and the cropland and non-cropland valuations. 2022 assessments are within 6% of the NDSU average so no change was suggested due to being within the 10% tolerance level. The board discussed an added daycare exemption request. Rodne moved to approve the exemption. Kasian seconded. All voted aye. Total projected net taxable value for locally assessed property is \$14,416,434. No one appeared in protest of their individual assessment. Kasian moved to approve the tax assessments for 2022 as presented by Tax Director Swanson. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

At 2:30PM the board recessed as the Billings County Board of Equalization and convened as the Billings County Commission.

Sheriff Pat Rummel gave his monthly report. Rummel asked the commission to appoint Jim Ladbury as the County Coroner. He will continue to be paid by the case. Kasian moved to appoint Jim Ladbury as the County Coroner. Rodne Seconded. All voted aye. Frank Lukowski lives in the Sheriff housing trailer, and is asking for approval to put up a fence. The commission is fine with him putting the fence up out of the Sheriff's budget. Rummel put in for a scholarship to go to the National Sheriff's Association and he was one that was picked to receive the scholarship. This will cover a couple nights in Kansas City, MO. He has it in his budget to cover the rest. Dean Wyckoff went over the sheriff's report.

Discussion ensued regarding cost of living. Rodne moved to approve 6% of the individual salary. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

The following claims were approved for payment:

PAYEE	CHECK #	AMOUNT
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	21295	\$ 3,684.00
ND Public Employee Retirement Sy	21296	\$ 858.12
Gerry's Plumbing & Heating	21297	\$ 1,250.00
All Around Tire & Oil	21298	\$ 85.67
Aramark	21299	\$ 397.84
Beaver Creek Archaeology	21300	\$ 4,200.00
Belfield Sportsmen Club	21301	\$ 60.00
Best Energy	21302	\$ 73.03
Billings County Historical Society	21303	\$ 236.06
Billings County Rural Fire District	21304	\$ 4,562.18
Billings County Rural Fire District	21305	\$ 1,573.26
Billings County School District	21306	\$ 37,437.24
Billings County Sheriff	21307	\$ 322.46
Blue Sky Dumpsters	21308	\$ 490.00
Bock Ronald & Judy	21309	\$ 1,500.00
Boespflug Trailers & Feed	21310	\$ 6.80
Boss Office Products	21311	\$ 1,707.62
Braun Distributing Inc	21312	\$ 131.25
Brosz Engineering Inc	21313	\$ 15,115.00
Butler Machinery Co	21314	\$ 237.10
Capital One	21315	\$ 247.88
Central Mechanical	21316	\$ 7,191.00
Cerberus Security	21317	\$ 30.00
Cerkoney Cathy	21318	\$ 272.85
Charbonneau Car Center	21319	\$ 322.34
Choice Financial	21320	\$ 38.00
CNA Surety	21321	\$ 50.00
Code 4 Services Inc	21322	\$ 12,507.52
Corneil Todd	21323	\$ 150.00

Creative Energy	21324	\$	257.67
Dakota Fluid Power Inc	21325	\$	331.60
Dakota Insurance	21326	\$	2,017.00
Dakota Sports	21327	\$	28.00
Dickinson Public Library	21328	\$	7,498.03
Ecolab Pest Elim Div	21329	\$	354.33
Farmers Union Oil Co. Beach	21330	\$	10,475.98
First Initial Respond Systems	21331	\$	203.83
Four Corners Café	21332	\$	660.00
George's Tire LTD	21333	\$	1,270.00
Gooseneck Implement	21334	\$	844.62
Hammerstrom Juliana	21335	\$	203.45
Hlebechuk Construction Inc	21336	\$	180.00
J and J Operating LLC	21337	\$	7,977.15
J P Steel & Supply Inc	21338	\$	113.60
Johnson Controls Fire Protection	21339	\$	2,784.72
Kahl Gracie	21340	\$	18.00
Kasian Connie	21341	\$	255.30
Keith Signs	21342	\$	1,390.00
Kessel Anita	21343	\$	243.60
Kevin's Auto & Truck Repair	21344	\$	68.00
KLJ Engineering LLC	21345	\$	2,558.28
Klym Steven	21346	\$	135.10
Kohler Communications	21347	\$	200.00
Kubik Bogner Ridl & Selinger PLLP	21348	\$	3,000.00
Liberty Doors	21349	\$	315.00
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc	21350	\$	31.97
Medora, City of	21351	\$	127.32
Menards Dickinson	21352	\$	49.26
MGM Rural Sanitation LLC	21353	\$	315.72
Motorola Solutions	21354	\$	7,266.90
ND Association of Counties	21355	\$	86.99
ND Attorney General's Office	21356	\$	15.00
ND Dept of Transportation	21357	\$	10.00
ND Dept of Transportation	21358	\$	10.00
ND Dept of Transportation	21359	\$	3,883.08
ND State Treasurer	21360	\$	1,082.75
NDAAO Carla Broadland	21361	\$	575.00
NDACO Resources Group Inc	21362	\$	719.52
Nelson International	21363	\$	363.52
North Dakota One Call	21364	\$	9.10
Nutrien Ag Solutions	21365	\$	14,310.00
O5 Motorsports LLC	21366	\$	185.42
Olin Seth	21367	\$	149.10
Pickett Thomas Y	21368	\$	13,000.00
Polensky Vernon & Glenella	21369	\$	1,500.00
Pump Systems Inc	21370	\$	132.76
Putnam Karen	21371	\$	153.51
Quality Quick Print	21372	\$	1,157.00
Ramkota Hotel	21373	\$	1,896.60
Ray's Auto Electric Inc	21374	\$	1,266.88
RDO Equipment Co	21375	\$	48,679.89
RELX Inc	21376	\$	233.40
Rodne, Dean	21377	\$	174.57
RPM Auto Repair	21378	\$	392.38
Runnings Supply Inc	21379	\$	544.72
Sanford Health Occ Med	21380	\$	341.00
Sax Motor Co	21381	\$	89.25
Share Corporation	21382	\$	652.15
Sheyenne Tooling & MFG	21383	\$	1,750.43
Shockley Christina	21384	\$	300.00
Shockley Cody	21385	\$	300.00
Shockley Kyle	21386	\$	70.00

Sign Solutions	21387	\$	191.98
Southwest Water Authority	21388	\$	27.96
Southwest Water Authority	21389	\$	1,053.32
Southwestern Dist Health Unit	21390	\$	3,546.28
St Alexius Medical Center	21391	\$	769.46
Stein's Inc	21392	\$	81.12
Tezap John	21393	\$	239.60
Thompson Patty	21394	\$	217.45
Thompson Philip	21395	\$	233.80
TrueNorth Steel Inc	21396	\$	33,582.44
Underground Vaults Inc	21397	\$	220.80
Verizon Wireless	21398	\$	2,321.61
Vision West ND	21399	\$	800.00
Warne Chemical & Equipment Co	21400	\$	4,650.00
Weir H Patrick	21401	\$	194.22
West Dakota Oil	21402	\$	23,456.25
West Plains Inc	21403	\$	36.00
Westlie Crossroads Truck Ctr	21404	\$	1,393.37
Zoll Medical Corp	21405	\$	1,530.00
Belfield Automotive Supply Inc	21406	\$	1,921.76
CenturyLink	21407	\$	936.50
Information Technology Dept	21408	\$	1,176.45
Kasian Michael E.	21409	\$	112.91
Medora, City of	21410	\$	442.36
Reservation Telephone	21411	\$	41.62
Roughrider Electric Coop Inc	21412	\$	3,711.17
RTC Networks	21413	\$	1,259.47
Verizon Wireless	21414	\$	35.23
Visa	21415	\$	1,824.59
Visa	21416	\$	2,786.41
Wex Health Inc	21417	\$	63.00
ND Public Employee Retirement Sy	21418	\$	10,520.00
ND Public Employee Retirement Sy	21419	\$	42,730.45
ND Public Employee Retirement Sy	21420	\$	650.00
NDFOP State Lodge Treasurer	21421	\$	25.00
North Dakota Public Health Ins Trust	21422	\$	69,898.10
Prudential Service Center	21423	\$	14.29
State Dispersement Unit	21424	\$	717.00
Wex Health Inc	21425	\$	3,010.45

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of May: Recorder \$3,190.00; Zoning \$100.00; Court \$75.00; EMS \$3,360.86, Sheriff \$1,000.00.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in May: Robertson Metal Recycling \$957.00 scrap metal; Mary Griffin \$391.20 gravel & hauling WEED SPRAYING: Al Schaeffer \$34.17, Lindbo Welding \$32.57, Jeff Baranko \$28.35, Robert Greenlee \$71.12.

Revenues for the month of May: Road & Bridge permits \$3,698.45; Highway Distribution \$13,198.06; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$192,781.18; Royalties \$74,040.01; Unorganized Oil & Gas Production Tax \$12,852.08; Interest \$10,400.48; State Aid Distribution \$23,713.42; NDIRF \$370.00; SO 24/7 \$380.00; NDDOH Training Grant EMS \$4,020.00; NDACO WC \$7,804.87.

Payroll in the following amounts was approved for May: General Fund \$184,433.76; Road and Bridge Fund \$115,882.14; Weed Fund \$12,254.52.

With there being no further business, Rodne moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 pm. Kasian seconded. All voted aye.

Lester Iverson, Chairman

Attest: _____

Marcia Lamb, Auditor/Treasurer