Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission

May 21, 2009

At 4:30 p.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, Doug Kaiser, Craig Neys and Mark T. Klose answered roll call.

The special meeting was held to continue the consideration of the property tax exemption request of Gavilon Grain, LLC, d/b/a Peavey Company.

Richard Welding, Manager – Gavilon Grain (Peavey), presented a proposal requesting the County upgrade and/or pave the access roads to their plant along 34th Street SE and 80th Avenue SE to handle 105,000 pound traffic. Gavilon would reimburse the County $486,455 in exchange for a 5 year 100% exemption on their proposed improvements.

Mike Zimmerman, County Highway Superintendent, presented cost estimates to make the improvements. The estimate for a 105,000 pound traffic road was $1.3 million. The Commission indicated that the County did not have the funds to make up the difference in cost for the improvements.

Bob Toso, Superintendent - Jamestown Public Schools, commented that the school district did not have a problem granting new or expanding business exemptions as long as the district was not losing any money. The exemption was for proposed new improvements so the district would not lose any revenue.

Commissioner Marks questioned whether or not the facility would eventually sell retail and not strictly wholesale. Mr. Welding indicated that he could not say or guarantee what the company's future policy would be.

A motion was made by Kaiser and seconded by Ova to grant a 5 year 100% exemption for the proposed improvements. Roll call vote: Ova - aye, Marks - nay, Kaiser - aye, Neys - aye, Klose - aye.

The Commission requested Mr. Welding to take the cost estimates back to his supervisors and ask that they assist with a plan to handle the additional truck traffic.

Neys made a motion that was seconded by Ova to adjourn. At 5:11 p.m., the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Noel A. Johnson
County COO (Auditor)

Mark Klose
Commission Chairman