Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission—November 21, 2023

At 3:30 p.m., Chairman Klose called the regular meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Jerry Bergquist, Chad Wolsky, Joan Morris, and Mark Klose answered the roll call. Levi Taylor joined via telephone at 3:32.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kara Falk, Executive Director, Central Valley Health, presented the plan for the use of the opioid settlement funds. The plan is to provide and support education to youth to discourage use of substances, to support the expansion of telehealth for crisis services, and to support warm hands-off services for transition to recovery services. A motion to approve the plan was made by Wolsky, seconded by Morris. Roll call vote: Bergquist, Wolsky, Morris, Taylor, and Klose voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer the $31,215.27 from the opioid settlement to Central Valley Health was made by Bergquist, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Wolsky, Morris, Taylor, Klose, and Bergquist voted aye. Motion carried.

Shannon Davis, Human Resource Director, presented the 2024 NDPERS changes. She is requesting approval of contribution rates at 3% for the employee contribution, and 13.26% for the employer contribution. This is a 1% increase in the employee contribution. A motion to approve was made by Morris, seconded by Bergquist. Roll call vote: Morris, Taylor, Klose, Bergquist, and Wolsky voted aye. Motion carried.

Davis also presented the NDPERS Public Safety Plan for Law Enforcement. The plan would allow law enforcement officers and licensed peace officers to retire with the Rule of 85. New hires would automatically go on the plan, and current employees in Law Enforcement would get the option to stay with their current plan or join the Public Safety Retirement Plan. A motion to join the public safety retirement plan effective March 1, 2024, was made by Wolsky, seconded by Bergquist. Roll call vote: Taylor, Klose, Bergquist, Wolsky, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the employer/employee contributions for the NDPERS Public Safety Plan as presented with the employee contribution being 4.78% and the employer contribution being 13.26% was made by Morris, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Klose, Bergquist, Wolsky, Morris, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried.

Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO, presented a request for changes in the 2024 raffle permit fees. The county has charged $10.00 for these permit fees for several years and can charge up to $100.00. A motion to increase raffle permit fees to $25.00, beginning January 1, 2024, was made by Bergquist, seconded by Wolsky. Roll call vote: Bergquist, Wolsky, Morris, Taylor, and Klose voted aye. Motion carried.

Alonge then presented a discussion on reducing the number of City of Jamestown Precincts for the 2024 election cycle. There are currently six precincts within the city. One precinct is in Legislative District 29 and the other five are in Legislative District 12. The city council approved a request earlier this year and has a resolution on file. The change would reduce the number of ballot styles on election day. The vote center location would not change. Bernie Satrom, Chairman of District 12 Republicans, and Cole Conley, State Senator, District 12, requested the Commission leave the number of precincts the same. Precincts must be approved by December 31, 2023. Gail Kollman, Kensal, 2nd Vice Chair District 29 GOP, and past

election judge questioned if this would change the number of election workers. Alonge informed her that this decision would not affect election workers, and discussion regarding workers would be held at another time. Ann Hoggarth, District 29 Chair, stated she did not believe there were enough workers in the 2022 general election. This item was tabled to the December 5, 2023, Commission meeting.

Chad Kaiser, Sheriff, spoke about House Bill 1307, Back the Blue funding, which was approved in Legislative Session for the State of North Dakota. Stutsman County has 13 law enforcement officers and 24 correctional officers eligible for the funding. The county received $52,516, which would be equally dispersed between all eligible officers as a one-time bonus of $1,419 per officer. A motion to authorize Sheriff Kaiser to expend Back the Blue grant funds approved in House Bill 1307 which was passed by the 2023 Legislature for the categories outlined as follows: providing hiring and retention bonuses to new and current law enforcement and correctional officers and providing tuition and fee payments on behalf of law enforcement trainees was made by Wolsky, seconded by Bergquist. Roll call vote: Wolsky, Morris, Taylor, Klose, and Bergquist voted aye. Motion carried.

Jim Wentland, Highway Superintendent, requested to replace the garage door on the Cleveland Shop. He received quotes from Infinity, Jim's Garage Doors, and Schumacher's. Schumacher's had the lowest quote at $9,041 for a 2-inch insulated door. A motion to approve the replacement by Schumacher's was made by Bergquist, seconded by Morris. Roll call vote: Morris, Taylor, Klose, Bergquist, and Wolsky voted aye. Motion carried.

At 4:22 p.m., the Commission meeting recessed for the Park Board meeting.

Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Park Board – November 21, 2023

At 4:22 p.m., Chairman Klose called the regular meeting of the Stutsman County Park Board to order. Jerry Bergquist, Mark Klose, Chad Wolsky, Joan Morris, Levi Taylor (via telephone), and Merri Mooridian answered the roll call. Henry Steinberger was absent.

Alonge stated that the Park Board received a spraying bill from the Weed Department. Klose would like to have a member of the Weed Board come to the December 5 meeting to discuss what sort of agreement could be made regarding charges/payments between county departments.

A motion to approve the mid-month bills was made by Bergquist, seconded by Mooridian. Roll call vote: Taylor, Klose, Mooridian, Bergquist, Wolsky, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried.

	County Park Fund	
12634	COLE PAPERS INC	$369.81
12638	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$69.90
12648	GAHNER SANITATION SERVICE	$1,100.00
12654	GUTHMILLER EARTHMOVING INC	$5,950.00
12664	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	$115.67

At 4:29 p.m., a motion to adjourn the Park Board meeting was made by Morris, seconded by Wolsky. Motion carried.

At 4:29 p.m., the Commission meeting was called back to order.

A motion to approve the taxable meals and mid-month bills was made by Bergquist, seconded by Morris. Roll call vote: Klose, Bergquist, Wolsky, Morris, and Taylor voted aye. Motion carried.

	General Revenue Fund		12674	NAPA AUTO PARTS	$719.11
12619	BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	$242.00	12677	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	$325.00
	ALONGE,JESSICA	$265.93	12679	NEWMAN SIGNS	$1,844.82
12621	ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE-1250	$732.00	12680	NIENOW, JOYCE	$41.00
12622	BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	$372.44	12682	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	$557.85
12628	CABLE SERVICES	$47.31	12684	POWER PLAN	$3,233.60
12629	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	$5,129.56	12685	QUILL CORPORATION	$28.04
12630	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	$320.04	12692	SCHEMPP, JEFF	$20,751.30
12631	CENTURYLINK	$536.91	12696	SZARKOWSKI, PAUL	$378.32
12634	COLE PAPERS INC	$2,498.39	12699	TOWE, JEREMY W	$72.05
12635	CREATIVE ENERGY	$244.33		WANZEK, JOHN	$83.84
12637	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$924.96	12707	WEST END HIDE & FUR	$233.64
12639	DECORATING BY CHARLIE	$373.00		**Weed Control Fund**	
12640	DOCKTER, SHANE	$10.09	12637	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$56.85
12641	DRAKE,SAVANNA	$501.00	12647	FREY,MARVIN	$640.00
12642	DUFFY, TONYA LYNN	$2,637.50	12650	GARRETT, LEE	$692.00
12646	FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	$2,721.64	12651	GEORGE, KAREN	$444.00
12649	GALLS, LLC	$124.56	12653	GROSS, LEROY	$40.00
12660	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	$1,098.75	12657	HOLM,DANN	$856.00
12661	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	$349.91	12665	KLOSE,RICHARD	$732.00
12662	JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS INC	$362.00	12666	KOEHN,ANDREW	$412.00
12663	JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	$130.66	12667	KOEHN,KEVIN	$332.00
	KIRKING, ANDREW	$45.85	12670	LIMESAND, NEIL	$480.00
12668	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	$347.12	12675	NAPA AUTO PARTS-WEED	$241.81
12677	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	$1,935.00	12676	NATIONAL BUFFALO MUSEUM	$268.00
12681	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	$66.00	12677	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	$170.00
12682	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	$7,619.72	12683	PATZER,DARRELL	$108.00
12685	QUILL CORPORATION	$315.22	12688	REUER, LONNY	$388.00
12686	RECORD KEEPERS	$49.50	12689	RM STOUDT INC	$94.00
12687	REDWOOD BIOTECH INC	$100.51	12700	TRAUTMAN, TOM	$720.00
12689	RM STOUDT INC	$180.71	12703	VANRAY,BILL	$512.00
12691	SC CORRECTIONS	$1,552.75	12704	VANRAY,CARMEN	$512.00
12693	SCOTT'S ELECTRIC LLC	$249.90	12705	VANRAY,JEFF	$512.00
12695	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	$15,756.59	12706	VANRAY,KENT	$512.00
12697	THOMSON REUTERS	$457.15		**Veterans Service Fund**	
12698	THRIFTY DRUG-WHITE DRUG	$24.86	12673	NACVSO	$50.00
12702	TWO RIVERS PRINTING	$223.50		**County Agent Fund**	
	E 911 Phone System Fund		12637	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$536.81
12637	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$219.12	12655	HIGH PLAINS WATER	$42.00
12638	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$277.00	12661	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	$171.22
12660	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	$5,003.49		JARSKI-WEBER, BRENDA	$226.40
	County Roads Fund			JARSKI-WEBER, BRENDA	$294.34
12620	ARAMARK	$287.94		JARSKI-WEBER, BRENDA	$59.86
12624	BORDER STATES PAVING INC	$1,255.54	12678	NDSU AG COMMUNICATION	$70.00
12626	BUFFALO CITY DIESEL	$869.07		WOLFF, ASHLEY	$50.00
12627	BUTLER MACHINERY CO	$798.08		**Human Service Zone Human Service Fund Total**	$8,263.69
12633	CLEVELAND CITY WATER & SEWER	$115.00		**Commissary Fund**	
12635	CREATIVE ENERGY	$3,336.13	12701	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	$477.49
12636	CUSTOM CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS, LLC	$18,480.00		**Courthouse Building Fund**	
12637	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMM	$177.20	12693	SCOTT'S ELECTRIC LLC	$2,100.00
12643	EXNER, TIM	$1,100.91		**County Correctional Center Construction Fund**	
12644	FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY - PETTIBONE	$20.99	12658	HOME DESIGN CENTER	$7,500.25
12645	FASTENAL CO	$14.00	12693	SCOTT'S ELECTRIC LLC	$7,190.40

12652	GOHNER, DONALD	$15,465.40		**Road & Bridge Building Fund**	
12655	HIGH PLAINS WATER	$24.00	12674	NAPA AUTO PARTS	$169.99
12656	HOFMANN, RAYMOND	$2,709.00		**FEMA**	
12659	HOME OF ECONOMY	$99.99		BLOOM TOWNSHIP-DD	$9,758.99
12664	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	$2,164.60		BLOOM TOWNSHIP-DD	$325.30
	KRAMLICH MICHAEL	$91.70		LENTON TOWNSHIP #29 - DD	$1,289.93
12669	LEONARD GESKE ESTATE	$3,672.00		LENTON TOWNSHIP #29 - DD	$43.00
12671	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	$2,229.57		MOON LAKE TOWNSHIP #37 - DD	$2,421.10
12672	MENARDS - JAMESTOWN	$365.49		MOON LAKE TOWNSHIP #37 - DD	$80.70

At 4:32 p.m., a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting was made by Wolsky, seconded by Morris. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jessica Alonge
Auditor/COO

Mark T. Klose
Commission Chairman