

Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission

March 18, 2008

At 8:00 a.m. the mid-month meeting of the Stutsman County Commission was called to order by Chairman Klose. Roll call was answered by Douglas Kaiser, Craig Neys, Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, and Mark T. Klose.

Jim Boyd, JSDC Board of Directors Vice President, presented a strategic plan for JSDC for the next five years that included a vision and mission statement and six strategic projects. The projects were community projects that were intended to serve as JSDC's theme for growing Jamestown.

Connie Ova, JSDC-CEO, requested approval of funds for Champ Industries to relocate and expand their business. The \$25,000 PACE interest buy down and \$25,000 in new jobs training funds would be split 80/20, City/County. Neys made a motion that was seconded by Kaiser to approve the \$10,000 in County funds. Roll call vote – Ova, Marks, Kaiser, Neys and Klose voted aye.

Mike Zimmerman, County Highway Superintendent, gave his monthly report. He handed out the revised road policy. An employee that retired last fall would not be replaced. He had a request to increase the load limits on the Sydney road so contractors bidding on the Ypsilanti paving project could haul less loads which could lower the upcoming bids. Marks made a motion that was seconded by Kaiser to allow load limits not to exceed 105,500 on County Road 38GD (Sydney Road) from US 281 to County Highway 65 for the Ypsilanti Road paving project provided the bridge ratings were capable of the weight and to consider each and any future request individually. Motion carried.

Neys made a motion that was seconded by Marks to allow the purchase of a replacement GPS unit for the Road Department at a net cost of \$2,800. Roll call vote – Marks, Kaiser, Neys, Klose and Ova voted aye.

Public comment was received on proposed ordinance 2008-1 and the proposed long-range road plan. Commissioner Marks reported on the presentation given at the Medina Farm Days????? Judy Graves stated that the County's low mill rate for roads could impact potential future state or federal funds because the legislature would look at the County's low mill levy as an indication that the County had not done enough to solve its own problems. Her investigations had found that Great River Energy and similar companies take a small percentage of their pre-tax profits and put those dollars back into communities where they are doing business. Joe Schmidt voiced a complaint about fugitive dust problems along 35th Street SE east of the Cavendish plant. The road was used by City trucks going to the land fill and it was used as a haul road for gravel trucks. The road was a Township road so it was not under the control of the Commission.

Marks made a motion that was seconded by Ova to pay \$331 in taxable meals and to pay the mid-month bills. Roll call vote – Kaiser, Neys, Klose, Ova and Marks voted aye.

A motion was made by Ova and seconded by Neys to proxy the County's 81,842 votes to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund for their 2008 annual meeting. Motion carried.

Ova made a motion that was seconded by Marks to adjourn. At 9:07 a.m., the mid-month meeting of the Stutsman County Commission was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Noel A. Johnson
County COO (Auditor)

Mark Klose
Commission Chairman