

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

October 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl at 9:00a.m. with Comm. Louser, Weppler, Walter, and Nybakken present. Also present were department heads: Ryan Kamrowski, Betty Braun, Dana Larsen, Roza Larson, Leona Lochthowe, John Crosby, Mark Schrader, Amber Turnquist, Leo Schmidt, Amanda Schooling, Bob Barnard, Paul Olthoff, and Devra Smestad.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve the agenda with additions. Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve minutes from Regular Commission Meeting on September 20, 2016. Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Devra Smestad presented the bills. Moved by Comm. Louser, seconded by Comm. Nybakken, to approve Regular bills totaling \$720,127.78 and the Social Welfare Fund of \$23,516.15. Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

At 9:10 a.m. Chairman Fjeldahl opened the public hearing regarding Flood Plan Zoning of Burlington Township 2nd Reading.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve opening public hearing. Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Amber Turnquist appeared reminding board that this zoning didn't go through proper channels of Planning and Zoning. Roza Larson interjected that the Planning & Zoning Committee had its opportunity. Amanda Schooling appeared and confirmed that Burlington had its reading, and had signed off on it approving the zoning. Due to it being a flood planning issue and Burlington had signed off approving it, if this isn't approved today, Burlington will have to go out on its own flood protection plan.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve closing the public hearing. Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the addition of Burlington to the Flood Plan Zoning District Boundaries of Ward County and to send note to Planning and Zoning Committee with the change.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the base floodplain district shall be the areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through a scientific and engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study for Ward County, North Dakota" dated January 19, 2000 with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary and Floodway maps and any revision thereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. The boundaries shall include areas shown on the County Floodplain Management Map as County Floodplain Management Areas. Said maps are kept on file in the office of the Ward County Auditor at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, and shall be available for public inspection during the established County office hours. Said flood hazard areas may be changed periodically through additional floodplain maps derived from studies by federal, state and local officials. This new information for updating the flood insurance study and supplementary documents shall be forwarded to FEMA immediately. The area subject to the authority of the Ward County Floodplain Zoning Ordinance will be comprised of all unorganized areas located within the boundaries of Ward County, and those townships which have filed written relinquishments of their zoning authority to Ward County at the Ward County Auditor's office. The townships which have filed their written relinquishments of zoning authority to Ward County pursuant to North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 11-33, are: Baden, Burlington,

Carpio, Harrison, Foxholm, Kirkelie, Nedrose, New Prairie, Sawyer, Sundre, and Willis.

Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Amber Turnquist appeared with Memorandum #1 with three Plat Approvals. #1 Mike Schaefer for the following property: Outlot 1 within the S ½ of Government Lot 4, Section 30=155=84, Burlington Township. #2 Kory Nelson for the following property: Outlot 2 of SW ¼ SW ¼, Section 25-160-89, Elmdale Township. #3 Central Power Electric Cooperative for the following property: Outlot 2 of Gov't Lot 1 of the NE1/4, Section 3-156-82 McKinley Township.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Nybakken, to approve Memorandum #1 for all three plats. Roll Call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser, to open Public Hearing on a moving permit for Mike Schaefer. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m. Chairman Fjeldahl opened the public hearing.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser, Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Ward County Building Inspector Leo Schmidt appeared with request for Moving Permit filed by Mike Schaefer to move single family residence conventional framed three bedroom, one bath and attached garage from 6100 100th ST SW, Minot, ND Parcel #BU10090000020 to

1975 156TH ST SW, Des Lacs, ND. Inspector had toured house and verified that it was a sound built structure.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to close Public Hearing. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 9:25 a.m.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Nybakken to approve the moving permit. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Tammy Holen, owner of Artistic Ambiance Floral Shop, 417 Burdick Expressway E. appeared with concern of her business deteriorating because of the new location of the 24/7 program moving in beside her business. She is requesting a buyout due to employee and customer complaints and a decline in sales. Holen had first contacted Comm. Wepler previously and Commissioner Wepler had visited her location to see some of the activity Holen was seeing. The board has discussed placing a fence between the two locations for privacy. The 24/7 employees and police have been told not to cut through the floral shop lot to escort offenders to the jail. Holen feels that a fence will not help with the issue at hand.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to table discussion and to give Holen Board's decision by the next Commissioner's meeting, Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Dr. Stripe, County Coroner and UND faculty member, appeared discussing the contract between UND and Ward County for Coroner and on the scene death investigations. Dr. Stripe

stressed that UND has down-sized it's faculty from five to three due to state budget cuts. Thus was the reason UND was sending residents and death investigators to the scenes. Local sheriffs and States Attorney Roza Larson had been notified about the unprofessionalism and under-qualifications of these investigators. Three ideas were given: 1-Negotiate a new contract with UND. 2-Look for a new coroner. 3-UND contract ends 12.31.17 at that time UND will not go to crime scenes, but will continue to be at the morgue. Auditor Smestad will set up meeting with Commissioners and UND at a later date.

Pat Murphy, Board member for the Ward Weather Modification, Curt Engelhard, Ward county farmer, John Pietsch, a local Minot farmer, Roger E Neshem local Berthold area farmer, appeared discussing their views on the Ward County Weather Modification Authority program. Due to State law changes, the Weather Modification is now part of the County's General Fund. Due to increasing costs and trying to cut the County budget it was brought forth to discontinue paying for this program. At the Commissioners Meeting September 27th, the Vote was three to two to remove the Weather Modification from the County budget.

Moved by Comm. Louser, seconded by Comm. Weppler to reconsider and reinstate the Weather Modification Program to the County Budget. Roll call: Comm. Louser, Weppler, Nybakken, and Walter voted yes, Chairman Fjeldahl voted no. Motion carried.

Highway Engineer Dana Larson appeared with County Road Project Updates: 53 Miles were reshaped and graveled in Southwest Ward County. County Road 4 near Kenmare will be finished this week. The Plaza road project cement stabilization has been completed and paving should take place this week if weather holds out. County Road 15 has new gravel and Base One

with MAG CI being applied Wednesday. County Road 2 Bridge Replacement is at the stage of grouting the joints then concrete and pavement will be added. The County Wide Seal Coat Project for chips and seals was completed mid-August. County Wide Striping was completed July 3. Five of the seven township grades have been completed and last two will be finished soon. County Road 20 and County Road 24 Grade Raise are in final stages and will be completed this year. County Road 23 Silver Widening is progressing and crews will begin hauling the 12" of gravel for the new shoulder. County Road 10 In-slopes have five of the seven miles completed. Dana offered Commissioner field tours of the progression.

Director of Tax Equalization, Ryan Kamrowski appeared with Memorandum A: adjusting values for public sale: MEMORANDUM A

DATE: October 4, 2016
 TO: Ward County Commissioners
 FROM: Ryan Kamrowski, Director of Tax Equalization
 RE: Items for Consideration and Action on October 4, 2016

1. Property being assessed with land on City of Minot Parcel:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Burkhardtsmeier, Albert	MI5103388 Burdick Expy 2 nd Addition Lot 13 Block 2	2016	\$12,700	\$0.00	\$571.50	\$0.00
Burkhardtsmeier, Albert	MI5103388 Burdick Expy 2 nd Addition Lot 13 Block 2	2015	\$16,600	\$0.00	\$747	\$0.00
Burkhardtsmeier, Albert	MI5103388 Burdick Expy 2 nd Addition Lot 13 Block 2	2014	\$25,600	\$0.00	\$1,152	\$0.00

2. MH moved out of the County on 4-20-2015 (uncollectable taxes):

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Fox, Greg	MI5105085 Holiday Village Lot 1007	2016	\$61,600	\$0.00	\$2,772	\$0.00

3. MH was taken to the landfill – no permit lot is vacant (uncollectable taxes):

Feist, Rebecca	MI5101055 Jefferson MHP Lot E-28	2016	\$10,100	\$0.00	\$455	\$0.00
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4. Ward County took possession of property 2-11-2016 – pro-rate for 11 months:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ward County	SR14090000080 Olt 7 of SWNW S13 & Olt 8 of SENE	2016	\$36,600	\$3,000	\$1,647	\$135

5. Property is owned by a tax exempt entity as of 2-11-2015, there should not be taxed for 2016

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ward County	SR130990000031 Olt 3 of SW between Soo RY & Mouse River Less Rd & Lot A S13-154-82	2016	\$61,800	\$0.00	\$2,781	\$0.00
Ward County	SR140990000080 Olt 7 of SWNW S13 & Olt 8 of SENE S14-154--82	2016	\$36,600	\$0.00	\$1,647	\$0.00

6. Property is now owned by a tax exempt entity date of possession 2-11-2016:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ward County	SR130990000031 Olt 3 of SW between Soo RY & Mouse River Less Rd & Lot A S13-154-82	2015	\$61,800	\$56,600	\$2,781	\$2,547

7. Remove values for 2016, owner tax exempt entity since 2-11-2015:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ward County	SR140990000150 Olt 10 of SWSW S13 & Olt 15 of SENE S14-154-82	2016	\$23,800	\$0.00	\$1,071	\$0.00

8. Ward County took possession of this property 2-11-2015, pro-rate for 1 month:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ward County	SR140990000150 Olt 10 of SWSW S13 & Olt 15 of SENE S14-154-82	2015	\$23,800	\$2,000	\$1,071	\$90

9. Remove MH value from Real Estate parcel it is being taxed MH:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Liefson, Leon	NE210990000351 Olt 35 of SESE Less N2 S21-155-82	2016	\$113,000	\$43,000	\$5,085	\$1,935
Liefson,	NE210990000351	2015	\$101,200	\$18,800	\$4,554	\$846

Leon	Olt 35 of SESE Less N2 S21-155-82					
Liefson, Leon	NE210990000351 Olt 35 of SESE Less N2 S21-155-82	2014	\$95,600	\$18,600	\$4,302	\$837

10. Omitted Property:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Walhood, Bennie & Deloris	DL130990000020 Olt 2 of NENE S13-155-85	2016	\$40,800	\$169,800	\$1,836	\$7,641

11. Property owner by a public entity:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
City of Burlington	BN010990000150 Olt 15 of NW Less Hacienda Acres Addition	2016	\$28,000	\$0.00	\$1,400	\$0.00

12. Escaped Assessment:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Bartlett, Jeff & Lisa	EL180011000090 Niobe Lots 7-9 Block 10	2016	\$500	\$39,500	\$25	\$1,780

13. Property sold from City to private party 7-2014 no longer exempt:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Jenkins, Amy	MI144760200023 West Minot Addiiton East 50' of Lot 2 Block 2	2016	\$0.00	\$19,000	\$0.00	\$950
Boehm,	MI220570200070	2016	\$0.00	\$22,000	\$0.00	\$1,100

Eleanor & Harlan & Ronald & Carmelita & Anita	Dacotah Homes 2 nd Addition Lot 7 plus ½ of vacated alley Block 2					
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14. Property purchased by the City of Minot pro-rate 7 months:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
City of Minot	MI232941600020 Parkland Addition Lots 1& 2 Block 16	2016	\$678,000	\$396,000	\$33,900	\$19,800

15. Property sold to the City of Minot 7-2016 - 8-2016

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
City of Minot	MI233720700051 Serene Addition East 70' Lot 5 Block 7	2016	\$49,000	\$29,000	\$2,205	\$1,305
City of Minot	MI131922400013 Lakeview Addition South 50' of North 100" Lot 1 Block 24	2016	\$171,000	\$100,000	\$8,550	\$5,000
City of Minot	MI230690000050 Dama S/D Olt 13 S23-155-83	2016	\$224,000	\$112,000	\$10,080	\$5,040
City of Minot	MI234670000300 Westwood R/A Vallie Addition	2016	\$237,000	\$138,000	\$10,665	\$6,210
City of Minot	MI244490100040 Torbensons Addition Lot 4 Block 1	2016	\$23,000	\$13,000	\$1,150	\$650
City of Minot	MI131922400014 Lakeview Addition South 50' of Lot 1 Block 24	2016	\$152,000	\$101,000	\$6,840	\$4,545
City of Minot	MI232120600070 Lee & Jacobsons 1 st Addition East ½ Lot 6 & All Lot 7 Block 6	2016	\$268,000	\$156,000	\$12,060	\$7,020
City of Minot	MI131922200021 Lakeview Addition	2016	\$406,000	\$271,000	\$20,300	\$13,550

	South 53' of East 120' Lot 2 Block 22					
City of Minot	MI244540200101 Torbensons 3 rd Addition East 3' of South 75' Lot 9 & South 75' Lot 10 Block 2	2016	\$12,000	\$7,000	\$600	\$350
City of Minot	MI244490100101 Torbensons Addition East 40' of West 80' of Lot 10 Block 1	2016	\$79,000	\$43,000	\$3,555	\$2,070

16. Property sold to the City of Minot 8-2016, prior property owner qualified for DVC at 100% pro-rate 7 months:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Net Taxable Value	New Net Taxable Value
City of Minot	MI192130000580 Lenox Park Addition Lot 58	2016	\$146,000	\$85,000	\$0.00	\$0.00

17. Property sold 8-2016, pro-rate HC at 100% for 8 months:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Net Taxable Value	New Net Taxable Value
Schell, Brian	MI220570300220 Dacotah Homes 2 nd Addition Lot 22 Block 3	2016	\$153,000	\$153,000	\$1,260	\$3,135

18. Property owner qualifies for DVC at 100%, purchased property 7-29-2016 pro-rating for 5 months:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Net Taxable Value	New Net Taxable Value
Ramirez, Artura & Sharla	MI230970100090 Forest Acres Addition Replat & R/A Lot 9 Block 1	2016	\$292,000	\$292,000	\$13,140	\$10,237

19. Property owner qualifies for Blind Exemption form returned late:

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Neff, Thomas &	MI225000100130 Westfield Addition	2014	\$168,000	\$45,000	\$7,560	\$2,250

Betty	Lot 13 Block 1					
Neff, Thomas & Betty	MI225000100130 Westfield Addition Lot 13 Block 1	2015	\$168,000	\$45,000	\$7,560	\$2,250
Neff, Thomas & Betty	MI225000100130 Westfield Addition Lot 13 Block 1	2016	\$166,000	\$45,000	\$7,470	\$2,250

20. Property was purchased by the City 7-2016 pro-rate 7 months

Property Owner	Description	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
City of Minot	MI230690000120 Dama S/D Olt 13 S23-155-83	2016	\$44,000	\$26,000	\$2,200	\$1,300

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve Memorandum A.

Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Jail Commander Paul Olthoff appeared with New Facility Contracts and 2015 Policy Changes. The New Facility Contracts/Joint Powers Agreement are for housing prisoners from McHenry, Burke, and Renville Counties. Contracts are for \$75/day rate.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve the Joint Powers Agreement. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

The 2015 Policy Changes have been reviewed by NDDOC Robert Werlinger and encompass all aspects of the North Dakota Jail Rules. They include : Code of Conduct, Post Orders, and Inmate Legal Access.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Nybakken to approve three new policies. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Facilities Manager Leona Lochthowe appeared with contractor's bid for a new garage door to be installed at the NW end of the Morgan Building to allow for easier access to that area also to be used for storing the John Deere tractor.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve Todd Haider Constructions bid of \$3570.00. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Lochthowe also presented two bids for two fencing needs: 1-NW end of Administrative Building to cover the cooling towers and transformer area. 2- Area between Artistic Ambiance and Morgan Building.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Administrative area only from Dakota Fence for \$5460.00. Waiting on the second area until other matters are resolved there. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Lochthowe also presented a reoccurring leak in Courtroom 302 explaining that the contractor has been called four times now to fix the same leak. She also confirmed that the roof was replaced in 1994.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Louser to get bids for a new roof. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

At 10:57 a.m. meeting was called by Chairman Fjeldahl for break for the Board to process a 90 day review.

At 11:30 a.m. meeting was called back to order by Chairman Fjeldahl.

States Attorney Roza Larson Appeared with furniture needs for their new location. Commissioner Walter and Wepler toured the area last week and saw the need and also that some of the old furnishing would be incorporated in. Total bid for guest chairs, office chairs, shelving units were \$98,905.67. She is waiting on a few last bids and expects that cost to go down somewhat. This cost would come from the FFE budget.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve \$98,905.67 as a cap for new furnishings. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Administrator Mark Schrader appeared requesting for an early start date of the scheduled employees that were to start January 2017. If they can start October 17, 2016, they can attend the upcoming correctional class. Also costs will be saved on another employee as they were previously employed and don't need some of the required new hire training. Schrader has money left in his 2016 budget to cover the early start request.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Nybakken to approve new hire early start and that costs come from 2016 budget. Roll Call: all voted yes, motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Devra Smestad appeared;

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Louser to receive and file the following correspondence: NDAC – Emerging Legislature Issues; Court Facilities Advisory Committee –Grant Applications; Ward County Library– Quarterly Report October 2016; MetroPlains Management – South Glen Village. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Minot Central Campus is soliciting to purchase an ATM to be placed in the downstairs lobby of the Administration building. Board asked for input to how many departments in the administration building carry cash on hand, and how big of need there is to have a cash machine located on the premises.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Walter to send a rejection letter to Central Campus. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Walter to get more proposals for an ATM machine. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Received notice from NDACO that the new STATE rate increase for lodging effective October 1, 2016 will be \$81.90.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve new rate at \$81.90. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Nybakken, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve duplicate voucher for \$179.99 to TSC. . Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Louser to approve (4) Special Event Permits for VFW. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Ryan Kamrowski and board discussed minimum sale price on the 50 foreclosed properties the county owns as of October 1. Ryan proposed dividing the True and Full value by 50%, including the farmland. Dana asked the board to consider some of the properties for

green space, especially those that had been previously flooded. Ryan suggested disclosing numbers 37, 80, 97, 98, 114, 448 from the enclosed list.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the minimum sale price be reduced by 50% of T&F value, not including six properties previously adjusted. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Auditor Devra Smestad discussed the needs for a new copier and presented five bids. The office has not had a new printer since 1999 and the office makes 12,500 to 13,000 copies a month.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve purchase of copier from ABM with cost coming from the contingency budget. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Chairman Fjeldahl brought forth discussion to finalize county budget, discussion on employee and board health coverage paid by county pursued.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Nybakken to approve budget as is with Weather Modification included. Roll call: Commissioners Wepler, Nybakken, Louser and Walter voted yes, Chairman Fjeldahl no; motion carried.

Auditor then brought forth 3 Motions:

Motion 1: Moved by Comm. Nybakken, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve Motion 1 setting the 2017 budget. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Motion 2: Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve Motion 2 Resolution establishing levies. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

Motion 3: Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Nybakken to approve Motion 3 establishing budgets and levies for Regional Boards. Roll call: Comm. Walter, Nybakken, Louser and Weppler voted yes, Chairman Fjeldahl voted no; motion carried.

Captain Barnard and Chairman Fjeldahl gave an update on the Kenmare City meeting they had previously attended. Glen Froseth had called due to the Kenmare City budget being capped. The concern to cut the budget was about utilizing Minot Dispatch system when needed and that right now 911 system is not in service in the Kenmare area. If the dispatch call is within the 1.5 mile jurisdiction line of the city that Kenmare should service it, but at times Ward County had answered the call if there was a patrol car nearby and vice versa. Captain Barnard also suggested that Kenmare look into getting the 911 service in their area, and that their deputies should be deputized as "Special Deputies".

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the following payroll amendments: Brianna Jensen – Social Services (Level 23); Raqueal Prewitt- Juvenile Detention Services (Level 18) Scott Gochanour- Sheriff's Department (level 18) Kaelen DeGroot- Sheriff's Department (Level 18) Rebecca McFarland- Sheriff's Department (Level 18) Jennifer Berg- Sheriff's Department (Level 18). Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried.

NDAOGPC Annual Meeting will be held in Watford City October 26th. Engineer Dana Larson, and possibly Devra Smestad and Chairman Fjeldahl will be attending.

Other Discussion: Commissioners Walter and Wepler will visit with Tammy Holen regarding the floral shop issues. Captain Barnard reiterated that deputies have been instructed to utilize car transport instead of walking through the flower shop parking lot from the 24/7 to the jail.

Jason Blowers with IT discussed the AVI work in the courtrooms. Equipment has been ordered and will be installed once it's in. The Juvenile Probation area is using old equipment but there will be a cost associated with new cable and installation fees. AVI payments are on hold along with Wheeler Construction until previous issues are rectified.

Commissioner Walter told Board that the Chumas plaques for the Ward County Administration Building Dedication are in. Board decided on October 20th at 3:00p.m. to hold dedication ceremony. The Chumas family will be contacted by Auditor Smestad and invited to attend.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to adjourn meeting. At 1:05 p.m. with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.