

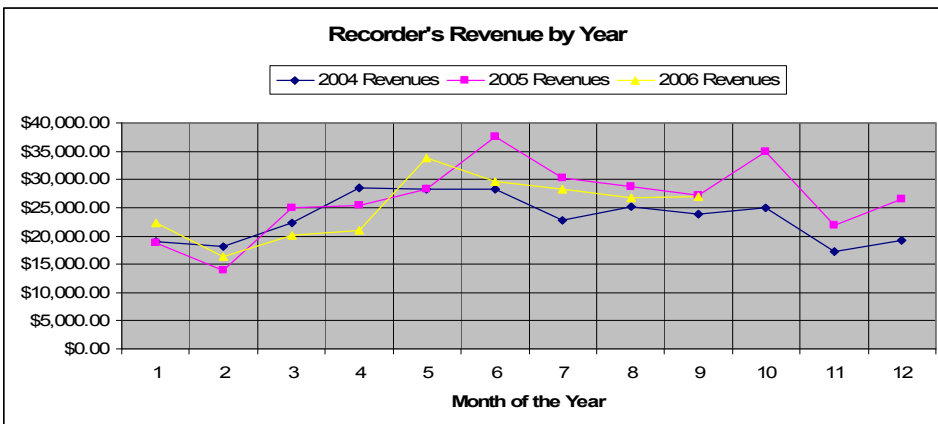


**New Courthouse Update:** On October 5, 2006 two members of the Board of Supervisors along with Roger Gilbert, Beth Will and Alissa Julius met with Mike McCline (McHan), Paul Kline (RDG), Mueske Electric, Hander Plumbing and others for a Construction meeting. McHan reported at least two weeks more before the crane and crew would arrive to start putting up steel. Mike McCline is working on a plan for construction during the winter months. He also promised a new construction schedule at the next meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group discussed the louvers and the issue of rain water filtrating the courthouse second floor ceiling. The catch pan has been installed and tested showing no water leakage in the courthouse. Mardi Allen voiced concern with the testing and asked to test in another place. McHan felt the issue has been resolved. Hander reported that they had installed the new high pressured flushers and had scoped the sewer pipes and found no materials backed up in the pipes. Hander believes the sewer issue is resolved. Allen reported that the Board was working on the in-warranty maintenance contract with Trane. Allen expressed a concern with the water tower on the roof and the upcoming frigid weather. Hander is to insulate the intake pipes on the roof before the weather changes. The group discussed the upcoming Jail inspection and McHan committed to completing the Jail punch list by the middle of January 2007. Alissa explained the issue she is having with patch panels. Mueske said WbD has suggested replacing all existing patch panels with new and improved ones. Beth reviewed the issues list and updated everyone on the past weeks' security system & door repairs. McCline committed McHan to the correct installation of silt fences ASAP.

**Prescription Drug Discount Card:** Dickinson County launched a discount prescription drug card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The county is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties. The program offers an average savings of 20% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at all of Dickinson County's pharmacies. The prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and the insured who have prescription coverage but have designated drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The cards are available at the Dickinson County Community Services Office and the Dickinson County Department of Human Services.

**Recorder's Revenue Report:**

The Recorder's Office experienced record breaking revenues in the year 2005. The office ended the fiscal year with revenues of \$277,658.64 with June topping June 04 by nearly \$10,000. The Recorder contributed most of those monies to the 2005 sale of the Neilson Property. 2006 revenues have been sporadic. 2006 started out the year lower than 2004 and then picked up the pace. 2006 real estate recording revenues are now slightly ahead of 2005 revenues, indicating that real estate sales continue to climb in Dickinson County. Jan reports that the sale of the Emporium \$4.5 million and the sale of



the Hoiien property \$6.7 million will bump the total 2006 sales quite a bit higher than the record breaking 2005 total sales.

**Technology News from Alissa Julius:** Amy from the assessor's office and Alissa had the opportunity to attend a seminar put on by ESRI on the new release of their ArcGis 9.2 software. The release focuses on improved usability, stability and performance for users. Dickinson County should be getting the new release in the next couple of months. Amy has helped the Assessor's office's day to day workflow by creating maps with property sales. EMA's Mike Erhert recently made use of ArcGis by creating a map that outlined the radius of the school's and day cares in Dickinson County showing where sex offenders could not reside. The sex offender residency maps can be viewed at <http://www.dickinsoncountysheriff.com/sexoffenders/residency.htm> or stop by the Assessor's office.

**Department Head Meeting 10-17-06:** The Department Heads met on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> with a variety of items to discuss. The yearend schedule was discussed: Dave Kohlhaase questioned the Monday and Tuesday Christmas and Christmas Eve schedule. Mardi explained that because the County now has Christmas Eve as a holiday and it falls on Sunday this year, the holidays will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday.

Alissa Julius & the daily mail run: Alissa has been taking the mail to the Post Office each day around 4:15 p.m. The group decided that each department would be assigned a month and that department will be responsible for the mail run for that month. Alissa will finish out October and will put together the schedule for the next 12 months.

County Christmas (Holiday) Party: There was discussion about whether to continue alternating offices each year and having one office responsible for the party. It was decided to leave it as is and this year it is the Treasurer's office's turn to plan the Christmas party.

New Courthouse and upcoming Parking Problems: Paul Johnson updated the group on the lack of activity on the construction of the courthouse. In addition he reported that the Spirit Lake parking lot just south of the courthouse could be sold to the bank. If that happens and if Spirit Lake starts construction on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, parking will be a serious problem next year. The Board of Supervisors is in the process of trying to get rid of two of the Ferguson buildings. The buildings are being examined for Asbestos next week and the Board expects a report the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If the report shows asbestos, the County will have to hire a removal company before proceeding. In the meantime, after two failed attempts to get bids to sell the two buildings, the Board has received a bid to remove them at a cost to the County. The plan is to use the area where the Quonset hut and possibly the east Morton building sit for temporary parking until the Courthouse project is finished.

The next Department Head meeting is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>.