

**Mercer County Commission
Special Budget Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Travis Frey, Liza Taylor, Rick Bauman, and Auditor Carmen Reed. Absent was Dan Arens with the Hazen Star. Others present during portions of the meeting were HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner.

Bauman moved to approve the special budget agenda as stated by Wolf. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the updated preliminary 2025 budget from the July 29, 2024, meeting.

The following budget changes were requested:

- Remove the \$50,000 appropriation to the MCED
- Remove \$50,000 from Planning & Zoning.
- Change the General Fund cash reserve from \$1,000,000 to \$900,000.
- Requested salary and benefits chart with \$1 raise information for all employees.

There being no further business the special meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024, at 9:00 a. m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota.

Approved: _____
Gene Wolf, Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor