

**Mercer County Commission Special Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Travis Frey. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Liza Taylor, Rick Bauman and Auditor Carmen Reed. Gene Wolf and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star were absent. Others present during portions of the meeting were, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, Tax Director Cyndi Zueger, Sheriff Terry Ternes, Landfill Supervisor Candy Strand, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Joe Grannis, Gwyn Bosch, Rachel Grimm, Ashley Miller, Valerie Bauman, Mary Schwehr, and Marv Schwehr.

Bauman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed wages, retirement and health.

Frey made a motion to approve that the county pay 12.54% of retirement to all qualified employees across the board. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bauman made a motion to approve \$1.50 per hour raise to all qualified employees across the board. Taylor seconded. Taylor, Bauman, and Frey voted aye. Folk recused herself. Motion carried.

Frey made a motion to pay full health to all qualified employees for one year. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board discussed wage step ups for different departments.

Taylor made a motion to remove from the budget, \$40,000 expense for the wage study. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at www.mercercountynd.com

Approved: _____
Travis Frey, Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor