

**Mercer County Commission Special Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2026**

The special meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners, Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during this meeting were Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Chris Renner, Next Era Representatives Kristy Smith, and Stephanie Morales.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

This Special meeting is for the SRF Consulting MOU Between Data Center Applicant and Mercer County, ND and the Beulah Building Purchase Agreement. Voigt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Voigt moved to approve the SRF Consulting MOU Between Data Center Applicant and Mercer County, ND as presented. Bauman seconded. Voigt voted aye. Bauman, Pierce, and Folk voted nay. Motion failed.

Folk moved to approve the \$499,000 payment to R&R Properties for the Beulah Building Purchase Agreement. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. Meetings can be viewed live at <https://www.youtube.com/@MercerCo>

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Bauman, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmen Reed, Auditor