

Mercer County Commission Minutes March 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Rick Bauman, Casey Voigt, and Auditor Carmen Reed. Dan Arens of the Hazen Star was absent. Others present during the meeting were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, and Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Folk moved to approve the amended agenda. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the February 20, 2025, minutes with the following amendment on page one change Interstate bill of "\$13,582.10" to "\$31,583.10." Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board discussed the 2025 budget of \$95,000 allocated to be transferred from the general fund to the Landfill. The 2025 Budget discussion was placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers presented the commission room video and sound upgrade quote. Board requested a couple more quotes to compare and will budget this item in the 2026 budget. Albers provided a quote of \$3,309.33 for shop door sealant that has a 25-year warrantee. Board requested additional quotes and put this item on the next agenda.

Folk moved to approve the January Recorder Revenues of \$3,423.00. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board reviewed and agreed to move forward with the Eide Bailly Audit quote for the review of the January payroll and payroll preparation.

The County Road Department is looking at purchasing a diagnostic card reader. Board requested additional quotes regarding the possible purchase of this unit. Pierce moved to change the next regular meeting date to Thursday, March 20, 2025. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Lignite Energy Council Study was placed on the next agenda.

Portfolio updates were given.

Board reviewed vouchers. Folk moved to approve the bills as presented.

Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$1,499.11; ASKIM, CRAIG \$177.10; BAUMAN, RICK \$300.20; BLUE TO GOLD, LLC \$700.00; BRODKORB, VICKIE \$752.84; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$13,108.43; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$786.05; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$1,529.00; CITY OF BEULAH \$101.35; COLE, SHANNON \$32.20; COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL., INC. \$600.00; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$387.66; DAKOTA AWARDS, INC. \$26.86; DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC \$1,195.00; DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC. \$819.00; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$1,396.04; ESLINGER, MIKE \$7.00; ESRI \$460.00; FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC. LTD \$98,280.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$45.80; FITTERER OIL HAZEN LLC \$806.69; GALLS \$1,008.19; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$292.53; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER \$4,525.06; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$229.73; LEXIS NEXIS MATTHEW BENDER \$84.31; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT,

INC. \$274.38; LOVELY LILAC BOUTIQUE \$98.44; M & B RENTALS LLP \$700.00;
MENARDS \$220.75; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,863.90;
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES \$113.07; MULT SERVICES & CONTRACTING \$900.00;
NACCTFO TREASURER \$500.00; NAPA \$764.90; ND DEPT OF CORRECTIONS &
REHAB \$150.00; ND LEAGUE OF CITIES \$60.00; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$36.00;
NDSAA \$400.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$23,997.92; NEUMILLER, JOEY \$32.20;
NORDAK CENTRAL PUBLISHING \$47.00; North Central International, LLC \$3,585.91;
PEHL, PAM \$88.20; PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC. \$5,400.00; PFLIGER, METTA
\$123.90; PHARMCHEM, INC. \$2,280.71; POSTLE INDUSTRIES, INC. \$564.61;
RADISSON HOTEL \$304.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS \$4,117.61; RENNER, CHRIS \$1.40;
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$175.00; RUD PROPANE LLP \$4,344.94;
SCHIFERL, JESSE \$14.00; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.28; Stein's Inc \$271.35;
THE BEACON \$635.50; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. \$30.00; TYLER
TECHNOLOGIES \$11,955.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC. \$1,925.00; VERIZON
WIRELESS \$84.42; VOIGT, CASEY LEE \$167.60; WEX BANK \$2,225.51, ALICE
GRINSTEINNER \$471.70, KRISTY SCHUTT \$10.50. (Total: \$198,142.85)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025, 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: _____
Gene Wolf, Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor