

Mercer County Commission Minutes March 20, 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, Tax Director Jennifer Neumiller, State Attorney Todd Schwarz, Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, and Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Pierce moved to approve the March 5, 2025, minutes as presented. Voigt seconded. Folk moved to amend the following on page one from "change Interstate bill of \$31,582.10 to "\$31,583.10" to read "change Interstate bill of "\$13,582.10" to "\$31,583.10." Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Amendment carried. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tax Director Jennifer Neumiller presented the Temporary Use Renewal #638- Energy Sand Solutions LLC – Sand Mining -S2 5-144-85. Folk moved to approve the Temporary Use Renewal #638 as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye.

Motion carried. Neumiller presented Case# 25-02-01, a Resolution to rezone from Ag District to Commercial for storage units – Glenn Murray – 12.67 acres in SW4NW4 16-146-87. Bauman moved to approve Case# 25-02-01 as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the February Recorder Revenues of \$4,392.60. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Voigt moved to approve the 2025 Fire Emergency & Burn Restrictions Declarations as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

State Attorney Todd Schwarz presented information regarding the new software issues connected to payroll. Schwarz advised the commission that due to this state of emergency with our payroll, that it should be temporarily outsourced until these issues with the Tyler software have been fully addressed.

Pierce made a motion that due to an emergency, to undertake an expedited bid process to outsource payroll starting in April, 2025. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Schwarz will be sending out an email to all employees to explain software issues we are having and to make sure if anyone finds any issues with their March payroll to contact the Auditor or HR.

Recessed at 10:13 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp presented the 2025 County Road Restrictions. Voigt moved to approve the State recommended load restrictions and give the County Road Department permission to sign roads as needed. Pierce seconded. Voigt, Pierce, Folk and Bauman voted aye. Wolf voted nay. Motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser discussed the code reader benefits and presented a quote on this product. Pierce moved to approve the

procurement of the presented scan tool. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Opp requested approval of the MC3000 Asphalt Purchase Agreement, for a purchase of 32 tons of asphalt at a cost of \$1,000 per ton. Folk moved to approve the MC3000 Asphalt Purchase Agreement. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussed the garage door sealant quotes. Folk moved to approve the Courthouse shop door quote for \$4, 523.90, County Road quote for \$6,372.44, and the Sheriff's two dive bay doors for approximately \$2,000. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Home Rule Charter was discussed.

Portfolio updates were given.

Board reviewed vouchers. Folk moved to approve the bills as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$107.79; ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$35,715.82; AUTO VALUE \$364.42; BEULAH JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY \$1,196.67; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$259.26; CITY AIR MECHANICAL, INC. \$2,347.00; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$6,540.29; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$221.52; DIRT PRO SERVICES \$165.00; DONOVAN & KAFFAR PLLP \$6,445.90; DUANE'S BODY SHOP INC. \$7,957.45; FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC. LTD \$145.00; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$22.55; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$252.80; HAZEN WELDING \$122.40; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$5,976.14; J-S SANITATION \$41.00; JOHNSEN TRAILER SALES, INC. \$351.71; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$38.82; LANGOWSKI, GONTRAN \$99.51; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$90.00; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$490.59; MARQUART, ANDREW \$288.00; MIDWEST DOORS INC \$8,993.00; MIDWEST MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS \$492.47; NAPA \$166.75; ND APCO ASSOCIATION \$180.00; ND CLERK OF COURTS ASSOC. \$100.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$1,783.47; NORDAK CENTRAL PUBLISHING \$141.00; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,110.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$95.20; PHARMCHEM, INC. \$475.35; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. \$1,161.96; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$1,291.99; RUD PROPANE LLP \$1,666.72; SEIFERT, BRADLEY Q \$413.60; SOLAND, JAMIE \$2,500.00; STERICYCLE, INC. \$21.40; STROUP INSURANCE & REALTY \$50.00; TERNES, TERRANCE \$427.50; UNIFORM CENTER \$1,235.87; VERIZON WIRELESS \$576.07; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,041.75; ZAZESKI, KURT \$26.99; BASARABA, LILLIE \$319.40; BERG, MICHAEL \$32.20; BOESHANS, JAYME \$28.00; FLEMMER, RYAN \$14.00; GIERKE, GARY \$51.80; POSTMASTER \$50.00; RIPPLINGER, AURORA \$61.89; SAILER, SHANNON \$28.00; SCHEID, RICHARD \$12.60; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,490.12. (Total: \$99,308.57)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 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