

**Mercer County Commission Minutes
April 16, 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, and Auditor Carmen Reed. Casey Voigt and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star were absent. Others present during the meeting were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Sheriff Terry Ternes, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, Shiloh Morast, and Michelle Renner.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Pierce moved to approve the April 2, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the April 2, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pierce moved to approve the April 9, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dawn Grannis presented updated information regarding the State Aid Distribution formula. Grannis agreed to do more research regarding the history of this distribution.

Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp presented Utility Permit #1766 for Roughrider Electric and Utility Permit #1767 for Steven Schmidt. Folk moved to approve Utility Permit #1766 for Roughrider Electric as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve Utility Permit #1767 for Steven Schmidt as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pierce moved to approve the Highway Department's recommendation of annual bids. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bauman moved to approve the fixing of truck #125 as presented. Folk seconded. Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser discussed the needed repairs for truck #125 along with the repair quote of \$55,040.71 from North Central International, LLC. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bauman moved to accept the NDIRF Conferment Check for \$13,327.00 and use towards payment of the 2026 insurance premium expense. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pierce gave an update on the Eide Bailly work and progress of addressing payroll issues.

Folk moved to approve the 2023 State Audit change order to allow on-sight audit review. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the county nurse quarterly report as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussed purchase of the A1 Auto Building in Beulah to house employees that are presently renting office space and help offset those costs. More research will be done and brought to the commission for consideration.

HR/EM Director Alice Grinstein presented a Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan with Oliver County. Folk moved to approve the Mercer-Oliver Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan as presented. Bauman seconded. After further discussion Folk rescinded the motion. This item was put on the next meeting agenda.

Portfolio updates were given.

Recessed at 10:24 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

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 \$2,421.35; ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$2,461.00; BENCO EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$245.00; BEULAH DRUG \$11.14; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$7,923.61; BROOKE ARNOLD \$87.75; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$2,061.00; CAPITAL INDUSTRIES INC. \$1,274.81; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$3,559.06; CHI ST ALEXIUS HEALTH \$209.41; CHS INC. \$31,380.00; CITY OF BEULAH \$97.61; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$6,515.26; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$953.44; DUANE'S BODY SHOP INC. \$24,015.69; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$971.61; HAZEN MOTOR CO \$748.38; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$5,976.14; J-S SANITATION \$82.00; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$63.08; LOMCO INC \$3,087.79; MARQUART, ANDREW \$288.00; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,713.87; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$183.25; MIDWEST DOORS INC \$868.00; NAPA \$652.65; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES \$63.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$2,299.95; NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL \$3.00; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$411.54; OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL \$1,149.00; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,070.00; OLSON, RONALD \$255.28; PHARMCHEM, INC. \$383.40; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. \$1,364.58; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$3,272.08; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$1,731.15; RUD PROPANE LLP \$3,125.55; SAKAKAWA MEDICAL CENTER \$65.00; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.28; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC. \$9,150.00; TESKY, LEONARD \$581.34; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. \$40.07; VERIZON WIRELESS \$576.07; WALLER, CHRISTOPHER \$34.99; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,090.43; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,292.20; WEX BANK \$3,084.94; WILMINGTON TRUST NA \$199,487.50; Strand, Candy \$43.77. (Total: \$332,535.67)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 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