

**Mercer County Commission Minutes
April 28, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Steve Guenther, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during the meeting were HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner, Zap Fire Chief Mike Mohl via phone, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Wes Klein, Michael Berg, and Dallas J Maas.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Wolf moved to approve the agenda as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser presented road culvert lining and replacement information for culverts on County Road 27 N and County Road 16. Wolf moved to approve the lining of the culvert on County Road 27 N and the replacement of the culvert on County Road 16 as presented with a cost of \$87,525 but not to exceed \$100,000. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner along with Zap Fire Chief Mike Mohl via phone requested a full burn ban be put in place until further green up and precipitation is received to alleviate our extremely dry conditions. Mohl stated that this is the consensus of Fire Chiefs across the county. Voigt moved to approve the total burn ban until the May 20, 2026 meeting or a special meeting is called. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 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