

## **Mercer County Commission Minutes July 2, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Rick Bauman, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Mark Pierce was absent. Others present during the meeting were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, McLean-Mercer Regional Library Director Beth Bruestle, Western Plains Public Health Administrator Erin Ourada, Moore Engineering Tom Weigel, Coyote Creek Mining Representatives Brad Erickson and Jeremy Eckroth.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Voigt moved to approve the June 18, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Out-Of-State Travel was discussed, put on the next agenda, and requested that County Extension Agent Metta Pfliger come and discuss this with the board at the next meeting if possible.

Bauman moved to approve adding Deputy Treasurer Michelle Garrett to the County Union State Bank checking account. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the Sheriff's December, 2024 – May, 2025 Revenues of \$244,098.77. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Western Plains Public Health Administrator Erin Ourada presented her 2026 budget and discussed the Opioid funds usage. Folk moved to pay out \$15,520.23 of collected opioid funds for use in the initiatives presented by Ourada. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

McLean-Mercer Regional Library Director Beth Bruestle presented her 2026 budget.

Recessed at 9:40 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Moore Engineering Tom Weigel presented the chip seal task order for an engineer to provide construction engineering services to the county for the 22-mile chip seal project. Bauman moved to approve the task order as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Braun Intertec County Road 21 Pavement Evaluation Proposal was discussed. Bauman moved to approve the proposal for \$10,264. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

States Attorney Todd Schwarz presented the Coyote Creek Road Resolution. Voigt recused himself. Coyote Creek Mine Representatives Brad Erickson and Jeremy Eckroth were also present during this discussion. Schwarz advised Voigt to get a dollar amount for the needed road easement from his family and affected neighbors and bring to commission to consider.

Schwarz requested that once the new Tyler software is in place, the county should have a third-party conversion audit done to ensure that the new system is working correctly.

Eide Bailly bill was put on the next agenda.

Due to recent events in Minnesota, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner confirmed that the County's Public Official security is good since we have no addresses on the website, only phone numbers for all officials. Grinsteinner reported that the vacation policy updates are still in progress and once they are complete there will be First and Second readings of all policy changes for personnel.

Commission agreed that all budgeted transfers should be completed in January of that budget year.

Portfolio updates were given.

Board reviewed vouchers. Folk moved to approve the bills as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$1,287.67; ARROW SERVICE TEAM \$4,185.62; AUTO VALUE \$55.19; BADLANDS HYDROVAC SERVICES, LLC \$2,850.00; BRODKORB, VICKIE \$1,406.01; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$6,145.47; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$379.29; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$300.40; CITY AIR MECHANICAL, INC. \$687.50; COAL COUNTRY CHC \$737.00; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$2,315.07; DAKOTA POWER HYDRAULICS \$681.42; DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC. \$260.00; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$1,396.04; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$14.21; FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC. LTD \$17,276.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$41.19; GRANNIS, DAWN \$262.88; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$36.97; HAZEN STAR \$47.00; J & M HARDWARE, INC. \$29.94; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$36.05; LANDERS \$48,921.00; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$285.33; MARQUART, ANDREW \$288.00; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,602.71; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES \$54.36; NAPA \$43.96; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$72.00; NDAAO \$225.00; NDSWRA \$165.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$4,376.63; NEUMILLER, JEN \$84.00; PHARMCHEM, INC. \$543.15; PRINT EVER \$31.50; RUD PROPANE LLP \$3,222.02; SENGEL, SHANNAN \$450.20; SIGN SOLUTIONS \$2,528.57; Stein's Inc \$271.35; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; STROUP INSURANCE & REALTY \$250.00; THEN & NOW CANDY STORE \$257.00; TOWER COMMUNICATIONS INC \$555.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$7,682.50; UNIFORM CENTER \$294.96; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC. \$130,000.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$84.40; VOIGT, CASEY LEE \$150.80. (TOTAL: \$243,269.86)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 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](http://www.mercercountynd.com).

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gene Wolf, Chairman

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