

**Mercer County Commission Minutes
July 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Gene Wolf was absent. Others present during the meeting were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner via phone, Deputy Mark Erhardt, Sheriff Terry Ternes, PRC Wind Representative Jason Hanselka, Coteau Properties Darren Hellman, Coyote Creek Mining Representative Jeremy Eckroth, David Straley, Mark Haugen, and Kenneth J. Link.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Voigt moved to approve the July 2, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pierce moved to approve the Sheriff's revenues of \$29,591.25 as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the Hook, Line & Sinker Liquor License Renewal as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the County Nurse's quarterly report as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner via phone presented information on the Perry Weather Warning system for the Hazen and Beulah Bay Areas. Item was put on the next agenda.

States Attorney Todd Schwarz presented the Coyote Creek Road Resolution.

Voigt recused himself. Coyote Creek Mine Representative Jeremy Eckroth was also present during this discussion. Voigt will get a confirmation from the affected landowners that the road be put back as it was originally. Item was placed on the July 25, 2025 Special Meeting.

The Eide Bailly bill of \$34,682.72 was discussed. Folk moved to cease operations with Eide Bailly at this time and pay bill as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Portfolio updates were given.

Board reviewed vouchers. Folk moved to approve the bills as presented with the exception of the Hazen Motors and Center Machine bills. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment:

ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$2,461.00; ASKIM, CRAIG \$404.10; BEULAH JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY \$1,196.67; BLOOM'N HOUSE \$57.00; BOESHANS, ANATOLIE A \$21.00; BRODKORB, VICKIE \$652.90; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$124.14; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$1,399.90; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$482.40; CHI ST ALEXIUS HEALTH \$209.41; CITY OF BEULAH \$115.85; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$8,402.98; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP. \$154.47; DALE SCHWALBE TRUCKING \$500.00; DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC. \$260.00; DONOVAN & KAFFAR PLLP \$7,333.30; EIDE BAILLY \$34,682.72; FARMERS UNION OIL

CO \$17,752.31; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$54.97; FITTERER OIL HAZEN LLC \$1,375.17; GOOD SOURCE SOLUTIONS \$575.00; GRANNIS, DAWN \$1,133.96; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$42.72; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$1,271.20; HAZEN STAR \$3,666.77; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$5,976.14; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$69.83; LEXIS NEXIS MATTHEW BENDER \$400.11; LUCKYS TOWING AND REPAIR \$500.00; MENARDS \$152.37; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$813.77; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$183.17; NAPA \$280.94; ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$1,500.00; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$144.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$2,650.31; North Central International, LLC \$542.67; NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL \$7.50; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$552.97; OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL \$720.00; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,040.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$30.80; PHARMCHEM, INC. \$197.55; PRO VISION \$930.00; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. \$682.29; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$155.93; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$16.38; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. \$765.07; S & M LAWN SERVICE \$405.00; SMITHS DETECTION, INC. \$4,376.66; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.28; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; STROUP INSURANCE & REALTY \$200.00; TERNES, TERRANCE \$171.98; THE BEACON \$1,604.20; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$3,085.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$576.07; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,452.14; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,315.45; WEX BANK \$45.55; WIEDRICH, WARREN \$534.90; WOLF, GENE \$104.60; WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE \$250.00. (TOTAL: \$120,873.22)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 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: _____
Rick Bauman, Vice Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor