

**Mercer County Commission
Special Budget Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Travis Frey, Liza Taylor, Rick Bauman, and Auditor Carmen Reed. Absent was Dan Arens with the Hazen Star. Others present during portions of the meeting were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, and HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner. Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Commission reviewed the updated preliminary 2025 budget.

Recessed at 8:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

Wolf made a motion to change the Job Development Authority (JDA) mill levy to a \$50,000 appropriation. Folk seconded. Wolf rescinded his motion.

Wolf moved to remove the JDA mill levy and make a \$50,000 appropriation to the Mercer County Economic Board (MCED). Folk seconded. Wolf, Folk, Taylor, and Bauman voted aye. Frey voted nay. Motion carried.

Recessed at 9:51 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

The following budget changes were requested:

- Remove the JDA Mill Levy and add a \$50,000 appropriation to the MCED
- Have only two fax lines, one in Sheriff's dispatch and one in Auditor's office.
- Remove \$40,000 from the Building and Grounds Department line item 440.
- Remove \$200,000 from the County Road Department line item 441.
- Add Landfill health benefits of \$44,000 to General Fund Expense and transfer \$50,000 from General Fund to Landfill Fund.
- Change the General Fund cash reserve from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 and add 4 percent delinquent tax to all applicable accounts, as per Auditor's request.

There being no further business the special meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota.

Approved: _____
Gene Wolf, Chairman

Attest: _____

Carmen Reed, Auditor