

Mercer County Commission Minutes November 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Liza Taylor, Travis Frey, Auditor Carmen Reed and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Absent was Gene Wolf. Others present during the meeting were Sheriff Terry Ternes, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner via phone, Tax Director Jennifer Neumiller, and Wheelchairs & Walleyes Representatives, Jeff and Jennifer Gooss.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Frey moved to approve the October 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board reviewed vouchers, tabled.

Tax Director Jennifer Neumiller presented Temporary Use Permit #637, Antelope Creek Trucking, Crushing Scoria, E1/2 Section 29, T144N-R88W. Folk moved to approve the Temporary Use Permit #637, Antelope Creek Trucking, Crushing Scoria, E1/2 Section 29, T144N-R88W and be valid through December, 2025. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed

Folk moved to place a moratorium on wind, solar, data centers, and battery disposal sites until July 1, 2025. Bauman seconded. Folk amended motion to replace "battery disposal site" with "ore processing." Frey seconded. All voted aye. Amendment carried. Folk voted aye. Bauman, Frey, and Taylor voted nay. Motion failed. Board requested to have the RFP for Planning and Zoning ordinance updates on the November 20, 2025, agenda.

Frey moved to approve the Highway Department's purchase of the cutting edges as requested. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Taylor moved to approve the Maintenance Certification of County Federal Aid Projects as presented. Frey seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Frey gave an updated on the Bayview Heights Road Project that the BND funding has been approved and Northern Improvement was awarded this bid. Recessed at 09:54 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

HR/EM Alice Grinsteinner via phone presented an updated burn ban due to changing conditions, that no longer restricts all burning. Frey moved to approve the revised Burn Ban Declaration as presented. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve all bills as presented except for the Federal Transport bill of \$1,721.85 and the Uniform Center bill of \$297.00. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$1,184.27; ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$1,260.28; ASKIM, CRAIG \$444.77; THE BEACON \$4,913.50; BEULAH JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY \$1,084.33; BOSCH, GWYN \$97.15; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$9,327.23; DALE SCHWALBE TRUCKING \$5,500.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$8,111.98; CENTER MACHINES \$281.48; CHARM-TEX, INC \$574.84; CITY OF BEULAH \$98.21; CITY OF

STANTON \$6,122.82; COAL COUNTRY CHC \$220.00; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,774.82; D&E SUPPLY CO INC \$419.41; DAKOTA AWARDS \$50.95; DETTMANN, JENNY \$240.46; DIRECT MED \$902.96; EGGERS ELECTRIC MOTOR CO \$2,097.84; EIDE FORD LINCOLN \$972.96; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC \$6,608.27; ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS INC \$1,329.56; ENTZE, CINDY \$65.66; EVERSPRING INN AND SUITES \$90.90; WEX BANK \$2,742.50; FREY, TRAVIS \$266.93; GALLS, LLC \$649.51; GRANNIS, DAWN \$73.70; GRINSTEINNER, ALICE \$343.26 ; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$229.92; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$584.51; HAZEN STAR \$1,410.14; AUTO VALUE \$730.71; HOBBS INC \$32.71; HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC \$13,861.33; INTERSTATE ENGINEERING INC \$47,877.98; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER \$3,321.78; JOHNSON TRAILER SALES, INC \$1,382.60; JONES CONTRACTORS, INC \$36,000.00; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$187.09; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$90.00; LEGEND-AIR LLC \$384.65; LIGNITE TIRE SERVICE \$21.60; LIGNITE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FNDN \$35,000.00; MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFF \$2,250.00; MENARDS \$148.80; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,882.70; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$190.54; MIDWEST DOORS INC \$477.00; BRODKORB, VICKIE \$469.63; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES \$66.20; ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES \$2,838.00; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,620.00; NDAAEA \$75.00; NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE \$12,861.40; NELSON INTERNATIONAL \$1,164.53; NEUBERGER OIL CO \$16,010.94; NEUMILLER, JEN \$222.37; NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIP. CO. INC \$5,210.78; PFLIGER, METTA \$327.40; PHARMCHEM, INC \$743.40; POITRAS, RACHEL \$207.51; PCCS, INC \$3,732.00; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC; \$239.49; RADISSON HOTEL -BISMARCK \$1,637.30; RDO EQUIPMENT CO \$241.05; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB \$92.64; REED, CARMEN \$80.40; RENNER, CHRIS \$20.73; RUD PROPANE LLP \$3,332.96; S & M LAWN SERVICE \$390.00; SEATOL %GERALD TOLLEFSON \$1,000.00; SENGER, SHANNAN \$91.79; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.28; STERICYCLE, INC \$21.40; TAYLOR, LIZA \$50.00; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC \$112.98; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$4,560.00; VAXSERVE \$389.56; VERIZON WIRELESS \$1,497.07; VOLK, GINGER \$24.75. (CHECK#s 51390-51471) TOTAL \$266,303.17.

Folk moved to appoint Frey to fill the Library Board vacant position. Taylor seconded. Frey abstained. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Frey moved to change the regular commission meeting date of December 4, 2024, to Thursday, December 5, 2024, due to Auditor's office required Tyler Technology training. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Folk moved to approve Landfill department bump ups of \$1.00 for Candy Strand and Jacob Olson, effective 10/26/2024. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board requested to have payroll completed early on November 27, 2024, verses November 29, 2024.

Wheelchairs & Walleyes representatives, Jeff and Jennifer Gooss requested \$35,000 from the parks in lieu fund for aid in completing the Hazen Bay Chair Lift Project. Folk moved to approve the payment of \$35,000 to Wheelchairs and Walleyes out of the Parks In Lieu fund. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Portfolio updates were tabled.

At 11:00 a.m. Frey moved to close regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for Unclaimed Property Values. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. No public input was given.

At 11:06 a.m. Frey moved to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting. Taylor seconded. All voted aye.

Portfolio updates were completed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 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