

Mercer County Commission Minutes November 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Liza Taylor, Rick Bauman, Auditor Carmen Reed and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Absent was Travis Frey. Others present during the meeting were States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, Assistant Tax Director Jenny Dettmann, and Casey Voigt.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Bauman moved to approve the November 7, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Board reviewed vouchers. Bauman moved to approve all bills as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment JP MORGAN \$3,375.48; AG-NEWS \$219.00; ARMOR \$2,725.38; THE BEACON \$87.76; BEULAH LUMBER CO \$39.40; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; COAL COUNTRY CHC \$457.00; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,518.97; D&E SUPPLY CO INC \$2,267.81; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$190.00; EMINETH PLUMBING \$200.00; ETSYSYSTEMS INC \$133.65; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$12,348.00; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$27.24; FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC \$43.99; HAZEN STAR \$375.00; RDO EQUIPMENT CO \$56.95; RDO TRUCK CENTERS \$184.10; ANDERSON, DIANE \$17.42; HANSON, DONNA \$34.84; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$76.89; HOFFNER, GORDON \$92.46; HOFFNER, KAREN \$30.82; HOLIDAY INN FARGO \$594.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY \$5,928.74; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER \$304.57; KARGES, CATHERINE \$16.08; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$86.53; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$180.00; LIGNITE TIRE SERVICE \$397.00; MCLAUGHLIN, JENETTE \$18.76; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$506.32; MERCER COUNTY TREASURER \$6,440.20; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$190.54; NAPA \$1,811.86; ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASS'N \$1,725.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$2,016.40; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC \$439.45; PFLIGER, METTA \$10.00; PRAIRIE SCALE SYSTEMS, INC. \$1,327.95; QUILL OFFICE PRODUCTS \$194.05; RAPID ASSAULT TOOLS \$2,225.57; RDO EQUIPMENT \$96.03; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$92.64; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$791.86; RUD PROPANE LLP \$125.00; RUSH, ZEELY \$18.76; SAKAKAWEA MEDICAL CENTER \$83.62; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. \$4,868.50; UNIFORM CENTER \$327.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$42.04; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,603.80. (CHECK#s 51496-51547) TOTAL \$58,390.38.

Assistant Tax Director Jenny Dettmann presented the Request for Proposal (RFP) for County Zoning Ordinance updates and rewrites. Folk moved to approve the RFP for County Zoning Ordinance updates and rewrites as presented. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner presented a Joint Powers agreement with Oliver County for sharing HR services, which would begin on January 1, 2024.

Bauman moved to enter into the Joint Powers agreement with Oliver County for HR services as presented. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Grinsteinner presented the Mercer-Oliver Ready contract, for an application that will aid the EM in pushing out emergency messages through cell phones. Grant monies will be covering these costs. Bauman moved to enter into the Mercer-Oliver Ready contract as presented. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Recessed at 09:47 a.m.

Reconvened at 09:51 a.m.

Bauman moved to approve the repairs on the Highway Department 2014 pickup truck with an estimated cost of \$7,500. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Taylor moved offer the foreclosed properties of SS14484011904 and SS14484020202 back to the City of Stanton for \$1.00 per platted parcel and clear the property taxes on them. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bauman moved to approve the request for a duplicate of warrant #51105 for \$4,518.97 for Western Plains Public Health. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Folk moved to approve the Recorder's October Revenues of \$4,986.80. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bauman moved to approve the Sheriff's October Revenues of \$40,962.47. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Portfolio updates were given.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 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: _____
Gene Wolf, Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor