

**Mercer County Commission  
Special Interview Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Travis Frey, Rick Bauman, and Auditor Carmen Reed. Absent was Liza Taylor and Dan Arens with the Hazen Star. Others present during portions of the meeting were HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, John Lee, Brian Nolan, and Stark County Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Jessica McClellan. Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

The Board agreed that the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) interviews will be conducted by the HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner and then the commission will be allotted time to ask questions.

Grinsteinner interviewed John Lee as agreed upon and commissioners were allowed time to ask questions after the main interview was completed. Upon completion of the interview Lee exited the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Recessed at 8:44 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

Grinsteinner interviewed Brian Nolan and commissioners were allowed time to ask questions after the main interview was completed. Upon completion of the interview Nolan exited the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Recessed at 9:12 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

Grinsteinner interviewed Stark County VSO Jessica McClellan as agreed upon and commissioners were allowed time to ask questions after the main interview was completed. Upon completion of the interview McClellan exited the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Folk moved to hire Stark County VSO Jessica McClellan starting October 24, 2024, with a cost of \$5,000 for 2024 services and \$15,000 for 2025 services through a joint powers agreement with Stark County. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the special meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for August 21, 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