

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in special session on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. at the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Joan Hollekim, Jason Rice, Wayne Olson, John DeGroot and Trudy Ruland present. State’s Attorney, Wade Enget was present.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. BUSINESS

Discussion was held on designating a third-party investigator for the Harassment Complaint filed with the County. Randi Schumaier, Human Resource Generalist along with State’s Attorney Enget also recommended on hiring as a temporary employee with the County.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve hiring as a temporary employee within the Human Resource Department and designating the third-party investigator for the Harassment Complaint as Dale Maixner totaling \$3,000 with travel included. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

An e-mail was received from Jana Hennessy, County Road & Bridge Engineer, regarding the relocation of Dale Brown’s approach that provides access to his residence. There was no quote from Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) for moving electrical on CR 11 for Dale Brown’s approach. An official change order will be presented to the Board for their consideration once it is complete.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor discussed the 2026 budgets.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the preliminary budget for the 2026 year totaling \$192,730,919 (*the budget will be available on the county website under Auditor/budgets or in the Auditor’s Office*). Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve setting the budget hearing for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

3. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 10:18 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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Trudy Ruland, Chairman  
Mountrail County Commissioner

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Stephanie A. Pappa  
Mountrail County Auditor