

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. with GOTOMEETING with Commissioners Joan Hollekim, Jason Rice, Trudy Ruland in person, and Daniel Uran and Wayne Olson present via GOTOMEETING. Also present was States Attorney, Wade Enget.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order.

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to review and approve the agenda. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 CHAIRMAN

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Uran, to nominate Trudy Ruland as Chairman. Nomination ceased. Upon roll call, Uran, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

D. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 VICE CHAIRMAN

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to nominate Wayne Olson as Vice-Chairman. Nomination ceased. Upon roll call, Olson, Uran, Ruland, Rice, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

E. FEES

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the fees for November 2020 fees for the Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Planning & Zoning and Recorder. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Rice, Ruland, Olson and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

F. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the bills totaling \$1,135,943.72. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Uran, Olson, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried. (A complete list of bills is posted on a regular basis on the Mountrail County website @ www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the County Commissioner heading.)

APPROVED 12/15/2020 - PAYMENT 12/15/2020

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Warrant Total</u>
12117	AUSTIN TOWNSHIP	2.36
	AUSTIN TOWNSHIP	2.36
12118	LEWIS & CLARK SCHOOL DIST #161	9,269.32
	LEWIS & CLARK SCHOOL DISTRICT #161	9,269.32
12119	MCGAHAN TOWNSHIP	10.50
	MCGAHAN TOWNSHIP	10.50
12120	MO CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	69.42
	HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND	69.42
12121	MO CO JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	104.49
	JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND	104.49
12122	MO CO WATER MANAGEMENT	158.17
	WATER MANAGEMENT FUND	158.17

12123	MOUNTRAIL SOIL CONSERVATION	336.49
	MOUNTRAIL SOIL CONSERVATION	336.49
12124	NEW TOWN AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.	938.90
	NEW TOWN AMBULANCE	938.90
12125	NEW TOWN CITY	2,048.38
	NEW TOWN CITY	2,048.38
12126	NEW TOWN PARK BOARD	48.10
	NEW TOWN CITY PARK	48.10
12127	NEW TOWN RURAL FIRE DIST #3	799.72
	NEW TOWN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3	799.72
12128	NEW TOWN SCHOOL DIST #1	6,615.92
	NEW TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	6,615.92
12129	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	188.43
	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	188.43
12130	OSBORN TOWNSHIP	32.44
	OSBORN TOWNSHIP	32.44
12131	OSLOE TOWNSHIP	842.62
	OSLOE TOWNSHIP	842.62
12132	PALERMO TOWNSHIP	10.70
	PALERMO TOWNSHIP	10.70
12133	PARSHALL AMBULANCE	39.37
	PARSHALL AMBULANCE	39.37
12134	PARSHALL CITY	114.25
	PARSHALL CITY	114.25
12135	PARSHALL PARK BOARD	19.70
	PARSHALL CITY PARK	19.70
12136	PARSHALL RURAL FIRE DIST #2	25.91
	PARSHALL RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #2	25.91
12137	PARSHALL SCHOOL DIST #3	680.96
	PARSHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT #3	680.96
12138	PLAZA CITY	1,014.86
	PLAZA CITY	1,014.86
12139	PLAZA PARK BOARD	1.31
	PLAZA CITY PARK	1.31
12140	PLAZA RURAL FIRE DIST #1	347.07
	PLAZA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1	347.07
12141	PLAZA TOWNSHIP	40.52
	PLAZA TOWNSHIP	40.52
12142	POWERS LAKE RURAL AMBULANCE DIST	11.61
	POWERS LAKE RURAL AMBULANCE	11.61
12143	POWERS LAKE RURAL FIRE DIST #5	8.53
	POWERS LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #5	8.53
12144	POWERS LAKE SCHOOL DIST #PL27	334.91
	POWERS LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT #PL27	334.91
12145	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP	27.72
	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP	27.72

12146	ROSS CITY	1,328.51
	ROSS CITY	1,328.51
12147	ROSS TOWNSHIP	308.60
	ROSS TOWNSHIP	308.60
12148	SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL	349.20
	SENIOR CITIZENS FUND	349.20
12149	SPRING COULEE TOWNSHIP	122.75
	SPRING COULEE TOWNSHIP	122.75
12150	STANLEY CITY	7,702.22
	STANLEY CITY	7,702.22
12151	STANLEY PARK BOARD	671.14
	STANLEY CITY PARK	671.14
12152	STANLEY RURAL AMBULANCE	580.85
	STANLEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT #5	580.85
12153	STANLEY RURAL FIRE DIST#4	61.84
	STANLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #4	61.84
12154	STANLEY SCHOOL DIST #2	6,946.43
	STANLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2	6,946.43
12155	STATE TREASURER	318.47
	STATE MEDICAL CENTER	318.47
12156	UPPER MISSOURI DIST HEALTH UNIT	287.95
	DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT FUND	287.95
12157	WAYZETTA TOWNSHIP	60.59
	WAYZETTA TOWNSHIP	60.59
100328	A&W TOWING & RECOVERY, INC.	1,600.00
	GENERAL FUND	1,600.00
100329	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	1,125.55
	GENERAL FUND	1,125.55
100330	ARAMARK	144.68
	GENERAL FUND	144.68
100331	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	7,898.97
	GENERAL FUND	7,358.97
	DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	540.00
100332	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS #639	59.90
	GENERAL FUND	59.90
100333	BEARDMORE'S AUTOMOTIVE	95.00
	GENERAL FUND	95.00
100334	BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD	1,415.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,415.00
100335	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD COBRA	113.60
	GENERAL FUND	113.60
100336	BRISTOL/COREY	449.14
	GENERAL FUND	449.14
100337	BROSZ ENGINEERING, INC	17,460.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	17,460.00

100338	CARQUEST OF STANLEY COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	826.14 826.14
100339	CDW GOVERNMENT GENERAL FUND	27.80 27.80
100340	CITY OF NEW TOWN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	52.00 52.00
100341	CITY OF STANLEY GENERAL FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	871.85 850.60 21.25
100342	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL FUND	5,800.00 5,800.00
100343	CONKLIN/JIM GENERAL FUND	65.00 65.00
100344	COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY GENERAL FUND	3,453.88 3,453.88
100345	DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GENERAL FUND	250.00 250.00
100346	DAKOTA DRUG CO GENERAL FUND	313.43 313.43
100347	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS,INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	510.00 510.00
100348	DEANS DISTRIBUTING COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	162.50 162.50
100349	DUCKS UNLIMITED, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	147,680.00 147,680.00
100350	ELECTRONICS COMMUNICATIONS INC GENERAL FUND	125.00 125.00
100351	ELITE K-9, INC GENERAL FUND	4,642.85 4,642.85
100352	ENGET/WADE GENERAL FUND	63.25 63.25
100353	FARGO GLASS & PAINT CO E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	5,992.00 5,992.00
100354	FARMERS UNION LUMBER CO GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	322.70 19.60 303.10
100355	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-PLAZA GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,277.62 916.04 361.58
100356	GREAT PLAINS DIRECTORY SERVICE WEED CONTROL FUND	544.00 544.00
100357	HDR ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND 154-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP 155-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	22,060.18 3,782.77 14,621.92 3,655.49
100358	HOLIDAY CREDIT OFFICE GENERAL FUND	2,807.11 2,807.11

100359	HOME OF ECONOMY	179.96
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	179.96
100360	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	32,000.00
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	32,000.00
100361	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	3,620.85
	GENERAL FUND	3,120.70
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	24.48
	COUNTY AGENT FUND	285.03
	WEED CONTROL FUND	190.64
100362	KUSTER REPAIR	560.00
	GENERAL FUND	560.00
100363	MCKENZIE COUNTY FARMER	294.00
	GENERAL FUND	294.00
100364	MIDSTATE TELEPHONE CO	3,690.24
	GENERAL FUND	3,459.79
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	116.66
	COUNTY AGENT FUND	81.51
	WEED CONTROL FUND	32.28
100365	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	31,375.00
	152-93 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	5,406.25
	153-93 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	4,843.75
	154-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	13,875.00
	155-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	7,250.00
100366	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY HEALTH CENTER	800.00
	GENERAL FUND	800.00
100367	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	1,177.80
	GENERAL FUND	1,177.80
100368	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	11,368.25
	GENERAL FUND	10,656.09
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	88.00
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	624.16
100369	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER	26,684.81
	PREPAID TAX FUND	26,684.81
100370	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY 4-H	381.26
	COUNTY AGENT FUND	381.26
100371	MOUNTRAIL WILLIAMS ELECTRIC COOP	1,104.42
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,104.42
100372	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,516.09
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	1,516.09
100373	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	504.00
	GENERAL FUND	504.00
100374	ND DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	150.00
	GENERAL FUND	150.00
100375	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	462,042.22
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	462,042.22
100376	ND ENVELOPE COMPANY	433.55
	GENERAL FUND	433.55
100377	NDPERS	8,625.34
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	8,625.34

100378	NEW TOWN CITY COUNTY AIRPORT FUND	62,551.30 62,551.30
100379	NORTH AMERICAN TRAILER SALES, LTD COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,053.54 4,053.54
100380	NORTH COUNTRY SPORTSWEAR INC GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,969.00 225.00 1,744.00
100381	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER DISTRICT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	76.00 76.00
100382	NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOP E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	129.00 129.00
100383	OFFICE DEPOT INC GENERAL FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	896.71 750.72 115.99 30.00
100384	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	171.62 171.62
100385	PARSHALL CITY COUNTY AIRPORT FUND	62,551.29 62,551.29
100386	PEARL VALLEY OILFIELD SERVICE & RENTALS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	130.00 130.00
100387	PINNACLE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	34,190.26 34,190.26
100388	PLAZA OK HARDWARE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	132.15 132.15
100389	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	16.00 16.00
100390	PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	900.85 900.85
100391	R & T WATER DISTRICT COUNTY PARKS FUND	50.00 50.00
100392	RDO EQUIPMENT CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	626.67 626.67
100393	RESERVATION TELEPHONE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	2,015.49 1,884.86 118.68 11.95
100394	RUDOLPH ELECTRIC, LLC GENERAL FUND	539.85 539.85
100395	SAFARI FUELS #103 GENERAL FUND	302.69 302.69
100396	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,115.50 6,115.50
100397	SOURIS RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	168.00 168.00
100398	SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC GENERAL FUND	2,914.48 2,914.48

100399	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK GENERAL FUND	119.00 119.00
100400	STANLEY CITY COUNTY AIRPORT FUND	62,551.30 62,551.30
100401	STANLEY HARDWARE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	748.44 640.53 107.91
100402	STANLEY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	650.00 650.00
100403	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND	273.58 44.27 229.31
100404	STATE TREASURER E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	5,237.50 5,237.50
100405	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC GENERAL FUND	2,725.97 2,725.97
100406	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	38,738.00 38,738.00
100407	THE SIDWELL COMPANY GENERAL FUND	180.00 180.00
100408	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING CORP. GENERAL FUND	327.60 327.60
100409	TOMLINSON/HEATHER COUNTY AGENT FUND	1,367.33 1,367.33
100410	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	188.14 188.14
100411	ULINE GENERAL FUND	1,569.50 1,569.50
100412	UNIFORM CENTER GENERAL FUND	2,088.00 2,088.00
100413	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	2,867.91 1,682.07 1,095.92 89.92
100414	US POSTAL SERVICE GENERAL FUND	76.00 76.00
100415	US RECORDS MIDWEST DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	5,323.21 5,323.21
100416	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,521.86 1,521.86
100417	VERIZON WIRELESS E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	41.60 41.60
100418	VERTIV CORPORATION GENERAL FUND	2,303.00 2,303.00
100419	VOHNE LICHE KENNELS, INC GENERAL FUND	10,615.32 10,615.32
100420	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	194.08

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	194.08
100421	3D SPECIALTIES INC	1,019.04
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	1,019.04
	FINAL TOTAL	\$ 1,135,943.72

G. TRANSFER

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for the 2020 Insurance Premium totaling \$90,904 from the County Road & Bridge Fund, County Parks Fund, and Weed Control Fund to the General Fund. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Rice, Ruland and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for the 2020 Fund balances totaling \$8.86 from the Oasis Fund and Weather Modification to the General Fund. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Uran, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

H. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the Full-Time employee agreement for Lancer Labar as a Dispatcher with the Sheriff’s Department in the amount of \$3,712.50 per month/\$44,550 per year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Olson, Rice and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the temporary employee agreement for Carol Nelson with the Human Service Zone as a Temporary Parent Aide in the amount of \$22.41 per hour not to exceed 14 hours per week/720 hours per year with the dates beginning 11-30-2020 and ending 12-31-2021. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Uran and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the salary increase for Kris Bingen with the Corrections for a step increase and classification change to the amount of \$25.745 per hour. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Uran, Hollekim and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the salary increase for Lerena Vergara with the Corrections for a step increase and classification change to the amount of \$4,462.50 per month/\$53,550 per year. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Ruland, Uran, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

I. APPOINTMENTS

Discussion was held on appointments expiring on the Job Development Authority Board, Housing Authority Board, Park Board, Planning & Zoning Board, Soils Board, Souris Basin, Water Resource Board and Weed Board. Discussion was also held on the city within the County to be represented on the Souris Basin Planning Council; further discussion will be held the next meeting on this issue.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve appointments to boards as follows: Tom Huus, Kendra Evensvold and Matt Evans to the Job Development Authority Board for a three year term; William Woods to the Housing Authority Board for a five year term; Daniel Uran to the Park Board for a 3 year term; Joan Hollekim and Charles Sorenson to the Planning & Zoning Board for a four year term; Luke Lahtinen and Dustin Roise to the Soils Board for a three year term; Joan Hollekim to the Souris Basin Board for a two year term; Eric Enerson to the Water Resource Board for a three year term; Lee Meiers and Wyatt Goettle to the Weed Board for a four year term and Jason Rice to the Park Board & Job Development for a three year term. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

J. LIQUOR LICENSE

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the beer/liquor licenses for the 2020 year for the following establishments upon completion of paperwork: Sneak Creek Saloon, Super pumper Licensing Inc., T&T Investments and Belden Chuck Wagon. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Uran, Rice and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

K. 2021 SCHEDULE OF COUNTY MEETINGS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the 2021 Schedule for the County Commissioner meetings. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

L. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to hold a special meeting December 30th at 8:30 a.m. to approve payments of the remaining bills for the 2020 year. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

M. BCI LETTER

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve resending and signing the letter requesting a BCI Agent being stationed in Stanley to the North Dakota Attorney General's Office. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

N. K-9 UPDATE

Corey Bristol, Sheriff along with Ryan Camino, Deputy discussed the K-9 unit being purchased. Sheriff Bristol also discussed the opportunity to utilize the foster care home that is currently empty for the Camino family. More discussion will be held on the house at the next commissioner meeting.

O. BOARD CONCERNS

Discussion was held on the emergency radios and assisting city police departments if there is funds left over in the 2020 budget. Sheriff Bristol discussed the remaining budget and would have enough funding for about 13 radios for the cities and the ambulance districts. Auditor Pappa discussed trying to get the radios ordered so it could possibly be taken out of the 2020 budget otherwise an amended budget will need to be done for the 2021 year.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve and authorize Sheriff Bristol to purchase radios not exceeding \$107,000 to assist the cities of New Town and Stanley Police Departments and outlying ambulance districts that service Mountrail County. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Uran, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:30 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director met with the board for abatement hearing on parcel #16-0020101 for a reduction in value for tax year 2019. Tax Director Hanson recommended doing a part reduction with the land going from \$17,300 to \$7,300 and the building value from \$51,600 to \$53,100 for a total true and full value being \$60,400 instead of \$68,900. Chris Miller was also present and discussed of selling his property for the amount of \$60,400. Tax Director Hanson stated revised numbers were completed after measuring the property. Discussion was held on the real estate vs mobile home taxation process.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to un-table the Mr. Miller's abatement for the 2019 year. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the abatement on parcel #16-0020101 for the 2019 year with a total of \$60,400 True & Full Value as recommended by Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, Uran and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9:32 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director met with the board for abatement hearing on parcel #16-0020101 for a reduction in value for tax year 2020. Tax Director Hanson recommended doing a part reductions with the land going from \$17,300 to \$7,300 and building value from \$52,400 to \$53,100 for a total true and full value being \$60,400 instead of \$69,700.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to un-table the Mr. Miller's abatement for the 2020 year. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #16-0020101 for the 2020 year with a total of \$60,400 True & Full Value as recommended by Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Olson, Uran, Rice, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

9:37 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director met with the board for abatement hearing on parcel #15-0013701 for a farm residency exemption.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the abatement on parcel #15-0013701 for the 2020 tax year as a farm residency exemption as recommended by Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Rice, Ruland and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M.

Karen Babbitt, Building Supervisor met with the board to update on the Courthouse basement renovation and the Memorial Building. Supervisor Babbitt stated she is still waiting on quotes for the window replacements, electricians and plumbers on the downstairs renovation. Supervisor Babbitt stated a walk thru at the Memorial Building will happen tomorrow December 16th.

10:25 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer met with the board to discuss three cd renewals, two for \$100,000 and one for \$248,103.82.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve reinvesting the three CD's in the amounts of 2 for \$100,000 and one in the amount of \$248,103.82 with American Bank Center at the 12 month interest rate. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Rice, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

10:30 A.M.

Mark Schneider with the ND Atmospheric Resource Board gave an update on the Cloud Modification Program and the financials for the 2020 year. Also present was Aaron Skarsgard with the Mountrail County Weather Modification Board. Mark Schneider discussed that Mountrail, Williams and McKenzie are part of the District 2 area. Mark Schneider stated the City of Williston installed a new weather radar for use. Discussion was held on the impact of Ward County no longer in the program and the effect on the cost. Mark Schneider stated one less aircraft that will be supplied but the budget area will need to be increased a little each year.

10:45 A.M.

Jana Hennessy, Engineer met to discuss Road & Bridge. Also present were Ryan Farden, Jeff Ebsch, Heath Hetzel, Chris Meiers, Craig Mizera, Jason Olson, and Matthew Huettl.

1. PLAZA SHOP DISCUSSION

Engineer Hennessy along with Heath Hetzel with American Bank Center discussed the Plaza Shop lease. Heath Hetzel discussed the upcoming payment schedule for the County.

2. MWEC

Engineer Hennessy along with Chris Meiers with MWEC discussed the invoice in the amount of \$173,027.93 which is over the electricity pole relocation estimate received for 101st Ave NW road project. Chris Meiers with MWEC stated that the reason the underground was given was due to pipeline easements and farmers not wanting the poles in the fields. Chris Meiers stated the communication could have been better with this project. Comm. Uran stated that if the contractor is complaining about MWEC to keep the project moving then the contractor should be told that the County is the one holding up the project until the approval is made.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve paying the invoice in the amount of \$173,027.93 to MWEC for 101st Ave NW project. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Uran, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Engineer Hennessy discussed a letter received from CSI with concerns on the delay on the CR 9, 101st Ave NW project. HDR Engineering did submit a letter answering the CSI concerns. Craig Mizera and Jason Olson with HDR Engineering discussed the issues with MWEC per CSI and the pole relocating on the south end of the project.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve and sign the letter to CSI in response to their claims for the project on 101st Ave NW. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

3. 96th AVE NW-FENCING ISSUE

Engineer Hennessy discussed the issues with fencing in the ROW on 96th Ave NW. Also present was Jeff Ebsch with Brosz Engineering who spoke to all landowners on the fencing. Engineer Ebsch

discussed the fence that wouldn't need to be relocated being 431 linear feet of fence and 3 Corners with wire being changed to Red Brand and 517 linear feet of fence, 1 corner and 2 gates which reduces the cost of the change order. Engineer Ebsch suggested that Farden Construction complete the contract for the project for fencing that isn't complete. Engineer Ebsch also spoke to a local fencing business that is willing to remove, re-install and re-use the fencing south of 53rd St NW. Commissioners are not in favor of paying the extra cost for something that was not the counties mistake but due to miscommunication. Ryan Farden with Farden Construction stated the contract is in place and is signed so if a different contractor is chosen an additional cost will be added. More discussion will be held at the next Commissioner meeting.

Mary Trahan, Road & Bridge Accountant went through the numbers for the 96th Ave NW project cost breakdown between townships and County Road & Bridge expenditures.

4. CR 19 – 89TH AVE NW

Engineer Hennessy along with Matt Huettl with HDR Engineering gave an update on CR 19. The 404 permit was approved and additional wetland acres are needed to be bought with the Ducks Unlimited. Commissioners discussed whether this project should be going forward with being over the estimate supplied by HDR Engineering. Engineer Hennessy stated the budget would be able to handle due to CR 9 being pushed into the 2022 budget year.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the bid be awarded to Baranko Brothers Inc in the amount of \$4,934,859.57 for reconstruction of CR 19, Project 19(89)19. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson, Uran, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve purchasing wetland acres from Ducks Unlimited in the amount of \$31,950 for CR 19. Upon roll call, Olson, Uran, Ruland, Rice, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

5. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Engineer Hennessy discussed the Transportation Alternative Program Grant Application. Engineer Hennessy stated CR 4, the Lostwood Road Project, is planned for construction on 2021 so the application was denied due to the application being valid for 2023-2024 years. Engineer Hennessy presented a new proposal to apply for a safe crosswalk signal for pedestrians on the Truck Bypass on CR 13 to enhance Stanley City's grant award for a shared use pathway from the north end of Stanley to the underpass to be constructed in 2021.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve signing the Transportation Alternative Program Grant Application for a safe crosswalk signal for pedestrians on the Truck Bypass on CR 13. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Uran, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

6. CR 9 100TH AVE NW

Engineer Hennessy discussed the request to add 100th Ave NW in Unorganized Township 154-94 to the County Road System as a continuation of CR9. Comm. Hollekim stated if this project is pushed back into the 2022 year this should stay as an unorganized township road until construction moves forth due to getting Oil & Gas Funding. The Commissioners did agree to have the expenses for the 100th Ave NW Project come from the Road & Bridge Fund. A transfer would be considered for a share of the project costs depending on funding available in the Unorganized Township 154-94 Fund.

7. UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP

Engineer Hennessy along with Stephanie A Pappa, Auditor discussed the Unorganized Township balances.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Wade Enget, State's Attorney discussed the Memorandum of Agreement with DSI and the City of Stanley for the municipal utility in the county right of way.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the amended Memorandum of Agreement to allow DSI and City of Stanley for the municipal utilities in the right of way along 61st St NW/CR18 subject to approval by the State's Attorney. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Departments Heads concerning COVID-19 issues. Present for the discussion were Mary Trahan, Nichole Degenstein, Corey Bristol, Jana Hennessy, Traci Hysjulien, Karen Babbitt, Melissa Vachal, Lori Hanson, Candice Grilley, Laurie Johnson, Lisa Lapica, Lynnette Vachal, Valerie Stammen, Tiffany Thiessen, Mary Dennis, Heather Tomlinson, and Linda Wienbar. Updates were given on the changed quarantine days and the mask mandate being extended until January.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 1:00 P.M. to meet in special session on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. Accepted and approved this 5th day of January, 2021.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman

Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor