1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Joan Hollekim, Jason Rice, Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson and John DeGroot present. Also present was State's Attorney, Wade Enget.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order.

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

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

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the special minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

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

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Amanda Hanson with Human Services as a Parent Aide in the amount of \$3,813.33 per month/\$45,760 per year. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Jordan Moore with Corrections as a Correctional Officer I in the amount of \$4,050 per month/\$48,600 per year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Hannah Collins with Tax Director as an Assessor in the amount of \$4,750 per month/\$57,000 per year. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the salary increase for the successful satisfactory probationary period for Courtney Tweeten with the R&B as an Administrative Assistant to the amount of \$4,337.50 per month/\$52,530 per year. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the salary increase for the promotion for Heather Gilbertson with Mountrail McKenzie Human Service Zone as a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Supervisor to the amount of \$5,200 per month/\$62,400 per year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Rice, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the salary increase for the successful satisfactory probationary period for Steve Bigham with Road & Bridge as a Roadworker to the amount of \$4,675 per month/\$56,100 per year. Upon roll call, Rice, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

E. TRANSFER

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer from the General fund to the Road & Bridge fund for uniform permits from 10-1-2022 thru 12-31-22 totaling \$571,743.36. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, DeGroot, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

F. BOARD APPOINTMENT

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve appointing Lauren Frost as the City of Stanley representative for the Planning and Zoning Board for an unexpired term 12-31-2025. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

G. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the bills totaling \$958,351.07. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Olson, Rice and Ruland 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 and/or are available for review in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours).

APPROVED 01/17/2023 - PAYMENT 01/17/2023

Warrant #	<u>Vendor Name</u>	Warrant Total
105887	A&W TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. GENERAL FUND	400.00 400.00
105888	ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,800.00 1,800.00
105889	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS GENERAL FUND	472.80 472.80
105890	ARMOR INTERACTIVE GENERAL FUND DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	8,194.70 7,654.70 540.00
105891	BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	36.00 36.00
105892	BUTLER MACHINERY CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	176.51 176.51
105893	CENTRAL SPECIALTIES, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECTS	673,704.04 673,704.04
105894	CITY OF STANLEY WEED CONTROL FUND	21.25 21.25
105895	COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY GENERAL FUND	3,920.00 3,920.00
105896	DAKOTA DRUG CO GENERAL FUND	420.68 420.68
105897	DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC GENERAL FUND	257.50 257.50
105898	DAKOTA TRUCK & FARM SERVICE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	8,314.92 8,314.92
105899	ENERBASE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	33,957.58 596.14 33,361.44
105900	G ENERGY LLC GENERAL FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00
105901	GALLS-QUARTERMASTER GENERAL FUND	151.40 151.40
105902	GJELLSTAD, LLC GENERAL FUND	10,000.00 10,000.00
105903	GLASS DOCTOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	423.00 423.00

105904	H.A.THOMPSON & SONS INC	January 17, 2023 Minutes – Page 3 10,955.00 10,955.00
105905	GENERAL FUND HB SOUND & LIGHT INC	90.88
	GENERAL FUND	90.88
105906	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT GENERAL FUND E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	6,739.20 3,298.66 3,440.54
105907	JOB SERVICE OF NORTH DAKOTA GENERAL FUND	8,155.67 8,155.67
105908	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	513.93 513.93
105909	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	10,191.16 3,369.84 2,404.83 390.34 4,026.15
105910	KOHLER COMMUNICATIONS INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	933.00 933.00
105911	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	8.92 8.92
105912	LARSON TIRE SERVICE GENERAL FUND	46.93 46.93
105913	LIGHT HOUSE TRADES, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,713.02 1,713.02
105914	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,076.05 4,076.05
105915	MEIERS OIL INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	28,377.25 28,377.25
105916	MENARDS - MINOT GENERAL FUND	145.59 145.59
105917	METROPOLITAN COMPUNDS INC GENERAL FUND	119.20 119.20
105918	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY AG IMPROVEMENT GENERAL FUND	30.00 30.00
105919	MOUNTRAIL WILLIAMS ELECTRIC COOP GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,845.58 447.89 215.28 1,182.41
105920	MOWBRAY & SON,INC GENERAL FUND	45,919.53 45,919.53
105921	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	63.00 63.00
105922	ND COUNTY AUDITORS ASSN GENERAL FUND	250.00 250.00
105923	ND DEPT OF TRUST LANDS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	250.00 250.00
105924	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS GENERAL FUND	480.00 480.00

105925	ND TRUCK WASH GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	January 17, 2023 Minutes – Page 4 413.00 55.00 358.00
105926	NDCCAA GENERAL FUND	100.00 100.00
105927	NDWCA WEED CONTROL FUND	270.00 270.00
105928	NEW TOWN CITY COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	50.00 50.00
105929	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS GENERAL FUND	9.52 9.52
105930	NORTH AMERICAN TRAILER SALES, LTD COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	8,528.33 8,528.33
105931	NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE SAFETY & INS. GENERAL FUND	250.00 250.00
105932	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER DISTRICT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	53.00 53.00
105933	NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOP E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	129.00 129.00
105934	NW LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00
105935	O-DAY EQUIPMENT LLC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	308.75 308.75
105936	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	19.99 19.99
105937	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	2,000.64 1,370.77 87.05 51.44 491.38
105938	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY GENERAL FUND	923.29 923.29
105939	OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF MINOT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	525.21 525.21
105940	PINNACLE GENERAL FUND	2,803.98 2,803.98
105941	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GENERAL FUND	668.58 668.58
105942	PRAIRIE FORD, INC. GENERAL FUND	1,306.05 1,306.05
105943	PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	101.46 101.46
105944	PURCHASE POWER GENERAL FUND	4,408.66 4,408.66
105945	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC GENERAL FUND	729.39 729.39
105946	R & J PUBLISHING LLC	1,762.25

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GENERAL FUND

105947	R & T WATER DISTRICT COUNTY PARKS FUND	50.00 50.00
105948	RDO EQUIPMENT CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	5,065.36 5,065.36
105949	RTC NETWORKS GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	8,073.74 7,421.87 161.98 365.71 80.85 43.33
105950	RUDOLPH ELECTRIC, LLC GENERAL FUND	300.00 300.00
105951	RYAN CHEVROLET COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,660.00 1,660.00
105952	SAFARI FUELS #103 GENERAL FUND	472.04 472.04
105953	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	16,045.33 16,045.33
105954	SCHOCK'S SAFE & LOCK INC GENERAL FUND	472.45 472.45
105955	SECURITY TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC. GENERAL FUND	4,731.38 4,731.38
105956	SIDWELL, HARRIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL FUND	330.00 330.00
105957	SOURIS RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	168.00 168.00
105958	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,363.65 1,363.65
105959	STANLEY HARDWARE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	1,249.47 957.38 123.64 168.45
105960	STANLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY GENERAL FUND	1,025.74 1,025.74
105961	STANLEY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	650.00 650.00
105962	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDARIES GENERAL FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	33.85 16.92 16.93
105963	STRAIGHT UP CONSTRUCTION GENERAL FUND	2,580.00 2,580.00
105964	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC GENERAL FUND	5,806.91 5,806.91
105965	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING CORP. GENERAL FUND	189.62 189.62
105966	TIOGA MACHINE SHOP INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	943.27 943.27
105967	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	245.60

G. BOARD CONCERNS

FINAL TOTAL

Tim Holte, Stanley High School Superintendent and Paula Brown, Assistant Principal expressed regret for the students involved in the recent incident that caused damages to the Courthouse elevator. Corey Bristol, Sheriff stated the free fall mechanism in the elevator was activated and could have been dangerous if the mechanism failed.

958,351.07

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer met with the board to discuss future investments. Treasurer Niemitalo will bring back investment options at the next commissioner meeting.

9:20 A.M.

Madison Rodgers, Clerk of Court met with the board to discuss the adoption of a resolution for SB 2277 which pertains to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to adopt a Resolution for SB 2277 opposing legislation making Mountrail County Clerk of Court's Office a State Office as follows:

WHEREAS, there is legislation being proposed pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities: and

WHEREAS, such legislation would make the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's Office a state agency and the employees thereof state employees, which would take away local control and governance of such office and employees: and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Mountrail County, North Dakota is desirous of keeping the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's Office as a county office; and

WHEREAS, Mountrail County has experienced loss of vital services in Mountrail County when the State of North Dakota takes control of county services; and

WHEREAS, the loss of services in Mountrail County to the general public and creates a hardship on the elderly, low income, and disabled individuals.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, that the following resolution be adopted as follows:

- 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Mountrail County directly opposes the passage of legislation pertaining to the transition of contract county clerk services to state funding and other legislative priorities; and
- 2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Mountrail County resolves to keep the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's office a county office that is contracted with the State of North Dakota to providing Clerk of Court services. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Hollekim, Olson and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court Rodgers stated she will be requesting a maternity leave of absence for a minimum of 8 weeks this summer.

9:30 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director met with the board to discuss abatements & the City of Stanley Assessor Contract. Michael Block representing Stanley Square Apartment & Rental spaces discussed the analysis for the prior years on the vacancies on the rental spaces.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the abatement on parcel #61-0053524 for the 2020 tax year due to a reduced value and in concurrence with the City of Stanley and as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Rice, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the abatement on parcel #61-0053524 for the 2021 tax year due to a reduced value and in concurrence with the City of Stanley and as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the abatement on parcel #61-0053524 for the 2022 tax year due to a reduced value and in concurrence with the City of Stanley and as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Rice, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the abatement on parcel #51-9109750 for the 2023 tax year due to the mobile home being removed and replaced as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve signing the contract with the City of Stanley for allowing the Tax Director's Office to be able to do assessment work for the period January 1 to April 30, 2023 at a contracted amount of \$1,500. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:40 A.M.

The Airport Authorities met with the board to discuss the apportioning of tax monies.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the resolution of airport apportioning for the 2023 year for the county portion of airport funding equivalent to 1.5 mills (\$191,249) that will be paid from General Fund monies as follows: City of New Town Airport at 33.33%; City of Parshall Airport at 33.33% and the City of Stanley Airport at 33.33% and in addition pay the City of Plaza Airport from the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim, and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Wade Enget, State's Attorney, along with Lauren Frost with the City of Stanley discussed the City of Stanley Tax Deed properties as follows: Lot 27, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 28, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 30, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 31, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 41, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City and Lot 42, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City. The City of Stanley decided on their January 10th meeting to purchase all lots for \$1.00 per lot.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the sale of county owned properties to the City of Stanley for \$1.00 each for the following properties: Lot 27, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 28, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 29, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 30, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 31, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City; Lot 41, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City and Lot 42, Replat of John Rian Addition Phase 1, Stanley City. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M.

Scott Duerre, Road & Bridge (R&B) Superintendent met to discuss Road & Bridge.

1. CR 9 PHASE II (100th AVE NW) HDR

R&B Superintendent Duerre discussed the extended period of waiting on the Corps construction license and the bidding of Phase II. Craig Mizera, HDR Engineering discussed moving forward with the whole project and the bidding process for CR 9 Phase II (100th Ave NW).

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Short Form of Agreement to bid the CR 9 Phase II (100th Ave NW) project in one phase. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Rice, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

2. CR 6 FENCING COMPENSATION (ROW)

R&B Superintendent Duerre discussed the intersection by Rena Iverson's property along CR 6 and the installation of free-standing panels. Matthew Huettl with HDR Engineering discussed the fencing material to be utilized.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve offering \$500 to remove and reset the portable free-standing panels on Rena Iverson's property on CR 6. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim, Rice and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

3. CR 6 - WHITE EARTH WEST TO WILLIAMS COUNTY LINE

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve advertising to for bids for CR 6 Project #06(68)22 consisting of 6.192 miles of grading, aggregate base, HMA surfacing at a preliminary engineer's estimate of \$15,573,024.75. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Preliminary Engineering contract with Ackerman-Estvold for CR 9 Project in Bicker Township from CR4 to the Burke County line totaling \$284,680. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve signing the Amendment Agreement #2 for an increased cost of \$23,800 to Right of Way Contract with Ackerman-Estvold to include title search and reports for CR 3, CR 10 and CR 11 projects. Upon roll call, Ruland, DeGroot, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

6. BRIDGE PROJECT BR10625 (SAUBER ENGINEERING)

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Notice to Proceed to Martin Construction for Bridge Project BR10625 for replacement of Bridge #31-106-25 located on 53rd St NW over the White Earth Creek in Section 3, Township 154, Range 94. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve Construction Agreement with Martin Construction Inc for Project BR10625 totaling \$1,060,197. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

7. CR4 LOSTWOOD RD (SAUBER ENGINEERING)

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the final pay estimate to Central Specialties Inc. for CR 4 Lostwood Rd totaling \$673,704.04. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

8. CR 12 (42ND ST NW)

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve advertising for bids on Plaza West CR 12 (42nd St NW) Project #12(42)22. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

9. MARCH BID LETTINGS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve advertising the notice of bids for culverts, cutting edges, loading and hauling of gravel, crushing and stockpiling of aggregate, sub-grade repairs and application of dust control product. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. MOTOR GRADER BIDS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve advertising for call of bids for 3 new 2024 six-wheel drive motor graders with 3 trade ins. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. PLAZA SHOP

Road & Bridge Superintendent gave an update on the Plaza Shop. Derek Miller with ICS and Darryl with R&K will meet at the shop in February to see what corrections need to be made.

Shawn Voeller, ICS is recommending to install a humidity control ventilation in the shop to help with the condensation.

12. New 2023 Road Binder

Road & Bridge Superintendent Duerre supplied the 2023 road binders.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 11:17 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 7th day of February, 2023.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman	Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Commissioner	Mountrail County Auditor