

Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Joan Hollekim, John DeGroot and Jason Rice present. State's Attorney, Wade Enget was present.

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

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

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

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the special minutes of January 13, 2026 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the December fees for the Sheriff, Corrections and Clerk of Court. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the appointed officials paid leave for December. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Jodie Lager as a Correctional Officer I with Corrections in the amount of \$30.36 per hour/\$63,142 per year. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Rice, Olson and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

E. TRANSFERS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for 4th quarter overweight load pass permits from R&B Fund totaling \$2,686.91 to Unorganized Townships: 155 North, Range 94 West totaling \$995.05; 154 North, Range 94 West \$606.91; 153 North, Range 93 West totaling \$907.15; 152 North, Range 93 West totaling \$175.84 & 150 North, Range 92 totaling \$1.96. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for Uniform Permits from Oct to Dec 2025 from General Fund to R&B Fund totaling \$487,321.90. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Rice, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the transfer for Overweight Fines from Oct to Dec 2025 from General Fund to R&B Fund totaling \$495. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

F. APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the appointments of Tess Jarmin to the Planning & Zoning Board for a 4-year term and Nick Gustafson to the Job Development Authority Board for a 3-year term. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

G. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the bills totaling \$662,302.60 & December 21 through January 3 payroll, checks #20176-20180 and direct deposits #1-138/#1-32 totaling \$565,480.40. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot 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 01/20/2026 - PAYMENT 01/20/2026

<u>WARRANT#</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
0	DEGROOT, JONATHAN M	GENERAL FUND	\$214.40
0	OLSON, WAYNE M	GENERAL FUND	\$363.30
0	RICE/JASON	GENERAL FUND	\$235.20
0	RULAND, TRUDY	GENERAL FUND	\$344.40
121283	HAMPTON INN-BISMARCK	GENERAL FUND	\$330.00
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$113.69
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$38.84
0	STAMMEN, VALERIE R	GENERAL FUND	\$50.00
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$123.10
121296	ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSN	GENERAL FUND	\$500.00
121309	THOMAS Y PICKETT INC	GENERAL FUND	\$28,800.00
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$182.66
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$9.30
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$85.72
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$122.42
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$277.78
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$21.85
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$61.16
121315	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,975.00
121315	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC	GENERAL FUND	-\$795.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$52.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$384.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$9,360.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$276.32
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,221.09
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$2,000.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,050.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$400.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$3,933.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,750.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$52.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$384.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$9,360.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$276.32
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,221.09
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$3,933.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$2,000.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,750.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,050.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$400.00
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$4,193.90
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,473.25
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$2,368.50
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$44.34
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$177.36
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$1,035.54
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$130.00
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$197.34
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$98.00
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$23.00
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$23.00
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	GENERAL FUND	\$39.23

121282	H.A.THOMPSON & SONS INC	GENERAL FUND	\$5,868.50
0	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, INC.	GENERAL FUND	\$655.47
0	PROCONTROLS MIDWEST	GENERAL FUND	\$1,479.42
121282	H.A.THOMPSON & SONS INC	GENERAL FUND	\$5,868.50
121300	NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC.	GENERAL FUND	\$630.00
121304	RUDOLPH ELECTRIC, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$326.20
121304	RUDOLPH ELECTRIC, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$530.80
121311	TRANE U.S. INC.	GENERAL FUND	\$2,038.91
0	NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT	GENERAL FUND	\$140.00
0	NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT	GENERAL FUND	\$488.00
0	NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT	GENERAL FUND	\$33.00
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$16.14
0	VESTIS	GENERAL FUND	\$85.51
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$8.95
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$26.97
0	DOMBEN, ANDREW E	GENERAL FUND	\$36.70
121285	JENKINS/HEATHER	GENERAL FUND	\$1,000.00
121292	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	GENERAL FUND	\$1,099.94
121302	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	GENERAL FUND	\$746.00
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$28.58
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	GENERAL FUND	\$45.09
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$131.91
0	MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CENTER	GENERAL FUND	\$150.00
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$216.40
0	GAFFANEYS OF MINOT INC	GENERAL FUND	\$51.25
121290	LARSON TIRE SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	\$123.60
121312	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$94.84
121312	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,961.62
0	ENERBASE	GENERAL FUND	\$331.13
0	ENERBASE	GENERAL FUND	\$456.14
0	PINNACLE	GENERAL FUND	\$3,233.10
0	PINNACLE	GENERAL FUND	-\$228.84
121297	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	GENERAL FUND	\$2,289.84
121297	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	GENERAL FUND	\$480.00
121297	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	GENERAL FUND	\$286.00
121280	GALL'S LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$1,121.98
121281	GRAPHICS, LETTERING & TRIM	GENERAL FUND	\$653.00
0	LAGER, JODIE M	GENERAL FUND	\$71.40
121291	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	GENERAL FUND	\$400.00
0	DAKOTA DRUG CO	GENERAL FUND	-\$6.74
0	DAKOTA DRUG CO	GENERAL FUND	\$7.59
121278	COOKS CORRECTIONAL	GENERAL FUND	\$105.52
0	JOHNSON, LAURIE A	GENERAL FUND	\$64.24
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,413.91
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,489.25
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,508.57
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$2,999.30
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$2,911.81
0	JOHNSON, LAURIE A	GENERAL FUND	\$50.00
121299	NELSON AUTO CENTER	GENERAL FUND	\$35,151.62
121279	FULKERSON STEVENSON FUNERAL HOME	GENERAL FUND	\$350.00
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$275.28
0	PINNACLE	GENERAL FUND	\$242.59
0	RULAND, TRUDY	GENERAL FUND	\$56.00
0	SORENSEN, CHARLIE R	GENERAL FUND	\$28.00
0	TOMJACK, CAMERON	GENERAL FUND	\$51.10
121303	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$5.94
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	GENERAL FUND	\$39.04
0	SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,566.27

0	SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$2,341.74
121313	US POSTAL SERVICE	GENERAL FUND	\$226.00
121292	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	GENERAL FUND	\$635.40
121287	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PRJT FUND	\$133,644.37
0	CENTRAL SPECIALTIES, INC.	ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PRJT FUND	\$1,955.78
121284	HDR ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,213.75
121284	HDR ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$52,049.09
121307	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,106.00
121307	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$24,494.98
121307	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,180.68
121307	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,794.17
121294	MOUNTRAIL WILLIAMS ELECTRIC COOP_2506	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$225.26
121318	WASTE MANAGEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$99.92
121303	RTC NETWORKS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$67.01
121303	RTC NETWORKS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$115.46
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$274.96
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,250.64
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,400.76
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,354.32
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,282.50
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,385.64
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,353.24
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,375.92
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,394.28
0	GRAVEL PRODUCTS INCORPORATED	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,360.26
0	SUNDRE SAND & GRAVEL, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$5,447.06
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$53.46
121308	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$51.15
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,806.59
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$8,874.71
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$664.16
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,100.78
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$187.80
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$250.40
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$15.49
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$196.74
121276	BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$8,735.00
121286	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,347.65
121286	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$16.80
121286	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$51.41
121286	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$106.95
121295	NAPA AUTO PARTS_2539	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$73.97
121295	NAPA AUTO PARTS_2539	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6.58
121306	RYAN GMC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$822.45
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$206.56
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$535.33
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$565.49
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$92.98
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$32.12
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$410.60
121319	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$604.84
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$140.09
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$122.24
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$83.18
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$78.32
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$71.13
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$149.66
0	KOHLER COMMUNICATIONS INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$78.60
0	LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC.	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$154.92

0	PINNACLE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$27.89
0	PINNACLE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$66.95
0	PINNACLE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$94.82
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$638.40
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$274.08
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,147.82
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$9.89
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$244.23
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$34.33
0	ALGER TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$675.77
0	BICKER TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,376.93
0	BIG BEND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$179.48
0	BROOKBANK TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$470.56
0	BURKE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$423.44
0	COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$327.42
0	CRANE CREEK TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,294.87
0	CROWFOOT TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$8.24
0	DEBING TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$4,594.54
0	EGAN TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$54.78
0	FERTILE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$714.26
0	HOWIE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$617.58
0	IDAHO TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,292.04
0	JAMES HILL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$755.26
0	KNIFE RIVER TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,728.95
0	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$676.34
0	LOSTWOOD TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,752.19
0	MANITOU TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,977.15
0	MCALMOND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$133.11
0	MCGAHAN TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$146.33
0	MODEL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,184.82
0	MYRTLE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$5,981.48
0	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$22,801.87
0	OSBORN TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,286.21
0	PALERMO TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,304.69
0	PARSHALL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$414.57
0	PLAZA TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,502.89
0	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$75.49
0	POWERS TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$7,647.36
0	PURCELL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,110.37
0	RAT LAKE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,658.84
0	REDMOND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$37.72
0	ROSS TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$9,094.80
0	SHELL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$576.70
0	SIDONIA TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$187.83
0	SIKES TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$951.76
0	SORKNESS TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,632.61
0	SPRING COULEE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$8.15
0	VAN HOOK TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,071.81
0	WHITE EARTH TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$4,223.24
121286	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$71.71
0	DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$191.80
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$64.45
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$56.74
121301	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$49.39
121305	RUNNING SUPPLY, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$118.93
121308	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$67.18
0	KOHLER COMMUNICATIONS INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$979.00
0	KOHLER COMMUNICATIONS INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$979.00
121316	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$864.78

0	EIDE, ARDEN L	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$43.50
0	JAEGER, ERIC P	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$58.00
0	RICE/JASON	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$40.60
0	JAEGER, ERIC P	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$125.94
0	JAEGER, ERIC P	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$125.94
121303	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$30.00
121320	WHITE EARTH BAY CAMPGROUND	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$22,000.00
0	R & T WATER DISTRICT	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$110.00
121303	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$170.34
121303	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$11.95
121303	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$325.00
121314	US RECORDS MIDWEST	DOC. PRES. FUND	\$453.42
121310	TOOZ CONSTRUCTION, INC	COUNTY PARK BUILDING FUND	\$3,825.00
121310	TOOZ CONSTRUCTION, INC	COUNTY PARK BUILDING FUND	\$3,825.00
121310	TOOZ CONSTRUCTION, INC	COUNTY PARK BUILDING FUND	\$3,825.00
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	E-911 FUND	\$1,384.15
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	E-911 FUND	\$670.00
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	E-911 FUND	\$2,793.80
121289	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC	E-911 FUND	\$6.86
0	STANLEY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING	VETERAN'S FUND	\$650.00
121298	NDSU-DEPT 3110	EXTENSION AGENT FUND	\$14,492.12
121303	RTC NETWORKS	EXTENSION AGENT FUND	\$28.60
121303	RTC NETWORKS	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$28.59
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$45.09
0	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, INC.	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$534.22
121277	CITY OF STANLEY	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$46.92
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$54,600.00
121317	WARD COUNTY AUDITOR	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$3,360.00
121288	KRESS, LOGAN	PRE-PAID TAX FUND	\$11.09
121293	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER	PRE-PAID TAX FUND	\$25.53
121293	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER	PRE-PAID TAX FUND	\$1.92
121293	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER	PRE-PAID TAX FUND	\$7.40
GRAND TOTAL			\$662,302.60

3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

9:10 A.M.

Angela Olson, Reynolds Realty presented two offers for the County-owned land and house located at 2 Valley Dr. Stanley ND described as Lot 1, Block 3, Replat of Lot 1, Block 3, Country Meadows 2nd Subdivision, Stanley City, .42 acres. Tammy Leupp, Building Supervisor was also present.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the sale of the County-owned land and house located at 2 Valley Dr. Stanley ND described as Lot 1, Block 3, Replat of Lot 1, Block 3, Country Meadows 2nd Subdivision, Stanley City, .42 acres to Tomas & Kylea Ortega in the amount of \$390,000 contingent on financing, appraisal and inspection with a closing date of on or before February 24, 2026 with earnest money of \$2,000. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:15 A.M.

Chairman Ruland opened the 9:15 A.M. public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on request filed by Tahnee King, Aemilia Lindquist and Mountrail County to close the alley ways located in Block 3, Original Townsite, Coulee Village located in the NW¼ of Section 2 in Township 158 North, Range 88 (**Lowland Township**).

The section line closure was published on January 7th & 14th.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the resolution for the closing of the alley ways located in Block 3, Original Townsite, Coulee Village located in the NW¼ of Section 2 in Township 158 North, Range 88 (**Lowland Township**). Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING VACATION OF ALL ALLEY WAYS IN BLOCK 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, COULEE VILLAGE, LOCATED IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 158 NORTH, RANGE 88 WEST, MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA WHEREAS, the Board of Mountrail County Commissioners, (the "Board"), was, on December 16, 2025, presented with a Plat signed by Tahnee King, Aemilia Lindquist and Mountrail County, as the owners of the fee title to all real property in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, for the purpose of vacating of all alley ways located in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota, and, WHEREAS, Petitioners have all signed the Plat based upon the assertion that since there is sufficient access to the newly created two (2) lots in the Plat that the need for any alley ways is not a necessary for the access for the public or the property owners in Block 3, and readily accessible alternate routes of travel are otherwise available for all property owners to have access to their property; and, WHEREAS, after review of the Plat, the Board, at their December 16, 2025, regular meeting, determined the Plat, which noted there were no alley ways therein, was to be heard at a public hearing set for January 20, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the Board's meeting room at the Mountrail County Courthouse; and, WHEREAS, pursuant to N.D.C.C. §40-50.1-16, the Mountrail County Auditor gave Notice of Public Hearing by Publication at least one each week for two (2) weeks, in the Mountrail County Promotor, the official newspaper of Mountrail County, that the request for vacation of the alley ways in Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, for the purpose of vacating of all alley ways located in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota was to be heard on January 20, 2026, at 9:15 a.m., with the actual dates of publication in the Mountrail County Promoter being on January 7th and January 14th of 2026, and; WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on January 20, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. at Mountrail County Commissioner's Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley, North Dakota, and no further testimony that was orally presented or received in writing in opposition to the vacation of said alley ways, with the Commissioners noting that the Plat has been filed for record on December 22, 2025, at 10:50 a.m. as Document #469506 in the Mountrail County Recorder's Office; WHEREFORE, the Board does hereby make the following findings pursuant to N.D.C.C. §40-50.1- 16: 1) All alley ways in the Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, shall be vacated in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota: 2) Access by way of accessible alternate routes of travel are already available for all property owners and the public; and, 3) All landowners in Block 3 have signed the Plat approving such vacation of alley ways. Motion was made by Hollekim, seconded by DeGroot to adopt the above-stated Findings and approve a Resolution pursuant to N.D.C.C. §40-50.1-16 to vacate all alley ways in the Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, shall be vacated in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota, as shown on the Plat filed for record on December 22, 2025, at 10:50 a.m. as Document #469506 in the Mountrail County Recorder's Office. Voting Record: AYE: DeGroot, Ruland, Hollekim, Olson, Rice NAY: None ABSENT: None

9:25 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer presented the depositories of public funds.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the depositories of public funds in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 21-04-13 for Bremer Bank/Old National Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Liberty State Bank and Bravera Bank and to deny request from Bell Bank & First International Bank & Trust to be included as a depository of public funds for Mountrail County. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.

Kim Savage, Tax Director met to discuss an abatement.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve an abatement on parcel #56-0052900 for tax year 2025 for qualifying for 100% Homestead Credit as per the recommendation of Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Rice, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Savage met with the board to discuss the 2026 agriculture land valuations. Tax Director Savage stated the average agricultural value per acre for Mountrail County decreased from \$497.69 in 2025 to \$473.38 for the 2026 year. Tax Director Savage recommended a decrease for the agricultural land values at a 95% threshold which is between the 90% to 100% tolerance level allowed by the State.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve a small decrease for the 2026 agricultural land valuation at 95% threshold which is between the 90% to 100% tolerance level allowed by the State. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Savage discussed both the City of New Town and Plaza losing their assessor which would mean they may need help with assessing until the position is filled. Comm. Hollekim stated it might be good to look into possibly hiring a person within the Tax Director office to solely help with the cities with the city reimbursing. More discussion will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

9:50 A.M.

Jana Hennessy, Road & Bridge (R&B) Engineer met to discuss Road & Bridge.

1. MWEC CR11 POWER POLE RELOCATION PLACEMENT

Engineer Hennessy presented information pertaining to the location of the section corner in the NE corner of Section 26, Township 155, Range 89. The concern is whether this section corner was considered “lost” or “obliterated” during HDR’s road design survey. Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) contends the corner was obliterated because the 2010 KLJ-set monument was documented on a well plat and recoverable in 2023. Engineer Hennessy stated HDR determined the section corner was lost as the 2010 monument was not found, no corner record was filed in the courthouse and HDR did not have access to the KLJ well plat. Engineer Hennessy stated MWEC found the set monument from 2010 and used it to set the power poles in 2023. Erik Halverson, Surveyor with Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) provided the board clarification on the placement of the poles and the original section corner in the NW of Section 25, Township 155, Range 89 that was set by KLJ in 2010.

Engineer Hennessy stated both HDR and MWEC acted in good faith and recommended the following action: leave the power poles in their current locations; pay MWEC the invoice for pole relocation; obtain board approval to leave the poles as they are; and consider a collaborative review to verify the 2010 KLJ monument and reconcile records to prevent future disputes. State’s Attorney Enget recommended having discussions with HDR & MWEC to have a plan of action at the next commissioner meeting.

2. 36th ST NW RECONSTRUCTION

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the balancing change order #3 to Jensen Brothers Construction with a decrease of \$557,125.52 resulting in a total decrease of \$572,982.42 on the original contract price for 36th St NW Reconstruction Project No 2023-6. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve paying the final pay to Jensen Brothers Construction Inc totaling \$629,264.88 for 36th St NW Reconstruction Project No. 2023-6. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland, Olson and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

3. CR10 WEST RECONSTRUCTION, CR10 & CR11 PAVING PROJECT

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Professional Services Agreement with HDR totaling \$2,256,308 for CR10 West Reconstruction, CR10 & CR11 Paving Project. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS/OLD HWY 2 FROM PALERMO TO BLAISDELL PROJECT NO 02(64)25

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the advertising for bids on Old Hwy 2 from Palermo to Blaisdell Project No 02(64)25. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

5. MARCH BID LETTINGS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the advertising for bids for culverts, cutting edges, loading & hauling gravel, crushing & stockpiling of aggregate, sub-grade repairs and applications of dust control products. Upon roll call, Olson, Degroot, Rice, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

6. PURCHASE OF 3 NEW 2026 SIX WHEEL DRIVE MOTOR GRADER WITH LIFT GROUP & REAR RIPPER/SCARIFIER

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the advertising for bids for 3 new 2026 six-wheel drive motor grader with lift group and rear ripper/scarifier with three trade-ins. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had any comments.

5. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 10:34 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 3rd day of February, 2026.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman

Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor