

Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Joan Hollekim, Jason Rice, Wayne Olson, Trudy Ruland, and Daniel Uran present. Also present was State’s Attorney, Wade Enget.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order.

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Uran, 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. Uran, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to amend the motion previously adopted on December 21, 2021 pertaining to the transfer of monies from Unorganized Township 153 North, Range 94 West Fund to the Unorganized Township 155 North, Range 94 West Fund to change the purpose of the transfer. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the transfer totaling \$250,000 from Unorganized Township 153 North, Range 94 West fund (underwater) to Unorganized Township 155 North, Range 94 West Fund to cover costs from 2019 through 2021 for graveling, 96th Ave NW Project and 101st Ave NW Project. Upon roll call, Ruland, Uran, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2021 special meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the December fees for Overweight Fines. Upon roll call, Olson, Uran, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

D. Oil & Gas Gross Production Taxes (O&G)

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor presented the O&G information.

E. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the bills totaling \$106,441.81 and December payroll, checks #11310-11328, direct deposit #15378-15530 totaling \$1,038,219.75. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Hollekim, 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).

APPROVE 01/04/2022 - PAYMENT 01/04/2022

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Warrant Total</u>
103093	FRIENDS OF LAKE SAKAKAWEA COUNTY PARKS FUND	300.00 300.00
103094	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER GENERAL FUND	3,516.26 3,516.26
103095	NACVSO VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	50.00 50.00

103096	NAT'L ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	450.00 450.00
103097	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	96,763.15 96,763.15
103098	ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSN GENERAL FUND	1,650.00 1,650.00
103099	ND WEATHER MODIFICATION ASSN GENERAL FUND	1,800.00 1,800.00
103100	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	1,912.40 1,463.40 449.00
	FINAL TOTAL	\$ 106,441.81

F. BOARD CONCERNS

Corey Bristol, Sheriff discussed the renovations for the Courthouse air exchange and the quote of \$2,860 from CSW to remove the steel from the west jail side. Also Sheriff Bristol received an estimate of \$2,000 from Clean Tech to seal the new office space and mitigate any issues that may arise from the removal of steel. Sheriff Bristol discussed the replacement of the window to a door on the south side for access for HA Thompson & Sons. More discussion was held on removing the plumbing and toilet from the west jail cells. Sheriff Bristol will move forward with the project.

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:30 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director and Rory Porth, Property Tax Assessor met with the board to discuss the 2022 agriculture land valuation. Tax Director Hanson stated the average agricultural value per acre for Mountrail County decreased from \$489.30 in the 2021 year to \$487.34 for the 2022 year. Tax Director recommended no changes be made to agricultural land values as Mountrail County is around the 92.37% threshold which is within the 90% to 100% tolerance level allowed by the State.

Tax Director Hanson discussed three abatements on parcels #61-0051900, #42-0006700 and #47-9000500.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #42-0006700 for the 2021 tax year due to qualifying for 60% Veterans Disabled Property Tax Credit as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Olson, Uran and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the abatement on parcel #61-0051900 for the 2021 tax year due to qualifying for Homestead Credit as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Uran, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #47-9000500 for the 2021 tax year due to mobile home being moved as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Uran, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Hanson discussed a few issues regarding the new office. There is snow under the door and in the window seal. Commissioners were in agreement that the door needs to be replaced and a letter will be written to Pella Windows.

10:00 A.M.

Jana Hennessy, Engineer met to discuss Road & Bridge. Also present was Craig Mizera with HDR Engineering.

1. CR9/PHASE II-ROW UPDATE

Engineer Hennessy discussed the meeting to be held with Colin Vachal, Freda Vachal and Mark Vachal concerning the right of way on CR 9, Phase II. Engineer Hennessy stated no response was received when the Road & Bridge Department along with HDR Engineering tried reaching out via phone and text

messages. A letter will be sent to the Vachal Family inviting to Commissioner meeting to be held on January 18th.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve sending a letter to the Vachal Family for the next Commissioner meeting to discuss CR 9, Phase II right of way counter offer. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

2. HB 1505

Engineer Hennessy discussed the two eligible Bridges No. 31-104-9.0 and No. 31-106-25 that may qualify for House Bill (HB) 1505 County Bridge Replacement/Rehab Project (BRP).

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to authorize the County Engineer to apply for bridge funding under HB 1505 for Bridge No 31-104-9.0 located on 70th Ave NW over Paulson Creek between Section 10 & 15 in White Earth Township 157-94 & Bridge No. 31-106-25 located on 99th Ave NW over White Earth River in Section 3 of Unorganized Township 154-94. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Rice, Ruland, and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

Engineer Hennessy discussed the leaking roof at the Plaza Shop. Engineer Hennessy discussed the road conferences in Dickinson on January 26-28, 2022 and Bismarck on March 2-3, 2022.

11:30 A.M.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 concerns. Present were Lori Hanson, Laurie Johnson, Mary Trahan, Cheyenne Johnson, Lynnette Vachal and Valerie Stammen. Discussion was held on the new quarantine regulations given by North Dakota Health Department and the CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 10:33 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 18th day of January, 2022.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor