

## Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

## 1. OPENING &amp; ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 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. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to review and approve the agenda. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

## B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the special minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting as presented. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

## C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the April fees for Planning & Zoning and Records Office. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Ruland, Olson and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

## D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Abby Iverson with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$23.509 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Rice, Olson and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Becky Jungemann with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$23.048 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Uran, Rice, and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Calli Hennessy with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$23.048 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, Uran, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Carson Farhart with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$23.509 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Cole Erickson with the Road & Bridge as a Roadworker in the amount of \$20.336 per hour not to exceed 40 hours per week and also no more than 520 hours per year from May 17, 2021 to August 15, 2021. Upon roll call, Uran, Rice, Olson, Ruland, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Gary Schell with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$24.459 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Rice, Olson, and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Graci Parmeter with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$20.337 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Uran, Rice, and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Jack Wilhelmi with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$23.509 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, Uran, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Logan Lapica with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$20.337 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Nicholas Peterson with the Weed Control as a Sprayer in the amount of \$24.459 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and also no more than 1000 hours per year from May 2021 to September 2021. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim, and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Tristan Severance with the Road & Bridge as a Roadworker in the amount of \$20.336 per hour not to exceed 40 hours per week and also no more than 520 hours per year from May 17, 2021 to August 15, 2021. Upon roll call, Uran, Ruland, Rice, Olson, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

The Human Resource Advisory Committee will be discussing and adding all county park employees to the employee salary chart.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Kim Knudson with the Parshall Bay Park in the amount of \$25.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week and also no more than 1040 hours per year from May 17, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim, Uran and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Corleen Haugeberg with the Parshall Bay Park in the amount of \$19.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week and also no more than 1040 hours per year from May 17, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim, and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Verla Walter with the Parshall Bay Park in the amount of \$16.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week and also no more than 1040 hours per year from May 17, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Ruland, Rice, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the temporary Employee Classification for Wayne Walter with the Parshall Bay Park in the amount of \$15.50 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week and also no more than 1040 hours per year from May 17, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Olson, Ruland, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to allow the 101.75 of COVID-19 sick leave and that no deductions be made to the affected employees regular sick leave balance. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Rice, Uran, and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the requested sick leave and/or vacation for Nichole Degenstein, Lori Hanson, Jana Hennessy, Jim Hennessy, and Desiree Sorenson. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

#### E. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve to establish the American Rescue Plan Fund and to deposit the payment from the US Treasury for this relief effort into the fund and dedicate this fund for all activity of the American Rescue Plan until December 31, 2024, at which time all funds are to be expended. Upon roll call, Uran, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

#### F. CONTRACT

Discussion was held on the rug contract from Aramark for the Plaza shop. Karen Babbitt, Building Supervisor will check into another quote from Dusttex.

#### G. OIL & GAS

Discussion was held on the Oil & Gas current allocations to the General Fund totaling \$2,354,303.34.

H. DECLARATION

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to declare a Drought Emergency Declaration for Mountrail County. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

I. 2020 AUDIT

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor presented the two quotes from Eide Bailly and the State Auditor’s Office. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed the NDCC 54-10-26 which will go in effect August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the quote from the ND State Auditor’s Office for the 2020 audit year. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

J. ROAD TRAIN DISCUSSION

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve sending an email to the Congressional delegates opposing any road train bill. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

K. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the bills totaling \$1,087,077.75 and May payroll, checks #11195-11215 and direct deposit #14217-14372 totaling \$1,020,177.49. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Uran, Hollekim, and Olson 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](http://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 06/01/2021 - PAYMENT 06/01/2021**

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Warrant Total</u>
101466	A&W TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. GENERAL FUND	750.00 750.00
101467	ACME TOOLS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	3,193.63 3,139.31 54.32
101468	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS GENERAL FUND	1,969.09 1,969.09
101469	AMERICAN BANK CENTER GENERAL FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,553.66 135.76 1,417.90
101470	ARAMARK GENERAL FUND	144.68 144.68
101471	ARMOR INTERACTIVE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	170.29 147.58 22.71
101472	BADLANDS OCCUPATIONAL TESTING SERVICES HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	162.00 162.00
101473	BAUER/NICKOLAS GENERAL FUND	25.00 25.00
101474	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD COBRA GENERAL FUND	113.60 113.60
101475	BOB HAYES ADDICTION SERVICES HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	3,980.00 3,980.00
101476	BRAD'S HARDWARE HANK COUNTY PARKS FUND	209.54 209.54
101477	CARD SERVICES	166.54

	GENERAL FUND	166.54
101478	CHECKERS, INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	335.00 335.00
101479	CIRCLE SANITATION INC GENERAL FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	6,539.76 256.03 6,283.73
101480	CITY OF MINOT LANDFILL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	426.30 426.30
101481	CONNERS/JACKOB GENERAL FUND	25.00 25.00
101482	CUPS DRUG TESTING & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	560.00 560.00
101483	D & L CONSTRUCTION, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	38,991.63 38,991.63
101484	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	600.00 600.00
101485	DEANS DISTRIBUTING COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	275.40 275.40
101486	DENNIS/MARY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	4.95 4.95
101487	DIRTY DIESEL REPAIR LLC GENERAL FUND	250.00 250.00
101488	DUERRE/SCOTT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	10.50 10.50
101489	EKNESS/KELLIE A HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	32.40 32.40
101490	ELITE K-9, INC GENERAL FUND	54.95 54.95
101491	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	238,950.20 238,950.20
101492	FARDEN CONSTRUCTION, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	512,210.41 512,210.41
101493	FARMERS UNION LUMBER CO GENERAL FUND	21.38 21.38
101494	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WATFORD CITY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	420.21 420.21
101495	FENSTER/KAYLA HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	439.20 439.20
101496	GAFFANEYS OF MINOT INC GENERAL FUND	28.95 28.95
101497	GOETTLE/JUSTIN GENERAL FUND	50.00 50.00
101498	GRINOLDS/RENEE GENERAL FUND	95.11 95.11
101499	HARRISON/SADIE M GENERAL FUND	391.70 391.70

101500	HDR ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	77,182.53 77,182.53
101501	HENNESSY/JANA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	10.50 10.50
101502	HERMANSON/NANCY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	203.00 203.00
101503	HOUSTON'S WELDING & FABRICATION WEED CONTROL FUND	136.50 136.50
101504	HR COLLABORATIVE GENERAL FUND	50.00 50.00
101505	INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORP GENERAL FUND	1,885.00 1,885.00
101506	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT GENERAL FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	474.65 424.65 50.00
101507	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	3,425.91 2,823.27 602.64
101508	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA GENERAL FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,677.83 300.00 1,377.83
101509	KINNEY/SHELLY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	89.25 89.25
101510	KLEIN ELECTRIC LLC COUNTY PARKS FUND	200.00 200.00
101511	LANGHANS FUNERAL HOMES INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	2,500.00 2,500.00
101512	LEES/KAITLYN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	745.92 745.92
101513	LIGHT AND SIREN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,810.10 2,810.10
101514	LIGHT HOUSE TRADES, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	495.80 495.80
101515	LOCKREM/DAWN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	67.40 67.40
101516	LOMMEN/ORVIN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,265.00 1,265.00
101517	LONIER/RACHEL HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	166.19 166.19
101518	LOWE'S PRINTING INC COUNTY AGENT FUND	197.55 197.55
101519	M & S SHEET METAL, INC GENERAL FUND	3,625.00 3,625.00
101520	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC GENERAL FUND	220.45 220.45
101521	MCKENZIE COUNTY FARMER	40.00

	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	40.00
101522	MCKENZIE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL FUND	785.27 785.27
101523	MELINDA ALLEN & ASSOCIATES LLC GENERAL FUND	7,230.75 7,230.75
101524	MENARDS - MINOT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	3,076.16 4.98 3,071.18
101525	METROCOUNT (USA) INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	445.00 445.00
101526	MEYERS/MICHELLE HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	51.52 51.52
101527	MILLS/JAMIE HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	381.36 381.36
101528	MINIMED DISTRIBUTION CORP HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	60.00 60.00
101529	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO GENERAL FUND	9,082.52 9,082.52
101530	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART COUNTY PARKS FUND	914.00 914.00
101531	MOUNTRAIL WILLIAMS ELECTRIC COOP GENERAL FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	88.62 13.53 75.09
101532	NAPA AUTO PARTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	107.88 107.88
101533	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	350.00 350.00
101534	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	126.00 126.00
101535	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION WEED CONTROL FUND	10.00 10.00
101536	NELSON/CAROL HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	88.74 88.74
101537	NORTH AMERICAN TRAILER SALES, LTD COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,183.81 1,183.81
101538	NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE CO GENERAL FUND	359.10 359.10
101539	NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC GENERAL FUND	270.96 270.96
101540	NORTHERN TESTING HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,145.00 1,145.00
101541	OAKLAND/TENA HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	39.20 39.20
101542	OFFICE DEPOT INC GENERAL FUND	180.66 180.66
101543	OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF MINOT	1,039.00

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,039.00
101544	PARSHALL LUMBER & SUPPLY COUNTY PARKS FUND	50.06 50.06
101545	PATTERSON/EDDIE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	10.50 10.50
101546	PINNACLE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE WEED CONTROL FUND	1,955.64 1,200.10 694.16 61.38
101547	PLAZA OK HARDWARE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	292.48 292.48
101548	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	13,321.46 13,321.46
101549	PRAIRIE FORD, INC. GENERAL FUND	27.96 27.96
101550	PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,125.00 1,125.00
101551	PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	180.78 180.78
101552	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC GENERAL FUND	1,069.96 1,069.96
101553	QUADIENT LEASING GENERAL FUND	210.42 210.42
101554	RALPHS PLUMBING & HEATING INC. GENERAL FUND	3,216.95 3,216.95
101555	RAMKOTA HOTEL GENERAL FUND	259.20 259.20
101556	RANDY WATSON COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	10.50 10.50
101557	RDO EQUIPMENT CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	8,098.73 8,098.73
101558	RESERVATION TELEPHONE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	150.00 150.00
101559	SHARE CORPORATION GENERAL FUND	156.01 156.01
101560	SPRINGANS FURNITURE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	16,015.00 16,015.00
101561	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	1,058.42 814.42 244.00
101562	STEPHENSON/NATHAN GENERAL FUND	25.00 25.00
101563	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC GENERAL FUND	5,385.90 5,385.90
101564	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS LLC GENERAL FUND E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	71,616.65 40,052.63 31,564.02

101565	VERIZON WIRELESS	2,188.31
	GENERAL FUND	78.22
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	2,078.97
	WEED CONTROL FUND	31.12
101566	WARD COUNTY AUDITOR	3,200.00
	COUNTY LIBRARY-BOOKMOBILE FUND	3,200.00
101567	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIP CO	4,495.50
	WEED CONTROL FUND	4,495.50
101568	WHITE EARTH BAY LLC	5,182.00
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	5,182.00
101569	YODER ELECTRIC	10,140.11
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	10,140.11
	<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,087,077.75</b>

L. MISCELLANEOUS

Laurie Johnson, Jail Administrator spoke concerning the 2020 year end jail statistics. Karen Babbitt, Building Supervisor gave an update on the Courthouse basement remodel. The Commissioners will rely on Nichole Degenstein, Human Resources to compile salary comparisons from the NDACo salary survey with the Human Resource Advisory Committee evaluating the salaries for all employees of the county.

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Karen Babbitt, Building Supervisor discussed the rental of townhomes. The board also discussed the current lessee of the townhome who is moving out due to delays in carpet installation.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve selling both townhomes located at 7 & 9 Meadow Lane through Reynolds Realty per NDCC 11-27-03.1. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Ruland, Olson, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to write a 60 day notice for removal of tenants of the townhomes and once vacated the tenants will have the rent prorated. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Olson, Rice and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

9:25 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer met with the board to discuss certificate of deposits (CD's) renewals in the amount of \$3,802,488.08 and \$3,152,279.45.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve renewing \$3,152,279.45 at Liberty State Bank for 48 months and \$3,802,488.08 at Cornerstone Bank for 60 months. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.

Jana Hennessy, Engineer met to discuss Road & Bridge.

1. CR 3 (76TH AVE NW) / PROJECT #03(76)19/3 MILES FROM 33RD ST TO CR 14

Engineer Hennessy along with John Sauber, Sauber Engineering discussed the bid opening results for CR 3, 76th Ave NW.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Rice, to accept the lowest bid from Farden Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,299,615.70 for Project #03(76)19, CR 3 (76th Ave NW). Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Hollekim, Uran and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative service agreement for moving power poles on CR 3, 76th Ave NW at an estimated cost of \$345,000, not to exceed \$517,000. Upon roll call, Olson, Uran, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.



2. CR 10 / 53<sup>RD</sup> ST NW PAVEMENT FAILURE

Engineer Hennessy discussed the CR 10, 53<sup>rd</sup> St NW emergency pavement failures.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve fixing five different emergency locations on CR 10, 53<sup>rd</sup> St NW with Mayo Construction totaling \$53,550. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Rice, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

3. OLD HIGHWAY 2

Engineer Hennessy discussed a speed limit change for safety concerns located by the Grabow Ranch View Estates along Old Highway 2.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve lowering the speed limit to 35 mph on Old Highway 2 located by the Grabow Ranch View Estates effective when first occupant is occupied. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

4. PLANT CROP IN ROW

Engineer Hennessy discussed the letter provided by Marshall Holmen requesting to plant crop in the County's right of way along CR 7 in Section 1 of Township 158 North, Range 93 West (**Powers Lake Township**).

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to allow Marshall Holmen to plant crop in the County's right of way along CR 7 in Section 1 of Township 158 North, Range 93 West (**Powers Lake Township**). Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Engineer Hennessy brought forward a request for a wider approach to Marshall Holmen's property on CR 4. Engineer Hennessy commented the wider approach could be done with the CR 4 (74<sup>th</sup> Ave NW) Project if the Board was agreeable to the request. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with a change order and bring it back to the Board for their consideration.

5. ND 8 SHARED USE PATH/SOV

Engineer Hennessy discussed the letter from Brosz Engineering requesting comments be submitted by 6/21/2021 regarding the ND Highway 8 shared pathway project in Stanley that is scheduled for construction in the 2022 year. No comments were submitted by the Board.

6. OLD HWY 2-CLOSED SECTION (WHITE EARTH AREA)

Engineer Hennessy discussed the Old Highway 2 closed section of road going up the White Earth hill in Myrtle Township. Wade Enget, State's Attorney stated the closed portion was used for highway right of way so the first option would be to close the road. Myrtle Township and the landowners involved will be invited to the next commissioner meeting for more discussion.

7. CALL FOR BIDS/NEW 2021 FRONT END WHEEL LOADER WITH TRADE IN

Engineer Hennessy requested a call for bids on a new 2021 front end wheel loader with a 2006 trade in.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve advertising for bids on a new 2021 front end wheel loader with a 2006 trade in. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

8. ROAD PRIORITY LISTING CHART/UPDATED ROAD CHARTS

Engineer Hennessy presented the road priority listing chart.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Engineer Hennessy gave a quick update on the 57 ½ St NW in Unorganized Township 155-94. Discussion was also held on the Plaza Shop and the issues still occurring.

11:00 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director along with Rory Porth and Kim Savage, Assessors met with the board to discuss County Equalization. Also present was Hannah Collins, City of Stanley Assessor.

Chairman Ruland opened the 11:00 A.M. County Equalization Meeting.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve recessing the commissioner meeting and going into County Equalization meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Rory Porth, Assessor and Director Hanson presented the County Property Assessments for the 2021 assessment year.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the unorganized townships valuations for 2021 year as per the recommendation of Director Hanson subject to residential values coming into compliance. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Porth stated the agricultural land valuation is within the tolerance band and percentage for the State requirements. The State Board of Equalization allows a tolerance band of 90%-100%.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve decreasing the true and full value on parcel #50-0014500 by \$136,200 on the residential structure and \$4,000 on the land and increasing the ag land value by \$300 true and full value due to farm residency exemption as per the recommendation of Director Hanson. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the organized townships agricultural land valuations for 2021 at 92% of the State tolerance level as recommended by Director Hanson. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the commercial assessments at 93.2% of the State tolerance level as per the recommendation of Director Hanson. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve increasing all county-wide residential structures to an approximate 92% of the State tolerance level as per the recommendation of Director Hanson. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Tax Director noted if the County did not increase residential structures within the State tolerance band of 90-100%, the State would raise or increase the residential structure values to 93% tolerance level rather than the 92% approved by the Board.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Uran, to recess the County Board of Equalization meeting at 12:00 P.M until 9:30 A.M. on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the aerial photography on the GIS maps and the different options. More discussion will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

12:30 P.M.

Discussion was held with Departments Heads concerning COVID-19 issues. Present for the discussion were Karen Babbitt, Laurie Johnson, and Lori Hanson. The vaccination numbers were discussed.

#### 4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:56 P.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Trudy Ruland, Chairman

Mountrail County Commissioner

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Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor