

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Jason Rice, John DeGroot, Wayne Olson and Joan Hollekim 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. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, 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. Rice, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the September Fees for Corrections and Sheriff. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, DeGroot, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full time employee classification for Veronica Viteri with the R&B as an Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$26.68 per hour/\$55,500 per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Rice, DeGroot and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

E. BCBS AGREEMENT

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Dental & Vision for the 2026 year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

F. SECTION LINE CLOSURE

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the advertising for the section line closure in Myrtle Township & Unorganized Township 155 North, Range 94 West with public hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

G. NDACO SURVEY ON IMPACTS OF HB 1176

Discussion was held on the NDACO survey on the impacts of HB 1176.

One of the concerns identified with HB 1176 is the absence of an option for a gradual increase in a new levy. Taxpayers may be faced with a significant burden because a taxing district must either adopt the maximum levy or remain constrained by a 3% increase if a lower dollar amount is levied. Further, the lack of enforcement is an issue. If a levy is calculated incorrectly at the local level, there is currently no mechanism in place to address this error as it is not the County Auditor's duty to make sure levies are figured correctly. In addition, there is no way to recoup losses in federal funding should they occur and often inflation rates exceed the 3% increase. There are many taxing districts that have limited reserves, and they will be forced to use them to cover budgetary costs.

Auditor Stephanie A. Pappa will submit the comments of the survey.

H. JDA BOARD

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve appointing Ethan Stein to the Job Development Authority Board (JDA) as recommended by Plaza City. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

I. TRANSFERS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Uniform Permits from July 1st to September 30th from General Fund to the R&B Fund totaling \$1,004,113.43. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Overweight Travel (Loadpass) Permits from R&B Fund to Unorganized Townships: 155 North, Range 94 West totaling \$2,745.72; 154 North, Range 94 West totaling \$999.30; 153 North, Range 93 West totaling \$836.29; 152 North, Range 93 West totaling \$412.74; 150 North, Range 92 totaling \$2.11 with a grand total of \$4,996.16. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

J. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the bills totaling \$2,895,314.06 & September 28 through October 11 payroll, checks #20143-20147 and direct deposits #1-168 totaling \$592,813.61. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Ruland, Rice, and Hollekim 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 10/21/2025 - PAYMENT 10/21/2025

<u>WARRANT #</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
0	DEGROOT, JONATHAN M	GENERAL FUND	\$300.16
0	OLSON, WAYNE M	GENERAL FUND	\$423.85
0	RICE/JASON	GENERAL FUND	\$313.60
0	RULAND, TRUDY	GENERAL FUND	\$459.20
121029	THOMAS LAW FIRM	GENERAL FUND	\$275.00
0	SCHUMAIER, RANDI M	GENERAL FUND	\$208.20
0	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING CORP.	GENERAL FUND	\$218.74
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$75.50
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$47.60
121017	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY VICTIM	GENERAL FUND	\$5,000.00
0	BROWN, KAREN D	GENERAL FUND	\$36.00
0	BROWN, KAREN D	GENERAL FUND	\$231.00
0	WOLLA, LISA J	GENERAL FUND	\$136.80
0	WOLLA, LISA J	GENERAL FUND	\$128.80
121021	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$199.02
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$5,655.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,152.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$384.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,683.70
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$274.75
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,788.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$2,000.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$52.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,194.83
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$12.71
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$817.91
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$23,530.60
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$4,193.90
0	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$210.00
0	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$480.00
120997	COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	GENERAL FUND	\$4,201.00
120996	CITY OF STANLEY	GENERAL FUND	\$1,538.32
120996	CITY OF STANLEY	GENERAL FUND	\$47.09
120996	CITY OF STANLEY	GENERAL FUND	\$56.10
120996	CITY OF STANLEY	GENERAL FUND	\$490.35
121023	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	GENERAL FUND	\$39.01
121023	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	GENERAL FUND	\$532.83
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$2,417.07

121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$44.39
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$177.56
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$1,015.00
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$130.00
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$173.80
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$98.90
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$23.90
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$23.89
121003	H.A.THOMPSON & SONS INC	GENERAL FUND	\$1,800.00
121003	H.A.THOMPSON & SONS INC	GENERAL FUND	\$11,737.00
0	ALL ELECTRIC, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$2,800.00
0	STEINS INC	GENERAL FUND	\$375.40
120995	CENTRAL DAKOTA SPRINKLER	GENERAL FUND	\$150.00
121027	RUDOLPH ELECTRIC, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$491.00
0	VESTIS	GENERAL FUND	\$85.51
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$33.98
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$503.50
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$26.98
0	DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$180.45
0	MENARDS - MINOT	GENERAL FUND	\$103.48
0	STEINS INC	GENERAL FUND	\$122.48
121015	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	GENERAL FUND	\$597.90
0	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVI_3046	GENERAL FUND	\$668.58
121024	PURCHASE POWER_3110	GENERAL FUND	\$265.45
121025	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	GENERAL FUND	\$700.00
120993	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD COBRA	GENERAL FUND	\$331.80
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$33.23
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$136.84
121031	US CORRECTIONS, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$4,177.00
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	GENERAL FUND	\$216.40
0	UNIFORM CENTER	GENERAL FUND	\$44.95
121030	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE	GENERAL FUND	\$1,563.15
121019	ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	GENERAL FUND	\$480.00
0	GAFFANEYS OF MINOT INC	GENERAL FUND	\$51.25
121002	GRAPHICS, LETTERING & TRIM	GENERAL FUND	\$585.00
120998	DALE CARNEGIE OF ND & NW MN	GENERAL FUND	\$2,395.00
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$58.99
121021	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$393.56
121021	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$692.11
0	DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$300.00
121001	FISCAL ADMIN-COUNTY JAIL CLAIMS ND	GENERAL FUND	\$143.42
121014	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	GENERAL FUND	\$800.00
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,152.17
0	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$3,366.63
0	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	GENERAL FUND	\$58.37
0	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	GENERAL FUND	\$96.32
0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND	\$98.99
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$537.47
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	GENERAL FUND	\$39.23
0	ALL ELECTRIC, LLC	GENERAL FUND	\$450.00
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	GENERAL FUND	\$39.04
121026	RTC NETWORKS	GENERAL FUND	\$9.72
0	SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC	GENERAL FUND	\$342.99
121015	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	GENERAL FUND	\$1,639.80
120994	BROSZ ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,105.00
121004	HDR ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$31,345.20
121004	HDR ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,786.25
121004	HDR ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$131,666.43
121028	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$56,263.80

121028	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,649.23
121028	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$26,767.34
121028	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$29,561.98
121035	WASTE MANAGEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$94.92
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$274.96
121026	RTC NETWORKS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$72.42
121026	RTC NETWORKS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$113.90
0	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$177.92
121021	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$452.38
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,049.70
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$803.04
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$141.98
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$51.30
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$527.35
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$692.91
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$109.80
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$18.56
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$47.02
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$363.01
0	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,555.07
121007	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$31.26
121010	LIGHT AND SIREN	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,784.79
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121018	NAPA AUTO PARTS_2539	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$10.99
121018	NAPA AUTO PARTS_2539	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2.99
121018	NAPA AUTO PARTS_2539	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$86.98
121036	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$18.29
120992	ASPHALT SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES, CORP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,345,894.07
0	CENTRAL SPECIALTIES, INC.	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$492,636.24
121008	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$52,646.40
0	ALGER TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$8,257.23
0	BICKER TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$8,065.60
0	BIG BEND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$361.92
0	BROOKBANK TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$701.76
0	BURKE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$360.10
0	COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$87.64
0	CRANE CREEK TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$12,868.83
0	CROWFOOT TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$15.18
0	DEBING TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,816.33
0	EGAN TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$103.42
0	FERTILE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$7,242.48
0	HOWIE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$731.25
0	IDAHO TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,917.26
0	JAMES HILL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$242.72
0	KNIFE RIVER TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,378.83
0	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,627.03
0	LOSTWOOD TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$340.92
0	MANITOU TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,516.25
0	MCALMOND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$68.55
0	MCGAHAN TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$322.35
0	MODEL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$0.02
0	MYRTLE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$9,565.41
0	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$25,655.87
0	OSBORN TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,270.86
0	PALERMO TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,677.20
0	PARSHALL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$434.95
0	PLAZA TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$533.96
0	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$5,938.57
0	POWERS TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$9,302.46

0	PURCELL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$3,273.24
0	RAT LAKE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,368.32
0	REDMOND TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$718.56
0	ROSS TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$13,136.44
0	SHELL TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$27,909.43
0	SIDONIA TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$375.28
0	SIKES TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$1,761.89
0	SORKNESS TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$27,576.77
0	SPRING COULEE TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$28.79
0	VAN HOOK TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,458.06
0	WHITE EARTH TOWNSHIP	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$9,408.35
0	NEW TOWN CITY	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$348.48
120999	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$5,671.35
120999	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$39,692.70
120999	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$45,373.50
120999	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$22,685.40
120999	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$39,698.10
120999	ENVIROTECH SERVICES, INC	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$34,025.40
0	VESTIS	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$400.74
121007	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$101.59
121007	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$11.50
121000	EOG RESOURCES	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$40,000.00
0	ENERBASE	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$79.98
121018	NAPA AUTO PARTS_2539	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$29.99
121033	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$720.23
121015	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$195.30
121005	JENKINS/HEATHER	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$848.00
0	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$39.00
0	MENARDS - MINOT	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$149.37
121022	OLONIA/MORGAN	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$17,656.70
121030	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$139.68
121012	MANN SIGNS, INC	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$1,850.00
121030	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$268.65
0	R & T WATER DISTRICT	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$96.32
121026	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$30.00
121026	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$170.39
121026	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$11.95
121026	RTC NETWORKS	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$325.00
121006	JERRY'S SEPTIC SERVICE	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$400.00
121006	JERRY'S SEPTIC SERVICE	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$200.00
121006	JERRY'S SEPTIC SERVICE	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$200.00
121006	JERRY'S SEPTIC SERVICE	COUNTY PARK FUND	\$1,400.00
0	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	DOC. PRES. FUND	\$540.00
121032	US RECORDS MIDWEST	DOC. PRES. FUND	\$4,966.00
0	VERIZON WIRELESS	E-911 FUND	\$1,384.09
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	E-911 FUND	\$670.00
0	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	E-911 FUND	\$2,793.80
121009	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC	E-911 FUND	\$11.86
0	STANLEY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING	VETERAN'S FUND	\$650.00
121020	NDSU - EXTENSION OFFICE	EXTENSION AGENT FUND	\$12,075.06
0	TOMLINSON, HEATHER S	EXTENSION AGENT FUND	\$323.40
121026	RTC NETWORKS	EXTENSION AGENT FUND	\$33.25
121011	LOWE'S PRINTING INC	EXTENSION AGENT FUND	\$167.90
121026	RTC NETWORKS	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$33.24
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$65.86
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$60.36
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$104.04
0	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$85.36
0	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$16.64

120996	CITY OF STANLEY	WEED CONTROL FUND	\$111.49
121034	WARD COUNTY AUDITOR	COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$3,360.00
121016	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TREASURER	PREPAID TAXES FUND	\$2,620.69
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$1,875.00
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$13,280.00
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$38,550.00
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$22,311.79
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$1,500.00
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$3,000.00
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$7,529.34
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$6,750.00
121013	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	UNORGANIZED TWP FUND	\$3,250.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$2,895,314.06

3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

9:10 A.M.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met with the board to discuss the replat of Block 3 of Coulee Village. Tawny King was present and stated she would like the road to stay and she is willing to continue to maintain the roads. Engineer Sauber will do a private access easement on the replat.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve allowing Sauber Engineering to replat Block 3 of Coulee Village to divide the lots between the two owners with the road platted with the outlot containing Tawny King’s property as she will continue to maintain road. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:20 A.M.

Kim Savage, Tax Director met to discuss an abatement on parcel #46-0004600.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #46-0004600 for the 2023 tax year due to qualifying for 50% homestead credit and as recommended by Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.

Chairman Ruland opened the 9:30 A.M. appraisal hearing for tax deed for all cities and townships in accordance to NDCC 57-28-11.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to open the hearing of appraisals . Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Amanda Dennis, Assessor for City of Stanley stated that there is a new special assessment on the minimum sale prices for parcel #61-0006100 totaling \$370.48.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve adding the special assessment to the 2025 tax year in the amount of \$370.48 on parcel #61-0006100. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to close the hearing of appraisals. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M.

Randi Schumaier, Human Resource Generalist met with the board for the Human Resource Advisory Committee (HRAC) recommendations.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the new job title/banding/grading of the old job title Director of Security and Training to Assistant Correctional Administrator from banding/grading of a C43 to a D71 exempt as recommended by HRAC and HR Generalist Schumaier. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

HR Generalist Schumaier stated this position will be advertised internally for Mountrail County Employees. If a qualified applicant is not found internally, the position will be opened externally.

Moved by Comm. Ruland, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the change of banding/grading for the Correctional Administrator from a D71 to a E84 as recommended by HRAC and HR Generalist Schumaier. Upon roll call, Rice, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

HR Generalist Schumaier also requested an extension on all evaluations from December 1st to December 12th due to the Department Head training being held the 4th of November.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the extension of evaluations from December 1st to December 12th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M.

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

1. CR4 RECONSTRUCTION & POWER POLE RELOCATION

Alex Vournas with Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) wants to work towards an amicable solution to for the CR4 project, 74th Ave NW from CR7 (91st Ave NW) west approximately 11 miles to Williams County Line. Alex Vournas would like a work group put together to try and come to a solution. The work group will consist of: Alex Vournas, Garret Lalim MWEC Director of Central District 2A, Comm. Rice, Engineer from HDR, Engineer Hennessy, and State's Attorney Enget.

2. BASIN ELECTRIC EASEMENT

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing of the electric transmission line easement with Basin Electric Easement with the following description within the NE1/4NE1/4 within the road right of way of Section 18, Township 156 North, Range 94 West. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

3. CR3 PALERMO NORTH PHASE II

State's Attorney Enget provided the settlement agreement with Kartch family on CR3 Palermo North Phase II. The Board discussed the possibility of paying the rest of the landowners with the added adjustments. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor who was on the board for the eminent domain/condemnation doesn't agree with the settlement agreement and thinks that the eminent domain/condemnation should continue. Comm. Hollekim was also not in favor of paying the extra due to setting a precedent with future road projects.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of settlement agreement for right of way easement on CR3 Palermo North Phase II with Francis X Kartch Jr. and Kristin E. Kartch totaling \$34,933. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Comm. Hollekim voted no. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to rescind the eminent domain/condemnation process for CR3 Palermo North Phase II for the Francis X Kartch Jr. and Kristin E. Kartch. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Comm. Hollekim voted no. Motion carried.

4. CR3 PALERMO NORTH PHASE I AND PALERMO SPUR

Engineer Hennessy discussed the change order #2 for paint on CR3 Palermo North Phase I and Palermo Spur.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the change order #2 for a decrease of \$47,725.75 for CR3 Palermo North Phase I and Palermo Spur. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

5. 40TH ST NW

Engineer Hennessy discussed the possible times for public meeting dates to discuss the project for 40th St NW located west of New Town between Broken Arrow Road and the ND 1804 Truck Route, approximately 1.43 miles.

The Board agreed to hold the discussion on 40th St NW on December 15th at 5 p.m. at the Firehall in New Town.

6. KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION

Engineer Hennessy discussed the possibility of Knife River Corporation to lease parcel #46-0011201. The board would consider an agreement once a lease amount is given, taxes would be paid by lessee with a no build. Engineer Hennessy will bring this back to the board for more discussion.

7. 2025 TRAFFIC COUNTS

Engineer Hennessy discussed the 2025 Traffic Counts.

8. STEEL REEF COMPRESSOR MOVE

The Steel Reef would like permission to waive the \$1 million cash bond and use a road bond instead.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the permission to waive for Steel Reef the \$1 million cash bond and require a road bond for the travel on CR3 beginning at the intersection of US 2 and 74th Ave NW and ending at intersection of CR2 and 74th Ave and CR2 beginning at the intersection of 64th St NW and 74th Ave NW and ending at the intersection of 64th St NW and 75th Ave. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had any comments.

5. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 11:18 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 4th day of November, 2025.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor