

Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Jason Rice, Joan Hollekim and John DeGroot 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. DeGroot, 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 August 6, 2024 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

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

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the sick & vacation leave for appointed officials for the month of July. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Colleen Crespo with the Mountrail McKenzie Human Service Zone as an Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$25.72 per hour/\$53,498 per year. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Comm. Hollekim mentioned the Clerk of Court part-time salary in the budget for 2024 year is a half-time position not a three-quarter part-time. Madison Rodgers, Clerk of Court discussed the three-quarter part-time position fits within the Clerk of Court's 2024 budget.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the regular part-time employee classification for Courtney Sem with the Clerk of Court as a Deputy Clerk I in the amount of \$22.72 per hour not to exceed 30 hrs. per week and no more than 1560 regular hours per year for the 2024 year only. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

E. RAFFLE PERMIT

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the raffle permit for Belden Trail riders Association to be held at the White Earth Valley on August 17th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

F. LEASE AGREEMENT

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve signing the lease agreement with Upper Missouri District Health Unit (UMDHU) to the dollar amount of \$625 effective for the 2025 year. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Rice, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

G. TRANSFER

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the transfer for the 2nd quarter Loadpass overweight's from the Road & Bridge Fund to Unorganized Townships: 155 North, Range 94 West in the amount of \$4,378.57; 154 North, Range 94 West in the amount of \$4,071.68; 153 North, Range 93 West in the amount of \$4,910.36; 152 North, Range 93 West in the amount of \$3,748.96 and 150 North, Range 92 in the amount of

\$9.72 totaling \$17,119.29. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

H. AUDIT LETTER

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the signing of the audit for the 2023 year with the ND State Auditor’s Office. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

I. RESCHEDULE OF MEETING

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the rescheduling of the November 5th Commissioner meeting to November 7th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

J. ND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discussion was held on the windows replaced in the dome of the Courthouse and the ND Historical Society not being informed of the project. The ND Historical Society will not approve the replacement windows in the dome due to the design difference. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor did contact the ND Historical society to see what the options were and no response as of yet.

K. INFORMATIONAL LETTER

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the informational letter to taxpayers to be included in the estimated tax statements. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

L. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT NDSU

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Memorandum of Agreement for the supplemental stipend pay for Lynnette Vachal totaling \$12,576.56. Upon roll call, Rice, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

M. PROCUREMENT POLICY

Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed the county’s procurement policy and N.D.C.C 48-01.2-02.1. State’s Attorney Enget discussed the possible changes to the county procurement policy “Goods and services of \$100,000 or more to provide sealed bids” and make an exception for the Road & Bridge Department or possibly change it to \$200,000 or more to provide sealed bids to follow N.D.C.C. 48-01.2-02.1. State’s Attorney Enget will bring back at the next commissioner meeting.

N. BILLS

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the bills totaling \$4,633,449.59 and July 21 through August 3 payroll, checks #17938-17955 and direct deposits #22242-22418 totaling \$614,283.48. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim 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 08/20/2024 - PAYMENT 08/20/2024

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Warrant Total</u>
109657	ACME TOOLS	266.99
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	176.99
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	90.00
109658	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	283.42
	GENERAL FUND	283.42
109659	AFFORDABLE FUNERAL SUPPLY	1,274.32
	GENERAL FUND	1,274.32
109660	ALGER TOWNSHIP	4,152.61
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,152.61
109661	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	228.00
	GENERAL FUND	228.00

109662	ARMOR INTERACTIVE GENERAL FUND DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	10,413.95 9,873.95 540.00
109663	ASTORIA HOTEL & EVENT CENTER GENERAL FUND	351.64 351.64
109664	BARANKO BROTHERS, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,367,736.29 1,367,736.29
109665	BBH INSURANCE, INC GENERAL FUND	39,216.00 39,216.00
109666	BICKER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,612.46 4,612.46
109667	BIG BEND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,827.92 3,827.92
109668	BORDER PLAINS EQUIPMENT LLC. COUNTY PARKS FUND	710.44 710.44
109669	BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,938.50 1,938.50
109670	BROOKBANK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	8,693.46 8,693.46
109671	BURKE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,522.02 4,522.02
109672	BUTLER MACHINERY CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,448.26 1,448.26
109673	CHAMLEY PIPE & SALVAGE LLC GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	200.00 200.00
109674	CITY OF POWERS LAKE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,084.67 2,084.67
109675	CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	44.72 44.72
109676	CONQUEST EQUIPMENT INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	314.82 314.82
109677	COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,282.88 1,282.88
109678	COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY GENERAL FUND	4,085.00 4,085.00
109679	CRANE CREEK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	39,712.12 39,712.12
109680	CROWFOOT TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	73.27 73.27
109681	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING COUNTY PARKS FUND	277.75 277.75
109682	D & L CONSTRUCTION, INC 154-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP 155-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	23,300.84 9,054.80 14,246.04
109683	DAKOTA DRUG CO GENERAL FUND	147.88 147.88

109684	DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC GENERAL FUND	411.90 411.90
109685	DEBING TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	23,414.60 23,414.60
109686	DUSTBUSTERS, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	439,115.67 439,115.67
109687	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,031.32 4,031.32
109688	EDWARDS/SUSAN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,016.42 3,016.42
109689	EGAN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	30.92 30.92
109690	ENERBASE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	10,825.72 838.97 9,986.75
109691	EOG RESOURCES COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00
109692	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WATFORD CITY GENERAL FUND	113.28 113.28
109693	FERTILE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,029.80 6,029.80
109694	FULKERSON STEVENSON FUNERAL HOME GENERAL FUND	700.00 700.00
109695	GALL'S LLC GENERAL FUND	909.76 909.76
109696	GENERAL ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	138,710.00 138,710.00
109697	GLASS DOCTOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,294.00 2,294.00
109698	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	60,000.00 60,000.00
109699	GRATECH COMPANY COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,107,498.75 1,107,498.75
109700	H & L SAFETY AND SUPPLY, INC COUNTY PARKS FUND	7,475.00 7,475.00
109701	HDR ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	335,163.89 41,622.84 293,541.05
109702	HOLLEKIM/JOAN GENERAL FUND	332.73 332.73
109703	HOWIE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11,486.98 11,486.98
109704	HSW FAMILY TRUST COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	505.20 505.20
109705	IDAHO TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	31,014.52 31,014.52
109706	INDIGO SIGNS	4,976.49

	GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	4,976.49
109707	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT GENERAL FUND E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	6,974.59 3,534.05 3,440.54
109708	INPRO GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,161.38 1,161.38
109709	JAMES HILL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	390.43 390.43
109710	JEROME'S COLLISION CENTER, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,477.83 7,477.83
109711	JERRY'S SEPTIC SERVICE COUNTY PARKS FUND	3,000.00 3,000.00
109712	JOHNSON AUTO BODY INC GENERAL FUND	1,522.87 1,522.87
109713	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	11,089.97 1,290.08 6,474.95 -30.00 3,354.94
109714	KNIFE RIVER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,580.23 7,580.23
109715	KOHLER COMMUNICATIONS INC GENERAL FUND	146.32 146.32
109716	KRONOS SAASHR INC GENERAL FUND	850.09 850.09
109717	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	6.86 6.86
109718	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,086.54 4,086.54
109719	LIGHT AND SIREN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	287.76 287.76
109720	LOSTWOOD TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	520.30 520.30
109721	MANITOU TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	56,336.13 56,336.13
109722	MARTIN CONSTRUCTION INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECTS	280,711.61 280,711.61
109723	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC GENERAL FUND	319.36 319.36
109724	MCALMOND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	70.98 70.98
109725	MCGAHAN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	164.75 164.75
109726	MCRANDALL MOBILE GLASS, LLC GENERAL FUND	310.00 310.00
109727	MEDCALL LLC GENERAL FUND	268.31 268.31

109728	MEIERS OIL INC GENERAL FUND	53.29 53.29
109729	MENARDS - MINOT COUNTY PARKS FUND	450.92 450.92
109730	MODEL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	260.42 260.42
109731	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER GENERAL FUND	600.00 600.00
109732	MYRTLE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	53,580.34 53,580.34
109733	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	189.00 189.00
109734	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY/TRIBAL VETERAN VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	120.00 120.00
109735	ND DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNTY PARKS FUND	58.24 58.24
109736	NDSU - EXTENSION OFFICE COUNTY AGENT FUND	12,283.33 12,283.33
109737	NORTH AMERICAN TRAILER SALES, LTD COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	322.53 322.53
109738	NORTH COUNTRY SPORTSWEAR INC GENERAL FUND	98.00 98.00
109739	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,839.24 9,839.24
109740	OAKLEY/RHONDA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	84.20 84.20
109741	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC GENERAL FUND	1,001.51 1,001.51
109742	ORTLOFF WATER DEPOT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,521.00 1,521.00
109743	OSBORN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	38,932.05 38,932.05
109744	OSTLUND FAMILY TRUST COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,010.40 1,010.40
109745	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY GENERAL FUND	562.97 562.97
109746	PALERMO TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,604.32 6,604.32
109747	PARSHALL RURAL FIRE DIST #2 GENERAL FUND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	166,174.56 130,000.00 36,174.56
109748	PARSHALL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,247.43 3,247.43
109749	PECK/JANICE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	84.20 84.20
109750	PINNACLE GENERAL FUND	21,042.18 4,630.12

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	16,412.06
109751	PINSKI/GREG GENERAL FUND	192.96 192.96
109752	PLAZA TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	189.86 189.86
109753	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	17,839.38 17,839.38
109754	PURCELL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	12,885.13 12,885.13
109755	PURCHASE POWER GENERAL FUND	1,529.04 1,529.04
109756	QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC GENERAL FUND	772.14 772.14
109757	QUADIENT, INC GENERAL FUND	126.00 126.00
109758	R & T WATER DISTRICT COUNTY PARKS FUND	181.74 181.74
109759	RAT LAKE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	22,598.24 22,598.24
109760	RDO EQUIPMENT CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,947.56 4,947.56
109761	REDMOND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,303.03 1,303.03
109762	REITER OIL & GAS, INC COUNTY PARKS FUND	862.60 862.60
109763	ROSS TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	5,550.00 5,550.00
109764	RTC NETWORKS GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	5,408.08 4,615.92 194.72 538.83 29.32 29.29
109765	RYAN CHEVROLET GENERAL FUND	192.50 192.50
109766	SAFARI FUELS #103 GENERAL FUND	537.21 537.21
109767	SATTERGREN/CATHERINE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	84.20 84.20
109768	SATTERGREN/ELVA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	505.20 505.20
109769	SATTERGREN/LORI COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	84.20 84.20
109770	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	59,027.97 59,027.97
109771	SEAMSTER/SANDRA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	84.20 84.20

109772	SHELL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,009.67 1,009.67
109773	SIDONIA TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	932.01 932.01
109774	SIKES TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	5,466.83 5,466.83
109775	SOLTIS GENERAL FUND	443.17 443.17
109776	SORKNESS TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11,135.08 11,135.08
109777	SOTO/MARCIA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	84.20 84.20
109778	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	552.34 552.34
109779	STANLEY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	650.00 650.00
109780	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	67.16 67.16
109781	STEINS INC GENERAL FUND	398.36 398.36
109782	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,700.00 1,700.00
109783	THOMAS LAW FIRM GENERAL FUND	175.00 175.00
109784	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING CORP. GENERAL FUND	212.37 212.37
109785	TRUENORTH STEEL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,318.00 6,318.00
109786	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE GENERAL FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	2,911.29 1,656.69 1,254.60
109787	VAN HOOK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,390.51 2,390.51
109788	VERGARA/RIGO GENERAL FUND	63.23 63.23
109789	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	672.09 672.09
109790	VERIZON WIRELESS GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	1,491.53 89.20 343.07 1,059.26
109791	VERIZON WIRELESS VSAT GENERAL FUND	80.00 80.00
109792	VESTIS GENERAL FUND	419.17 419.17
109793	WASTE MANAGEMENT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	86.00 86.00

109794	WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,000.00 4,000.00 2,000.00
109795	WHITE EARTH TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	43,636.72 43,636.72
TOTAL		\$4,633,449.59

O. 2025 BUDGETS

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor discussed the 2025 budgets. Comm. Hollekim discussed the Armor services with the IT capabilities and having a person be present. A survey monkey will be sent out for the IT services to the county employees.

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Chairman Ruland opened the 9:15 A.M. public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on an amendment to zoning request filed by Teresa Miller, landowner for an amendment to rezone a tract of land from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the purpose of selling the property described as a 6.63 acre, more or less, tract of land to be known as Outlot 2 of the NE¼SE¼ of Section 30, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (**Myrtle Township**).

Melissa Vachal, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the information from the July 22, 2024 Planning & Zoning Commission recommending to the Mountrail County Commissioners to approve the zoning request filed by Teresa Miller, landowner for an amendment to rezone a tract of land from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the purpose of selling the property described as a 6.63 acre, more or less, tract of land to be known as Outlot 2 of the NE¼SE¼ of Section 30, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (**Myrtle Township**).

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the zoning request filed by Teresa Miller, landowner for an amendment to rezone a tract of land from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the purpose of selling the property described as a 6.63 acre, more or less, tract of land to be known as Outlot 2 of the NE¼SE¼ of Section 30, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (**Myrtle Township**) as Teresa Miller, landowner has met all criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Teresa Miller complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

9:20 A.M.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor along with Javayne Oyloe with UMDHU presented the 2025 preliminary Upper Missouri District Health Unit budget.

9:25 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director met to discuss the Eagleview Pictometry Contract. Further discussion will be held with a representative for Eagleview Pictometry at the next commissioner meeting.

9:30 A.M.

Rory Porth, Assessor met to discuss the possibility of closing the Tax Director’s office on the afternoon of September 6th for a retirement golf party for Lori Hanson, Tax Director.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the closing of the Tax Director’s office on the afternoon of September 6th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

9:35 A.M.

Laurie Johnson, Correction Administrator met with the board for approval of out of state travel and updated the board that both part-time positions are currently open.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the out of state travel for Sandra Abrahamson, Sandy Mack and Laurie Johnson to Alexandria MN on October 9 & 10 and Laurie Johnson to River Falls, WI on September 24th-27th. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M.

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

1. CR 3 PALERMO DISCUSSION

Superintendent Duerre discussed the CR 3 Palermo Road and John Sauber, Sauber Engineering presented some of the options of moving forward with the narrowed subgrade. Also present for the meeting were Tim Holte, Superintendent of Stanley School, Anika Leith, Stanley School Bus Driver, Rebecca Goettle and Deanna Kukowski, taxpayers. Comm. Hollekim discussed comments received from the Tim Peterson, Palermo Township Board with concerns of the ridges. Superintendent Holte along with Anika Leith both have concerns with safety because there are no defined edges and because of the ridges on the side of the road. Engineer Sauber gave some options of having material hauled in for the edges or push back out the material to make it wide again. Becky Goettle had concerns with hauling hay on this road with the ridges and then the dust control and the possibility of black ice forming. The R&B will bring back some options at the next commissioner meeting.

2. CITY OF WHITE EARTH APPROACH

Superintendent Duerre spoke on the White Earth City approach on Block 7, Lot 1 that was missed during paving.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the proposals of D&L Construction, Rinker Materials and Keller Paving totaling \$15,111.52 to construct an approach to Lot 1, Block 7 in White Earth City. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

3. CR 6 PROJECT - GRATECH

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the balancing change order #3 for a decrease to the contract with Gratech in the amount of \$362,637.01 for CR 6 White Earth West Road Project. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the final pay application to Gratech totaling \$1,107,498.75 for CR 6 White Earth West Road Project. Upon roll call, Ruland, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

4. PAVEMENT EVALUATION TESTING

Superintendent Duerre discussed the pavement evaluation testing done on the various pavement within the county.

5. NDDOT REVISED PROJECT PM 2021

Superintendent Duerre discussed the NDDOT letter stating that Project PM 2021 was done on the reservation so cannot be 100% Federal funded with a 19.07% charge to the county. State's Attorney Enget stated this was a mistake done by NDDOT and should be questioned on why the responsibility is placed on the county for the reimbursement.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve writing a letter to NDDOT concerning the mistake and the responsibility being placed on the county rather than NDDOT on the Project PM 2021. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

6. PLAZA SHOP REPAIRS AND GENERATOR DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on the Plaza Shop with the repairs being done on the leaking issues and the possibility of building the storage building to place the generator inside.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:24 P.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 3rd day of September, 2024.

Mountrail County Commissioner

Mountrail County Auditor