

Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in special session on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. with GOTOMEETING with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Joan Hollekim, Daniel Uran, and Wayne Olson present and Garry Jacobson absent. Also present were States Attorney, Wade Enget and Geoff Simon, Western Dakota Energy Association.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order.

2. BUSINESS

A. WDEA AMICUS BRIEF

Geoff Simon discussed the WDEA amicus brief and the Dakota Access Emergency Motion for stay pending appeal. Geoff Simon stated if the Dakota Access Pipeline is shutdown the economic repercussions effects all oil entities. Geoff Simon stated in the brief Mountrail County would be listed as a supporter. The expense of the fee is \$30,000 and WDEA will incur the cost of \$15,000. Geoff Simon would like support in the amount of \$2,000. Wade Enget stated the cost could be taken from the Commissioner Contingency Fund. Comm. Ruland stated the shutting down of the Dakota Access Pipeline is more than just an economic impact it also effects the safety of the public. Pipelines are safer than oil rail cars through the center of the state’s communities.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to support the WDEA amicus brief as a supporter and contribute up to \$2,000 from the Commissioner Contingency Fund. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Uran, Ruland, and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

3. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 8:38 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 21st day of July, 2020.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman

Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor