

Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 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. Rice, 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. Hollekim, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

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

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Amber Vanzee with the Mountrail McKenzie Human Service Zone as an Eligibility Worker I in the amount of \$21 per hour/\$43,680 per year. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Bianca Chase with the Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff Deputy I in the amount of \$27.91 per hour/\$58,050 per year. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the temporary employee classification for Gage Hochhalter with the Road & Bridge Department as a Seasonal Worker in the amount of \$22.71 per hour not to exceed 50 hours per week and no more than 988 regular hours per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Gavin Oliver with the Sheriff's Department as a Dispatcher in the amount of \$21.42 per hour/\$44,550 per year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Jon Rostad with the Building Department as a Facilities Technician I in the amount of \$23.80 per hour/\$49,500 per year. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Logan Mathieson with the Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff Deputy I in the amount of \$31.00 per hour/\$64,500 per year. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

E. TOWNSHIP ROAD MILES

More discussion will be held at the next Commissioner meeting concerning the Unorganized Township road miles for Township Funding Distributions.

F. FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR CLERK OF COURT

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve signing the funding agreement with the ND Supreme Court for Clerk of District Court Services from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Upon roll call, Ruland, DeGroot, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

G. VISION WEST

Laurie Johnson, Correction Administrator stated the Vision West Summit is very informational and provides a lot of different resources.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve sponsoring a total of \$5,000 for the Vision West Summit on Behavioral Health in Energy Country on June 19th-20th. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

H. JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BY-LAWS

A request was received to potentially increase the board membership on the Job Development Authority. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed the by-laws for the Job Development Authority setting forth the membership of the board of directors at 11 persons. State’s Attorney discussed the requirements of the board members referencing Chapter 11-11.1-01 Subsection 2e of the ND Century Code. The consensus of the board was to leave the board at an 11-member board.

I. TRANSFER

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the transfer for the 1st Quarter Overweight Travel Loadpass Permits from R&B to Unorganized Townships: 155 North, Range 94 West \$5,547.02; 154 North, Range 94 West \$2,911.04; 153 North, Range 93 West \$4,016.39; 152 North, Range 93 West \$4,078.44 & 150 North, Range 92 West \$9.00 totaling \$16,561.89. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim, DeGroot and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

J. LATCF

Discussion was held on what the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) totaling \$235,229.82 would be spent on. The Commission reconsidered the motion from February 20th meeting.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to reconsider the motion made on February 20th meeting as follows: “Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the purchase of a rescue truck for the New Town Rural Fire Department out of the Fire & Ambulance Fund totaling \$361,252. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim voted yes and DeGroot abstained from the vote. Motion carried” Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the purchase of a rescue truck for the New Town Rural Fire Department out of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) totaling \$235,229.82 with remaining out of the American Rescue Plan Act totaling \$126,022.18. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland and Olson voted yes except for DeGroot abstained. Motion carried.

County Auditor, Stephanie Pappa, mentioned she received an email from Charlie Sorenson stating the Stanley Rural Ambulance District no longer will need funding for telemedicine services. The Board had allocated \$25,200 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds at their April 2, 2024 meeting.

K. PLAT SIGNAGE

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of the plat for the Clayton Subdivision Plat as approved by Planning & Zoning. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

L. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the bills totaling \$1,204,010.59 and March 31 through April 13 payroll, checks #17798-177815 and direct deposits #20929-21073 totaling \$552,290.52 and April 14 through April 27 payroll, checks #177816-17837 and direct deposits #21074-21224 totaling \$540,970.85. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, 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).

APPROVED 05/07/2024 - PAYMENT 05/07/2024

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Warrant Total</u>
108948	ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD ENGINEERING & MANAGEMEN	4,481.25

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,481.25
108949	ACME TOOLS	5,661.10
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,896.90
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,764.20
108950	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	874.14
	GENERAL FUND	322.48
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	551.66
108951	ALGER TOWNSHIP	1,885.04
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,885.04
108952	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	509.92
	GENERAL FUND	509.92
108953	ARMOR INTERACTIVE	766.91
	GENERAL FUND	766.91
108954	AVI SYSTEMS, INC	1,210.67
	GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,210.67
108955	BADLANDS OCCUPATIONAL TESTING SERVICES	120.00
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	120.00
108956	BICKER TOWNSHIP	3,951.35
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,951.35
108957	BIG BEND TOWNSHIP	7,923.26
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,923.26
108958	BISMARCK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	288.90
	GENERAL FUND	288.90
108959	BOB HAYES ADDICTION SERVICES	3,924.00
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	3,924.00
108960	BOOM CONCRETE, INC.-SO. DAKOTA	1,122.00
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,122.00
108961	BORDER PLAINS EQUIPMENT LLC.	1,834.78
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,834.78
108962	BREWER/SARAH	750.00
	GENERAL FUND	750.00
108963	BROOKBANK TOWNSHIP	2,046.68
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,046.68
108964	BURKE TOWNSHIP	18,825.04
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	18,825.04
108965	BUTLER MACHINERY CO	4,823.01
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,823.01
108966	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	43.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	43.00
108967	CARD SERVICES	56.48
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	56.48
108968	CIRCLE SANITATION INC	3,843.75
	GENERAL FUND	455.25
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	364.25
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	3,024.25
108969	CITY OF STANLEY	1,191.54
	GENERAL FUND	1,148.72
	WEED CONTROL FUND	42.82

108970	CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	288.90 288.90
108971	CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	109.55 109.55
108972	CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERVICES INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	50.90 50.90
108973	COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	88.71 88.71
108974	CRANE CREEK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	10,215.82 10,215.82
108975	CROWFOOT TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4.76 4.76
108976	CRUMMIE/KAITLYN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	172.19 172.19
108977	D & L CONSTRUCTION, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	44,812.80 44,812.80
108978	DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	266.48 266.48
108979	DAKOTA TRUCK & FARM SERVICE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,138.76 1,138.76
108980	DEBING TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	43,680.05 43,680.05
108981	DIVINE KINGDOM CLEANING HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	649.70 649.70
108982	DUSTBUSTERS, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	44,952.25 44,952.25
108983	EGAN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	14.45 14.45
108984	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC GENERAL FUND	114.68 114.68
108985	EVERSPRING INN & SUITES-BISMARCK COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	385.20 385.20
108986	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WATFORD CITY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	168.22 168.22
108987	FERTILE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,165.33 9,165.33
108988	FIRST DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT COUNTY PARKS FUND	120.00 120.00
108989	GAEBE/MARILYN GENERAL FUND	309.68 309.68
108990	GRAHAM/LATICIA HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	227.13 227.13
108991	H.A.THOMPSON & SONS INC GENERAL FUND	272.42 272.42
108992	HERMANSON/NANCY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	257.25 257.25

108993	HOWIE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,299.25 9,299.25
108994	IDAHO TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	22,997.45 22,997.45
108995	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	101.38 101.38
108996	JAMES HILL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	432.86 432.86
108997	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP GENERAL FUND	778.46 778.46
108998	JUMP/AMANDA HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	180.00 180.00
108999	KENMARE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #17 CO. HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL ACCOUNT FUND	10,000.00 10,000.00
109000	KINNEY/SHELLY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	283.55 283.55
109001	KNIFE RIVER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,039.79 7,039.79
109002	LAPICA/LISA VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER FUND	567.06 567.06
109003	LARSON TIRE SERVICE GENERAL FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	330.33 68.37 261.96
109004	LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTH DAKOTA GENERAL FUND	21,213.19 21,213.19
109005	LEMER/COURTNEY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	100.50 100.50
109006	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,805.97 7,805.97
109007	LOMMEN/ORVIN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,500.00 1,500.00
109008	LOSTWOOD TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	640.45 640.45
109009	LOWLAND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	15.84 15.84
109010	LUTTRELL/JANETTE HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	44.80 44.80
109011	MANITOU TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	48,776.03 48,776.03
109012	MCALMOND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	45.85 45.85
109013	MCGAHAN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	77.38 77.38
109014	MCKENZIE COUNTY FARMER HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	42.00 42.00
109015	MEIERS OIL INC	45.62

	GENERAL FUND	45.62
109016	MENARDS - MINOT	2,471.84
	GENERAL FUND	271.25
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	675.57
	COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,525.02
109017	MEYERS/MICHELLE	355.90
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	355.90
109018	MILLS/JAMIE	753.75
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	753.75
109019	MODEL TOWNSHIP	29.90
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	29.90
109020	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	11,793.68
	GENERAL FUND	11,793.68
109021	MOUNTRAIL CO ROAD DEPART	6,095.19
	155-94 UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP	6,095.19
109022	MOUNTRAIL COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY	1,997.59
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,997.59
109023	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER	211.13
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	211.13
109024	MYRTLE TOWNSHIP	65,780.44
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	65,780.44
109025	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	639.00
	GENERAL FUND	639.00
109026	ND POST BOARD	300.00
	GENERAL FUND	300.00
109027	NDSAA	450.00
	GENERAL FUND	450.00
109028	NDSU - EXTENSION OFFICE	9,547.71
	COUNTY AGENT FUND	9,547.71
109029	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	11,271.95
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	11,271.95
109030	NORTH AMERICAN TRAILER SALES, LTD	294.24
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	294.24
109031	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER DISTRICT	58.83
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	58.83
109032	NORTHSTAR STEEL INC	283,335.30
	GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	283,335.30
109033	NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC.	300.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	300.00
109034	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	438.13
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	12.88
	WEED CONTROL FUND	425.25
109035	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	400.60
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	400.60
109036	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	378.21
	GENERAL FUND	263.20
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	115.01

109037	OGDEN/CRYSTAL HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	536.20 536.20
109038	OSBORN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	44,251.08 44,251.08
109039	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY GENERAL FUND	430.38 430.38
109040	PALERMO TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,606.35 1,606.35
109041	PARSHALL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,625.43 2,625.43
109042	PINNACLE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	13,639.31 13,024.00 615.31
109043	PLAZA OK HARDWARE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	489.12 17.95 471.17
109044	PLAZA TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	343.21 343.21
109045	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,086.12 1,086.12
109046	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11,146.47 11,146.47
109047	PRAIRIE FORD, INC. HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,245.14 1,245.14
109048	PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	40.00 40.00
109049	PURCELL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	22,916.70 22,916.70
109050	RAT LAKE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	8,236.19 8,236.19
109051	RDO EQUIPMENT CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,637.60 1,637.60
109052	REDMOND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,281.96 1,281.96
109053	ROSS TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	21,225.37 21,225.37
109054	RTC NETWORKS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE COUNTY PARKS FUND	4,346.23 518.81 3,827.42
109055	RYAN CHEVROLET GENERAL FUND	156.72 156.72
109056	SAFARI FUELS #103 GENERAL FUND	192.69 192.69
109057	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	101,251.12 64,392.62 36,858.50
109058	SCHUMAIER/RANDI GENERAL FUND	252.88 252.88

109059	SHELL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	749.98 749.98
109060	SIDONIA TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	601.33 601.33
109061	SIKES TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,086.97 2,086.97
109062	SORENSEN/DESIREE J HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	404.00 404.00
109063	SORKNESS TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,479.69 7,479.69
109064	SPRING COULEE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11.11 11.11
109065	STANLEY AMBULANCE CO. HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL ACCOUNT FUND	7,700.97 7,700.97
109066	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	674.58 67.10 336.44 271.04
109067	STANLEY HARDWARE GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	2,528.43 1,259.81 1,149.71 118.91
109068	STANLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY GENERAL FUND	238.66 238.66
109069	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES GENERAL FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	140.10 36.89 103.21
109070	STEINS INC GENERAL FUND	2,241.04 2,241.04
109071	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC GENERAL FUND	6,455.32 6,455.32
109072	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY GENERAL FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	106.92 100.94 5.98
109073	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC GENERAL FUND DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	79,597.90 79,035.40 562.50
109074	ULINE GENERAL FUND	1,236.88 1,236.88
109075	VAN HOOK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,978.04 4,978.04
109076	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	595.97 595.97
109077	VERIZON WIRELESS GENERAL FUND E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	1,100.99 42.18 1,058.81
109078	VESTIS GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,541.72 1,174.60 367.12

109079	WARD COUNTY AUDITOR COUNTY LIBRARY-BOOKMOBILE FUND	3,360.00 3,360.00
109080	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIP CO WEED CONTROL FUND	267.73 267.73
109081	WESTLIE MOTOR CO HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	47,210.00 47,210.00
109082	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	14,380.96 14,380.96
109083	WHITAKER/HILLARY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	25.90 25.90
109084	WHITE EARTH TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	26,539.93 26,539.93

GRAND TOTAL \$ 1,204,010.59

M. BOARD CONCERNS

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor supplied the General Fund financials for 2024.

The board discussed what to write for the article in the Mountrail County Promoter concerning the N.D.C.C. 11-11-14.24 expending county funds as a donation for capital improvements to the non-profit Mountrail Bethel Home.

The Board agreed to provide the following comment: “We owe it to our elderly residents to provide local long-term nursing care. This funding to Mountrail County’s non-profit health care facility is vital to all of our communities. This project is funded by oil and gas gross production tax. A grant for \$15 million is guaranteed and an additional \$10 million is pending the outcome of the property tax elimination bill. In the future, it is our hope to expand facilities for long term care beyond this project.”

Comm. Hollekim stated she received a request from Becky Goettle on behalf of the Stanley Commercial Club to allow tours at the Memorial Building in conjunction with Crazy Days on Thursday, August 1st. The Board expressed no objections as long as department heads at the Memorial Building were in agreement.

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Lori Hanson, Tax Director met with the board to discuss an abatement.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the abatement on parcel #44-0012801 for the 2023 tax year due to qualifying for the farm home residence exemption as per the recommendation of Tax Director Hanson. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:35 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer met with the board to discuss the renewal of eight Certificate of Deposits (CD’s).

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the renewal of eight Certificate of Deposits (CD’s), two for \$75,000; one for \$100,000; one for \$150,000; one for \$200,000; one for \$1 million; one for \$13,205.21 and one for \$213,297.18 for 12-months at Bremer Bank. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot, Olson and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

9:40 A.M.

Tammy Leupp, Building Supervisor met with the board to discuss quotes for the South Complex Sign and how to deal with the change order process for the County shop. The board agreed to just install a flag pole and not do the signage at the South Complex.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve allowing the Tammy Leupp, Building Supervisor to approve change orders up to \$10,000 for the Courthouse County Shop Project not exceeding a total of \$100,000. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

9:50 A.M.

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

1. 41ST ST NW, PROJECT #UO(41)22

Engineer Hennessy discussed the asphalt longitudinal crack on 41st St NW, Project #UO(41)22 and the repair proposal from Mayo Construction. Austin Becker and Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvold Engineering were also present. The Commissioners authorized the project engineer to send notice of defective work to the contractor and agreed to have the contractor proceed with the sub cut repair with responsibility of cost to be determined once the cause of damage is determined.

2. CR 9 PROJECT #09(99)23 (FROM CR 4 N TO BURKE COUNTY LINE)

Engineer Hennessy along with Austin Becker with Ackerman-Estvold Engineering gave an update on the Right of Way on CR 9, Project #09(99)23. Discussion was also held on the fencing agreement with Steve and Patty Jenson requesting all wood post or a wood post every 6th post. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

3. CATTLE GUARDS/FENCING REQUEST-CHARLIE SORENSON

Charlie Sorenson sent a request to Engineer Hennessy regarding the possibility of the removal of cattle guards and installing new fence on both sides of 53rd St NW, located in Section 3 of Township 154 North, Range 94 West. Engineer Hennessy will look further into the agreements on file.

4. 36TH ST NW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (FROM CR19 WEST TO CR 21) BID OPENING

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve advertising for bids on 36th St NW Construction Project from CR 19 west to CR 21 for May 8th, 15th and 22nd with the bid opening on May 30th, 2024. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

5. CR 1, PROJECT #01(62)23/(FROM CR 10 NORTH TO HWY 2) BASIC DATA BOOK

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the recommended market values for CR 1, Project #01(62)23 for non-cropland at \$1,100 and cropland at \$2,250. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

6. STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT BRIDGE 31-104-09.0 OVER PAULSEN CREEK ON 70TH ST NW

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve signing the Preliminary and Construction Engineering with Sauber Engineering for the structure replacement on Bridge 31-104-09.0 over the Paulsen Creek on 70th St NW not to exceed \$90,000. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

7. CR 9 PHASE II, PROJECT #09(100)19

Engineer Hennessy discussed the request from Mike and Verna Fretheim to add an additional 10' culvert extension and put a concrete pad in front of their trailer. The Board agreed to no changes to the construction plans at White Earth Bay at their last meeting. Melissa Vachal, Planning & Zoning Administrator stated Fretheims' have not been in contact with her office regarding the concrete pad. No action was taken.

Engineer Hennessy also discussed the email from the White Earth Bay Development Corporation asking for a flashing speed limit sign to be installed at the Park once the road is finished. The Commissioner agreed to see if the presence of law enforcement would help if speeding becomes an issue after the road is paved. If the speeding issue continued the sign can be looked at in the future.

Engineer Hennessy discussed the Piping Plover birds that have been seen on the United States Corps of Engineer's land which may hold up the project.

8. UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS-DUST CONTROL REQUEST

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve signing the dust control assistance for Unorganized Townships: 152 North, Range 93 West; 153 North, Range 93 West; 154 North, Range 94 West and 155 North, Range 94 West. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, DeGroot, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Randy Nichols complimented the Road Department for applying the crushed gravel along the roadways which made the ease to move the equipment.

11:15 A.M.

Wade Enget, State's Attorney met with the board to discuss summer help with the sharing with Clerk of District Court and the Law School Externship. Discussion was held on the rental property for the Law School Externship.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the hiring of a Law School Externship for Hunter Cowdrey in the amount of \$22 per hour and pay for his housing for two months. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:02 P.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 21st day of May, 2024.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman

Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor