

Proceedings of the Mountrail County Commissioners

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Joan Hollekim, Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Jason Rice and John DeGroot were 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. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, 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 October 17, 2023 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the October Overweight fines through 10/31/2023. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Madison Ramberg with the Sheriff as a Dispatcher in the amount of \$23.365 per hour/\$48,600 per year. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to authorize Correctional Center Nurse, Sandy Mack, as an employee of Mountrail County to assist the Upper Missouri District Health Unit (UMDHU) as a volunteer with scheduled vaccination clinics and educational presentations subject to the approval of Nurse Mack and her supervisor each time a request is made by UMDHU. It is understood that UMDHU must send a written request via mail or email each time assistance is needed and for what purpose in order to keep documentation between the County and UMDHU. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland, DeGroot and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

E. TRANSFER

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for overweight permits from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter from the Road & Bridge Fund to Unorganized Townships 155 North, Range 94 West in the amount of \$2,481.48; 154 North, Range 94 West in the amount of \$1,413.41; 153 North, Range 93 West in the amount of \$3,795.86; 152 North, Range 93 West in the amount of \$10,212.14 and 150 North, Range 92 West in the amount of \$3.68 totaling \$17,906.57. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim, Rice and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

F. SECURITY MANUAL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of the Courthouse Security Manual. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

G. BILLS

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the bills totaling \$3,234,388.52 and October 1-14 payroll, checks #17570-17591 and direct deposits #18981-19147 totaling \$893,347.33 and October 15-28 payroll, checks 17592-17613 and direct deposits #19148-19299 totaling \$539,407.96. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot, Olson and Rice 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 11/7/2023-PAYMENT 11/7/2023**

<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Warrant Total</u>
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107775	A&W TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. GENERAL FUND	525.00 525.00
107776	ABRAHAMSON/SANDRA GENERAL FUND	643.79 643.79
107777	ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD ENGINEERING & MANAGEMEN COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	12,826.25 12,826.25
107778	ADDCO OFFICE SYSTEMS GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	178.70 44.68 44.67 44.67 44.68
107779	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE COUNTY AGENT FUND	1,132.98 486.63 130.80 384.75 130.80
107780	ALGER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,265.89 1,265.89
107781	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES GENERAL FUND	411.71 411.71
107782	AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER, LLC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,345.16 9,345.16
107783	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,370.74 1,042.79 327.95
107784	ARMOR INTERACTIVE GENERAL FUND	1,008.32 1,008.32
107785	BADLANDS OCCUPATIONAL TESTING SERVICES HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	240.00 240.00
107786	BANNER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	0.05 0.05
107787	BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	34,517.00 34,517.00
107788	BICKER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,693.93 3,693.93
107789	BIG BEND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,859.12 3,859.12
107790	BOB HAYES ADDICTION SERVICES HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	4,436.00 4,436.00
107791	BORDER PLAINS EQUIPMENT LLC. COUNTY PARKS FUND	1,906.67 1,906.67
107792	BROOKBANK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	7,611.48 7,611.48
107793	BURKE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	125.00 125.00
107794	BURKE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,810.33 1,810.33
107795	BUTLER MACHINERY CO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	5,298.40 5,298.40

107796	CARD SERVICES GENERAL FUND	7.76 7.76
107797	CENTRAL DAKOTA SPRINKLER GENERAL FUND	150.00 150.00
107798	CIRCLE SANITATION INC GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	4,642.83 416.00 361.50 3,865.33
107799	CITY OF STANLEY GENERAL FUND	1,572.01 1,572.01
107800	CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,421.05 1,421.05
107801	COLE PAPER INC. GENERAL FUND	306.72 306.72
107802	CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERVICES INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	49.59 49.59
107803	COTTONWOOD TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	59.69 59.69
107804	CRANE CREEK TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,693.82 3,693.82
107805	CRESTWOOD OPERATIONS LLC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	14,000.00 14,000.00
107806	CROWFOOT TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11.21 11.21
107807	CRUMMIE/KAITLYN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	477.17 477.17
107808	CUPS DRUG TESTING & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	165.00 165.00
107809	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	174.22 174.22
107810	DEBING TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	13,257.00 13,257.00
107811	DMC WEAR PARTS LLC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,378.30 3,378.30
107812	DOMBEN/ANDY GENERAL FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00
107813	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS GENERAL FUND GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	12,728.82 7,052.71 5,676.11
107814	EIDE/HEIDI GENERAL FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00
107815	ELECTRO WATCHMAN, INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	479.40 479.40
107816	ENGET/WADE GENERAL FUND	432.10 432.10
107817	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WATFORD CITY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	872.68 872.68
107818	FEIRING/BOBBIE GENERAL FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00

107819	FENSTER/KAYLA HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	543.65 543.65
107820	FERTILE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,331.96 2,331.96
107821	FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS, INC GENERAL FUND	299.95 299.95
107822	HANSON/AMANDA HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	71.40 71.40
107823	HARRISON/SADIE M HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	185.00 185.00
107824	HERMANSON/NANCY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	119.70 119.70
107825	HOLLEKIM/JOAN GENERAL FUND	95.36 95.36
107826	HOMETOWN RADIO GROUP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	399.00 399.00
107827	HOWIE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	19,605.22 19,605.22
107828	IDAHO TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,076.83 6,076.83
107829	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	168.74 168.74
107830	IVERSON/RENA B. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	500.00 500.00
107831	JAMES HILL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	180.63 180.63
107832	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	890.26 268.46 621.80
107833	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP GENERAL FUND	384.00 384.00
107834	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE COUNTY PARKS FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND WEED CONTROL FUND	9,466.46 1,716.21 3,693.12 3,200.65 456.75 159.90 239.83
107835	KINNEY/SHELLY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	283.01 283.01
107836	KNIFE RIVER TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	5,625.55 5,625.55
107837	KOHLER COMMUNICATIONS INC GENERAL FUND	2,058.40 2,058.40
107838	KRONOS SAASHR INC GENERAL FUND	1,663.17 1,663.17
107839	L-TRON CORPORATION GENERAL FUND	205.00 205.00
107840	LARSON TIRE SERVICE	833.30

	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	833.30
107841	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,267.42 2,267.42
107842	LIGHT HOUSE TRADES, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,078.08 1,078.08
107843	LOMMEN/ORVIN HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	990.00 990.00
107844	LOSTWOOD TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	70.82 70.82
107845	MACK/SANDRA GENERAL FUND	226.63 226.63
107846	MANITOU TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	12,383.57 12,383.57
107847	MAYER ELECTRIC GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	49,140.00 49,140.00
107848	MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECTS	2,335,026.93 2,335,026.93
107849	MCALMOND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3.13 3.13
107850	MCKENZIE COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	295.78 295.78
107851	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GENERAL FUND	452.60 452.60
107852	MEIERS OIL INC GENERAL FUND	247.36 247.36
107853	MILLS/JAMIE HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	298.68 298.68
107854	MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO GENERAL FUND	9,120.43 9,120.43
107855	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY AG IMPROVEMENT WEED CONTROL FUND	548.40 548.40
107856	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER GENERAL FUND	796.80 796.80
107857	MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	171.13 171.13
107858	MOUNTRAIL TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9.58 9.58
107859	MOUNTRAIL WILLIAMS ELECTRIC COOP GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY PARKS FUND	9,966.85 631.96 199.76 9,135.13
107860	MOWBRAY & SON, INC GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	117,163.98 117,163.98
107861	MULHOLLAND/HEIDI HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	136.02 136.02
107862	MYRTLE TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11,273.51 11,273.51
107863	NAPA AUTO PARTS	36.25

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	36.25
107864	NAPA AUTO PARTS MINOT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	43.11 43.11
107865	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	1,743.37 1,743.37
107866	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GENERAL FUND	63.00 63.00
107867	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION WEED CONTROL FUND	4.00 4.00
107868	ND ENERGY SERVICES, INC. COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	6,000.00 6,000.00
107869	ND TRUCK WASH GENERAL FUND	55.00 55.00
107870	NDDHS FISCAL ADMINISTRATION GENERAL FUND	607.85 607.85
107871	NDSU - EXTENSION OFFICE COUNTY AGENT FUND	6,978.48 6,978.48
107872	NDSU-DEPT 3110 WEED CONTROL FUND	75.00 75.00
107873	NORTH AMERICAN TRAILER SALES, LTD COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	115.90 115.90
107874	NORTH COUNTRY SPORTSWEAR INC GENERAL FUND	690.77 690.77
107875	NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2.60 2.60
107876	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER DISTRICT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	54.00 54.00
107877	NORTHERN TESTING INC HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,570.74 1,570.74
107878	NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC. GENERAL FUND	270.00 270.00
107879	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS WEED CONTROL FUND	90,926.16 90,926.16
107880	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	113.96 113.96
107881	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	229.37 229.37
107882	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC GENERAL FUND COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND COUNTY AGENT FUND	4,067.74 3,446.45 261.40 359.89
107883	OGDEN/CRYSTAL HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	455.37 455.37
107884	OSBORN TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	11,689.67 11,689.67
107885	PALERMO TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	854.92 854.92
107886	PARSHALL TOWNSHIP	1,769.18

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,769.18
107887	PINNACLE	2,933.70
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,778.21
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	1,155.49
107888	PLAZA OK HARDWARE	266.27
	GENERAL FUND	24.48
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	241.79
107889	PLAZA TOWNSHIP	197.28
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	197.28
107890	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	767.82
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	767.82
107891	POWERS LAKE TOWNSHIP	4,130.50
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,130.50
107892	PRAIRIE FORD, INC.	186.08
	GENERAL FUND	186.08
107893	PURCELL TOWNSHIP	15,683.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	15,683.00
107894	QUADIENT LEASING	242.97
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	242.97
107895	RADISSON HOTEL-BISMARCK	770.40
	GENERAL FUND	770.40
107896	RAT LAKE TOWNSHIP	18,325.39
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	18,325.39
107897	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	14,770.96
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	14,770.96
107898	REDMOND TOWNSHIP	16.59
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	16.59
107899	ROSS TOWNSHIP	4,143.48
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	4,143.48
107900	SAUBER ENGINEERING, INC	157,500.70
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	157,500.70
107901	SELECT ENERGY SERVICES	3,000.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,000.00
107902	SELECT WATER SOLUTIONS, LLC	3,150.00
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	3,150.00
107903	SHELL TOWNSHIP	266.95
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	266.95
107904	SIDONIA TOWNSHIP	20.49
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	20.49
107905	SIKES TOWNSHIP	2,652.13
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,652.13
107906	SKAAR/TERA	72.05
	GENERAL FUND	72.05
107907	SORENSEN/DESIREE J	323.16
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	323.16
107908	SORKNESS TOWNSHIP	9,037.44
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,037.44
107909	SPRING COULEE TOWNSHIP	30.44

	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	30.44
107910	STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK	1,338.06
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	908.98
	WEED CONTROL FUND	429.08
107911	STANLEY HARDWARE	1,900.64
	GENERAL FUND	566.19
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,226.68
	HUMAN SERVICE ZONE	101.78
	WEED CONTROL FUND	5.99
107912	STANLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY	138.92
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	138.92
107913	STAPLES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES	571.69
	GENERAL FUND	50.74
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	520.95
107914	STATE TREASURER	6,409.50
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	6,409.50
107915	STEINS INC	1,772.41
	GENERAL FUND	1,772.41
107916	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	13,087.66
	GENERAL FUND	13,087.66
107917	THE SIDWELL COMPANY	9,735.17
	GENERAL FUND	9,735.17
107918	THOMAS Y PICKETT INC	28,800.00
	GENERAL FUND	28,800.00
107919	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING CORP.	189.62
	GENERAL FUND	189.62
107920	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	11.98
	GENERAL FUND	11.98
107921	TRUCK BODIES & EQUIP. INTERNATIONAL, INC.	2,788.73
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	2,788.73
107922	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	18,097.87
	GENERAL FUND	525.00
	DOCUMENT PRESERVATION FUND	17,572.87
107923	UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE	57.73
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	57.73
107924	VACHAL/LYNNETTE	6.38
	COUNTY AGENT FUND	6.38
107925	VACHAL/MELISSA	390.05
	GENERAL FUND	390.05
107926	VAN HOOK TOWNSHIP	1,174.56
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,174.56
107927	VERGARA/LORENA	37.63
	GENERAL FUND	37.63
107928	VERIZON WIRELESS	1,473.19
	GENERAL FUND	100.01
	COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	256.28
	E 911 EMERGENCY/WIRELESS FUND	1,059.08
	WEED CONTROL FUND	57.82
107929	WARD COUNTY AUDITOR	3,360.00
	COUNTY LIBRARY-BOOKMOBILE FUND	3,360.00



107930	WASTE MANAGEMENT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	86.00 86.00
107931	WEST DAKOTA WATER, LLC COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	1,000.00 1,000.00
107932	WESTLIE TRUCK CENTER COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,074.84 9,074.84
107933	WHITE EARTH TOWNSHIP COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	9,241.47 9,241.47
	<b>Final Total</b>	<b>3,234,388.52</b>

H. BOARD CONCERNS

The Township Officer meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the Plaza Complex Meeting Room. Discussion was held on the referendum petition relating to the elimination of property taxes and the mechanisms in how to get the information out to the constituents in the county.

Comm. Hollekim discussed the section of law allowing the Board of Commissioners to expend county funds as a donation for a capital improvement project to a nonprofit health care facility within Mountrail County. In checking with Attorney Enget, a nursing home also fell under the definition of a health care facility. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed that this is something that can be done under NDCC. 11-11-14-24.

Corey Bristol, Sheriff presented a quote for a snowplow to be inserted on a sheriff pickup.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the quote from American Truck & Trailer, LLC for purchase of a pickup plow in the amount of \$10,785.13 including the labor. Upon roll call, Rice, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Comm. Hollekim discussed the Opioid settlement monies stating the monies have the possibility of being utilized by the Upper Missouri District Health Unit. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney will send an email to Upper Missouri District Health Unit concerning the disbursement of monies.

Comm. DeGroot mentioned New Town City will not be utilizing the award from the County for the purchase of a generator from the COVID funding under the American Rescue Plan Act.

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Nichole Degenstein, Human Resource Director met with the board to discuss the Human Resource Advisory Committee’s recommendation for changes to policy 315, Family and Medical Leave and discuss the Christmas Party.

Human Resource Director discussed having the Christmas Party on the evening of January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Ruland, to approve the changes to Policy 315, Family and Medical Leave of the Mountrail County Employee Handbook as recommended by the Human Resource Advisory Committee and as presented by Director Degenstein. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director discussed the possibility of having a County blood drive for employees and the public. The board had no objections.

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. No one appeared to object to the minimum sale prices as set by the Board of Commissioners.

9:40 A.M.

Kim Savage, Deputy Tax Director discussed the abatement on parcel #18-0011302 for the 2023 year.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #18-0011302 for the 2023 year due to qualifying for disability as per the recommendation of Deputy Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

9:42 A.M.

Kim Savage, Deputy Tax Director discussed the abatement on parcel #47-0027516 for the 2021 through 2023 years.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by DeGroot, to approve the abatement on parcel #47-0027516 for the 2021 year due to qualifying for homestead credit as per the recommendation of Deputy Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the abatement on parcel #47-0027516 for the 2022 year due to qualifying for homestead credit as per the recommendation of Deputy Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #47-0027516 for the 2023 year due to qualifying for homestead credit as per the recommendation of Deputy Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M.

Grant Wentz, Market President for Cornerstone Bank presented proposals to the board. Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer will get the information collaborated from Bravera Bank and Cornerstone Bank and bring back at the next commissioner meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

10:15 A.M.

Wade Enget, State's Attorney discussed the letter received from Chairman Mark Fox of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (MHA) requesting the board to replace the at large system voting with district by district elections. Michael Carter, representing Senior Staff Attorney with the Native American Rights Fund discussed the voting rights act. State's Attorney Enget stated no history or statistical analysis under the Gingles test were supplied from the MHA nation. More discussion will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

10:30 A.M.

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

#### 1. ROSS ELEVATOR-RAILROAD CROSSING

Superintendent Duerre discussed a letter from the Ross Elevator requesting a cost share to fix the damaged crossing. John Woodbury representing the United Quality Grain Elevator in Ross discussed the repairs needed on the railroad crossing located on 89<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and is requesting assistance with the repairs.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve paying to fix the damaged railroad crossing on 89<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to be paid to the United Quality Grain Elevator in Ross in the amount of \$4,469.02. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Rice, Olson, Ruland and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

#### 2. STANLEY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY SOLICITATION OF VIEWS

Superintendent Duerre discussed the letter received for views and solicitation for the environmental assessment for the Stanley Municipal Airport. The suggestions for letter of concerns would be the possibility of lights, turning lanes, signage and drainage issues.

#### 3. PLAZA GENERATOR

Superintendent Duerre presented the quotes from Butler Cat and K Squared Electric for the Plaza Generator.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the purchase of a Cat generator for the Plaza Complex from Butler totaling \$73,311 due to availability and the generator is larger in size. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Rice, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

#### 4. CR9 PHASE II

Superintendent Duerre discussed sending out a letter to be mailed out to the industry users of CR 9 updating them on the construction progress.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing and sending a letter to the industries that utilize CR 9 giving them an update on the construction progress which include XTO, Chord, Continental, Governor Burgum, Hess, ND Industrial Commission and ND Petroleum Council. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

5. SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation Agreement. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

6. NEW TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Discussion was held on the signage and 911 signs. More discussion will be held with the 911 signs at the next commissioner meeting.

Moved by Comm. Ruland, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the 2024 Request & Agreement for Township Road Signs Purchase and Installation for Stop and/or Yield signs with the township(s) reimbursing 50% of cost of materials and the labor and installing of the traffic signs at no cost to the Townships. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

7. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

Superintendent Duerre discussed the construction project updates for the 2023 year.

8. WARRANTY DEED/RICE PROPERTY

Wade Enget, State’s Attorney prepared a warranty deed for the 6 acres, more or less, for Ardis M. Rice, Brian and Nancy Rice’s right of way property previously deeded to Mountrail County.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the warranty deed for the Ardis M. Rice, Brian and Nancy Rice property described as Township 156 North, Range 94 West, Section 18 a portion of the E1/2NE1/4 described as follows and as shown on plat 19: Commencing at the NE corner of Section 18, thence southerly along the east line of said section 18, S 01 deg. 36 min. 28 sec. W a distance of 1082.57 feet. Thence S 01 deg. 36 min. 32 sec. W a distance of 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence S 01 deg. 36 min. 28 sec. W along a line westerly and parallel with the east lien of section 18 a distance of 1556.45 feet to a point on the ¼ line. Thence N 88 deg. 09 min. 12 sec. W along said ¼ line a distance of 83.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the left (northwesterly) the radius point of which bears S 82 deg. 00 min. 13 sec. W a distance of 2925.00 feet. Thence northwesterly along said curve 181.81 feet through a central angle of 03 deg. 33 min. 41 sec. to the end of the curve. Thence N 11 deg. 33 min. 27 sec. W a distance of 1032.16 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve, concave to the right (northeasterly), having a radius of 590.00 feet. Thence northeasterly along said curve 445.96 feet through a central angle of 43 deg. 18 min. 30 sec., to the end of the curve. Thence N 31 deg. 45 min. 02 sec. E a distance of 98.78 feet to a point on the ND Hwy 2 Right of Way line and to appoint on a non-tangent curve concave to the right (southeasterly) the radius point of which bears S 30 deg. 58 min. 25 sec. E a distance of 5529.65 feet. Thence southeasterly along said curve 279.58 feet through a central angle of 02 deg. 53 min. 49 sec. to the end of the curve and the point of beginning. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot, Olson and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:30 P.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023.

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Trudy Ruland, Chairman

Mountrail County Commissioner

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Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor