

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

The first regular August meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Cottingham. Present were Commissioners Cottingham, Steve Lee, and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Diane L. Blumhagen; Road Superintendent James Grey; Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke; Risk Manager Noelle Kroll; Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnson; NDSU Extension Agent Kamile Moderegger; and Rocky Thompson.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 18, 2023, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that graveling and mowing continues in the county. Grey requested approval to sign up for the North Dakota State Bid Program.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to authorize the Highway Department to sign up for the North Dakota State Bid Program. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a boring request from RTC Networks requesting to bore County Road 21 in Section 21, Township 149 North, Range 82 West, and Section 22, Township 149 North, Range 82 West, placing fiber inside plastic conduit pipe to provide services to Jim and Nancy Vitko.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the boring permit request from RTC Networks as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a boring request from RTC Networks requesting to bore 53rd Avenue in Section 19, Township 148 North, Range 86 West, and Section 20, Township 148 North, Range 86 West, placing fiber inside plastic conduit pipe to provide services to Camille Jenkins.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the boring permit request from RTC Networks as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a boring request from WRT Cooperative requesting to bore 10th Street NW in Section 20, Township 144 North, Range 83 West, and 35th Avenue in Section 29, Township 144 North, Range 83 West, placing fiber cable telecommunications facility to serve Dean Swanson.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the boring permit request from WRT Cooperative as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lee discussed County Road 6 with Grey and Verke.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the 2023 Fire Emergency Burn Restrictions as follows:

McLean County
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
2023 FIRE EMERGENCY BURN RESTRICTIONS
for
MCLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
August 8, 2023

WHEREAS, McLean County, North Dakota has very dry conditions with significant fuel supplies available; and

WHEREAS; McLean County has experienced sustained high winds; and

WHEREAS; McLean County has been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in McLean County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of emergency response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of McLean County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Automatic Burn Restriction effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is Very High, Extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for McLean County, North Dakota, effective immediately thru November 1, 2023.

What’s Included (when the ND Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is Very High, Extreme and/or a Red Flag Warning)

No Open Burning: includes burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage/pits, ignition of farm or crop residue/land, hay land, sloughs, construction debris, fallen trees, campfires/bonfires/recreational fires and fireworks.

What’s Excluded

Controlled Devices: only when device(s) (gas, charcoal, wood-fired/pellet grills, patio fireplaces and chimineas, gas camp stoves, and smokers/pellet grills) is/are on a hard, non-organic surface and 15’ away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water is available on site.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37-17.1-10.1; MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE), AND RESTITUTION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE COURT. THE MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS.

The North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide is posted on the McLean County website: www.mcleancountynd.gov or residents can contact the McLean County Sheriff’s Office at 701-462-8103.

DATED at Washburn, North Dakota this 8th day of August, 2023.

Steve Cottingham, Chairman
McLean County Commission

Attest: _____
Beth Knutson
McLean County Auditor

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kroll presented the Risk Management accident statistics for January through June 2023 showing nine accidents needing medical attention and 15 accidents not requiring medical attention.

Johnson informed the board that Justin Krohmer has resigned his position. He stated that Sheriff JR Kerzmann would like to fill the open position within the department at a later date and requested to advertise for one or more Patrol Deputy positions.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to authorize to advertise for one or more Patrol Deputies. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Thompson discussed paving 50th Avenue West of Garrison with the commissioners. Discussion followed with Knutson recommending Thompson seek advisement from an attorney as there are steps to follow per North Dakota Century Code (NDCC).

Chief Deputy Auditor Lori A Foss joined the meeting.

Adam Ourada, Falkirk Mining Company, joined the meeting.

Foss presented new job descriptions for Jailer/Dispatcher I and Jailer/Dispatcher II. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the job descriptions as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the following Transfer of Funds Resolution:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION

Be it resolved, that the McLean County Board of Commissioners move to make the following transfers of funds to update revenue funds to the correct accounts as follows:

Transfer \$271,383.27 from Unorganized Road (8471-2901-000) to County Road (2100-3999-000)

Approved this 8th day of August, 2023.

Steve Cottingham, Chairperson Beth A. Knutson, Auditor

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Dakota Central Human Service Zone (DCHSZ) Transfer of Funds Resolutions. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

DCHSZ Transfer of Funds Resolutions are on file in the McLean County Auditor’s Office.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the Sweep Account Transfer of Funds Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

McLean County Sweep Account Transfer of Funds Resolutions are on file in the McLean County Auditor’s Office.

Ourada approached the Commission to request approval and to set a hearing date for a petition to operate within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line in Section 1, Township 146 North, Range 82 West and Section 36, Township 147 North, Range 82 West; Section 1, Township 146 North Range 82 West and Section 6, Township 146 North, Range 81 West; and Section 1 and 2, Township 146 North, Range 82 West.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Petition to operate within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way and set a hearing for September 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF McLEAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY) FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING SURFACE) PETITION COAL MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN 100) FEET OF THE OUTSIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) LINE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS)

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 38-14.1-07, of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-05.2-04 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, The Falkirk Mining Company ("Petitioner") states as follows:

- Petitioner is a surface coal mining operator with the right to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on or in the vicinity of the lands hereinafter described.
- Petitioner requests that the Board of McLean County Commissioners permit and approve the conducting of surface coal mining operations by the Petitioner within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line of the following public roads:
 - The north and south sides of the section line between Section 1, Township 146 North, Range 82 West and Section 36, Township 147 North, Range 82 West
 - The east and west sides of the section line between the NE ¼ of Section 1 Township 146 North, Range 82 West and the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 146 North, Range 81 West
 - The east and west sides of the section line between the NE ¼ of Section 2 and the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 146 North, Range 82 West
- Petitioner asserts that the interests of the public and the interests of affected landowners will be protected from the proposed surface coal mining operations.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Board of McLean County Commissioners set this matter for hearing and that thereafter Petitioner be granted the relief requested.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

By: Jay H. Kost, its President

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ourada requested approval of and to set a hearing date for a petition to operate within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line in Section 29 and 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Petition to operate within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way and set a hearing for September 5, 2023 at 9:05 a.m.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF McLEAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY) FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING SURFACE) PETITION COAL MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN 100) FEET OF THE OUTSIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY) LINE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS)

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 38-14.1-07, of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-05.2-04 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, The Falkirk Mining Company ("Petitioner") states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a surface coal mining operator with the right to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on or in the vicinity of the lands hereinafter described.
2. Petitioner requests that the Board of McLean County Commissioners permit and approve the conducting of surface coal mining operations by the Petitioner within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line of the following public roads:

a. The east and west sides of the county road located between the NW ¼ and the NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

b. The east and west sides of the county road located in the SW ¼ of Section 29, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

c. The east and west sides of the county road located in the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

d. The north and south sides of the county road located in the N ½ of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

e. The east and west sides of the county road located in the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West
3. Petitioner asserts that the interests of the public and the interests of affected landowners will be protected from the proposed surface coal mining operations.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Board of McLean County Commissioners set this matter for hearing and that thereafter Petitioner be granted the relief requested.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

By: _____
Jay H. Kost, its President

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ourada requested approval of and to set hearing date for a petition to temporarily close Section Line in Section 1 and 2, Township 146 North, Range 82 West and Section 6, Township 146 North, Range 81 West.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Petition for temporarily closure of Section Line and set hearing for September 5, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF
McLEAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY FOR AN)
ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING CERTAIN) PETITION FOR CLOSING
SECTION LINE ROADS THAT INTERFERE) OF SECTION LINE ROADS
WITH SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS)

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 38-01-07.1 and 38-01-07.2, North Dakota Century Code, The Falkirk Mining Company (“Petitioner”) states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a surface coal mining operator with the right to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on or in the vicinity of the lands hereinafter described.
2. Petitioner requests that the following described section line roads, as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A, be temporarily closed to allow a safe and efficient means to conduct reconstruction of Petitioner’s coal conveyance system and any support related services:

a. The section line road between the NE ¼ of Section 2 and the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

b. The section line road between the NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 146 North, Range 82 West and the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 146 North, Range 81 West

c. The section line road between Section 1, Township 146 North, Range 82 West and Section 36, Township 147 North, Range 82 West
3. Petitioner asserts that the closing of the above described section line roads will not deprive adjacent landowners access to their property.
4. After the completion of construction projects, the Petitioner will restore the closed section line roads to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of such roads to the extent required by the Board of McLean County Commissioners.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Board of McLean County Commissioners set this matter for hearing and that thereafter Petitioner be granted the relief requested.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

By: _____
Jay H. Kost, its President

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

NDSU Extension Agent Sarah Bedgar joined the meeting.

Chairperson Cottingham recessed the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Chairperson Cottingham reconvened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Clerk of Court Bonnie Bohnsack joined the meeting.

Kroll rejoined the meeting.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank. The total public deposits were \$24,475,289.42 and the total pledged securities were \$26,595,561.00 on July 31, 2023.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to accept the Pledge of Securities from TruCommunity Bank. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson discussed appointing a delegate for the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) Conference. Recorder Heidi Anderson has volunteered to be reappointed as delegate.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to appoint Heidi Anderson as NDACo Conference Delegate. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the change in the in-state meal reimbursement with breakfast increasing from \$7.00 to \$9.00, lunch increasing from \$10.50 to \$14.00, and dinner increasing from \$17.50 to \$22.00 as instituted by the state (SB 2124) effective August 1, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented a Gaming Site Authorization Application submitted by Strawberry Lake Improvement Association for bingo, raffles, pull tab dispensing device, electronic pull tab device, seal board, and poker activities at DL’s Strawberry Kooler of Ruso from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to approve the Gaming Site Authorization Application as submitted by Strawberry Lake Improvement Association. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder’s Department for the month of June in the amount of \$13,343.40.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff’s Department for the month of June in the amount of \$2,303.16.

Tax Director Todd Schreiner joined the meeting.

Grey rejoined the meeting.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Curt Malo joined the meeting.

Knutson presented the commission with the preliminary budget as follows:

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR
McLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2024**

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
McLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

I, Beth A. Knutson, duly appointed and qualified auditor of McLean County, North Dakota, do hereby respectfully submit to the Board of Commissioners the proposed annual General Fund budget for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024. This budget carries the appropriation requests for the several offices, departments, agencies, institutions and undertakings supported wholly or in part by McLean County as submitted by officials and department heads. It has been reviewed by the county auditor and is being presented to you, as the Board of Commissioners for review and adjustment, if necessary. The appropriations have been deemed necessary by the officials and department heads, who request your approval of the same for the proper maintenance of the respective operations during calendar year 2023.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF McLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA:

We, the Board of Commissioners of McLean County, North Dakota, hereby give notice that we will examine and review the several budget requests filed by various county officials, departments, agencies, institutions, and undertakings for calendar year 2023 and upon review and public hearing, will adopt a final budget for calendar year 2023. Said budget may include changes as deemed necessary and appropriate by this board following its review and public hearing on the following budget:

**PROPOSED BUDGET - 2024
McLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

Department of Activity	2024 Requested	2023 Approved
County Commission	\$ 74,607.16	\$ 69,736.03
Clerk of District Court	\$ 196,893.48	\$ 187,877.60
Juvenile Court	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Auditor	\$ 277,386.52	\$ 341,452.80
State's Attorney	\$ 228,636.93	\$ 234,801.77
Tax Director/Land Use	\$ 227,334.71	\$ 205,911.00
Recorder	\$ 178,504.07	\$ 163,632.00
Computer Operations	\$ 226,559.87	\$ 213,717.43
GIS Implementation	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 859,638.83	\$ 616,810.43
Election Expenses	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 500.00
Non-Departmental Expenses	\$ 494,000.00	\$ 449,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,396,983.00	\$ 2,282,150.00
Utilities	\$ 178,500.00	\$ 178,000.00
Employee Risk Mgmt Program	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 6,900.00
Dues/Membership	\$ 34,496.00	\$ 32,883.84
Communications	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Motor Pool	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 11,800.00
Flexible Benefits-Medical & Child Care	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,452.00
McLean County Park Board	\$ 92,342.58	\$ 87,501.68
McLean County Fair Board	\$ -	\$ 87,000.00
McLean-Mercer Library Board	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Special Assessments	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Parole & Probation	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 4,080.00
Job Promotions	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Veteran's Service Officer	\$ 36,935.68	\$ 33,072.40
E-911 Coordinator	\$ 115,008.78	\$ 110,062.64
Senior Citizens	\$ 215,600.00	\$ 207,600.00
McLean/Mercer Regional Library	\$ 315,000.00	\$ 344,000.00
First District Health Unit	\$ 211,573.00	\$ 200,380.00
McLean County Historical Society	\$ 53,150.00	\$ 53,150.33
Coal Severance Loans W/Held	\$ 498,026.16	\$ 498,026.16
TOTAL	\$ 7,154,256.77	\$ 6,678,098.11
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Sheriff	\$ 3,329,305.62	\$ 3,140,703.06
Sheriff's Vehicles	\$ 282,000.00	\$ 267,000.00
McLean County Coroner	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 28,500.00
Disaster Emergency Services	\$ 90,808.49	\$ 88,254.18
Vehicle Impound & Towing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
McLean County Rescue Boat	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
School Resource Officer	\$ 98,950.26	\$ 95,536.13

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 3,844,564.37	\$ 3,628,493.37
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT		
Extension Agent	\$ 134,421.71	\$ 124,677.00
Weed Control Board	\$ 258,765.00	\$ 212,954.00
Water Resource Board	\$ 158,500.00	\$ 148,350.00
Soil Conservation	\$ 221,724.31	\$ 214,602.52
TOTAL CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT	\$ 773,411.02	\$ 700,583.52
HIGHWAY OPERATING		
Highway Administration	\$ 209,624.43	\$ 187,804.13
Highway Equipment Expense	\$ 1,850,000.00	\$ 1,690,000.00
Highway Maintenance Shops- Washburn/Garrison	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Highway Maintenance Sheds	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Highway Construction/Maintenance	\$ 3,144,261.83	\$ 2,813,556.82
TOTAL HIGHWAY OPERATIONS	\$ 5,241,886.26	\$ 4,724,360.95
FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD		
Engineering	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Construction	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00
TOTAL FARM TO MARKET ROAD	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
EDUCATION		
Superintendent of Schools	\$ 7,576.77	\$ 7,348.20
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$ 7,576.77	\$ 7,348.20
CHARITIES & RELIEF		
Social Services Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency	\$ -	\$ -
Human Services (County Poor) Fund	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CHARITIES & RELIEF	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REQUESTS-ALL DEPARTMENTS	\$ 17,921,695.19	\$ 16,738,884.15

Further notice is given that the Board of Commissioners, McLean County, North Dakota, will meet in the Commission Room in the McLean County Courthouse, City of Washburn, North Dakota, from 10:00 A.M. until such time as all interested persons have been heard, on the 19th day of September, 2023, for the purpose of hearing any taxpayer who shall appear in favor of or opposition to any proposed expenditures or tax levy, and at the conclusion of hearing of such testimony, the Board of Commissioners, McLean County, North Dakota, will itself make a final review of the above proposed 2023 calendar year budget and shall make all necessary changes prior to final adoption of said budget.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023, at Washburn, ND.
/s/ Beth A. Knutson
Beth A. Knutson
McLean County Auditor

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept the preliminary budget as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

CHECK #	VENDOR NAME	HIGHWAY VOUCHERS DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
307888	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	CYLINDER REPAIR	850.95
307889	FARMERS UNION OIL	MISC HARDWARE	19.24
307890	GARRISON CITY	WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE	52.95
307891	HIGHWAY 83 LAWN LEISURE & SUPPLY	HOOK, SNAP	11.48
307892	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS	372.36
307893	MAX FARM SERVICES	FUEL TO ROSEGLEN, UNDERWOOD, AND TRAILER	17,896.86
307894	MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT LLC	PARTS, TOOLS	980.59
307895	NDDOT	PROJECT: SC-2804(055) MILL & OVERLAY (CO RD 2) PROGRESS EST'S 1-2	232,781.45
307901	NDDOT	PROJECT: BRC-0099(012) PCN 23406 NW REGION BRIDGE INSPECTION, LOAD RATING	13,941.08
307896	ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	PETROLEUM TANK RENEWAL	1,800.00
307897	PUKLICH CHEVROLET	MIRROR	152.26
307898	S & J HARDWARE	CONCRETE ANCHORS	5.18
307899	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORP	DECK MOTOR BLADES	2,012.21
307900	KOTACO	FUEL TO WASHBURN SHOP	29,016.83
CHECK #	VENDOR NAME	UNPAID VOUCHERS DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
307902	SARAH BEDGAR	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE, MILEAGE, MEALS	256.14
307903	BRAVERA WEALTH	QUARTERLY FEES	1,749.61
307904	ASHLEY DEHAVEN	JULY NURSING HOURS	1,840.00
307905	BUTLER MACHINERY	FLUSH COOLING SYSTEM ON THE GENERATOR	1,478.01
307905	BUTLER MACHINERY	REPLACE THERMOSTAT WATER TEMP REGULATOR GENERATOR	1,334.59
307905	BUTLER MACHINERY	FIX GENERATOR - WASHBURN RADIO TOWER	598.18
307906	CHASE DRUG	INMATE MEDS	535.66
307907	CITY OF WASHBURN	COURTHOUSE, LEC - WATER, SEWER	148.17
307908	COAL CONVERSION COUNTIES	CCC DUES ASSESSMENT 2022-2023	1,596.00
307909	C & S REPAIR	OIL CHANGE, BATTERY & ISOLATOR	518.25
307910	EIDE BAILLY LLP	PROCESSING BILLING FOR AUDIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	30,000.00
307911	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	SEAFOAM	19.98
307912	CHRIS FLEMMER	INTRO TO INTERGRATED COMBATIVES TRAINING	550.00
307913	GARRISON RURAL WATER DISTRICT	PARK RURAL WATER USAGE	483.80
307914	BENJAMIN GEHRING	REIMBURSE CORONER FEES	750.00
307915	GOETZ FUNERAL HOME	REIMBURSE CORONER FEES	750.00
307916	GERARD GOVEN	WATER BOARD MEETING AND TRAVEL	1,000.76
307917	HATZY'S REPAIR	OIL CHANGES, ROTATE TIRES, HEADLIGHT, BALANCE TIRES	634.60
307918	HIWAY 83 EXPRESS	GAS	86.32
307919	ITD	WAN, AZURE, OFFICE BASIC 365, INTUNE, ADOBE ACROBAT PRO, VPN, MISC RECURRING BILLINGS	3,858.19
307920	SHANNON JEFFERS	WATER BOARD MEETING AND TRAVEL	1,121.18
307921	MARCO	STANDARD PAYMENT, FREIGHT FEE	2,107.84
307922	MCLEAN-MERCER SENIOR MEALS	2020-2023 LEVY MONIES FOR JULY, 2023,	1,027.67

307923	MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR	MOBILE HOME, STATE AID, P & I	
307923	MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR	DCHSZ INDIRECT COST SHARE CY 2023	112,326.19
307924	MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT	DCHSZ JULY POSTAGE	87.50
307925	MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR	QUICK LINK, CLEVIS SLIP HOOK, MIRROR REPAIR KIT	22.94
307926	MERCER COUNTY AUDITOR	NDSU JULY POSTAGE	45.97
307927	KAMILE MODEREGGER	DCHSZ INDIRECT COST SHARE CY 2023	27,035.50
307928	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE, NDSF GATE FEES	42.00
307929	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	SERVICE AGREEMENT	13,534.00
307930	NDACO	REPAIR LABOR	339.00
307931	NDACO RESOURCE	DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FEE	66.81
307931	NDACO RESOURCE	DELL LATITUDE 3540 - PATTERSON	1,487.44
307931	NDACO RESOURCE	REMOTE SUPPORT	300.00
307932	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	DNSS 4 BUNDLE, RACK TO TOWER CONVERSION STAND S&H	2,098.04
307933	ND VSO ASSOCIATION	SALARY - BEDGAR AND MODEREGGER 3/16/23 - 6/30/23	13,362.15
307934	NITRO-GREEN	FALL CONFERENCE FEE	120.00
307935	NORTHLAND HEALTH PARTNERS	SPRAYED	60.00
307936	LYNN OBERG	INMATE DENTAL	328.00
307937	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	WATER BOARD MEETING AND TRAVEL	1,258.62
		BUTTE, TURTLE LAKE, MAX, WASHBURN SHOPS, COURTHOUSE, RADIO TOWER, LEC	5,007.47
307938	OLIVER COUNTY AUDITOR	DCHSZ INDIRECT COST SHARE CY 2023	5,168.25
307939	PRESORT PLUS	PICKUP FEE	57.40
307940	RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	COMPLETED SCOPE OF DEFICIENCY CORRECTIONS	3,505.00
309741	SANFORD HEALTH	INMATE MEDICAL	1,773.48
307942	SHERIDAN COUNTY AUDITOR	DCHSZ INDIRECT COST SHARE CY 2023	8,287.00
307943	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABS	NO IMPRINT RED TAPE	16.17
307944	S & J HARDWARE	MOLE KILLER, GRASS SEED, GREASE, NUTS, WASHERS, OIL, ETC.	191.65
307945	SOFTCHOICE CORP	MICROSOFT OFFICE STD 2021	291.51
307946	ST ALEXIUS MEDICAL CENTER	INMATE MEDICAL	427.35
307947	MAIN STREET MARKET	INMATE MEALS	3,280.08
307948	UNDERWOOD BODY SHOP	WINDSHIELD	650.25
307949	WASHBURN AUTO BODY	RIGHT FRONT BUMPER, WINDSHIELD	1,433.29
307950	WEBER ELECTRIC	EXTENDED WIRES FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	127.01
307951	WRT	911 TRUNKING RECURRING	494.36
307652	WESTERN FRONTIER INSURANCE	RENEWAL NOTARY FEE - C. HOWE, C. SCHUMAIER	200.00
307953	WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOC.	2022-2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES,	2,715.93
		2022-2023 ANNUAL COUNTY TRUCK PERMIT DUES	
		DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS	
CHECK #	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
4346	JAN HANSON	REIMBURSE MILEAGE	86.00
4347	JAN HANSON	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE	30.00
4348	LADD ERICKSON	REIMBURSE JANUARY TRAVEL	233.18
4349	LADD ERICKSON	REIMBURSE FEBRUARY TRAVEL	116.59
4350	LADD ERICKSON	REIMBURSE MARCH TRAVEL	157.20
4351	LADD ERICKSON	REIMBURSE MAY TRAVEL	68.12
4352	LADD ERICKSON	REIMBURSE JULY TRAVEL	110.04
4353	KAYLA OBERLANDER	REIMBURSE MILEAGE	76.90
4354	KAYLA OBERLANDER	REIMBURSE MILEAGE	93.01
4355	CURT MALO	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE	30.00
4356	NOELLE KROLL	REIMBURSE TRAVEL	262.00
4357	TRAVIS VERKE	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE	30.00
4358	RYAN OBERG	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE	30.00
4359	ELIZABETH PATTERSON	REIMBURSE CELL PHONE	30.00
		PAID VOUCHERS	
CHECK #	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
307853	DACOTAH PAPER CO	COPIER PAPER, PAPER PLATES	198.48
307854	AFLAC	MONTHLY PREMIUM	1,915.91
307855	AVESIS, FSL	VISION INS PREMIUMS -AUGUST 2023	1,556.54
307856	BRAVERA WEALTH	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS	3,649.07
307857	DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS	5,147.26
307858	FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE	FOP DUES	86.00
307859	USABLE LIFE	CANCER AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS	198.40
307860	NDPERS	SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE	70.00
307862	ND CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	4,301.00
307863	WASHINGTON STATE SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	327.59
307864	DACOTAH PAPER CO	GARBAGE BAGS, CLEANER	157.39
307865	EGGERS ELECTRIC MOTOR CO	GENERATOR	41,723.00
307871	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP, INC	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	2,968.57
307872	DACOTAH PAPER CO	TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, NITRILE GLOVES, BLEACH, ETC.	656.91
307874	GARRISON DIVERSION DISTRICT	DISBURSE MONTHLY COLLECTIONS	1,062.03
307875	MCLEAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	DISBURSE MONTHLY COLLECTIONS	365.00
307876	NDACO	DISBURSE 10% E-911 COLLECTIONS	1,192.56
307877	ND STATE TREASURER	DISBURSE MONTHLY COLLECTIONS	6,203.42
307878	TOWN & COUNTRY CREDIT UNION	REMIT - VEHICLE	810.00
307879	ND DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS	CANCELLED CHECKS	430.09
307880	ATTORNEY GENERAL	MONTHLY COLLECTIONS 24/7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM	1,020.00
307881	WEX BANK	GASOLINE	246.45
307882	A & C LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC	DEMO, REMOVE & REPLACE RETAINING WALL	60,225.90
307883	WEX BANK	FLEET CARD & GASOLINE	19,138.04
307884	NDPERS - INSURANCE	JULY 23 PAYROLL	191,433.08
307885	NDPERS - RETIREMENT	JULY 23 PAYROLL	74,922.43
307886	NDPERS	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	8,010.00
307887	NDPOA	2023 NDPOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE	200.00
	JULY PAYROLL	A DETAILED LIST OF PAYROLL FUNDS EXPENDED IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ANYTIME DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS IN THE MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE	421,172.68
PCARD FUNDED PURCHASES			
VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
LINDE GAS & EQUIP INC	WELDING SUPPLIES	214.30	
MCLEAN SHERIDAN RURAL WATER	RURAL WATER	93.08	
NW TIRE	TIRES	1,805.52	
AUTO VALUE	PARTS, OIL, BATTERY	2,845.66	
I-STATE TRUCK CENTER	PARTS	921.74	
RTC	PHONE SERVICE	147.30	
MCLEAN ELECTRIC	ROSEGLEN, UNDERWOOD, GARRISON SHOPS	471.00	
BUTLER MACHINERY	FILTER, ELEMENTS	1,472.59	
WRT	PHONE & DSL	102.74	
NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIPMENT	PARTS	563.11	
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	171.28	

ADVANCED FLEET SERVICES	LABOR PAID FOR TOMMY GATE 48" DECK	1,000.00
HORNBACHERS FLORAL	FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT	63.98
FIREFLY RESERVATIONS	MONTHLY WEBSITE CHARGE FOR PARK	86.50
QUADIENT LEASING	LEASE PAYMENT 7/26/23 TO 10/25/23	147.63
MICROSOFT	OFFICE 365 FOR GARRISON AND WASHBURN SHOPS	17.66
KRAUSE'S	COFFEE	111.92
KRAUSE'S	INMATE MEALS	134.61
VERIZON	KITTLER CELL PHONE	41.87
	KROLL - DES CELL	41.87
	GREY - HIGHWAY CELL	41.87
	STATE'S ATTORNEY CELL	46.87
	OBERG - ASSESSOR JETPACK	40.01
	KROLL - DES JETPACK	40.01
	GARBAGE PICKUP	444.00
	SWEAT PATCH ANALYSIS	115.95
	MOUNT AND BALANCE TIRES	107.96
	FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT	65.00
	SCHOOL ERP INITIATE AND PLAN	240.00
	TIRE REPAIR, BATTERY	105.50
	OIL FILTER	9.27
	NOTARY STAMP FOR JAMES VALANDRA	32.99
	TRANSPORT - PER MILE (101 MILES X 76% X \$4 PER MILE)	694.08
	JOB POSTING ADS	199.00
	VELCRO TABS, TRACK	159.80
	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FOR 911	80.00
	BENEDICT SPORTSMEN'S PARK - PHONE, DSL	165.43
	BINDERS, ADAPTER, ADVIL, POST IT NOTES, ETC.	269.96
	SHERIFF	536.80
	COURTHOUSE	1,481.56
	NDSU EXTENSION	168.99
	E-911	41.79
	JURY/PERSONAL	7.38
	PAROLE AND PROBATION	20.00
	E-911 RADIO TOWER	101.74
	BLADES FOR LAWN MOWER	60.00
	PHONE LINES	93.58
	DATA CARD	1,000.29
	DETECTIVE PHONES	88.74
	KERZMANN PHONE	41.87
	KROHMER PHONE	46.87
	PATROL CELL PHONES	837.40
	LOCK BOX, KEY TAGS, RUBBER BANDS, BINDERS, ETC.	174.90
	MAGPUL M-LOKS	270.40
	SPORTSMEN'S CENTENNIAL PARK	240.00
	PARK BOARD	41.00
	SECURITY LIGHTS - COURTHOUSE	21.00
	SECURITY LIGHTS - SPORTSMEN'S CENTENNIAL PARK	826.00
	CAMPER PADS	688.00
	CENTENNAL PARK CAMPGROUND METER	242.00
	CIVIL DEFENSE	65.00
	K-9 FOOD	221.96
	BUSINESS AUTO	1,083.89
	FIRE & TORNADO	2,366.00
	TOILET RENTAL AT DEEPWATER	600.00
	BLADE, AIR FILTER	38.98
	SPORTSMEN'S CENTENNIAL PARK	2,691.11
	HIGHWAY, SHERIFF TITLES	174.00
	TOILET RENTAL AT STEINKE	600.00
	TASK FORCE OFFICER	42.09
	LEC PEST CONTROL	20.03
	VARIANCE NOTICE	127.92
	COMMISSION MINUTES	678.96
	HELP WANTED ADS	2,631.10
	BOARD APPOINTMENTS	591.04

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the Uncollected Tax List for years 2020-2022 showing a total of \$1,110,358.10.

Knutson presented the current list of delinquent tax payers owing more than \$4,000.00 showing 37 taxpayers owing \$410,198.34 in back taxes.

Knutson presented the budget narrative for period ending July 31, 2023. She presented data showing property tax collections are at 92% collected including 96% with discount for 2023 or \$18,814,204.70; government reimbursement revenues totaled \$1,739,072.25 compared to \$1,687,129.00 in 2022; fees and miscellaneous revenues totaled \$1,211,328.83 compared to \$1,028,872.55 in 2022; and expenditures were at 49.94% of total budget for 2023.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Cottingham, Chairperson

Diane L. Blumhagen, Deputy Auditor