

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The second regular April meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Chairperson Curt Olson. Present were Commissioners Olson, Steve Cottingham, and Steve Lee. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Lynda Snyder; Road Superintendent Jim Grey; Rocky Thompson; RJ Theis; Shawn Weigel; Wayne Burbach; Rainbow Energy Director of Projects Jon Price; NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness Agent Kamile Moderegger; and NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent Sarah Bedgar.

Kroll presented bids for a Hazardous Material Full-Scale Exercise. She recommended accepting the proposal in the amount of \$9,347.98 from Grey Sky LLC, a branch of Heartland Consulting Group, LLC.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve acceptance of the presented proposal from Grey Sky LLC. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey provided a department update stating that shoulder work continues as weather permits, as well as tree work in the Garrison area. Discussion followed.

Grey presented two boring permits from Falkirk Mining Company to install McLean Electric power lines and McLean-Sheridan Rural Water access.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the boring permits for Falkirk Mining Company as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Weigel requested on behalf of the Spring Creek Cabin Association that speed bumps be added in the Douglas Bay Cabin site. He stated Douglas Bay Cabin Site now has over 200 homes and public access is allowed to the boat dock which has increased traffic significantly. He also stated their safety concerns which include: speeds observed on this road; trees and bushes reducing visibility; and dust. Discussion followed.

Lee suggested working with Highway Superintendent Jim Grey on placing the speed bumps and signs so they are within North Dakota Century Code guidelines. He went on to request sign placement and speed bumps be mapped out and brought to the commission for approval. Grey stated he will meet with the owners at the cabin site to assist with placement.

Assistant Director of Tax Equalization Elizabeth Patterson joined the meeting.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the request submitted by Frans Johan and Gertrudia Maria Uys of Underwood, North Dakota, requesting approval of a conditional use permit involving land located in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 146 North, Range 82 West. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the request submitted by Rainbow Energy of Underwood, North Dakota, requesting approval of a zoning change involving 60 acres of land located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 145 North, Range 82 West. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the request submitted by Zac Schlichting of Garrison, North Dakota, requesting approval of a conditional use permit involving 3.76 acres of land located in Outlot A in S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 148 North, Range 85 West of St. Mary Township. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson stated that ballots for the Primary Election have been ordered and Vote-by-Mail Applications were sent.

Knutson presented a resolution appointing Election Inspectors. This resolution is on file in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Suydam, to approve the resolution as presented, which also gives the Auditor authority to fill any vacancies that may arise. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented a Gaming Site Authorization Application submitted by Aggie Foundation for bingo, raffles, electronic 50/50 raffle, pull tab dispensing device, electronic pull tab device, prize board, prize board dispensing device, sports pools, twenty-one, poker, and Calcutta activities at DL's Strawberry Cooler of Ruso from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to approve the Gaming Site Authorization Application submitted by Aggie Foundation contingent upon verification of activities and payment. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moderegger and Bedgar gave an update on NDSU Extension activities and the quarterly narrative to the Commission. Discussion followed.

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

A detailed list of checks is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

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

Knutson stated the North Dakota Game and Fish has determined that silt will need to be removed from the boat ramps at Sportsmen's Centennial Park. Les Hultberg will reach out to them about our options. Discussion followed.

Knutson presented additional employee annual reviews for approval and signatures.

Knutson presented the contract for Project FXS-2841(053) with C3 Energy Partners LLC for signature.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Curt Olson, Chairperson

Lynda Snyder, Deputy Auditor