

**McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

The second regular June meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Cottingham. Present were Commissioners Cottingham, Steve Lee, and Barry Suydam. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Kayla Oberlander; Road Superintendent James Grey; Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke; Wold Engineering Representative Mike Rivinius; and Director of Disaster Emergency Services Noelle Kroll.

Grey presented the commission with the certified road miles from the organized townships for acceptance and signatures.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to accept the certified road miles for the organized townships. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented the commission with information he received from Rainbow Energy on three different permits. He said it looked like they are just providing information at this time due to there not being any applications filled out. Cottingham suggested Grey try to get more information from Rainbow Energy.

Grey discussed an area in the Iglehart Cabin Site where tree branches are obstructing the view at the intersection of 50th Ave and 14th St. Discussion followed.

Moved by Suydam, Seconded by Lee, to place a stop sign at the intersection of 50th Ave and 14th St in the Iglehart Cabin Site. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mike Rivinius presented a change order to the commission in the amount of \$238,972.80 for the project at Wilton. This shoulder widening project is going to require more patching due to the road breaking.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Lee, to accept the change order as presented by Rivinius. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Suydam, Lee, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rivinius also presented the commission with the question of whether or not to eliminate the rumble strips by the stop sign at (garrison project). The commission agreed the rumble strips should be installed according to standard.

Tax Equalization Director Todd Schreiner and Assistant Director of Tax Equalization Elizabeth Patterson joined the meeting to present the application from the Planning and Zoning Meeting held on June 17, 2024.

Moved by Lee, Seconded by Suydam, to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Paul & Melora Buchholz, of Turtle Lake, ND, requesting approval of a conditional use permit involving land located in Lot A in the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 148 North, Range 80 West, more specifically identified as Lot 1A (2 acres). Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Schreiner presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Veterans Service, with the only changes being the Salaries line item has been left blank and Vetra Spec line item decreased from \$1,100.00 which was the initial cost to \$450.00 which is the yearly cost. Total budget presented, not including Salaries, \$3,010.00.

Schreiner presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Tax Director/Land Use, Salaries line item has been left blank, GIS Maintenance line item increase from \$778.99 to \$900.00, Training decreased from \$4,000.00 to \$2,500.00, and ESRI-license renewal (GIS) decreased from the initial cost of \$1,650.00 to the yearly cost of \$440.00. Total budget presented, not including Salaries, \$41,760.00.

Kroll presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Employee Risk Management Program, the AED line item will be moved to the Disaster Emergency Services Budget in 2025 and the Training line item decreased from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00. Total budget presented, \$6,500.00.

Kroll presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Disaster Emergency Services, with the being the Salaries and Overtime line items being left blank and the AED line item being added in the amount of \$2,000.00, Travel increased from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 and Contractors/Plan Updates increased from \$8,500.00 to \$9,500.00. Total budget presented, not including Salaries and Overtime, \$68,360.00.

Knutson presented the proposed budget for 2025 for County Recorder, with the only change being the Salaries line item has been left blank. Total budget presented, not including Salaries, \$12,000.00.

Knutson presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Weed Board, with the benefits line items being left blank, there was an increase in the Chemicals line item from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00, a decrease in the Capital Outlay line item from \$70,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and a line item for Drone Spraying was added in the amount of \$20,000.00 Total budget presented, not including benefits, \$199,750.00.

Bohnsack joined the meeting and presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Clerk of District Court, with the only change being the Salaries line item has been left blank. Total budget presented, not including Salaries, \$33,500.00.

Knutson presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Rescue Boat. Total budget presented, \$0.00.

Knutson presented the proposed budget for 2025 for Parole & Probation. Total budget presented, \$0.00.

Knutson presented the proposed budget for 2025 Job Promotions. Total budget presented, \$0.00.

Knutson presented the proposed budget for 2025 County Coroner, with no changes. Total budget presented, \$36,000.00.

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

| CHECK # | VENDOR NAME | HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 309191 | B & F FASTNER SUPPLY CO | BOLTS | 53.61 |
| 309192 | DEERE CREDIT, INC | RENTAL PAYMENTS FOR 4 JD TRACTORS FOR MOWING | 2,750.00 |
| 309193 | GARRISON CITY | WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE | 56.71 |
| 309194 | MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC | PROJECT: CP-2400(024) | 1,063,741.73 |

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| 309194 | MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC | PROJECT: CP-2400(023) | 422,251.91 |
| 309195 | MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT | PARTS | 2,086.17 |
| 309196 | MDU | GAS | 194.21 |
| 309197 | NDDOT | PROJECT: BRC-0099(012) PCN 23406 | 570.51 |
| 309198 | NELSON AUTO CENTER, INC. | 2-GMC SIERRA 4WD CREW CAB VIN # 76033, 77006 | 97,436.00 |
| 309199 | S & J HARDWARE | PARTS | 44.96 |
| 309200 | WASHBURN AUTO BODY | GLASS, URETHANE KIT AND LABOR TO INSTALL WINDSHIELD | 255.00 |

| CHECK # | VENDOR NAME | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
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| 309201 | ASHLEY DEHAVEN | NURSING HOURS | 2,600.00 |
| 309202 | DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS | JUVENILE MEDICAL BILLING | 260.00 |
| 309203 | DIFFLEY'S REPAIR | OIL CHANGES | 412.75 |
| 309204 | EIDE FORD MANDAN | CHECK ENGINE LIGHT, MOUNTING ASSEMBLY, BELT, ETC. | 1,730.20 |
| 309205 | ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | PRE-MARKED TEST BALLOTS | 198.20 |
| 309206 | EXTREME CLEANING INC | CLEANING KITCHEN HOOD, DUCTWORK, FAN | 1,136.00 |
| 309207 | FARMERS UNION OIL CO. | OIL CHANGES, BUG CLEANER | 142.75 |
| 309208 | FARMERS UNION OIL CO. | RAIN X | 5.23 |
| 309209 | FINLEY MOTORS INC | 2025 RANGER | 28,124.00 |
| 309210 | GUARDIAN LOCK & GUARDIAN | KEYS MADE | 13.64 |
| 302111 | HIGHWAY 83 LAWN, LEISURE & SUPPLY | BATTERY PACK, STRING TRIMMER KIT, LINE TRIMMER | 619.97 |
| 309212 | ITD | MONTHLY CLIENT CHARGES | 1,228.50 |
| 309212 | NDIT | MONTHLY CHARGES | 3,986.04 |
| 309213 | J & R VACUUM & SEWING | AGITATOR | 29.99 |
| 309214 | KEN'S BODY SHOP | IMPOUNDS | 3,850.00 |
| 309215 | KRAUSE'S MARKET | SUPPLIES FOR BABYSITTING CLASS | 8.18 |
| 309216 | LIGNITE TIRE | SHERIFF'S TIRES | 3,340.06 |
| 309217 | MARCO | HP 764 BLACK INK, HP 727 PRINthead | 622.33 |
| 309218 | MCLEAN-MERCER COUNTY MEALS | TAX DISBURSEMENTS | 1,692.93 |
| 309219 | MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT | MOTOR POOL-CURT'S PICK UP | 379.04 |
| 309220 | MCLEAN CO AUDITOR | NDSU POSTAGE | 264.06 |
| 309221 | MDU | COURTHOUSE, LEC-GAS | 174.06 |
| 309222 | MENARDS | TOILET REPAIR, TILE ADHESIVE, TROWEL, TIRE REPAIR | 110.39 |
| 309223 | MIDCO | JAIL CABLE TV | 146.05 |
| 309224 | MINOT MUNICIPLE LISTING | MCLEAN CO MLS | 225.00 |
| 309225 | KAMILE MODEREGGER | OFFICE, JUDING SUPPLIES REIMB | 6.42 |
| 309226 | NRG | JULY 2024 SUPPORT CONTRACT | 4,240.00 |
| 309227 | ND CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE | ANNUAL DUES | 100.00 |
| 309228 | NDSU DEPT. 3110 | ENVELOPES, STALL CARDS | 178.50 |
| 309229 | PRESORT PLUS | TAX NOTICES, PICK UP FEE, COURIER SERVICE | 2,546.94 |
| 309230 | PUKLICH CHEVROLET | CYLINDER KEY FOD, ENGINE AIR FILTER, CABIN AIR FILTER | 690.93 |
| 309231 | QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC | POSTAGE MACHINE REFILL | 2,000.00 |
| 309232 | REEVES COMPANY INC | ENGRAVED NAME PINS | 1,159.54 |
| 309233 | ART RENNER | JAIL MEDICAL DIRECTOR | 2,000.00 |
| 309234 | SCOTTS HARWARE | SPRAYER, KEY, EXTENSION CORD, TROWEL | 92.73 |
| 309235 | S & J HARDWARE | VARIOUS SUPPLIES | 291.78 |
| 309236 | MAIN STREET MARKET | ELECTION TRAINING MEALS | 177.12 |
| 309237 | TYLER TECHNOLOGIES | SCHOOL ERP MANAGEMENT, TAXWISE CONVERSION | 3,915.00 |
| 309238 | UNICOM | S9 REPAIR GRILL LIGHT REWIRING, REPLACE KENNEL LIGHT | 250.00 |
| 309239 | WARD COUNTY AUDITOR | INMATE HOUSING | 540.00 |
| 309240 | WASHBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL | SPELLING BEE AND MATH COUNTS | 4,751.97 |
| 309241 | WASHBURN AUTO BODY | WHEEL MOUNTING, BALANCE | 458.02 |
| 309242 | WATER PURITY INC | WATER | 69.00 |
| 309243 | WRT | 911 TRUNKING RECURRING | 549.36 |
| 309244 | WESTERN FRONTIER INSURANCE | RENEWAL OF NOTARY FEE | 100.00 |
| 309245 | WEX HEALTH | MONTHLY ADMIN FEE | 88.00 |

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| 5484 | KAYLA OBERLANDER | REIMBURSE FOR ELECTION TRAVEL | 76.38 |
| 5485 | NOELLE KROLL | REIMBURSE FOR TRAVEL, REGISTRATION | 234.26 |
| 5486 | JESSE FEIST | REIMBURSEMENT FOR RIVERBOAT PARADE CANDY | 62.65 |
| 5487 | SHERRY GREY | REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHUMACHER NDLETA CLOTHING | 64.50 |
| 5488 | AARON MATTIES | REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUT OF STATE MEALS - TRAINING | 130.00 |
| 5489 | BRADLEY NEILSEN | REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUT OF STATE MEALS - TRAINING | 370.00 |
| 5490 | CURT OLSON | REIMBURSE FOR GARMIN USB ANTENNA FOR GPS RECEIVER | 218.28 |
| 5491 | CRAIG SALHUS | REIMBURSEMENT FOR GASOLINE | 40.00 |
| 5491 | CRAIG SALHUS | REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUT OF STATE MEALS - TRAINING | 104.00 |
| 5492 | CELESTE WILFONG | REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL, MEALS, MILEAGE | 490.99 |
| 5493 | VANCE TOMLINSON | REIMBURSE FOR GEMPLERS PURCHASE | 278.18 |

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| 309185 | NDPERS - INSURANCE | MAY PAYROLL | 200,865.16 |
| 309186 | NDPERS - RETIREMENT | MAY PAYROLL | 90,568.48 |
| 309187 | NDPERS - DEFERRED COMP. | MAY PAYROLL | 7,475.00 |
| 309188 | DACOTAH PAPER | NITRILE GLOVES, WIPERS | 566.81 |
| 309189 | DACOTAH PAPER | DISSOLVENT, GARBAGE BAGS, TOILET PAPER, ETC. | 485.42 |
| 309190 | D & D ICEBURG | ABSENTEE BOARD MEAL | 98.93 |
| | MAY PAYROLL | A DETAILED LIST OF PAYROLL FUNDS EXPENDED IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ANYTIME DURING | 477,127.34 |

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS IN THE MCLEAN COUNTY
AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

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

Knutson informed the commission that the City of Riverdale voted to not renew their police contract with McLean County.

Knutson presented the current list of delinquent tax payers owing more than \$4,000 showing 56 taxpayers owing \$540,851.11 in back taxes.

Chairperson Cottingham recessed the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Chairperson Cottingham reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and opened the Discovery Wind Project Hearing.

Cottingham invited anyone who submitted an appeal letter to speak.

The following people spoke in support of the project and requested the Commission reconsider their vote from the Discovery Wind Hearing held on April 9, 2024:

Wayne Carlson, Dennis Cleveland, Clark Renfrow, Donna Simmons, Lowell Rothman, Dennis Kost, Susan Shearer, Robert Wagner, Wanda Cleveland, Rick Tweeten, Chris Cleveland, Mark Jennings, Denise Carlson; and Sean Stocker of Discovery Wind.

The following people all spoke against the project:

Marvin Neumiller, Alan Wager, Jason Ziemann, Larry Clark, Collette Ronderos, Shane Wagner, Pablo Ronderos Jr, Heather Lussenden, and Vern Harchenko.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Suydam, to deny all appeals to the April 9, 2024, decision regarding the Discovery Wind Project. Lee stated the evidence is clear and there is no reason to make any changes. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Suydam, and Cottingham. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Cottingham, Chairperson

Kayla Oberlander, Deputy Auditor