

McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

The first regular August meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:43 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; Director of Emergency Services Noelle Kroll; NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness Agent Kamile Moderegger; and DeAnn Lowry.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2026 as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lowry was present for public comment to express concerns with speed bumps in the Iglehart Subdivision in Garrison. She stated she feels there is a safety concern as they are hindering access by emergency vehicles. Discussion followed.

Grey stated that he will address the concerns with the speed bumps including the inadequate signage and the additional unauthorized speed bump. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to notify the cabin association via letter of the stated concerns and that they are required to seek approval before placing the speed bumps next year. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that mowing continues but has been challenging with the department being short staffed. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve overtime for the Highway Department at the Highway Superintendent's discretion. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey requested authorization to purchase a 24-foot tilt bed trailer to haul equipment with budgeted funds. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve purchase of the trailer from Extreme Sales in the amount of \$8,520.00. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented a quote from Subsurface, Inc. to repair a culvert north of Wilton. He stated that the culvert is concrete and in good shape and feels it can be repaired rather than replacing. He also stated that Subsurface Inc has another job in the area and the mobilization charge will be reduced as a result. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve presented culvert repair by Subsurface Inc. in the amount of \$22,440.00 or less. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kroll requested authorization to expend two Homeland Security Grants that were awarded to McLean County. The first one is FY 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$9,500.00 and the second one is 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$42,361.00. She stated the grant funds will be used for a full-scale exercise and the previously submitted list of equipment and supplies.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to authorize Kroll to expend the grant funds as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kroll stated that the full-scale exercise scheduled was interrupted due to a real emergency that required all attendees to leave. She requested that Tier 2 funds be used to reschedule and conduct the exercise. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve rescheduling the full-scale exercise as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moderegger gave an update on the NDSU Extension activities and presented a quarterly narrative to the Commissioners. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to approve the Dakota Central Human Service Zone (DCHSZ) Transfer of Funds resolutions and the McLean County Auditor's Sweep Account Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll Call: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

DCHSZ Transfer of Funds and McLean County Sweep Account Transfer of Funds resolutions are on file in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank for the period ending July 31, 2026. The total public deposits were \$22,261,297.05 and the total pledged securities were \$25,434,813.00 with an overage of \$3,173,515.95.

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

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to accept the change in mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicles increasing from \$0.73 to \$0.76 per mile as instituted by the State of North Dakota retroactive to July 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented three Special Event Liquor License Transfers for MSJ, Inc d/b/a Hometown Tavern & Bottle Shop for a wedding reception and dance at Triangle Y Camp on August 19, 2026; Oktoberfest at Fort Stevenson State Park on August 19, 2026; and the EMS kids' event and lighted parade at Fort Stevenson State Park on August 15, 2026.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the special event permits as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Department for the month of July in the amount of \$10,215.95.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of July in the amount of \$1,854.96.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, 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: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 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