

**McLean County Commission Proceedings**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

The first regular October meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Lee. Present were Commissioners Lee, Steve Cottingham, and Curt Olson. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Lynda Snyder; Road Superintendent James Grey; Computer Operations Director Lori Foss; Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnson; Michael Lindblom; Bob Larson; Kathy and Dan Wagner; and Rainbow Energy Director of Projects Jon Price.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2025, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Foss presented a quote for five laptops and software from NRG Technology Services in the amount of \$9,916.58. Foss stated that all laptop replacements were budgeted.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to authorize purchase of the laptops and software from NRG Technology Services. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Johnson asked for permission to extend the probation period for an employee of the Sheriff's Department trying to pass their GED to fulfill the minimum job requirements. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve extending the probationary period through June 2026. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Building and Maintenance Supervisor Curt Malo joined the meeting and asked permission to replace the light fixtures in the shower in the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) with tamper-proof fixtures per the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation requirements. He stated that only two fixtures need to be replaced at this time and the Maintenance Department will install them. Discussion followed.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve purchase of new light fixtures for the LEC with amount not to exceed \$650 per fixture. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

Malo stated that he had been seeking bids for glass partitions for the offices with direct access to the public. He went on to explain that five windows will be needed in the Clerk of Court, States Attorney, Auditor, and the Dakota Central Human Services Zone departments. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Lee asked Malo to return to an upcoming meeting for approval once bids are final.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that mowing will be completed in the next couple weeks and graveling continues across the county. Discussion followed.

Grey presented a boring request from RTC Networks (RTC) to bore and plow 1 1/4" HDPE pipe to provide service to Shay Collins at 2388 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW in Benedict North Dakota. RTC is requesting permission to be in County Road (CR) 23 right-of-way for approximately 2 1/8 miles, beginning in NE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 149 North, Range 81 West, vibratory plow a 24-fiber optic cable at the depth of 42 inches, in the west right-of-way for 5,734 feet including boring the wet area in NE 1/4SE 1/4 of Section 19, boring the SE 1/4 of Section 19 to NE 1/4 of Section 30, and boring CR 23 from NE 1/4NE 1/4 of Section 30 to NW 1/4NW 1/4 of Section 29 where a vault will be set on the edge of the right-of-way then continue south in the east right-of-way for 5,403 feet including boring the wet area in the SW 1/4NW 1/4 of Section 29 and Ken Adam's driveways in the NE 1/4NE 1/4 of Section 32 to the existing vault. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve the boring request for RTC to provide service to Shay Collins. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey stated that Mortiz Sport and Marine contacted him, the Can-Am Defender XT previously purchased has arrived and we should receive the unit next week once the modifications are completed.

Grey informed the board that he and Assistant Road Superintendent Travis Verke will be attending the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Road Conference in Sioux Falls, SD, on October 20-22, 2025. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Lee recessed the regular McLean County Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m. and opened the public hearing for the request of a no wake zone or no access buoy placement at Brush Lake.

Knutson provided an explanation of the Century Code rules and clarification of the purpose of the public meeting being held. Discussion followed.

Larson stated his opposition. Discussion followed.

Kim Wagner stated her concern with the blind channel and obstructed view as this is a unique situation. Discussion followed.

Lindblom stated his opposition and concerns with placing a buoy in this area. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, that the McLean County Commission will not request a no wake zone or no access buoy from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on the Brush Lake Association being more communicative of rules and trying to resolve issues within the community themselves.

Knutson stated the Wagners were responsible for the publishing charge for the public hearing, however, the commission requested the notice be published in all county newspapers resulting in additional charges. Knutson recommended that McLean County pay any cost over \$150 previously quoted to the Wagners for the publication.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to cover the additional cost over \$150 for advertising the public hearing in all papers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lee adjourned the public hearing for a request of a no wake zone or no access buoy placement at Brush Lake at 9:34 a.m.

Chairperson Lee reconvened the 2026 McLean County budget hearing at 9:42 a.m.

State's Attorney Ladd Erickson joined the meeting.

Knutson presented copies of the 2026 McLean County budget to the Commission and went over the changes. Discussion followed.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the 2026 cost-of-living increase of 2.5% and salary step adjustments of 2.5%. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve the McLean County 2026 budget as presented. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

McLEAN COUNTY BUDGET  
**FINAL BUDGET FOR McLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1 TO  
DECEMBER 31, 2026.

I, Beth A. Knutson, duly elected and qualified auditor for McLean County, North Dakota, do hereby certify that the following budget for said McLean County was approved and adopted by the McLean County Board of Commissioners on October 7, 2025. Motion for the adoption and approval was made by Commissioner Cottingham and seconded by Commissioner Olson.  
Voting aye: Commissioner Cottingham, Commissioner Olson, and Commissioner Lee.

I further certify that the action was taken only after a review of all department budgets and the hearing of any comments made at a public hearing on the proposed budget which was held in the commission room of the McLean County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M., September 16, 2025 the meeting was recessed and reconvened on October 7, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF McLEAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA: We, the Board of Commissioners, McLean County, North Dakota, hereby give notice that we have examined the several offices, institutions, departments and undertakings, supported wholly or in part by McLean County, and from such examinations, in our opinion, for the calendar year beginning January 1, and ending December 31, 2026, the following amounts are necessary for government operations and are therefore approved as the final budget for McLean County, North Dakota for the year of 2026:

**FINAL BUDGET**  
**McLean County, North Dakota**

<b>Department of Activity</b>	<b>2026 Approved</b>	
Board of Commissioners	\$	82,856.21
McLean County Park Board	\$	89,245.70
Clerk of District Court	\$	201,942.06
Juvenile Court	\$	2,000.00
Auditor	\$	331,226.61
State's Attorney	\$	244,504.06
Director of Tax Equalization/Land Use	\$	235,483.69
Recorder	\$	188,123.93
Superintendent of Schools	\$	8,675.59
Computer Operations	\$	226,813.26
GIS Implementation	\$	-
Buildings & Grounds	\$	599,586.79
Election Expenses	\$	100,000.00
Non-Departmental Expenses + Fair Board	\$	571,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$	2,928,600.00
Utilities	\$	167,500.00
Employee Risk Management Program	\$	8,000.00
Dues/Membership	\$	34,134.00
Flexible Benefits-Medical & Child Care	\$	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,020,691.90</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
Sheriff	\$	3,457,492.01
McLean County Coroner	\$	26,000.00
Communications	\$	9,000.00
Motor Pool	\$	13,100.00
Sheriff's Vehicles	\$	267,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,772,592.01</b>
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>		
Vehicle Impound & Towing	\$	6,000.00
E-911 Coordinator	\$	117,569.54
SSNTF	\$	131,862.31
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>255,431.85</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>		
Coal Severance Loans W/Held	\$	498,026.16
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICES FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>498,026.16</b>
<b>Total County General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,546,741.92</b>
<b>HIGHWAY OPERATING</b>		
Highway Administration	\$	227,713.89
Highway Maintenance Shops-Washburn/Garrison	\$	25,000.00
Highway Equipment Expense	\$	1,752,000.00
Highway Construction/Maintenance	\$	3,315,031.13
Highway Maintenance Sheds	\$	13,000.00
Road Plan Expenses	\$	739,000.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,071,745.02</b>
<b>FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD</b>		
Engineering	Repealed	
Construction	Repealed	
<b>TOTAL FARM TO MARKET ROAD</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total County Highway Appropriations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,071,745.02</b>
<b>TRANSFER FUNDS</b>		
School Resource Officer	T \$	108,648.33
Veteran's Service Officer	T \$	38,199.01
Disaster Emergency Services	T \$	112,487.62
Extension Agent	T \$	125,532.62
Parole & Probation	T \$	-
Job Promotions	T \$	-
McLean County Rescue Boat	T \$	-
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>384,867.58</b>
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDS</b>		
Emergency Fund	\$	40,000.00
Special Assessments	\$	-
Senior Citizens	\$	188,175.00
Water Resource Board	\$	173,500.00
McLean/Mercer Regional Library	\$	339,000.00
1st District Health Unit	\$	209,830.00
McLean County Historical Society	\$	23,500.00
Weed Control Board	\$	246,604.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,220,609.00</b>
<b>SOIL CONSERVATION</b>		
Soil Conservation	\$	216,367.07
<b>TOTAL REQUESTS-ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,440,330.59</b>

Listed below are the various dollar amounts expected to be levied for each account in accordance with the approved final 2026 budgets and state mill levy limitations. The mill levies are subject to minor change dependent upon final taxing district valuations.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Levy Amount</b>	
State Tax	\$	94,089.49
<b>COUNTY LEVIES</b>		

County General Fund	\$	4,570,311.64
Farm to Market Road**	\$	-
Road & Bridge Fund**	\$	1,881,789.82
Social Service Fund	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	40,000.00
Special Assessments	\$	-
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT LEVIES</b>		
Senior Citizens**	\$	188,175.00
Garrison Diversion	\$	94,089.49
Water Resource Board	\$	173,500.00
McLean /Mercer County Library**	\$	339,000.00
1st District Health Unit	\$	209,830.00
McLean County Historical Society**	\$	23,500.00
Weed Control Board	\$	246,604.00
<b>SOIL CONSERVATION</b>		
West McLean Soil Conservation District	\$	79,902.63
South McLean Soil Conservation District	\$	136,485.34
Unorganized County Road Fund	\$	522,109.00

**NOTE:** Items marked with double asterisk are maximum allowable levies and may not generate the entire amount of requested levy.

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026 (#4)	\$	1,048,833.59
(Plus) Projected Revenue (#5)	\$	5,530,098.16
Total Available Funds (#6)	\$	6,578,931.75
(Less) Budget Request (#3)	\$	10,931,609.50
Delinquent Tax Allowance (#8)*	\$	217,633.89
Required 2026 Levy (#9)	\$	4,570,311.64
<b>STATE MEDICAL</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	15,648.78
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	15,648.78
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	94,089.49
Required 2026 Levy	\$	94,089.49
<b>GARRISON DIVERSION</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	16,431.81
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	12,468.17
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	16,431.81
Total Available Funds	\$	12,468.17
(Less) Budget Request	\$	106,557.66
Required 2026 Levy	\$	94,089.49
<b>FARM TO MARKET ROAD</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	-
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Plus) Transfer In	\$	-
(Less) Cash Reserve	\$	-
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	-
Required 2026 Levy	\$	-
<b>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	(162,061.99)
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	1,918,400.00
(Plus) Transfer In	\$	2,433,617.19
Total Available Funds	\$	4,189,955.20
(Less) Budget Request	\$	6,071,745.02
Required 2026 Levy	\$	1,881,789.82
<b>UNORGANIZED ROAD FUND</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	98,716.80
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Minus) Transfer to General Fund	\$	98,716.80
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	522,109.00
Required 2026 Levy	\$	522,109.00
<b>EMERGENCY FUND</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	859,068.94
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	-
Total Available Funds	\$	859,068.94
(Less) Budget Request	\$	899,068.94
Required 2026 Levy	\$	40,000.00
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	21,052.82
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) General Fund Transfer	\$	-
Total Available Funds	\$	21,052.82
(Less) Budget Request	\$	-
Required 2026 Levy	\$	(21,052.82)
<b>SENIOR CITIZENS</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	14,845.33
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	14,845.33
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	188,175.00
Required 2026 Levy	\$	188,175.00
<b>WATER RESOURCE BOARD</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	78,589.52
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) Cash Reserve	\$	78,589.52
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Requests	\$	173,500.00
Required 2026 Levy	\$	173,500.00
<b>MCLEAN/MERCER REGIONAL LIBRARY</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	(9,519.01)
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	108,375.00
(Less) Cash Reserve	\$	-
(Plus) Transfers In	\$	414,925.01
Total Available Funds	\$	513,781.00
(Less) Budget Request	\$	852,781.00

Required 2026 Levy	\$	339,000.00
<b>FIRST DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	41,176.73
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	<u>41,176.73</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>209,830.00</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	209,830.00
<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	4,063.10
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	<u>4,063.10</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>23,500.00</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	23,500.00
<b>WEED CONTROL BOARD</b>		
Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	15,604.00
(Less) Cash Reserve	\$	15,604.00
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	<u>5,400.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$	5,400.00
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>252,004.00</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	246,604.00

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**SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

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**SOUTH McLEAN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	21,702.70
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	<u>21,702.70</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>136,464.44</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	136,464.44

**WEST McLEAN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	16,338.00
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Less) Transfer Out	\$	<u>16,338.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	-
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>79,902.63</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	79,902.63

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**TRANSFER ACCOUNTS**

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**E-911 SERVICES**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	138,837.78
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	165,000.00
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	-
Total Funds Available	\$	303,837.78
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>117,569.54</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	(186,268.24)

**SSNTF**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	111,011.51
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	100,000.00
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	-
Total Funds Available	\$	211,011.51
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>134,362.31</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	(76,649.20)

**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	855.59
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	72,000.00
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	<u>35,792.74</u>
Total Funds Available	\$	108,648.33
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>108,648.33</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	-

**VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	-
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	<u>38,199.01</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	38,199.01
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>38,199.01</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	-

**DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	18,113.87
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	<u>112,487.62</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	130,601.49
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>112,487.62</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	(18,113.87)

**EXTENSION AGENT**

Fund Balance January 1, 2026	\$	8,113.88
(Plus) Projected Revenue	\$	-
(Plus) General Fund Transfer	\$	<u>125,532.62</u>
Total Available Funds	\$	133,646.50
(Less) Budget Request	\$	<u>125,532.62</u>
Required 2026 Levy	\$	(8,113.88)

Dated this 7th day of October, 2025 at Washburn, North Dakota.

\s/ Beth A. Knutson  
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 Beth A. Knutson  
 McLean County Auditor

Chairperson Lee adjourned the 2026 McLean County budget hearing and immediately reconvened the regular McLean County Commission meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Erickson stated he has been contacted about a potential battery storage project being constructed west of Garrison. This project would stabilize the grid in the area for Central Power and McLean Electric. Discussion followed.

Erickson presented a low interest loan program through Bank of North Dakota for improved access of infrastructure on county roads. The purpose of the loan would be to pave the road to the Industrial Park at Rainbow Energy Center. Erickson stated that the application is due November 1, 2025, and the county would have the option to decline the funds if approved. Discussion followed.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to authorize application to the Bank of North Dakota for a loan to finance improved county road infrastructure. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank. The total public deposits were \$21,246,766.92 and the total pledged securities were \$22,574,918.94 on October 1, 2025.

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

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

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

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule calendar with one change in December moving the meeting on December 22 to December 29. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to change the second meeting in December 2025 from December 16 to December 30. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to appoint Ashley Woolley as the 2025 ND State Fair Delegate. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented final recommendations for minimum sale prices on real estate forfeited to the county. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve minimum sale prices of property taken for delinquent 2022 taxes as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**Notice of Sale of Real Estate Forfeited to the County  
For Delinquent Taxes  
Chapter 57-28 N.D.C.C.**

Notice is hereby given that the following real estate has been forfeited to the County of McLean, State of North Dakota, for delinquent taxes that said county has taken tax deed for such property and will offer it for sale at public auction beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the county commission chambers of the McLean County Courthouse.

Each Parcel of real estate will be offered separately and sold to the highest bidder, but not for a sum less than the minimum sale price listed below. Payment must be made in cash. The sale shall continue until such time as all parcels forfeited to McLean County have been offered for sale and/or sold.

**Appraised Value of Property Taken for Delinquent 2022 Taxes**

Parcel #	Legal Description	Amt Owed	Minimum Sale Price
<u>Butte City</u>			
73-0001-10306-000	Lots 3-4 Blk 4 Original Townsite	\$1,545.15	\$2,169.03
73-0001-10370-000	South 143' Lot 2 Blk 8 Original Townsite	\$1,564.47	\$2,194.84
73-0001-10499-000	Lot 22, Less West 5' Blk 20 Original Townsite	\$1,812.22	\$2,516.61
<u>Garrison City</u>			
75-1602-00008-000	Lot 5 Blk 2 Pankratz 2 <sup>nd</sup> Addition	\$1,384.47	\$1,958.00
<u>Mercer City</u>			
77-1501-00073-000	E2N2 Lot 14 (150X150) Olesen's Addition	\$8,068.41	\$8,093.18
77-1501-00074-000	W2N2 Lot 14 (150X150) Olesen's Addition	\$7,438.72	\$7,607.49
<u>Turtle Lake City</u>			
79-1801-00005-000	Lots 10-11-12 Blk 1 Ramsey Addition	\$1,090.54	\$1,355.76

Given pursuant to authority of law this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, at Washburn, ND

/S/ Beth A. Knutson  
Beth A. Knutson  
McLean County Auditor

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to set the hearing for the minimum sales prices of delinquent properties for 9:15 a.m. on October 21, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Department for the month of September in the amount of \$10,647.30.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of September in the amount of \$1,633.00.

Knutson presented the Joint Powers of Agreement with Ward County for housing inmates for 2026.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the Joint Powers of Agreement with Ward County for 2026 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

VOUCHER/ CHECK	REMIT NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>UNPAID VOUCHERS</b>			
1370	ARTHUR RENNER	JAIL MEDICAL DIRECTOR	1,040.00
1370	AT & T	PHONE	70.00
1370	BENJAMIN GEHRING	MONTHLY CORONER FEE	1,000.00
1370	CHASE DRUG STORE	INMATE MEDS	467.14
1370	CHI ST ALEXIUS HEALTH GARRISON	INMATE MEDICAL	1,635.85

1370	CITY OF WASHBURN	WATER	87.75
1370	CITY OF WASHBURN	COURTHOUSE WATER/SEWER	95.17
1370	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	TOILET PAPER	95.77
1370	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	SWIFFER REFILL, CAN LINER	164.38
1370	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	SUPPLIES & TOOLS-MAINT SHEDS	501.77
1370	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	PAPER TOWELS, PAPER TOWEL ROLL	164.65
1370	FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC	INLAND MARINE-ADDL PREMIUM END	328.00
1370	GARRISON FARMERS UNION OIL CO	FUEL FOR WEED WHIP	7.12
1370	GARRISON RURAL WATER DISTRICT	PARK RURAL WATER USAGE	168.79
1370	GERARD GOVEN	SEPT WATER BOARD MEETING AND MILEAGE	1,178.87
1370	GOETZ FUNERAL HOME INC	MONTHLY CORONER FEE	1,000.00
1370	L-TRON CORPORATION	POCKETJET ROLL PAPER	205.00
1370	LIGNITE TIRE	TIRES	1,104.00
1370	LYNN OBERG	SEPT WATER BOARD MEETING AND MILEAGE	1,665.25
1370	LYNN OBERG	REIMB APPLICATION FEE	250.00
1370	MAIN STREET MARKET	SEPTEMBER GROCERIES FOR JAIL	2,683.72
1370	MARCO	CONTRACT PAYMENT	1,966.00
1370	MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR	SEPTEMBER POSTAGE	38.60
1370	MDU	UTILITIES	398.62
1370	MENARDS	PARKING LOT REPAIR	53.66
1370	MENARDS	BOILER ROOM REPAIR	118.16
1370	MERCER MCLEAN CO COM ON AGING	2022 LEVY MONIES	70.70
1370	MERCER MCLEAN CO COM ON AGING	2023 LEVY MONIES	234.85
1370	MERCER MCLEAN CO COM ON AGING	2024 LEVY MONIES	577.22
1370	MERCER MCLEAN CO COM ON AGING	STATE AID	1,418.85
1370	MERCER MCLEAN CO COM ON AGING	MOBILE HOME RECEIPTS	6.81
1370	MERCER MCLEAN CO COM ON AGING	PENALTY & INTEREST	78.39
1370	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	COUNTY DUES 1/1/26 TO 12/31/26	450.00
1370	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	IT SUPPORT CONTRACT- OCT 2025	3,900.00
1370	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	IT SUPPORT CONTRACT-OCT 2025	184.29
1370	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	IT SUPPORT CONTRACT-OCT 2025	255.71
1370	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	IT SUPPORT CONTRACT-OCT 2025	480.00
1370	NW TIRE	OIL CHANGE	90.56
1370	OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL	TELETYPE-JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER	480.00
1370	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	COURTHOUSE	2,447.49
1370	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	UTILITIES	2,725.92
1370	RUST'S AUTO REPAIR	MOUNTING & BALANCING	60.00
1370	S AND J HARDWARE	RENTAL, CHAIN, CIRCUIT BREAKER	82.39
1370	S AND J HARDWARE	BUG SPRAY, CAULK, RV OUTLET, CHAINS, ETC.	35.45
1370	SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT	RECORDS ON DAVID MCCAIN PRIOR CASES	131.00
1370	SANFORD HEALTH	INMATE MEDICAL	2,262.33
1370	SCOTTS HARDWARE	WOOD GLUE - SKEWERS TO REPAIR DOOR	18.31
1370	SCOTTS HARDWARE	FAN, SCREWS & BOLTS	71.02
1370	SCOTTS HARDWARE	DUCT TAPE, SPRAY ADHESIVE, BLADES, ETC	136.21
1370	SHANNON JEFFERS	SEPT WATER BOARD MEETING	875.00
1370	SHANNON JEFFERS	MILEAGE	167.40
1370	SIRCHIE	EVIDENCE BAGS AND TAPE, DRUG TEST KITS	259.01
1370	WAGON WHEEL LUMBER INC	LUMBER FOR PICNIC TABLES	90.24
1370	WARD COUNTY	INMATE MEDS	92.94
1370	WARD COUNTY	INMATE HOUSING	3,870.00
1370	WATER PURITY INC	WATER	112.00
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>			
1371	AUTO VALUE BISMARCK	PARTS AND SHOP SUPPLIES	250.88
1371	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	PARTS	6,234.73
1371	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	CUTTING EDGES	1,339.84
1371	D & J EQUIPMENT SALES SERVICE, LLC	REPAIR ON TIRE MACHINE	1,171.83
1371	GARRISON CITY	WATER/SWERER/GARBAGE	54.94
1371	HEARTLAND CONSULTING GROUP LLC	FULL SCALE ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE	7,950.00
1371	LOMCO INC.	TRANSPORTATION/HAULING	3,606.25
1371	MAX FARM SERVICES	FUEL TO MAX & BUTTE SHOPS	7,833.20
1371	MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT LLC	PARTS	65.61
1371	MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES-WASH SHOP	1,248.00
1371	MDU	WASHBURN	77.55
1371	MDU	TURTLE LAKE	29.04
1371	MDU	MAX	29.04
1371	MDU	GARRISON	29.04
1371	NEFF REPAIR SHOP LLC	REPAIR CYLINDER	400.00
1371	NW TIRE	TIRES	790.82
1371	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	NEW LITTLE FALLS MACHINE PLATE	3,550.00
1371	RUNNINGS	AIR COMPRESSOR 60-GALLON	749.99
1371	SCOTTS HARDWARE	PARTS TO FIX GARDEN HOSE	16.98
1371	WOLD ENGINEERING PC	PROJ B-24-30 SC-2800(053) PCN 24497	91,633.30
<b>DIRECT DEPOSIT</b>			
1372	ASHLEY DEHAVEN	NURSING HOURS - SEPTEMBER	2,000.00
1372	CARISSA R SCHUMAIER	MEALS	112.00
1372	CARISSA R SCHUMAIER	REIMB DOG FOOD, DOG BED, DOG LEAD	95.64
1372	CURT MALO	REIMB FOR BOLTS, PLOW	25.44
1372	CURT MALO	REIMB SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	ELIZABETH PATTERSON	REIMB SEPTEMBER CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	JAN HANSON	REIMB SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	KAMILE MODEREGGER	REIMB SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	KAYLA L OBERLANDER	REIMB SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	RICHARD JOHNSON	JULY, AUG, SEPT CELL PHONE REIMB	90.00
1372	RYAN OBERG	REIMB SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	SANDRA L BETTENHAUSEN	REIMB DIABETIC TEST STRIPS	9.00
1372	SARAH BEDGAR	REIMB SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
1372	SHERRY GREY	REIMB POSTAGE	18.55
1372	SHERRY GREY	REIMB CLOTHES FOR TRAINING	85.00
1372	TRAVIS R VERKE	REIMB FOR SEPT CELL PHONE	30.00
<b>PAYROLL</b>			
1344	AFLAC	MONTHLY PREMIUM	1,371.60
1345	DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE PREMIUM	7,712.63
401667	AVESIS/FSL	VISION INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,627.29
401669	BRAVERA WEALTH	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS	1,309.59
401670	FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE	FOP DUES	59.00
401671	MISSOURI VALLEY FOP #3	FOP DUES	30.00
401672	RODENBURG LAW FIRM	GARNISHMENT	782.29
401673	USABLE LIFE	CANCER INSURANCE PREMIUM	120.12
1351	MICHIGAN INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING	WITHHOLDING TAX	496.71
1353	MI DEPT OF REVENUE TAXATION DIV	3RD QTR 2025-STATE TAX	562.50
1354	ND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	CHILD SUPPORT	2,691.00

1358	JOB SERVICE OF ND	3RD QUARTER - GENERAL PAYROLL	1,995.02
1359	STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	3RD QUARTER 2025	5,438.26
<b>ON DEMAND/MANUAL CHECKS</b>			
401680	DACOTAH PAPER	FREEZER BAGS, STEAM TABLE PANS, GLOVES, ETC	1,046.23
401681	NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIPMENT	GRASSHOPPER MOWER, BLADES	16,329.00
1356	ENTERPRISE FLEET MAMAGEMENT	LEASE CHARGES	15,802.50
401683	DACOTAH PAPER	SANI HAND WIPES, BATTERIES, COPY PAPER	299.50
401684	GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERV DIST	DISB MONTHLY COLLECTIONS	1,585.87
401685	MCLEAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	DISB MONTHLY COLLECTIONS	340.00
401686	ND STATE TREASURER	DISB MONTHLY COLLECTIONS	941.68
401687	ND ATTY GENERAL	MONTHLY COLL 24/7 SOBRIETY PROG	963.00
1366	JOB SERVICE	QUARTER ENDING 9/30/25 - HWY	704.35
1368	CIRCUIT COURT-3RD DIST-WYOMING SEPTEMBER PAYROLL	CERTIFIED COPY OF CRIMINAL JUDGEMENT A DETAILED LIST OF PAYROLL FUNDS EXPENDED IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ANYTIME DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOUES IN THE MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.	4.00 38,016.13
<b>P-CARD FUNDED PURCHASES</b>			
1367	AMAZON	ERGONOMIC AND WIRELESS KEYBOARD	137.98
1367	AMAZON	REFLECTIVE MIRROR TILES	15.98
1367	AMAZON	ERGONOMIC AND WIRELESS MOUSE	81.66
1367	AMAZON	PORTABLE CHARGER BANK, WINDOW SQUEEGEE	97.97
1367	AMAZON	3-DRAWER MOBILE FILE CABINET	118.26
1367	AMAZON	OINTMENT AND CLOTHING FOR INMATE	93.43
1367	AMAZON	WOODEN PENCIL HOLDER, MONITORS	335.97
1367	AMAZON	RED PENCILS, CARPET MAT	74.44
1367	AMAZON	4-INCH LED RETROFIT LIGHT KITS	31.98
1367	AMAZON	ADVIL TABLET REFILL, HOOVER BRUSHES	59.43
1367	AMAZON	EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	76.33
1367	CIRCLE SANITATION	GARBAGE PICKUP	444.00
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1367	CLEVERBRIDGE-ACRONIS	1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	136.49
1367	COVERTRACK GROUP, INC.	STEALTH 5 BASIC, TRACKING SERVICE	1,770.00
1367	COVERTRACK GROUP, INC.	NEMA BOX 3 WINDOW, VIEW COMMANDER	6,595.00
1367	DAKOTA DUST-TEX	FLOOR MATS	97.50
1367	EBIX INC	DIGITAL TOPHEALTH NEWSLETTER THRU 01/27	358.80
1367	FIREFLY RESERVATIONS	METERED BILLING 8/3/25 - 9/2/25	164.50
1367	GREY MAN TACTICAL	VEHICLE HELMET RACK	414.97
1367	HARBOR FREIGHT	CUTOFF WHEELS	131.95
1367	ID CREATOR	ID CARDS	374.40
1367	INDEED	JOB ADVERTISING	190.80
1367	JOHNSEN TRAILER SALES, INC	FENDER MOUNT KIT, PARTS, ETC	340.31
1367	KRAUSES MARKET	COFFEE, GROCERIES FOR JAIL	162.23
1367	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT	WELDING SUPPLIES	95.42
1367	MAC'S-BISMARCK	CUTTING EDGE FOR BOBCAT	499.99
1367	MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOP, INC.	ROSEGLEN	59.00
1367	MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOP, INC.	UNDERWOOD	68.00
1367	MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOP, INC.	GARRISON	298.00
1367	MCLEAN SHERIDAN RURAL WATER	RURAL WATER	96.48
1367	NAPA AUTO PARTS GARRISON	PARTS, TRICO FORCE BLADES	77.45
1367	NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS	COMMISSION MINUTES	1,123.70
1367	NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS	HELP WANTED ADS	1,656.57
1367	NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS	COMMISSION MINUTES	963.90
1367	NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS	HELP WANTED ADS	3,916.55
1367	NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS	PUBLIC HEARING; CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS	583.78
1367	NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIPMENT CO	DUP CHARGE CREDITED BACK	(96.15)
1367	ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY	HALLOWEEN PARTY DECO	44.90
1367	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC.	GEN PEST CONTROL PROGRAM	276.45
1367	RAY O'HERRON	TACTICAL HELMETS	6,535.00
1367	RTC NETWORKS	BREATHALYZER - GARRISON ND	45.00
1367	RTC NETWORKS	TELEPHONE	149.00
1367	RTC NETWORKS	PHONE & DSL	157.00
1367	SALHUS SEPTIC	BUTTE SHOP	110.00
1367	SALHUS SEPTIC	STEINKE BAY AND DEEP WATER	480.00
1367	TSC	4HEALTH STRIVE AND PURINA ONE DRY DOG FOOD	486.12
1367	VERIZON	DATA CARD	1,039.26
1367	VERIZON	DETECTIVE PHONES	87.35
1367	VERIZON	SHERIFF CELL PHONE	39.01
1367	VERIZON	PATROL CELL PHONE	883.95
1367	VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	MONTHLY RECURRING CHARGES	488.60
1367	WALMART	COLOR PRINTER CARTRIDGES FOR PASSPORTS	64.00
1367	WALMART	PRINTER CARTRIDGE FOR PASSPORT PHOTOS	32.00
1367	WALMART	KITCHEN BRUSHES	16.46
1367	WEBROOT LLC	ANTI-VIRUS PROTECTION	85.59
1367	WEST RIVER TELECOMM	PHONE & DSL	97.90
1367	WEST RIVER TELECOMM	SHERIFF	364.03
1367	WEST RIVER TELECOMM	COURTHOUSE	800.42
1367	WEST RIVER TELECOMM	NDSU	190.37
1367	WEST RIVER TELECOMM	E-911 TELCO TARIFF	90.56
1367	WEST RIVER TELECOMM	E-911 RADIO TOWER	113.90

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

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Steve Lee, Chairperson

Lynda Snyder, Deputy Auditor