

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl at 9:00 AM with Commissioners, Anderson, Pietsch, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Dana Larsen, Emily Burkett, Jason Blowers, Kristin Kowalczyk, Leona Lochthowe, Marisa Haman, Noreen Barton, Robert Roed, Roza Larson, and Tammy Terras.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the agenda. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on July 6, 2021, minutes from the Special Meeting on July 12, 2021, and minutes from the Ward County Board of Equalization June 1, 2021. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the regular bills totaling \$459,827.01 and Human Service Zone direct cost bills totaling \$4,706.73. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Bill List - 07/20/2021

	VENDOR: GENERAL BILLS	DESCRIPTION/DEPT: GENERAL BILLS	
DD	JP MORGAN	JP MORGAN--JUNE 2021--MISC ITEMS	\$93,714.96
186189	A-1 EVANS SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	KITCHEN, GREASE PUMPING SERVICE--FACILITY MGMT	\$300.00
186190	ACCURATE CONTROLS INC	EATON 5P SERIES PHASE TOWER--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$1,502.26
186190	ACCURATE CONTROLS INC	FLEXIDOME CAMERAL W/ NIGHT VISION--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$717.60
186191	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	CANON/IR C5550i II COPIER CONTRACT--STATES ATTORNEY	\$182.59
186191	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	CANON/IR 4245 COPIER CONTRACT--STATES ATTORNEY	\$45.00
186192	AMERICAN CABLING SOLUTIONS LLC	MEETING ROOM NETWORK CABLING TO CRESTON EQUIPMENT--IT	\$1,320.00
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	FRONT PADS AND ROTORS--SHERIFF	\$344.44
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	REPLACE BATTERY--SHERIFF	\$139.65
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	FRONT BRAKE PADS & ROTORS--SHERIFF	\$517.50
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	SUPPORT SHOCK REAR DOOR--SHERIFF	\$88.09
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	REPLACE SPOTLIGHT SWITCH--SHERIFF	\$49.90
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	VEHICLE REPAIRS--SHERIFF	\$110.00
186193	AUTO DOCTOR	REMOVE POLICE EQUIPMENT--SHERIFF	\$450.00
186194	BURKETT, EMILY	SETTING JAPANESE BEETLE TRAPS, ACHIEVEMENT DAYS--EXT. SERVICE	\$73.92
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 520i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$140.00
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5003i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$54.38
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5003i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$54.38
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5500i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$123.60
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 3550i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$59.74
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5501i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$127.31
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 3011i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$93.35
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 3550i COPIER CONTRACT--HUMAN SERVICES	\$61.74
186195	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA COPIER CONTRACT--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$53.68
186196	CROWN TROPHY	NAME BADGES - REPL. FOR PAIGE, EMILY, SHIRRELL--EXT. SERVICE	\$40.50
186197	DYNAMIC SAWING AND CORING	SAW CONCRETE NEW COUNTY BUILDING--SHERIFF	\$1,410.00
186198	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL, GAS, OIL--SHERIFF	\$8,523.47
186198	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	PICKUP GAS--FACILITY MGMT	\$49.48

186198	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	MONTHLY GAS BILL--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$383.22
186199	EVANS, CARRIE L	PLANNING COMMISSION (4 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$200.00
186200	FASTENAL COMPANY	SECURITY SCREWS, NUTS, & TOOL--FACILITY MGMT	\$241.52
186201	FIRST WESTERN INSURANCE	2021 - 2022 FIRE/TORNADO ANNUAL RENEWAL--INSURANCE	\$32,529.00
186202	GAFFANEYS OF MINOT INC	STORAGE BOXES AND PAPER--STATES ATTORNEY	\$355.89
DD	HAMAN, MARISA M	ANNUAL AUDITOR/TREASURER CONFERENCE--AUDITOR/TREAS.	\$257.18
186203	HELLER, MARVIN	PLANNING COMMISSION (3 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$150.00
186204	HENDRICKSON, CRYSTAL	PLANNING COMMISSION (4 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$200.00
DD	HESTER, MISTY L	ANNUAL AUDITOR/TREASURER CONFERENCE--AUDITOR/TREAS.	\$17.50
186205	HOFFARTH SANITATION	TRASH SERVICE--FACILITY MGMT	\$600.00
186206	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	NET MOTION --SHERIFF	\$415.10
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM M.O.--HUMAN RESOURCES	\$1,120.00
186207	JOHNSON CONTROLS	SERVICE AGREEMENT (900 BUILDING)--FACILITY MGMT	\$3,650.00
186208	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION, LP	ANNUAL CONTRACT FIRE TESTING/INSPECTION --FACILITY MGMT	\$4,516.41
186208	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION, LP	SOFTWARE HOUSE TYCO CCURE 9000--IT	\$5,565.00
186209	KALIX	CONFIDENTIAL SHREDDING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$206.83
186210	KASSON, SEAN BRADLEY	CONTRACT ATTORNEY 02/11/21 - 03/11/21--STATES ATTORNEY	\$1,177.96
186211	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	NEW JAIL COOLING TOWER ISOLATION VALVE--FACILITY MGMT	\$2,800.00
186211	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	KITCHEN HP COIL REPLACEMENT--FACILITY MGMT	\$1,260.77
186211	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	HP 69 - SERVICED--FACILITY MGMT	\$719.20
186211	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	HP 23 LUG SCREW ON CONTACTOR LOOSE--FACILITY MGMT	\$85.00
186211	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	HP 215 THERMOSTAT WIRE TRAINING--FACILITY MGMT	\$85.00
186212	KIBLER, ROBERT EUGENE	PLANNING COMMISSION (4 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$200.00
186213	KRAUSE, CARRIE K	MENTOR TRAVEL FEES--RECORDER	\$112.42
186214	LATTA, NITRA PAIGE	TRANSCRIPT OF RESTRAINING ORDER--STATES ATTORNEY	\$76.00
186215	LIVINGSTON, NORMAN J	PLANNING COMMISSION (3 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$150.00
186216	MAGIC CITY GARAGE DOOR INC	KEYLESS ENTRY--SHERIFF	\$199.50
186217	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	CISCO ASA FIREWALL DNS CHG--IT	\$600.00
186218	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COUNTY NORTH BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$22.50
186219	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	REG COMMISSION MEETING 06/15/21--GENERAL	\$206.72
186220	MINOT VETERINARY CLINIC	ANIMAL SAFE KEEPING--SHERIFF	\$60.00
186221	MOUNTAIN PLAINS YOUTH SERVICES	JULY MONTHLY SHELTER CONTRACT--GENERAL	\$5,754.65
186222	ND DEPT HUM SERV	MAY 2021 INMATE MEDICAL--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$3,974.86
186223	ND EMERGENCY MGMT ASSOC	CONFERENCE FEE (3)--EMERGENCY MGMT	\$270.00
186224	ND STATE RADIO COMM	TELETYPE RENTAL 2ND QTR--SHERIFF	\$600.00
185979	NDAAO SECRETARY/TREASURER	NDAAO CONFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP FEE (4)--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$480.00
185979	NDAAO SECRETARY/TREASURER	NDAAO MEMBERSHIP FEE (JM)--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$30.00
186124	NDSF FOUNDATION	SPECIAL EVENT OVERPAYMENT REFUND--GENERAL	\$100.00
186225	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES--SHERIFF	\$721.32
186226	NOVA FIRE PROTECTION INC	BROKEN SPRINKLER JUVENILE DETENTION--FACILITY MGMT	\$245.00
186227	PODRYGULA, STEPHAN	PLANNING COMMISSION (3 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$150.00
186083	POST BOARD	LICENSE-LUND--SHERIFF	\$45.00

186228	RELX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	CONTRACT FEES--STATES ATTORNEY	\$580.00
186229	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	NEW LOCKS--SHERIFF	\$411.30
186229	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	KEYS--FACILITY MGMT	\$27.00
186230	SCHUMAKER, MARK D	PLANNING COMMISSION (4 MEETINGS)--PLANNING AND ZONING	\$200.00
185980	SRT	LONG DISTANCE CHARGES--HUMAN SERVICES	\$712.58
185976	SRT	DETENTION CENTER PHONE--FACILITY MGMT	\$206.17
186231	STEINS INC	CWT 26 COOLING TOWER CHEMICALS 30 GAL DRUMS--FACILITY MGMT	\$1,526.19
186231	STEINS INC	CWT 26 COOLING TOWER CHEMICALS 55 GAL DRUMS--FACILITY MGMT	\$2,591.82
186231	STEINS INC	CWT-26 COOLING TOWER CHEMICALS--FACILITY MGMT	\$427.95
186231	STEINS INC	CWT - 26 COOLING TOWER CHEMICAL--FACILITY MGMT	\$258.37
186232	TRINITY HEALTH	BAC TESTING--SHERIFF	\$10.00
186233	TRINITY MEDICAL GROUP	EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALS--SHERIFF	\$596.00
186234	UNIFORM CENTER	UNIFORM--SHERIFF	\$1,856.27
186235	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL PROCESSING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$356.31
186235	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--GENERAL	\$799.43
186235	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--GENERAL	\$171.85
186235	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL SERVICE--EXT. SERVICE	\$26.06
186235	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL PROCESSING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$350.59
186235	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL PROCESSING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$356.37
186236	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGES--SHERIFF	\$465.23
186237	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY COUNTY NORTH--FACILITY MGMT	\$116.00
186125	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	BLDG INSPECTORS CELL PHONE--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$42.59
186238	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	CO OWNED PROPERTY MAINT--GENERAL	\$1,016.66
186239	WESTERN STEEL & PLUMBING INC	OFFSET HEX WRENCH, SPUD C27--FACILITY MGMT	\$87.66
186239	WESTERN STEEL & PLUMBING INC	WATER SUCTION GUNS--FACILITY MGMT	\$86.02
186239	WESTERN STEEL & PLUMBING INC	KITCHEN PLUMBING PARTS--FACILITY MGMT	\$26.57
186239	WESTERN STEEL & PLUMBING INC	PLUMBING PARTS--FACILITY MGMT	\$459.02
186123	WEX HEALTH, INC.	FSA MONTHLY FEES--HUMAN RESOURCES	\$147.00
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 900 BLDG COLD STORAGE--FACILITY MGMT	\$49.82
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 900 BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$516.53
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 425 BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$290.78
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGMT	\$4,600.44
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY JAIL--FACILITY MGMT	\$8,543.70
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$8,808.81
186240	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGMT	\$32.47
		Total General Bills	\$217,634.65
	PARK BILLS	PARK BILLS	
186183	GERDAU	FLAT IRON	\$80.00
186184	MENARDS - MINOT	CHAIN, GAS CAN	\$33.83
186184	MENARDS - MINOT	SCREEN, FILTER	\$28.87
186184	MENARDS - MINOT	GAS CAN	\$16.84
186184	MENARDS - MINOT	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$48.55
186185	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	NEW TIRES	\$630.40
186186	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	KEYS	\$16.50
186187	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	BURY UTILITY LINE	\$7,500.00
186188	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	MAINTENANCE	\$19,854.03
		Total Park Board Bills	\$28,209.02

	ROAD BILLS	ROAD BILLS	
186146	ACME ELECTRIC INC	CHAINSAW OIL, MARKERS	\$15.63
186147	B & G ELECTRIC LLC	LUBE LIGHT MAINTENANCE	\$362.06
186148	BASIN SERVICE COMPANY	BRINE SOLUTION	\$1,047.75
186149	BERTHOLD CITY	BERTHOLD SHOP	\$111.40
186150	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	TAPE, CLAMPS	\$41.62
186150	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	WEDGES, SCREWS	\$25.55
186151	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	PARTS	\$144.14
186152	DAKOTA PIPE & STEEL	FLAT IRON	\$160.00
186153	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$9,872.73
186153	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	PARTS	\$42.99
186154	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$4,474.44
186155	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	EVEN BEAD	\$38.98
186155	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	FILTER, CLEANER	\$83.17
186155	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$2,673.85
186156	FIRST WESTERN INSURANCE	ADDED 2016 JD MOTOR GRADER #4899	\$244.00
186156	FIRST WESTERN INSURANCE	DELETED 2016 JD #4899	-\$214.00
186157	FORTERRA PIPE & PRECAST	FABRIC	\$321.90
186158	GENERAL TRADING CO	CLAMPS	\$23.20
186158	GENERAL TRADING CO	SEAL KIT, STAPLES, HOOKS	\$250.34
186159	HOFFARTH SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICE	\$195.00
186160	JIMS WELDING INC	BEND PLATES	\$200.00
DD-1456	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM I.H.	\$165.00
DD-1456	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM T.P.	\$110.09
186161	JOHNSON CONTROLS	A/C REPAIRS	\$1,770.10
186162	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION, LP	NETWORK REPAIRS	\$638.00
186163	KENMARE CITY OF	KENMARE SHOP	\$90.00
186164	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	PINS, SCREWS, CLAMPS, SCREWS	\$450.34
186165	MAGIC CITY GARAGE DOOR INC	CHAIN HOIST	\$1,666.00
186166	MAINTENANCE PLUS INC	GENERAL CLEANING	\$1,453.35
186167	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	WEBROOT SERVICE	\$72.00
186167	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	SERVICE, REPAIR	\$441.00
186168	MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES LLC	GRAVEL TESTING	\$509.00
186169	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	BERTHOLD SHOP	\$22.85
186170	MENARDS - MINOT	BLEACH, TAPE	\$20.27
186170	MENARDS - MINOT	BATTERIES, CASTERS	\$149.75
186171	MINOT CITY OF, LANDFILL	DUMPING FEE	\$5.00
186172	NAPA AUTO PARTS	CABLES, FILTERS, HANDLE, SUPPORTS	\$904.84
186172	NAPA AUTO PARTS	CABLES, FILTERS, HANDLE, SUPPORTS	\$411.93
186173	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	\$3,995.16
186173	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	BRIDGE EST.	\$26,429.98
186173	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	BRIDGE EST #1	\$2,635.91
186173	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	PROGRESS EST. #6 BRIDGES	\$104,757.72
186174	ND GUARANTY & TITLE	POLICY FEES	\$140.00
186175	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER	DOUGLAS SHOP	\$219.20
186176	NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIPMENT CO I	A/C BELTS	\$15.40
186176	NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIPMENT CO I	FLUIDS	\$32.00
186177	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES, REPAIRS, MOUNTING	\$586.97

186177	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES, REPAIRS, MOUNTING	\$2,385.25
186178	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	SAWYER SHOP	\$58.66
DD	PATTERSON, KYLE D	ROAD SAFETY REVIEW FOR HWY 2	\$136.42
DD	PATTERSON, KYLE D	PIERCE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING	\$72.46
186179	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC	WIRE, NOZZLES	\$531.99
186179	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC	OXYGEN, ARGON	\$365.17
186180	RDO/POWERPLAN	CLUTCH	\$3,635.73
186181	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT	\$29.14
186182	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	FILTERS	\$259.78
186182	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	REPLACE TRANSMISSION, SONSORS, & CONDENSOR	\$21,017.25
DD-1468	WEX BANK	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$17,684.88
		Total Road Bills	\$213,983.34

GRAND TOTAL	\$459,827.01
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Sheriff Robert Roed presented Lieutenant Deputy Dale Clemens a 10 Years of Service Ward County Centennial Coin.

Janet Mathistad appeared regarding refugees, immigrants, and sanctuary cities all being lumped together at the last Commission meeting. Ms. Mathistad came to clarify that refugees are legal when they come to the United States as they go through an approved government process.

State's Attorney Roza Larson presented a Resolution of the Ward County Board of Commissioners for review. Travis Zablotney of Minot spoke regarding the resolution and stated he would like there to be language in the Resolution defending our 2nd Amendment rights. He mentioned there are 1930 2nd Amendment sanctuary counties in the United States as of today, up from 1188 on March 1, 2021, which represents 61.3% of counties in the US.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to table discussion until the next Commission meeting. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ryan Ackerman, Administrator for Souris River Joint Board (SRJB), presented an update on the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project. Some of the areas the SRJB are working on include flood control funding; flood control within the cities of Burlington and Minot; bridge replacements in Sawyer, Velva, and Mouse River Park, and reservoir management to include dam infrastructure.

State's Attorney Roza Larson appeared to request approval to proceed with eminent domain as part of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project. Approval has to come from Ward County Commissioners in order to send a letter out to the property owner to invite him to bring any information and speak before the Commissioners. There has not been an agreement reached between the SRJB and the property owner to date.

Lynn Mesteth of Dwyer Law Office appeared stating negotiations had been ongoing since 2019. Numerous phone calls and letters were exchanged but has resulted in an impasse. Ms. Mesteth stated under NDCC 61-16.1, Ward County Commission approval is needed to move forward. All statutory requirements have been met and SRJB approval has been given to come before the Commission.

Ryan Ackerman appeared to state this property remains to be acquired for this project as SRJB is looking to secure a ROW easement for the levy.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve sending a letter to the landowner with a 30-day notice inviting him to appear before the commission on September 7, 2021 to present any information before moving forward with the process of eminent domain. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Human Resource Director Tammy Terras appeared and held a discussion on the Annual Leave Policy related to separations. Ward County is obligated to pay out annual leave. Ms. Terras is seeking to present language that will allow one lump sum on an employee's last check rather than extending annual leave and working possibly up to 6 weeks longer which costs the county additional health insurance premiums.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to allow Human Resource Department to present language to the Commission limiting the practice of drawing annual leave out. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve the following payroll amendments: M. Kuske, Highway Department and B. McDonald, Highway Department. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to receive and file the following correspondence: Letters from Division of Waste Management, NDSU North Central Research Extension Center, and Aux Sable Midstream. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to receive and file the monthly reports including financials. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve a duplicate warrant to be issued to Olson Home Rental in the amount of \$17.30. Roll call; all vote yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve County Deed for foreclosed property sold by realtor. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to deny the offer to purchase foreclosed property due to the offer being under asking price. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the raffle permit for District 38 Republicans. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman presented a Board Member draft document for Commissioner review to have them provide comments and suggestions for improvement of the document.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to move the Tuesday, October 5, 2021 Commission meeting to Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9 AM due to the NDACo conference. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to appoint Comm. Pietsch to the ARBI Board. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Chairman Feldahl called for a short recess at 10:14 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:22 AM.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to open the public hearing at 10:22 AM regarding the 2020 property tax abatement applications for 92 vacant lot parcels owned by Hudye Group, LP. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Director of Tax Equalization Noreen Barton appeared with her departments recommendation for approval of the City of Minot's valuation recommendation of \$3,648,000 which is a reduction of \$6,946,000 in 2020 true and full value for the Hudye Group, LP for all 92 parcels as presented on the attached document.

Attorney Jessica Merchant of Olson and Burns P.C. appeared on behalf of the applicant Hudye Group LP. Hudye Group LP has agreed with the City of Minot's overall reduction to \$3,648,000 on all 92 parcels.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to close the public hearing at 10:33 AM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad Anderson to approve the 2020 property tax abatement by accepting a change of values of the 92 parcels owned by Hudye Group, LP to total \$3,648,000 based on the comps and information provided and with the acceptance by Hudye Group LP. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Comm. Pietsch attended the July 15, 2021 Planning and Zoning Committee meeting. No final action was taken.

At 10:36 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2021

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
