

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

August 16, 2022

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

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the agenda with the following change/additions: Item 3, regular bills totaling \$1,551,134.76; addition of 9D, NDPHIT short term disability and vision renewal; 10B, receive and file Human Service Zone budgeted costs; 10G, Raffle Permit for Dakota Patriot Pal; and 10H Foreclosed property maintenance. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on August 2, 2022. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve the regular bills totaling \$1,551,134.76 and HS Zone direct cost bills totaling \$11,616.56. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING 08/16/2022 BILL LIST			
GENERAL BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	JP MORGAN	JULY 2022 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$ 146,930.14
189471	A-1 EVANS SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	PUMPING @ NDSF SHERIFF'S TRAILER--SHERIFF	225.00
189472	ACKERMAN/ESTVOLD ENGINEERING I	ARPA PROJ #22 - ASBESTOS PRE DEMO INSPECTION--GENERAL	1,480.00
189473	BAKKEN, SHARON	DEPOSITION OF A BRUGUIER - 51-20-CR-02358--STATES ATTORNEY	100.00
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 03/01/22 - 03/23/22 MARCH TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	69.51
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 03/28/22 - 03/31/22 MARCH TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	26.21
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 04/04/22 - 04/28/22 APRIL TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	154.91
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 05/03/22 - 05/25/22 MAY TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	283.62
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 5/16/22 - 5/19/22 FARGO ND--EXTENSION SERVICE	394.12
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 06/01/22 - 06/23/22 JUNE TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	96.29
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 07/13/22 - 07/26/22 JULY TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	57.39
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	NDSF 2022 DAILY GATE PASS--EXTENSION SERVICE	25.00
189474	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	WINDSHIELD REPAIR--SHERIFF	275.00
189475	DS SOLUTIONS INC	TEST DECK & EDIT LIST FILE--GENERAL	1,173.90
189476	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL/FLUIDS--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	295.69
189476	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL--SHERIFF	14,266.60
189477	ES & S INC	2022 PRIMARY - AUDIO PROGRAMMING--GENERAL	2,885.10
189477	ES & S INC	2022 PRIMARY - BALLOT LAYOUT--GENERAL	1,184.65
189477	ES & S INC	2022 PRIMARY - BALLOT CODING/MEDIA--GENERAL	5,265.27
189478	FIRST WESTERN INSURANCE	NOTARY BOND - C BOTTEICHER--SHERIFF	50.00
189479	HOFFARTH SANITATION	TRASH SERVICE--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	600.00
189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	NET MOTION--SHERIFF	334.65
189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 521 - WAN ACCESS--IT	510.00
189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 602 - AZURE AD PLAN 2--IT	73.45

189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 645 - STATE EXCHANGE EMAIL--IT	78.50
189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 650 - SSL VPN CLIENT--IT	285.00
189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 853 - ACTIVE DIRECTORY USER FEE--IT	120.15
189480	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	TC 381 - PEXIP VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM (AUDIO CONFERENCE)--IT	16.75
189481	KCDC#2	ARPA PROJ #22 REIMB KCDC FOR ASBESTOS TESTING--GENERAL	1,044.00
DD	MAHONEY, SAMANTHA N	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 8/2/22 - 8/3/22 BISMARCK ND--SHERIFF	52.50
189482	MINOT CITY OF, TREASURER	NW MAINT JAIL--SHERIFF	26,311.68
189482	MINOT CITY OF, TREASURER	NW MAINT SO--SHERIFF	53,342.06
189483	NDACVSO	FALL CONFERENCE - BRADLEY STARNES--VET SERVICES	120.00
189483	NDACVSO	FALL CONFERENCE - BROCK GILSTAD--VET SERVICES	120.00
189483	NDACVSO	FALL CONFERENCE - HEATHER DIGNAN--VET SERVICES	120.00
189484	NDBOA SECRETARY/TREASURER	BLDG INSP CONF REGIST A. RUST 9/28-9/30/22--TAX EQUALIZATION	215.00
189485	NDCHCA	NDCHCA YEARLY DUES--JAIL OPERATIONS	100.00
189486	PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	FLIGHT 2 YEAR 3 IMAGERY BALANCE--GENERAL	5,776.98
189487	SOLTIS BUSINESS FORMS CO	BLANK LASER CHECK STOCK--GENERAL	430.65
189488	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	2022/2023 IVEE NKA SCHOOL ERP ANNUAL FEES--GENERAL	268.03
189489	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--HUMAN SERVICES	261.30
189489	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--HUMAN SERVICES	74.82
189345	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--EXTENSION SERVICE	64.16
189345	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--HUMAN SERVICES	245.91
189345	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--HUMAN SERVICES	75.67
189490	US BANK CM-9690	2022/23 BOND ADMIN FEES--GENERAL	500.00
189491	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	CO OWNED PROPERTY MAINT--GENERAL	1,096.70
189492	WIDMER ROEL PC	2021 AUDIT SERVICE RENDERED THRU 6/30/22--GENERAL	2,000.00
Total General Bills:			\$ 269,476.36

PARK BOARD BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	JP MORGAN	JULY 2022 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$ 5,075.31
189466	BACHMEIER, DAVID	MEETING DUES 8/2/2022	50.00
189467	DUFNER CONSTRUCTION, INC.	PROJECT FINAL - RL	30,654.65
189468	MENARDS - MINOT	STRAPS	14.32
189468	MENARDS - MINOT	LIFE VEST	132.34
189469	MINOT RESTAURANT SUPPLY	GARBAGE LINERS, TOILET PAPER	101.95
189372	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER	WATER RL	56.75
189373	RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERAT	INTERNET NC	107.00
189374	SRT	INTERNET OS	29.97
189375	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC POWER- SIREN RL - SECURITY NC	121.00
189470	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	MAINTENANCE - JULY	10,504.71
Total Park Board Bills:			\$ 46,848.00

ROAD/HIGHWAY BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	JP MORGAN	JULY 2022 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$ 2,148.29
189433	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	WAND, HANDLE, COUPLER	216.14
189433	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	BRACKET	47.99
189434	AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER	BRACKET	210.27
189434	AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER	HITCH PIN, BALL	242.40
189434	AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER	BALL, HITCH	240.92
189436	BECHTOLD PAVING INC	HOT MIX	725.76
189436	BECHTOLD PAVING INC	HOT MIX	1,075.36
189436	BECHTOLD PAVING INC	HOT MIX	5,315.52
189436	BECHTOLD PAVING INC	HOT MIX	1,102.92
189436	BECHTOLD PAVING INC	HOT MIX	4,732.56
189436	BECHTOLD PAVING INC	HOT MIX	934.92
189358	BERTHOLD CITY	UTILITIES	146.20
189436	BUTLER MACHINERY	REPL SOLENOID, BATTERIES	1,466.09
189437	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	WIRE, FASTENERS	18.94
189437	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	HITCH PIN	10.98
189438	CENTRAL DAKOTA SPRINKLER	SPRINKLER REPAIRS	385.00
189439	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	HOSE ASSEMBLIES	334.94
189439	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	SNAP RING	13.77
189440	DAKOTA PIPE & STEEL	IRON, TUBING	272.40
189441	DAKOTA SALES & SUPPLY	LIGHT BAR	159.99
189441	DAKOTA SALES & SUPPLY	LIGHT BAR	159.99
189442	ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION INC	PEST ELIMINATION	118.71
189442	ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION INC	PEST ELIMINATION	275.00
189359	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	GAS, DIESEL	46,904.14
189360	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	DIESEL, GAS, SUPPLIES	7,349.46
189360	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	DIESEL, GAS, SUPPLIES	20.95
189361	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	GAS, DIESEL, BATTERY	3,807.95
189361	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	GAS, DIESEL, BATTERY	10.69
189443	GENERAL TRADING CO	TOWELS, ADAPTER	282.60
189444	GERDAU	TUBING	37.09
189362	HOFFARTH SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICE	195.00
189445	HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC	PROFESSIONAL SVC - TRACKING PROGRAM	1,935.00
189445	HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC	FINAL DESIGN - BRIDGE	292.00
189363	KENMARE CITY OF	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	92.50
DD	LARSEN, DANA G	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	47.00
189446	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	WELDING SUPPLIES	763.86
189446	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	WELDING SUPPLIES	275.05
189446	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	WELDING SUPPLIES	572.69
189447	LOCATORS AND SUPPLIES INC	SAFETY GLASSES	44.10
189448	MAINTENANCE PLUS INC	GENERAL CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,554.49
189449	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	WEBROOT SVC	72.00
189450	MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES LLC	SIEVE ANALYSIS CR9	490.00
189450	MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES LLC	SIEVE ANALYSIS - PAVING PROJECT	588.00
189451	MAYO CONSTRUCTION CO, INC	MICRO SURFACE	961,244.31
189452	MCGEE, HANKLA & BACKES	LEGAL SVC - BRIDGE	497.00
189364	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	44.95
189364	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	25.50
189453	MENARDS - MINOT	HOOKS, LETTERING	40.52
189453	MENARDS - MINOT	BRUSHES, BINS	107.15
189453	MENARDS - MINOT	VACUUM, CARTRIDGE	155.28
189454	MIDLAND DIESEL SERVICE	SOLENOID	134.81
189365	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER/SEWER	111.97

189455	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PAINT	69.53
189455	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SOCKETS, FILTERS, BULBS	420.22
189456	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	CONNECTOR BYPASS - EST	11,475.56
189456	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	BRIDGE - EST #7	6,225.64
189456	ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION.	PROGRESS EST - CONNECTOR	1,517.92
189366	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER	UTILITIES	54.89
189457	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES, REPAIRS	1,108.07
189458	NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC	HYDRANT INSPECTION	525.00
189367	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	UTILITIES	45.76
189459	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	GREASE	595.78
189460	RDO/POWERPLAN	RECEIVERS	2,500.00
189460	RDO/POWERPLAN	KIT	501.65
189460	RDO/POWERPLAN	WRENCH	6.71
189460	RDO/POWERPLAN	EDGES	2,500.00
189460	RDO/POWERPLAN	KIT	(501.65)
189368	SRT	OFFICE TELEPHONE	542.64
189461	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	HYDRAULIC FLD	241.72
189461	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	LENS	16.35
189461	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	FILTER	57.76
189462	TEAM ELECTRONICS INC	RATIOS	1,270.90
189463	TRUENORTH STEEL	CULVERTS, BANDS, ENDS	35,113.50
189464	TUFF TRUCKS INC	BRACKETS, RUNNING BOARDS	549.98
189369	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC POWER	3,979.00
189370	VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	HARNESS	9.57
189371	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	CELL PHONE SVC	264.72
189465	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	PICKUP 2022 FORD F250 1FT7W2B62NEE87075	53,755.00
189465	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	PICKUP 2022 FORD F250 1FT7W2B64NEE87076	53,949.00
189465	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	SEAT, VALVES, MOTOR (TARP), REPAIR A/C	9,355.10
189465	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	MUD FLAPS	178.08
189465	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	OIL	206.64
DD	WEX BANK	GASOLINE	32.70
Total Road/Highway Bills:			\$ 1,234,618.86

VISION ZERO BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	JP MORGAN	JULY 2022 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$ 105.00
DD	PATTERSON, KYLE D	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 8/2/22 - 8/3/22 BISMARCK ND	35.00
189376	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	CELL PHONE SERVICE	51.54
Total Vision Zero Bills:			\$ 191.54

GRAND TOTAL \$ 1,551,134.76

Tammy Terras, Human Resources Director, appeared and asked Kristi Frederick to present a 10-year Employee Service Award from the Human Service Zone to Felicia Engel.

Ryan Ackerman of the Souris River Joint Board appeared to provide update on the Mouse River Plan. Mr. Ackerman stated the bulk of the activity at the moment is in construction. The City of Burlington has two bridge projects that should be wrapping up next month. The levy project along the Des Lacs River is underway and should be completed in the next 12 months. At that time the City of Burlington will be the first city along the Mouse River that will be fully protected. Additionally, Tierrecita Vallejo has a grading, levy, and railroad project adjacent to Highway 83 which should be done by the end of the year.

In Minot there is work by Sammy's Pizza that is wrapping up. Recently new work was started on the NE Tieback flood wall which will take 3 years to complete. Sawyer has a bridge replacement which should be completed just before freeze up in 2023. Mr. Ackerman stated next year there will be a bridge replacement in Velva similar to Sawyer and a Mouse River Park bridge replacement.

In regards to design, Mr. Ackerman stated Minot downtown and Roosevelt Park levy and flood wall projects are in the works. Rurally improvements in northern McHenry County and Bottineau County are planned. Future design for next year include the Robinwood and Brooks addition levy and Burdick Expressway bridge replacement and the Velva road south levy with a 2-year completion slated for these projects.

Mr. Ackerman touched on inflation for materials and the hope to have the project completed in 2035.

Kristi Frederick, Human Service Zone Director, appeared to present the 2023 Total Budget for the Ward County Human Service Zone.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the 2023 Ward County Human Service Zone direct and indirect budget as presented and fund any indirect costs that exceed the budget from indirect funds provided by the State. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Kristin Kowalczyk, Ward County Recorder, appeared to present a Memorandum regarding Right of Way Reversal applications.

Application 1 is from Jerald and Therese Strokland, Outlot 2 of Section 1-153-83. Comment sheet from Recorder's office stated no action needed. The outlot plat shows a 75' setback. This setback is erroneous. Outlot is to follow Ward County and township for setbacks. Statutory right of way should be 33'.

Ms. Kowalczyk stated a Ward County correction sheet is being created which can be attached to a plat.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to state the outlot plat shows an erroneous 75' setback. The outlot is to follow all future Ward County and township setbacks. The statutory right of way will be reduced to 33'. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Amendment to motion by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to state no correction is needed to Ward County Tax Roll. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Application 2 is from Therese and Jerald Strokland, Outlot 1 of Section 11-153-83. Comment sheet from Recorder's Office stated no dedicated right of way. No action required as it appears to be a 40' easement.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to state the 40' easement is erroneous and should be 33' statutory right of way which will not affect the Ward County Tax Roll. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Application 3 is from Jerald Strokland, Outlot 4 of Section 12-153-83. Comment sheet from Recorder's Office stated Outlot 4 does not have any right of way over the 33' statutory right of way. The lot was platted just below the 75' right of way and therefore the right of way lies in the broad acres and does not meet any reversal requirements.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to agree to have no action taken on this application. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Application 4 is from Kris and Anna Heidelberger, Outlot 5 of Section 7-153-82. Comment sheet from Recorder's Office recommended reducing right of way from 40' down to 33' statutory right of way.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to reduce to 33' statutory right of way with no change to tax roll after Ms. Kowalczyk checks on the taxes to be sure. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Emily Burkett, NDSU Extension, appeared to present furniture quotes for their new space. Three quotes were received from Gaffaney's, Rough Rider Industries, and Fireside Office Solutions. Ms. Burkett recommended the Rough Rider Industries quote as they are able to match the furniture to what NDSU already is utilizing.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Rough Rider Industries quote in the amount of \$8,996.00 as presented and to pull from any ARPA funds that may become available before utilizing Commissioner Contingency Fund to cover this expense. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Tammy Terras, Human Resources Director, appeared with an update on the HR Director position vacancy. Ms. Terras recommends moving forward with interviewing the top three applicants.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve moving forward with interviewing the top four applicants on Monday, August 22, 2022 from 1:00-5:00 PM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve the following payroll amendments: R. Neumiller, Highway and R. Christianson, Highway. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Terras spoke to the office space reorganization within the administrative building and presented a memo from Jennifer Wiechmann from Emergency Management.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to adopt the plan laid out today by the memo and HR as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Lastly Ms. Terras presented NDPHIT short term disability and vision renewal information.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to keep the same coverage for short term disability and vision with no rate increase as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Misty Hester appeared.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to receive and file the following correspondence: Minot Chamber EDC – Economy at a Glance August 2022 and Ward County Highway Committee Minutes from July 28, 2022. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to receive and file monthly reports including financials along with the Human Service Zone indirect budgeted costs. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Hester discussed whether or not the Commissioners would like Craig Hashbarger from Widmer Roel to appear in person for the Ward County audit presentation or call in to present the audit. It was decided to have Mr. Hashbarger call in on September 20, 2022 during the Commission meeting unless he happens to be in the area on that day and would like to appear in person.

Ms. Hester presented the Commission with a bid to purchase foreclosed property. The bid is for Parcel #SY190240000240 and Parcel #SY190240000250. Minimum sale price for each property is \$1,792.68 for a total bid amount of \$3,585.36.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the bid in the amount of \$3,585.36 for both parcels as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve a duplicate warrant to be issued to D. Aamot for \$142.86. Roll call; all vote yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to appoint Comm. Weppler as the NDACo County Delegate. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to appoint Comm. Anderson as the NDACo County Alternate Delegate. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve the Raffle Permit for Dakota Patriot Pal contingent upon approval from the Ward County Sheriff's Department and the Ward County State's Attorney. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen appeared regarding foreclosed property maintenance, specifically the condo properties on 43rd Avenue SW in Minot. There are a dozen gravel piles, clay and topsoil, and debris piles on the property. There have been complaints coming in regarding these piles. There is a condo declaration that states how controlling interest is established and how the costs and maintenance is to be distributed. Ward County owns 60% of the interest in the Condo Association. Mr. Larsen is looking for guidance on what should be done on this property. The Highway Department is mowing the area at the present time up to the debris piles.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to allow Ward County to clean up the piles, haul out the debris, and flatten the area as presented by Mr. Larsen. Roll call; Pietsch and Rostad voted yes; Weppler, Anderson, and Fjeldahl voted no. Motion failed.

Further discussion was held on the property as well as possibly seeking legal counsel to help sort out the issue.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to set up a meeting to discuss the next steps which will include Marisa Haman, a representative from the city of Minot, tax director, highway department, Roza Larson, Commissioner Anderson, and possibly the city manager and a representative from Minot Planning and Zoning. Roll call; Weppler, Anderson, Fjeldahl, and Rostad voted yes; Pietsch voted no; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, Highway Engineer appeared to introduce Mike Bittner of Bolton & Menk to present the SE/SW Connector Corridor Study.

Chairman Rostad left the meeting at 11:33 AM.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to receive and file the Ward County SE/SW Connector Study. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve seeking grants to cover phase 1 regarding intersection improvements from Highway 52 to Highway 14 and possibly a look at the Trestle bridge for safety and improvements (for clarification, intersections of 52/17, 14/17 and also County road 12/Trestle). Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

At 11:52 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
