

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners
October 5, 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 Brian Vangsness, Dana Larsen (arrived at 9:15), Emily Burkett, Jason Blowers, Jennifer Wiechmann, Jodi Johnson, Kristin Kowalczyk, Marisa Haman, Noreen Barton, and Roza Larson.

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

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearings on July 26-27, 2022 and the Commission Meeting on September 20, 2022. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve the regular bills totaling \$325,987.30 and HS Zone direct cost bills totaling \$72,196.73. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING 10/05/2022 BILL LIST			
GENERAL BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	BARTON, NOREEN A	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 9/13-15/22 BISMARCK--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$ 28.00
DD	DIEDRICHSEN, DOUGLAS C	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 9/14-16/22 BISMARCK--PLANNING & ZONE	163.10
189741	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL--SHERIFF	12,251.25
189828	HANSON EXCAVATING	ARPA PROJ #22-OLSON APT/YING BIN- EST #2--COMMISSIONERS	102,024.00
DD	HAUGAN, KELLY J	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 9/19-21/22 BISMARCK--EMERGENCY MGMT	137.50
189829	HESI	MANIFEST BOX/TRANSPORTATION 114467--JAIL OPERATIONS	128.60
189830	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	NETMOTION--SHERIFF	334.65
189831	KASSON, SEAN BRADLEY	CONTRACT ATTORNEY 8/15/22 - 09/18/22--STATES ATTORNEY	1,302.97
DD	KELLEBREW, BRIAN R	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 08/31/22 - 09/02/22 DICKINSON--SHERIFF	28.00
189832	KENMARE WHEELS AND MEALS INC	ARPA PROJ #91 VEHICLE PURCH 2022 CHEVY--COMMISSIONERS	13,500.00
189833	KEYCARE MEDICAL	KNEE BRACE - MW--JAIL OPERATIONS	520.00
189884	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	MAINT AGREEMENT 9/11/22 - 9/10/23-- SHERIFF	1,194.73
189884	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	COLOR COPIES FROM 9/11/21 - 9/10/22-- SHERIFF	313.80
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS FOR JAIL--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	554.44
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COURTHOUSE BASEMENT-- FACILITY MANAGEMENT	100.49
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	129.43
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS 900 BUILDING--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	412.74
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	24.00
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS JAIL--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	2,215.16
189757	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COUNTY NORTH BLDG--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	24.75
189835	MINOT COMMISSION ON AGING INC	ARPA PROJ #92-MINOT COMM ON AGING--COMMISSIONERS	4,161.30
189836	MOUNTAIN PLAINS YOUTH SERVICES	MONTHLY SHELTER CONTRACT-- GENERAL	5,754.65
189837	ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES	MONITOR DESK RISER & SIT/STAND MAT--HUMAN SERVICES	338.00
189838	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	ST FL MOTOR POOL INV BRUMMUND - FARGO 4/1-3/22--EXT SVC	265.86
189839	NDSU DEPT 3110	ADDR CORR- LETTERHEAD, ENVELOPES, BUS CARDS--EXT SVC	662.00

DD	OLSON, JENNIFER L	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 8/29/22 - 9/2/22--SHERIFF	129.50
DD	PECKA, SHAN	CHANGE OF PLEA TRANSCRIPTS--STATES ATTORNEY	180.00
189781	POST BOARD	18 RENEWAL LICENSES--SHERIFF	810.00
189840	ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR CO INC	ARMORED CAR SERVICE--AUDITOR AND TREASURER	520.47
DD	SCHILLER, TAYLOR S	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 9/18/22 - 9/23/22--SHERIFF	178.50
189841	SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY APPLICATION IAN SIPPLE--SHERIFF	36.00
DD	STRAABE, JULIE A	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 9/13-15/22 BISMARCK--TAX EQUALIZATION	28.00
189842	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	AUG MEALS FOR JUVENILE--JUVENILE DETENTION	732.91
189842	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	INMATE MEALS AUGUST 2022--JAIL OPERATIONS	35,954.64
189758	THOMAS LAW FIRM	2022 INDIGENT DEFENSE - OCT 2022--GENERAL	2,000.00
189759	TRINITY HEALTH	Q4 2022 CONTRACT - CORONER--GENERAL	11,250.00
189784	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	EXECUTIME PROJECT --HUMAN RESOURCES	780.00
189742	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	EXECUTIME PROJECT--HUMAN RESOURCES	1,300.00
189843	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	CIVIL MAINTENANCE 10/18/22 - 10/17/23--SHERIFF	16,000.29
189843	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	ARPA PROJ #103-EXECUTIME LIC/MAINT--HUMAN RESOURCES	42,075.00
189760	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--EXTENSION SERVICE	20.26
189785	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--HUMAN SERVICES	205.86
189785	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--HUMAN SERVICES	65.66
189743	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--GENERAL	654.38
189743	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--GENERAL	155.28
189681	WEX HEALTH, INC.	FSA MONTHLY FEES--HUMAN RESOURCES	157.50
189761	WILHELM TIM	2022 INDIGENT DEFENSE - OCT 2022--GENERAL	2,000.00
DD	WOOSTER, NICHOLAS H	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE - BOOTS--SHERIFF	79.99
Total General Bills:			\$ 261,883.66

PARK BOARD BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
189823	CIRCLE SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICE - OLD SETTLERS	\$ 419.00
189823	CIRCLE SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICES - NELSON CARLSON	341.25
189824	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	SHOWER & RESTROOM REPAIR - NELSON CARLSON	651.82
189824	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	TOILET REPAIR - OLD SETTLERS	160.01
189825	MENARDS - MINOT	TOILET TISSUE, CLEANING SUPPLIES	138.02
189825	MENARDS - MINOT	LUMBER	65.28
189826	SIGNSTODAY	SIGNS	130.40
189827	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES - OLD SETTLERS	270.54
189827	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES - OLD SETTLERS	37.64
Total Park Board Bills:			\$ 2,213.96

ROAD/HIGHWAY BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
189803	A-1 EVANS SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	PORTABLE TOILET	\$ 135.00
189804	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	IMPACT WRENCH	279.00

189804	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	OIL	16.90
189805	BIO SYSTEMS	MATERIALS/SERVICES	1,610.00
189806	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	WIRE, RUBBER CEMENT	18.77
189807	COMPUTER STORE INC	CAMERA INSTALL	1,040.00
189808	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	PROPANE	2,835.00
189809	KELLER PAVING & LANDSCAPING IN	PAVING CR #14	50,087.85
DD	LARSEN, DANA G	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 9/14/22-9/15/22 BISMARCK	42.00
189810	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	WEB ROOT SERVICE	72.00
189811	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	51.59
189811	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	288.41
189811	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	185.42
189811	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	288.91
189811	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	144.97
189811	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES	29.47
189812	MENARDS - MINOT	SPRAYER, PAINT	81.04
189812	MENARDS - MINOT	LETTERING, SEALER	93.04
189812	MENARDS - MINOT	NIPPLE, COUPLINGS	30.94
189813	MINOT AUTO SUPPLY	FLANGE, INSERT	33.34
189813	MINOT AUTO SUPPLY	BEARINGS	46.24
189814	MINOT CITY OF, LANDFILL	DUMPING FEE	9.28
189814	MINOT CITY OF, LANDFILL	DUMPING FEE	5.68
189740	ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES	DRUG TESTING	99.20
189815	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	UTILITIES	91.90
189816	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	DRUM DEPOSIT	50.00
189816	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	OIL	1,752.30
189816	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	GREASE	436.06
189817	PROLAWN	FALL WEED & FEED	238.00
189818	RHI SUPPLY REFRIGERATION	SHOP-FLUIDS	629.35
189819	SUNDRE SAND & GRAVEL INC	WASHED ROCK	297.78
189820	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	KEYS	9.24
189821	TEAM ELECTRONICS INC	SPARE RADIOS	769.00
DD	UDE, COLE A	OVERNIGHT TRAVEL 09/14/22-09/15/22 BISMARCK	42.00
189822	UPPER GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION INT	I AM A LEADER - BOTNO - C UDE - REGISTRATION	50.00
Total Road/Highway Bills:			\$ 61,889.68

VISION ZERO BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
			\$ -
Total Vision Zero Bills:			\$ -

GRAND TOTAL \$ 325,987.30

Jodi Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, appeared to recognize Brian Walz as Ward County Teacher of the Year.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to open a public hearing at 9:08 AM regarding a petition submitted by Dakota Boys Ranch to vacate a section line in Harrison Township. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Steve Lauth from Pringle & Herigstad, P.C. appeared on behalf of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation and presented why this vacation should be approved.

Russell Rogne, adjacent land owner, appeared and spoke as to why the vacation should be denied.

A discussion was held.

State's Attorney Roza Larson appeared and spoke to the issue.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to close the public hearing at 10:06 AM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to deny the application for vacation as criteria has not been met. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Jason Blowers, IT Director, appeared with a request to allow for the sale of retired/outdated computer monitors.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve selling the retired/outdated computer monitors. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Noreen Barton, Director of Tax Equalization, appeared regarding the Tax Roll Memorandum.

1. Property Owner qualifies for Farm Residence Exemption:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Red Horizon LLC	LU320010000000 NE S32-153-87	19200 380 th St SW Plaza, ND 58771	2022	\$203,000	\$108,000	\$9,670	\$5,400
Larson, Galen Trust	RY330990000020 Olt 2 NENW Less ROW	26101 359 th Ave SW Ryder, ND 58779	2022	\$124,000	\$2,000	\$5,590	\$100
Hanna, Ryan & Susan	EV170990000010 Olt 1 of NENE Less ROW S17-155-87	38015 19 th Ave NW Berthold, ND 58718	2022	\$362,000	\$7,000	\$16,325	\$350
Jacobson, Collin	TR300030000000 E2SW Lots 3 & 4 S30-153-84	19100 142 nd St SW Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$92,000	\$73,000	\$4,505	\$3,650

2. Recent Inspection concluded no basement finish & year of residence was incorrect:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Lien, Alan & Kimberly	KK340990000120 Olt 12 of NENE Less RD S34-156-84	10401 62 nd Ave NW Burlington, ND 58722	2022	\$301,000	\$224,000	\$13,545	\$10,080

3. Recent Inspection concluded year of the residence was incorrect:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Lien, Alan & Kimberly	KK340990000120 Olt 12 of NENE Less RD S34-156-84	10401 62 nd Ave NW Burlington, ND 58722	2021	\$260,000	\$222,000	\$11,700	\$9,990

Lien, Alan & Kimberly	KK340990000120 Olt 12 of NENE Less RD S34-156-84	10401 62 nd Ave NW Burlington, ND 58722	2020	\$253,000	\$215,000	\$11,385	\$9,675
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4. Parcel is Centrally Assessed:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Montana Dakota Utilities	KM170990000280 Olt 28 Por. of Olt 13 Tolley's Plat	1228 Central Ave N Kenmare, ND 58746	2022	\$39,000	\$0.00	\$1,950	\$0.00

5. MH value removed for 2022, taxes were paid in another County:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Sundsbak, Peyton	RO5106090 N2NE SENE S14-154-85	6600 170 th St SW Des Lacs, ND 58733	2022	\$6,000	\$0.00	\$270	\$0.00

6. Reducing value of MH was graded incorrectly (Fema MH):

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Smokey Cowboy LLC	SR5106023 Riverbend MHP Lot 13	4821 Hwy 52 S Lot 13 Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$17,000	\$7,000	\$765	\$315

7. MH removed from lot without a moving permit:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Picalo, Anthony & Sean	MI5100578 Jefferson MHP Lot A62	3100 11 th Ave SE Lot A62 Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$4,000	\$0.00	\$180	\$0.00
Dahlberg, Jennifer	SR5104732 Olt 4 of NENW Less N262.39' of E167.68' S4-154-82	4810 37 th Ave SE Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$45	\$0.00

8. Residence was assessed on wrong parcel:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ortega, Jacquelyn	BN120760000020 Harvest Heights 7 th Addn. Lot 2	2008 Heights Ave Burlington, ND 58722	2022	\$436,000	\$44,000	\$19,620	\$2,200
Ortega, Jacquelyn	BN120760000020 Harvest Heights 7 th Addn. Lot 2	2008 Heights Ave Burlington, ND 58722	2021	\$113,000	\$44,000	\$5,085	\$2,200
Mowan, Kacie & Darin	BN120760000030 Harvest Heights 7 th Addn. Lot 3	2000 Heights Ave Burlington, ND 58722	2022	\$37,000	\$429,000	\$1,850	\$19,305

9. Value pro-rated 7 months, structure destroyed by fire:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Hardin, Mitchel	NE320990000350 Olt 35 of NWNE SWNE S32-155-82	2785 Hwy 52 S Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$401,000	\$271,000	\$18,045	\$12,195

10. Property purchased from exempt entity 2/22, return to tax roll with 10 months pro-rated:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	Ne True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Burton, Nycole	MI240720700061 Eastwood Park Addn. W ½ Lots 5 & 6 Block 7	801 72 nd Ave SE Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$0.00	\$175,000	\$0.00	\$7,875

11. Property had a small fire in the kitchen 8/22, prorating estimated damage amount for last 4 months of 2022:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Weigel, Shawn Family Living Trust	MI142740200070 N Minot Addn. S/D of Block 14 Lot 7 Block 2	827 10 th Ave NW Minot, ND 58703	2022	\$179,000	\$164,000	\$8,055	\$7,380

12. Property was previously estimated, a recent inspection indicated no basement finish:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Eslinger, Chad & Tonya	MI251610200022 Home Acres Addn. S60' of E150' Lot 2 Block 2	1612 Main St S Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$182,000	\$168,000	\$8,190	\$7,560
Rogness, Casey & Shanna	MI240720200210 Eastwood Park Addn. Lot 21 Block 2	106 7 th ST SE Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$298,000	\$279,000	\$13,410	\$12,555

13. Recent Inspection concluded that reduction is needed to reflect market value:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Borden-King, Andrew & Lisa	MI243170800041 Ramstads Riverview S/D W158' of Lot 4 Block 8	603 2 nd St SE Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$260,000	\$213,000	\$11,700	\$9,585

14. Property sold to City of Minot 9/22, prorate value 6 months, exempt 4 months:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
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City of Minot	MI134740000010 Werner - Porter S/D Lot 1 Less Por. for St.	405 Railway Ave Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$464,000	\$310,000	\$23,200	\$15,500
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15. Property sold 9/22 no longer exempt, prorate value 4 months, exempt 8 months:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
525 Building LLC	MI353010000360 Prairie Green Addn. Lot 36	525 31 st Ave SW Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$0.00	\$198,000	\$0.00	\$9,900

16. Recent Inspection concluded that reduction is needed to reflect market value:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Lautt, Arthur & Judith	MI242220000040 Lynchs 2 nd Addn. Lot 4	14 9 th Ave SE Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$333,000	\$294,000	\$14,985	\$13,230
Lang, Steve	MI252970000252 Prospect Heights Addn. N55' of E135' Lot 25	1442 Main ST S Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$196,000	\$105,000	\$8,820	\$4,725

17. Property estimated for 2021, on site review indicated reduction of T & F:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Ormiston, William	MI265920100040 Biltmore Villas Condo Biltmore Villas Addn. Lot 1 Unit D	1408 17 th Ave SW Unit D Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$282,000	\$229,000	\$12,690	\$10,305

18. After additional research, the condition of the manufactured home concluded that reduction is needed to reflect market value:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Rosemore, Todd	MI28B730000030 Plainview Addn. S/D Lots 13-23, 27-43 & 45-53 S/D Of Lot 3 Lot 3	1611 46 th St SE Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$62,000	\$48,000	\$2,790	\$2,160

19. Property Owner qualifies for Farm Residence Exemption:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Herzig, Karla	FO260990000010 Olt 1 of NE S26-256-85	17401 Hwy 2 W Burlington, ND 58722	2022	\$268,000	\$1,000	\$12,065	\$50
Bunduc, Mugur & Rachel	SN13005U030000 W2NE S13-159-89	Unassigned Kenmare, ND 58746	2022	\$184,000	\$39,000	\$8,475	\$1,950

Bunduc, Mugur & Rachel	SN13005U030000 W2NE S13-159-89	Unassigned Kenmare, ND 58746	2021	\$184,000	\$38,000	\$8,470	\$1,900
Klein, Clara	NP020040000000 SE S2-154-81	16601 54 th Ave Surrey, ND 58785	2022	\$167,000	\$105,000	\$8,035	\$5,250
Bunduc, Rachel	SN120030000000 SW Less Rd S12-159-89	53300 352 nd Ave NW Kenmare, ND 58746	2022	\$523,000	\$107,000	\$24,065	\$5,350
Schumacher, Donald	AF22005U010000 N1122' of W885' of NWNW Less Olt 1	8101 30 th St SW Minot, ND 58701	2022	\$274,000	\$4,000	\$12,350	\$200
Erickson, Arlo & Melissa	HT230990000010 Olt 1 of SESE Less Row S23-152-84	26000 62 nd St SW Douglas, ND 58735	2022	\$365,000	\$6,000	\$16,425	\$300
Erickson, Arlo & Melissa	HT230990000010 Olt 1 of SESE Less Row S23-152-84	26000 62 nd St SW Douglas, ND 58735	2021	\$198,000	\$6,000	\$8,910	\$300

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve adjustments to Tax Roll Memorandum with the exception of #9 as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Diedrichsen appeared with a Rushville Township Board Plat Application recommendation.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to recommend approval of the Plat Application. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

County Highway Engineer Dana Larsen appeared with a section line improvement request from Ducks Unlimited in Rushville Township.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to give Ducks Unlimited permission from the County Board, acting on the request as the Rushville Township Board, to allow the improvements on the section line as per NDCC 24-07-03.1 – Improvement of section line upon receiving the email agreement from adjacent landowner Dave Lakoduk. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Human Resources Generalist Rachel Stevenson appeared regarding pay amendments.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the following payroll amendments: M. Larson, Highway; T. Marto; Facilities; K. Pausig; Jail. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Stevenson then presented on the dental renewal. Due to a large increase quote with our current provider, several comparisons were given. Ms. Stevenson recommended to switch to Aflac who will lock in the same rate for 2 years.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve changing dental insurance to Aflac Dental. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Auditor/ Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to receive and file the following correspondence: Kenmare Wheels & Meals. Roll call; all votes yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to Weppler to approve an SRT right of way easement signature request with authorizing Chairman Rostad to sign. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to hold a public hearing at the next Ward County Commission meeting regarding a foreclosed property bid for Parcel #RL030090000060 with a bid offer of \$29,839.33. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to contact outside legal counsel with real estate experience for advice on foreclosure properties owned by the county via tax deeds that are within city limits. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the minimum sales price for foreclosed properties as presented except for Parcel #RL030090000060. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Liquor License for Farmers Union Oil of Minot, DBA Enerbase Cooperative Resources. Roll call; Comm. Weppler, Anderson, Fjeldahl, and Rostad voted yes; Comm. Pietsch voted no; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Fjeldahl to approve the raffle permit for Badland's Circuit Finals Rodeo. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to open a public hearing at 10:50 AM regarding an abatement requested by HL Development, LLC. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Noreen Barton, Director of Tax Equalization appeared regarding a property tax abatement for the years 2020 and 2021 for two vacant parcels of land owned by HL Development, LLC and recommended denial of the Applications for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for tax year 2020 and 2021.

Jessica Merchant from Olson & Burns appeared on behalf of HL Development, LLC and presented why this abatement should be approved and be corrected from commercial property to agricultural property as it is being actively farmed.

Ryan Kamrowski, City Assessor appeared and spoke to the land use valuation policy.

Nathan Smith from HL Development, LLC appeared and spoke that he purchased the land for agricultural use and he uses section lines and township roads to get around the property with no utilities or improvements placed upon the property.

A discussion was held.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to close the public hearing at 12:01 PM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

State's Attorney Roza Larson appeared and spoke to the issue.

Moved by Comm. Fjeldahl, seconded by Comm. Anderson to set the value at a 20% increase from the last time this issue was appealed (2 years prior) which was identified as commercial. Roll call; Comm. Fjeldahl voted yes; Comm. Anderson, Weppler, Pietsch, and Rostad voted no; motion failed.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Anderson to reduce to 75 cents a square foot (which is a 50% reduction appraised by the City of Minot) and allow others to come forth and make the same change which comes out to: Subdivision Lot 9 - \$352,000.00 and Subdivision Lot 10 -

\$517,000.00. Roll call; Comm. Pietsch, Anderson, Fjeldahl, and Weppler voted no; Comm. Rostad voted yes; motion failed.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to reduce from \$1.50 per square foot to \$1.10 per square foot – taxed at the commercial rate which comes out to: Subdivision Lot 9 - \$517,000.00 and Subdivision Lot 10 - \$759,000.00. Roll call; Comm. Anderson, Pietsch, and Rostad voted yes; Comm. Fjeldahl and Weppler voted no; motion carried.

At 12:18 PM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
