

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners
April 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman/Commissioner Fjeldahl at 9:02 AM with Commissioners Anderson, Olson, and Weppler present with Commissioner Rostad present by phone. Also present were department heads Brian Vangsness, Brock Gilstad, Dana Larsen, Emily Burkett, Jason Blowers, Kelly Haugan, Kerrienne Boetcher, Kristi Frederick, Kristin Kowalczyk, Lolly Gorze, Marisa Haman, Noreen Wilkie, Robert Roed, and Roza Larson.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11.K Reminder of the Candidate Filing Deadline. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on March 19, 2024 with grammatical corrections. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the regular bills totaling \$215,965.80 and HS Zone direct bills totaling \$12,453. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING 04/02/2024 BILL LIST			
GENERAL BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
194072	ACCURATE CONTROLS INC	MICROPHONES--JAIL OPS	\$2,889.82
194072	ACCURATE CONTROLS INC	CAMERA--JAIL OPS	\$3,641.33
194073	ANDERSON DRYWALL	ARPA #27 BREAK ROOM DOOR FINAL PMT - TAPE/TEXTURE--FACILITY MGMT	\$709.49
194073	ANDERSON DRYWALL	ARPA #27 BREAK ROOM DOOR FINAL PMT - TAPE/TEXTURE--COMMISSIONERS	\$1,090.51
194074	BERTHOLD AMBULANCE	ARPA #105 - SIREN/RADIOS--COMMISSIONERS	\$5,621.00
194075	COLE PAPERS INC	FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR JAIL--FACILITY MGMT	\$990.72
194075	COLE PAPERS INC	HAND SOAP & SANITIZER--FACILITY MGMT	\$498.62
194075	COLE PAPERS INC	CHEMICAL CABINET--FACILITY MGMT	\$7.00
194075	COLE PAPERS INC	BLACK NITRILE GLOVES--FACILITY MGMT	\$120.28
194076	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	2 AIR VENTS--FACILITY MGMT	\$41.63
194076	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	SLOAN CLOSET REPAIR KIT--FACILITY MGMT	\$126.15
194077	DAVIS, STEPHENIE L	DAY TRIP MILEAGE STATE HOSPITAL STAFF MEETING JAMESTOWN--STATES ATT.	\$289.44
194078	ET SYSTEMS	WORK ON HP 67 ALONG WITH SENSOR REPLACEMENT--FACILITY MGMT	\$760.28
194078	ET SYSTEMS	PART & LABOR TO INSTALL CONTROLLER--FACILITY MGMT	\$1,125.34
194079	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #1657	MISC PVC PARTS--FACILITY MGMT	\$27.07
DD	HURTEAU, CHARLES G	OVERNIGHT MILEAGE FOUNDATIONS OF EM CLASS FARGO--EMERGENCY MGMT	\$360.46
DD	HURTEAU, CHARLES G	DAY TRIP MILEAGE NW REGION QRTLTY MEETING MOHALL--EMERGENCY MGMT	\$62.31
194080	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	NETMOTION--SHERIFF	\$312.15
193975	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	SSL VPN CLIENT--IT	\$5.00
DD	JOHNSON, JODI L	OVERNIGHT MILEAGE STATE SPELLING BEE BISMARCK--SCHOOL SUP.	\$190.28
DD	JOHNSON, JODI L	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM STATE SPELLING BEE BISMARCK--SCHOOL SUP.	\$36.00
194081	LIGHT AND SIREN	WIDE ANGLE LIGHTS--SHERIFF	\$249.00
194082	MARQUART, ANDREW	MENTAL HEALTH ATTY FEES - 02/25 - 02/26 M.R.--GENERAL	\$288.00
194036	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGMT	\$1,374.22
194036	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS JAIL BLDG SUP.--FACILITY MGMT	\$2,091.77
194036	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$929.25
194036	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 900 BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$1,373.69
194036	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 425 BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$178.48
194036	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS JAIL--FACILITY MGMT	\$2,237.53

193834	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COUNTY NORTH BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$132.25
194083	NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC	SPARE HEADS FOR JAIL--FACILITY MGMT	\$1,375.00
194084	ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR CO INC	ARMORED CAR SERVICE--AUDITOR/TREAS	\$503.61
DD	ROSTAD, JAMES A	OVERNIGHT MILEAGE COMMISSION	\$150.08
194085	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	SUMMIT BISMARCK--COMMISSIONERS	\$43,391.81
DD	SURREY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	INMATE MEALS - FEB 2024--JAIL OPS	\$50,000.00
194086	THE DIFFERENCE - A HOLISTIC APPROACH	ARPA #79 FINAL PAYMENT SIRN RADIOS--COMMISSIONERS	\$1,500.00
194087	THORSRUD SUPPLY COMPANY INC	ARPA #96 PMT #5 - HEALING SESSIONS--COMMISSIONERS	\$134.24
194087	THORSRUD SUPPLY COMPANY INC	2 LOCK CYLINDERS--FACILITY MGMT	\$118.64
194088	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	2 ADAPTER RINGS & TAPERED RINGS--FACILITY MGMT	\$112.85
194088	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	INDIGENT SUPPLIES --JAIL OPS	\$159.00
194088	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	LAW LIBRARY--COMMISSARY	\$115.70
194037	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	INDIGENT SUPPLIES - NOV 2023--COMMISSARY	\$163.49
194037	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE - 03/04 - 03/15--EXTENSION	\$56.09
194089	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES - 03/04 - 03/15--EXTENSION	\$500.00
194089	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE - 03/04 - 03/15--GENERAL	\$327.79
194090	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	SERVICES - 03/04 - 03/15--GENERAL	\$785.52
193828	WEX HEALTH, INC.	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS--SHERIFF	\$217.00
194091	WIDMER ROEL PC	FSA MONTHLY FEES JAN 2024--HUMAN RESOURCES	\$3,000.00
194091	WIDMER ROEL PC	CONSULTING FOR ARPA EVALUATION OF FUNDS--GENERAL	\$458.59
DD	WOOSTER, NICHOLAS H	TRAVEL - REGULAR AUDIT SERVICES--GENERAL	\$51.59
DD-1254	XCEL ENERGY	CONCEALED CARRY BELT--SHERIFF	\$37.19
DD-1256	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY SOO LINE PARKING LOT--FACILITY MGMT	\$30.64
DD-1255	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 900 BLDG - COLD STORAGE--FACILITY MGMT	\$785.51
DD-1237	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 900 BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$107.11
DD-1237	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 425 BLDG--FACILITY MGMT	\$4,723.64
DD-1237	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGMT	\$8,772.48
DD-1236	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY JAIL--FACILITY MGMT	\$7,950.69
Total General Bills:			\$153,287.33

PARK BOARD BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
194071	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53719 PARK SUPPLIES	\$23.98
DD-1238	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY - O.S. PARK 8711 PROJECT RD N	\$58.02
DD-1251	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY - O.S. PARK PUMP 401 PARK RD	\$37.10
Total Park Board Bills:			\$119.10

ROAD/HIGHWAY BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
194051	AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER	INV #34034 D-RING UNIT 193	\$82.56
194051	AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER	INV #33963 REFLECTORS	\$10.02
DD	BAKER, AVERY R	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
194052	BUTLER MACHINERY	INV #03PS0500628 PAINT FOR UNIT 1709	\$192.29
194053	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	INV #D53103 BERTHOLD SHOP SUPPLIES	\$349.96
194053	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	INV #D53193 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$31.05
194053	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	IINV #D52576 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$50.71
194053	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	INV #D51998 FLOOR BOARD SCREWS FOR UNIT 75A	\$21.98
194053	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	INV #D51619 SHOP SUPPLEIS	\$9.44

194053	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	INV #D51639 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$79.52
194054	CHARBONNEAU, DARRELL	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
194055	DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHER INC	INV #79162 BRACKET FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN UNIT 189	\$54.95
194056	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	INV #1285625 WINDSHIELD FOR UNIT 147	\$85.00
194056	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	INV #1283554 FILTERS FOR SHOP	\$59.12
194056	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	INV #1283606 WINDSHIELD FOR UNIT 86	\$225.00
194056	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	INV #1283079 PAINT SUPPLIES FOR UNIT 1709	\$38.36
194057	EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS	INV #56685 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE FOR BUILDING C ADDITION	\$1,300.00
DD	ESLINGER, SETH A	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
194058	G & P COMMERCIAL SALES	INV #61614 DEGREASER FOR SHOP	\$128.38
194059	GENERAL TRADING CO	INV #309741 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$98.40
194059	GENERAL TRADING CO	INV#309692 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$135.17
194059	GENERAL TRADING CO	INV #309588 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$289.84
194060	GERDAU	INV #9013167726 PARTS FOR UNIT 84	\$77.20
194060	GERDAU	INV #9013160670 PARTS FOR UNIT 86	\$210.00
194060	GERDAU	INV #9013152566 PARTS FOR UNIT 193	\$1,301.90
DD	HAMMER, CORY D	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
DD	HAMMER, STEVEN M	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
194061	JOHNSON CONTROLS	INV #1-132445182097 SERVICE AGREEMENT	\$30,327.00
DD	KUBAS, TODD D	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
194062	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	INV #9311373317 PAINT	\$1,415.56
193970	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	KENMARE SHOP	\$109.46
193970	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 200 72ND ST SE BLDG D	\$866.77
193970	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 200 72ND ST SE BLDG B	\$1,660.34
193970	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 200 72ND ST SE BLDG A	\$666.74
193970	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 200 72ND ST SE BLDG C	\$1,040.93
193970	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS 200 72ND ST SE BLDG E	\$186.23
DD	MEDLER, JUSTIN O	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53801 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$157.59
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53815 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$26.34
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53999 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$35.94
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #54214 CLOROX WIPE FOR OFFICE	\$25.56
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #54247 SUPPLIES FOR UNIT 193	\$83.90
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #54142 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$142.61
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #54154 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$13.11
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #54163 PARTS FOR UNIT 189	\$20.97
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #54077 PARTS FOR UNIT 189	\$19.48
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53806 SUPPLIES FOR UNIT 193	\$44.23
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53731 BOARDS FOR UNIT 75A	\$469.94
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53652 SHOP SUPPLIES	\$9.99
194063	MENARDS - MINOT	INV #53486 PARTS FOR UNIT 152	\$65.62
194064	MOORE ENGINEERING	INV #36999 ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$7,392.50
194065	ND LTAP	INV #TRA-A31 TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE DANA LARSEN 2024	\$125.00
194066	NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	INV #2341994 LOCATE	\$6.50
DD	OSBORN, WILLIAM E	OVERNIGHT PER DIEM ATSSA CONFERENCE FARGO	\$81.00
193971	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	ELECTRIC - DOUGLAS SHOP	\$421.58
194067	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	INV #975613 BULK GASOLINE FILL FOR MINOT SHOP	\$8,612.41
194068	RDO/POWERPLAN	INV #P9239507 BLADES FOR UNIT 91A	\$2,352.92
194068	RDO/POWERPLAN	INV #P9222007 PARTS FOR UNIT 95A	\$79.66
194069	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	INV #P63954 OIL FILTERS FOR UNIT 5205	\$116.08
194069	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	INV #P63869 CLAMP FOR UNIT 163D	\$21.96
194070	TEAM ELECTRONICS INC	INV #27875 RADIO INSTALL PARTS FOR UNIT 5204	\$14.00
193972	TRI N PROPANE	DOUGLAS SHOP PROPANE	\$164.80
193838	TRI N PROPANE	SAWYER SHOP PROPANE	\$224.00
Total Road/Highway Bills:			\$62,398.57

VISION ZERO BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	SCHOEN, MOLLY C	DAY TRIP MILEAGE BADLANDS SHOOTOUT BOOTH WATFORD CITY	\$160.80
Total Vision Zero Bills:			\$160.80
GRAND TOTAL			\$215,965.80

Lolly Gorze, Human Resources Director, invited Sheriff Roed to come forward and present the 10 years of service coin to Samantha Mahoney, Sheriff's Office.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to open a public hearing at 9:08 AM regarding LCC Telecom-Vertical Bridge-Dennis Andreson application for a Special Use Permit for the following described property: SE1/4, less S400' of the E250' of Sec 34-154-81 New Prairie Twp. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

The applicant is requesting to build a 290' wireless telecommunication tower (with 10' lighting rod) within a 100x100 foot lease area. Ward County zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends Approval of the Special Use Permit based on finding of facts and staff recommendations.

John Burchfield, LCC Telecom, came forward and gave a brief description of the project.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to close the public hearing at 9:10 AM. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Special Use Permit for LCC Telecom-Vertical Bridge-Dennis Andreson as presented. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Minot Renaissance Zone Amendment 1 update was next on the agenda.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to remove Amendment 1 of the Minot Renaissance Zone Updates from the table. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Brian Billingsley, AICP, City of Minot Community & Economic Development Director came forward and informed the Commission that according to the State of North Dakota the threshold of investing 75% of the site's true and current value can be raised by the Commission but not lowered.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to grant an eight-year property tax abatement benefit when a property owner invests 150% of the site's true and current value into building improvements.

Discussion was held. Chairman Fjeldahl asked that the county be notified of all Renaissance Zone cases.

Roll called; Comm. Weppler, Olson, and Rostad voted yes; Comm. Anderson and Chair. Fjeldahl voted no; motion carried.

Rex Weltikol, Minot Rural Fire Chief, came forward to present the Fire Emergency and Restrictive Burn Ban.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Fire Emergency and Restrictive Burn Ban as presented. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Lolly Gorze, Human Resources Director, appeared with the following pay amendments: H. Azure, Jail; S. Mills, Jail; C. Nelson, State’s Attorney and C. Kircher, Sheriff.

Moved by Comm. Olson; seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the payroll amendments as presented. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Gorze then presented a proposal requesting to reallocate funding from Tyler Advanced Scheduling to Connecteam scheduling. This change would have a cost savings of over \$1,000 per year.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the Connecteam proposal.

There was a discussion held. Jason Kraft, Sheriff’s Department, came forward to speak on how the current scheduling system does not meet all the needs in the department.

Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Noreen Wilkie, Director of Tax Equalization presented the tax roll adjustments and items for consideration.

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
Dahl, Lane & Tayte	WI270990000040 Olt 4 of SWSW S27-153-82	18915 55 th St SE Sawyer, ND 58781	2023	\$349,000	\$14,000	\$15,770	\$700
Groninger, Dwayne & Jolene	SP04005U030000 S2S2SW S4-151-84	9900 303 rd Ave SW Douglas, ND 58735	2023	\$264,000	\$24,000	\$11,995	\$1,200
Erickson, L Jon & Eleanor	FR210030000000 SW Less RD S21-153-83	17503 46 th St SW Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$500,000	\$96,000	\$22,980	\$4,800
Rademacher, Daryl & Joanne	KK06005U040000 E600’ of W1250’ of N350’ of NW Less Hwy S6-156-84	15101 128 th Ave NW Berthold, ND 58718	2023	\$199,000	\$3,000	\$8,970	\$150
Thompson, Dean & Susan	NE03005U020000 W600’ of S500’ of SENE S3-155-82	3701 72 nd St NE Minot, ND 58703	2023	\$342,000	\$3,000	\$15,390	\$150

2. House was removed prior to Feb. 1, 2023, value of house should have been removed:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Pfeifer, Levi	ML070990000010 Olt 1 of SW Less Hwy S7-156-81	9801 100 th Ave. NE Surrey, ND 58785	2023	\$202,000	\$77,000	\$9,090	\$3,465

3. 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
91 LLC	MI262882530233 OltS S26-155-83 E37' of Olt 22 & All of Olt 23	724 20 th Ave SW Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$862,000	\$775,000	\$38,790	\$34,875
Hagar, Richard & Cheryl	MI220570200200 Dacotah Homes 2 nd Addn. Lot 20 Block 2	2420 2 nd Ave SW Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$219,000	\$190,000	\$9,855	\$8,550
Thompson, Gabrielle	MI144830000032 W Minot Addn. – Olson’s S/D of Center 50’ Lot 2 & All Lot 4 Block 10 W Minot S100’ Lot 2 & S100’ E15’ Lot 3	901 10 th St NW Minot, ND 58703	2023	\$184,000	\$155,000	\$8,280	\$6,975
Howard, Christopher & Crystal	MI144720100090 Waidts Addn. Lot 9 Block 1	1121 15 th St NW Minot, ND 58703	2023	\$174,000	\$143,000	\$7,830	\$6,435

4. Property approved for 5 year TIF Exemption, only assessed base value of \$396,000 for 2023 -2027:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
The Tracks - Maverick LLC	MI34F860100100 Highlander Estates 4 th S/D Lot 10 Block 1	2330 37 th Ave SW Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$971,000	\$396,000	\$48,550	\$19,800

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the tax roll as presented.

Discussion was held regarding The Tracks – Maverick LLC. This property has a 5-year TIF that was approved by the City of Minot. The structure needed a correction to be removed from the taxable value.

Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the contract with Vanguard Computer Systems. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Beth Pietsch, Planning and Zoning Administrator, appeared regarding an Outlot Plat Application.

Application for an Outlot Plat for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 2 being all of Outlot 1 and an unplatted portion of NWNE of Sec 32-153-81 Sawyer Twp. The applicant is proposing to create parcel containing 7.04 acres to expand and include the whole farm yard. Ward County zoning applies, with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends Approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding of facts and staff recommendations.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Outlot Plat Application from Kevan Syverson as presented. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Marisa Haman, Auditor/Treasurer appeared.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Wepler to receive and file the following correspondence: Economy at a Glance, March 2024 and Email from Peter Hugret, dated March 27, 2024.

The following items of correspondence were pulled for further discussion: Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC's Waiver Application and Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Thunder Butte Pipeline Project, dated February 16, 2024; Notice of Application, Thunder Butte Pipeline Project, dated March 26, 2024; 2024 Payments in Lieu of Taxes; and a Letter from Dakota College at Bottineau.

Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Thunder Butte Pipeline documents were discussed and the board requested they be brought back to the next meeting after they can be reviewed in more detail and determine if a response to the documents is needed.

A discussion was held on the 2024 Payment in Lieu of Taxes document and if Ward County is eligible for the program.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Olson to table 2024 Payment in Lieu of Taxes to bring back at the next meeting. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to add Dakota College of Bottineau Advisory Committee as an annually appointed position in response to their letter. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Olson to receive and file the Tax Equalization Annual Report and the Ward County Sheriff's Annual Report. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve duplicate warrants for A. Pomeroy and Walkers Lawncare LLC. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to have Marisa Haman, Auditor/Treasurer, vote by proxy for the NDIRF annual meeting. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve raffle permits for MAFB African American Heritage Council and Souris Basin Longbeards. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman presented a proposal requesting to use Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) to purchase six additional voting booths for the added polling locations.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to use LATCF funding to purchase voting booths. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Olson to cancel stale dated checks as presented. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman presented a rebate from JP Morgan.

Ms. Haman then gave an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) that were posted for the Jail and Coroner Contract. There were no responses to either RFP.

Ms. Haman states that the Jail Medical contract can be extended through June 30, 2024 but the current provider would like to make amendments to the contract before it is signed.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Weppler to sign the current coroner contract through June 30, 2024. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried.

There was discussion on how to fulfill the coroner contract and it was decided to bring the coroner discussion to the personal committee to discuss potentially adding a coroner position to Ward County.

Ms. Haman updated the Commission that attorney Bryan Van Grinsven is unavailable to provide legal counsel for the Federal ARPA funding given to Project BEE, therefore she is looking for alternate attorney options.

Ms. Haman reminded the Commissioners that the filing deadline for the three open positions on the 2024 primary ballot is April 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

At 10:23 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2024

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST: