

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2024

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on April 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM by Chair Boehm at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Leingang, Buckley, and Morrell and Auditor Rhone. Also present was States Attorney Koppy and Sheriff Kirchmeier.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Morrell seconded to approve bills and payroll. On roll call vote Leingang, Morrell, Zachmeier, Buckley and Boehm voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to approve abatements #6534-6536. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatement #6537. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatements #6538-6556. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to approve abatement #6557-6558. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve abatement #6559. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to approve abatement #6560. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatements #6561-6562. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatement #6563. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatements #6564. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Buckley seconded to approve of the final plat of the short-form subdivision known as Catherines Castle Subdivision and a zoning map amendment from Agricultural to Residential District, as the subdivision conforms to the regulations established in Article 7 of the Morton County Land Use Code and conforms to the land use priorities established in the 2045 Comprehensive Plan, with the following condition

1. The applicants update the septic system to the satisfaction of Western Plains Public Health staff before the plat is recorded.
2. The applicant apply for a utility crossing permit with the MC Hwy Dept before the plat is recorded.

All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Zachmeier seconded to reconsider the motion on approval of the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to amend the agenda to include the Public Hearing on the second reading on Resolution 30-2024-01 to remove the building moratorium for the Ft Lincoln viewshed. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to accept the low bid of \$8.15/cubic yard for gravel crushing from Fisher Sand & Gravel and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chair Boehm recessed the meeting at 5:55 PM.

Chair Boehm reconvened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Chair Boehm opened the public hearing on Resolution 30-2024-01, Resolution to remove the building moratorium on lands within sight distance of Ft Lincoln State Park at 6:00 PM.

Chair Boehm closed the public hearing at 6:09 PM.

Zachmeier moved and Morrell seconded to approve Resolution 30-2024-01 to remove the building moratorium on lands within sight distance of Ft Lincoln State Park as the State of North Dakota does not want Morton County assistance in protecting the sight distance and viewshed and the State of North Dakota believes that the Morton County 2045 Comprehensive Plan is sufficient in protecting the interest of Ft Lincoln State Park and guide future development within the sight distance and viewshed area. Voting aye: Zachmeier, Morrell, Leingang, Buckley, Boehm. Motion carried.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to not escrow any funds to pay off the bonds for the detention center. Voting aye: Morrell, Leingang, Zachmeier, Buckley Boehm. Motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from March 26, 2024 through April 11, 2024 equals \$3,579,643.70.

A detailed list of funds expended by check is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours at the Morton County Auditor's Office.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to adjourn at 6:52 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Nathan Boehm, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor _____