

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2021

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on August 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Leingang at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Buckley, Boehm and Sheriff Kirchmeier and Deputy Auditor Krance. Commissioner Morrell was absent.

Zachmeier added that he will need to recuse himself from the item related to the Willow Road Special Assessments.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Boehm seconded to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve the bills and payroll. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Zachmeier seconded to deny abatement #5948 because it was received after the deadline with plenty of time allowed after the deadline. All voting aye, motion carried.

Consensus of the Commission to continue with the Tax Director denying abatements received after the extended deadline and allow any applicants to appeal the decision to the Commission.

Zachmeier requested to be recused from the next item for the bid of the Willow Road Special Assessment as he lives within the special assessment district and has a financial interest in the taxes that can be generated and also a strong family connection with a contractor of the project that could be a financial conflict of interest. Chairman Leingang excused Zachmeier.

Boehm moved and Buckley seconded to accept the low bid of Northern Improvement of \$811,900.40 for the reconstruction and overlay of Rockhaven Harbor Road, Willow Road 37th Street and the overlay of Entzel Acres for Willow Road Assessment Numbers 2187, 2188, and 2189. Roll call vote: Boehm – yes, Buckley- yes, and Leingang – yes. Motion carried.

Zachmeier returned to the meeting.

Buckley moved and Boehm seconded to appoint James Bahm as the District No. 3 New Salem Area Weed Board member to fill the 3 year term expiring 8-1-2025. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Zachmeier seconded to appoint Elwood Barth to the District No. 5 Flasher Area Weed Board member to fill the 3 year term expiring 8-1-2025. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley requested to be recused from the next item for the authorization of loan for the Special Assessment of the Riverview Heights area due to conflict of interest as she lives in the special assessment district. Chairman Leingang excused Buckley.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to authorize the Morton County Auditor to complete the proper loan documents related to a loan for the purpose of a Special Assessment chip seal of the Riverview Heights Subdivision as presented. Roll call vote, Boehm – yes, Zachmeier – yes, and Leingang –yes. Motion carried.

Buckley returned to the meeting.

Boehm moved and Zachmeier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from July 28, 2021 through August 12, 2021 equals \$2,048,222.49.

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.

Ronald Leingang, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn Rhone, County Auditor _____