

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
July 12, 2018

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on July 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Strinden at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Schulz, Zachmeier and Boehm, Deputy Auditor Krance and States Attorney Koppy. Absent was Commissioner Leingang.

Schulz moved and Boehm seconded to approve the agenda with changing the order of the agenda item numbers 1 & 3 and adding action to be taken on the Special Assessment District #1887 Whispering Hills and Special Assessment District #1558 Riverview Heights. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Schulz seconded to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Schulz moved and Boehm seconded to approve Abatement #5166. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Schulz seconded to approve Abatement #5167. All voting aye, motion carried.

John Saiki was present in County Planner Natalie Pierce's absence and presented a request for a Replat of Lot 1, Block 1, Whitetail Ridge Subdivision and rezoning from Residential (R) to Parks and Recreation (PR). The property is on approx. 2.59 acres in NE¼ of Section 19, Township 140N, Range 81W, Morton County.

a. Summary: the Morton County Water Resource District (MCWRD) has a limited number of ingress/egress points that allow for access to the roughly 1,135 acres of land that encompass the Harmon Lake Recreation Area. The MCWRD opted to purchase Lot 1 Block 1 of the previously platted Whitetail Ridge Subdivision. The intent is to subdivide a 66-foot wide strip of land to provide permanent access to the eastern side of the Harmon Lake property and then resell the remaining residential lot 1A. The proposed Lot 1B would be a non-conforming lot, however it would be merged for purposes of administration of the zoning code with the neighboring Harmon Lake property directly adjacent to the west. The intention is not to use the access for public access, but simply for maintenance equipment and access for emergency responders. Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Zachmeier moved and Schulz seconded to approve the final plat of the short form subdivision known as the Replat of Lot 1 Block 1 Whitetail Ridge Subdivision and the zoning map amendment from Residential (R) to Parks and Recreation as the subdivision supports Goal 8 of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan and is compatible with surrounding land uses. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Strinden closed the Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM and declared the Public Hearing open for Whispering Hills Special Assessment District #1887 and Riverview Heights Special Assessment District #1558.

Chairman Strinden closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular Commission Meeting at 6:12 PM.

Cole and Alisa Schantz submitted an application for a special use permit for a wedding event center in the S½ of Section 14, Township138N, Range 81W and the application was reviewed at both the May and June Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. At the June meeting, staff recommended that the applicants provide a more detailed site plan before moving forward with the application process. However, the Land Use Code stipulates that an application for special use permit cannot be continued to a third meeting. In the interest of administrative efficiency, at the June 28 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, the applicants withdrew their application in order to allow more time to develop an improved site plan before moving forward with a subsequent application. Because the next application that the Schantz's will submit will be the same SUP application, but with a revised site plan, Planning & Zoning Commission suggested that County Commission approve a waiver of the application fee at such time as the Schantz's are ready to resubmit the SUP application.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to allow a waiver of the \$300 fee when the application for a special use permit for the Schantz Event Center is brought back for reconsideration. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded that the application procedure for the Morton County Social Service Board open 3 yr. term be sent back to the Morton County Social Service Board for recommendation to be brought back to the County Commission Meeting on July 24, 2018. All voting aye, motion carried.

Schultz moved and Boehm seconded to approve the letter of support for Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's application for a 2018 BUILD Grant application. All voting aye, motion carried.

Schulz moved and Boehm seconded to approve the Resolution to increase the existing emergency service communication fee as presented and approved on the June ballot. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Schulz seconded to approve the Special Assessment District #1887, the chip seal project at Whispering Hills Subdivision. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Schulz seconded to approve the Special Assessment District #1558 Riverview Heights paving project. All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from June 27, 2018 through July 12, 2018, equals \$1,496,892.96.

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.

Schulz moved and Boehm seconded to adjourn at 6:35 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Bruce Strinden, Chairman, Morton County Commission \_\_\_\_\_

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor \_\_\_\_\_