

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2023

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on July 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Boehm at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Buckley(virtually) and Morrell and Auditor Rhone. Also present was States Attorney Kopyy. Absent was Commissioner Leingang.

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

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Debby Lafferty, Morton County Council on Aging presented 2024 budget.

Mike Heilman, Superintendent of Schools, gave the commission an updated on the rural schools.

Morrell moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve abatement # 6232. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatements # 6233-6234. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatements # 6235-6236. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Morrell seconded to appoint Kevin Himmelspach and Jesse Kist to the Morton County Park Board for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2026. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to appoint Robin Thiel and Dennis Gustin to the Morton County School Reorganization Board for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2026. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Zachmeier seconded to appoint Rose Mary Lawson to the Three River Human Service Zone Board Morton for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2026. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Boehm seconded to allocate \$267,000 of State ARPA funds to fund the County share of the new boat ramp located at car bodies and also to reduce the County Park budget by \$130,000 in the 2024 budget from the Improvement in Parks line item. Voting aye: Morrell, Buckley & Boehm; voting nay: Zachmeier. Motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to approve the preliminary budget of \$34,446,785 and total tax levy of \$13,934,444. All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from July 14 through July 25, 2023 equals \$665,465.16.

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 Zachmeier seconded to adjourn at 8:39PM.

Nathan Boehm, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor _____