

## Morton County Commission Special Meeting Agenda

**July 30, 2019**

**Commission Room, Morton County Courthouse**

**210 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Mandan ND**

**5:30 PM**

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes for previous meetings

Approve monthly bills and payroll – Commissioner Strinden

1. Missi Baranko/ND Lutheran Social Services
  - Healthy Families requesting \$15,000
  
2. Dawn Rhone/MC Auditor
  - 2020 Preliminary Budget - discussion and approval

\*ISSUES MAY BE ADDED OR DELETED BY MEETING DAY.

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
July 23, 2019

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on July 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Strinden at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Schulz, Leingang and Buckley, Auditor Rhone and States Attorney Koppy.

Schulz moved and Leingang seconded to approve the agenda with an addition. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Debbie Lafferty, Executive Director of Morton County Council on Aging, presented the 2020 Council on Aging budget and levy request.

Emily Yanish of Youthworks, gave an update on their programs and requested \$26,270 for funding in 2020.

Rocky Bateman of the Morton County Soil Conservation updated the Commission on the Soil District.

Keith Johnson, Custer Health Administrator, presented the 2020 Custer Health Budget and the levy request of an equalized mill rate for all member counties of the Health District of 3.52 mills.

Ryan Jockers, Lower Heart Water District Board Member, presented the 2020 Lower Heart budget and levy request.

Wade Bachmeier, Morton County Water District Board Chair, presented the 2020 Morton County Water District budget and levy request.

Gabrielle Goter, Assistant States Attorney, presented the 2020 States Attorney office budget.

HR Director Bent presented a critical care leave request for an employee.

Zachmeier moved and Leingang seconded to approve critical care leave for team member #21373 and authorize Social Services to seek 1 emergency hire, specifically one eligibility worker, for the backfill needs within the Social Services department as requested. All voting aye, motion carried.

Schulz moved and Leingang seconded approve abatements #5265-5266. All voting aye, motion carried.

Schulz moved and Buckley seconded to approve the Supplemental Resolution regarding Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2019A. All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from July 12, 2019 through July 23, 2019 equals \$911,473.57.

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.

Leingang moved and Schulz seconded to adjourn at 7:23 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

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



# Healthy Families North Dakota™

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Healthy Families is a primary child abuse prevention home visitation program designed to support families as they become parents. It is specifically designed to support parents who may have histories of childhood trauma, intimate partner violence, poor mental health, and/or substance abuse issues. Healthy Families is rooted in the belief that early, nurturing relationships are the foundation for life-long, healthy development. Interactions between Family Support Specialists and families are relationship based and designed to promote positive parent-child relationships and healthy attachments through strength-based, family centered, culturally sensitive and reflective practices. Since 2008 Healthy Families has provided critical support to over 600 expectant parents and parents of newborns in the Burleigh and Morton Counties. In the last 6 months over 23% of enrolled families and referred families resided in Morton County.

Healthy Families captures the teachable moments when families are most open to learning about their newborns and before adverse patterns are established. **The program is free, voluntary, and not based on income, thereby minimizing many barriers families face in reaching supportive services.** We build on families' strengths by teaching them evidence-based strategies to reduce stressors, develop resiliency, and establish solid attachment to their children. In this way, the program gets at the core issues that at-risk families face daily (budgeting, anger management, healthy relationship choices, nutrition, long-term planning, and problem solving). Healthy Families gives them the skill set to not only cope, but thrive, thus reducing the continuation of child abuse and neglect for the next generation.

Though families can self-refer, referrals typically come from Sanford Health, St. Alexius, County Social Service offices, Community Health Clinics, WIC, and other partners. In addition to the screening process, each family is assessed to determine risk so that families who can most benefit from our intensive in-home services are identified. Families who are assessed and found not to be at increased risk are provided with community referrals and can be followed up for the first three months after the initial contact.

Families move through various levels of support, starting from initial weekly visits, which typically span from late pregnancy up to the first 6 to 9 months of the target child's life. Visits decrease in intensity as families build protective factors in their homes and relationships. In special circumstances, families may receive two or more visits weekly, when experiencing crisis or if they are dealing with serious issues such as chemical dependency, depression, and domestic violence. Families graduate from the program when their child is age three.

Families are screened for depression, domestic violence relationships, parenting skills, and child maltreatment. Appropriate community referrals are made by Family Support Specialists, who assist families in following through with services. Enrolled children are regularly screened in all areas of development, including cognitive, physical, social and emotional. Healthy Families has strong

collaborations with community partners so we can connect clients to the services they need. Interpreters are used when English is not the primary language.

Services are strength-based, and each family is empowered to establish and achieve goals with help from the Family Support Specialist. Healthy Families is fully accredited by Healthy Families America and utilizes the evidence-based curriculum *Growing Great Kids/Growing Great Families*. Delivering the program with integrity is critical in the success of this evidence-based program. We also encourage families to build a support network through monthly parent groups and activities.

In April 2019, Healthy Families North Dakota was approved to proceed with an adaptation of services which allows additional referrals and partnerships with the local Child Welfare System. With this adaptation we can now accept referrals of families with children up to 24 months old. Families enrolled through this adaptation will be offered services for up to 3 years. **This gives us the opportunity to provide services to the most vulnerable families in our community.** The below data and information is related to enrolled families in Morton County in the last 6 months.

- 100% of the families earned less than \$24,999, with 89% earning less than \$14,999.
- 13% of participants have a GED or high school diploma only
- 63% of participants have less than a high school degree
- 22% of participants are 13 to 18 years of age
- 11% of participants are 19-24 years of age
- 55% of the participants are unmarried
- 44% are non-white
- 49% are not currently employed

So far, in FY19, Healthy Families provided intensive supportive services (Initial Assessments and Home Visits) to 20 families in Morton County, with over 130 home visits completed. The following positive impacts were noted:

- The most recent report provided by North Dakota Kids Count, shows that 6.5% of children in the Morton County are suspected victims of abuse and neglect. Healthy Families supports practices with families to prevent child abuse and neglect. In FY19 there were no enrolled children, residing in Morton County who were removed from the home or parental rights terminated because of child abuse or neglect. We are serving more families who are referred from the child welfare system or already involved with the system at the time of starting services with Healthy Families. These referrals are made to Healthy Families as a preventative measure to keep children in their homes. In FY19, 40% of families receiving intensive home visiting from Healthy Families had involvement with Child Protection Services. We work closely with the Child Welfare System to support positive parenting practices with the family and thus reducing the need to remove a child from their home.
- Family Support Specialists (FSS) worked closely with enrolled participants to ensure they receive appropriate formal and informal community supports. In FY19, 62 referrals to other supports were made to other community supports such as food pantry, economic assistance, child care resources, educational resources, and mental health care. Once a referral is made, the Family Support Specialist follows up with the family and referral source to support the family's success in accessing the resources and supports available in the community.
- Developmental screenings are conducted using the Ages and Stages Developmental Questionnaires (ASQ's) with enrolled children families throughout the year. This includes looking at general development as well as social emotional development. If concerns are noted,

referrals are completed, and the family is supported by their FSS in accessing and receiving additional services to support their child.

- Family Support Specialists work closely with families to support them in creating goals. All families are working on at least one goal at a time. The most common goal categories are related to child development, financial empowerment, challenging behaviors with children, housing and self-care/mental health.
- Depression screenings are completed with all pregnant women and those who have recently given birth. Elevated screenings or those showing concerns are supported with information on mental health, postpartum depression as well as referred to mental health professional support in their community.

Getting things right the first time is easier and less costly than trying to fix them later. Our outcomes prove we are making a difference in the lives of children, parents and the community. Part of our success is related to our strong connections with local partners such as county social service programs. **Morton County Social Services has been an active partner with Healthy Families through our many years of providing this service to the community.**

We are seeing an increase in the needs of referred families as they report current or past experience with child protection services, the criminal justice system, substance abuse, and homelessness. We are also seeing an increase in referrals with already more than 150 incoming referrals in the last year. It is important to provide these services early in a child's life as Healthy Families assists parents in developing their personal resources to improve family functioning and start their journey through parenthood on the right foot.

***In the past month we have had 4 families from Morton County and 7 from Burleigh County placed on a wait list.*** This means they have completed the initial assessment process and are waiting to begin receiving home visiting services. We regularly receive new incoming referrals and currently have over 45 recently referred families waiting to receive their initial assessment as well as home visits.

Although the majority of funds needed to operate this important program is received from the Department of Human Services, the ND legislature expects community level support for the program. ***We are respectfully requesting \$15000 to help children thrive in safe and healthy homes. Your support is imperative to families currently waiting to receive home visiting services as well as those newly referred as it will support the hiring of additional staff, to serve an additional 15-25 families at any given point in time.*** We are also requesting funding from Burleigh County as well as other community funding opportunities to support the hiring of additional staff and eliminate the need for a wait list.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am happy to provide you with any additional information that may be helpful to you as you consider this request.

Respectfully,



Missi Baranko  
Healthy Families Team Lead

GENERAL FUND	2020 Requested Budget	Approved 2019 Budget	Increase/(Decrease) 2019 to 2020	% Change	Taxes Levied 2020	Taxes Levied 2019	Increase (Decrease)	% change
County Board	121,112.00	121,162.00	(50.00)	0.0%				
Auditor	356,024.00	395,041.00	(39,017.00)	-9.9%				
Treasurer	244,053.00	247,967.00	(3,914.00)	-1.6%				
States Attorney	1,114,143.00	1,038,045.00	76,098.00	7.3%				
Tax Director	382,906.00	368,563.00	14,343.00	3.9%				
District Court	47,300.00	47,300.00	-	0.0%				
Public Information Officer	63,052.00	30,703.00						
Recorder	172,322.00	154,704.00	17,618.00	11.4%				
Juvenile Court	106,440.00	89,979.00	16,461.00	18.3%				
Building & Grounds	517,839.00	517,030.00	809.00	0.2%				
Human Resources	122,724.00	121,144.00	1,580.00	1.3%				
Technology	172,738.00	179,840.00	(7,102.00)	-3.9%				
Non-Departmental	162,886.00	157,779.00	5,107.00	3.2%				
Correctional Center	1,906,465.00	1,818,076.00	88,389.00	4.9%				
Sheriff	4,536,853.00	4,230,591.00	306,262.00	7.2%				
Coroner	30,500.00	30,500.00	-	0.0%				
DES	292,454.00	274,351.00	18,103.00	6.6%				
Communications	260,593.00	462,376.00	(201,783.00)	-43.6%				
Elections	82,800.00	8,500.00	74,300.00	874.1%				
Conservation & Promotion of Ag	108,700.00	108,700.00	-	0.0%				
Planning & Zoning	135,571.00	113,647.00	21,924.00	19.3%				
Supt of Schools	9,251.00	9,551.00	(300.00)	-3.1%				
County Park	557,662.00	576,941.00	(19,279.00)	-3.3%				
Transfer Out-Capital Projects(radios)	50,000.00	50,000.00						
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>11,554,388.00</b>	<b>11,102,490.00</b>	<b>451,898.00</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>7,920,221</b>	<b>7,857,810</b>	<b>62,411.00</b>	<b>0.79%</b>
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>								
Road & Bridge	6,227,963.00	6,100,725.00	127,238.00	2.1%	1,511,468	1,307,989	203,479.00	15.56%
Farm to Market	-	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-100.0%	630,018	588,904	41,114.00	6.98%
Weeds	285,626.00	281,289.00	4,337.00	1.5%	188,681	197,768	(9,087.00)	-4.59%
Social Services	3,417,475.00	3,275,158.00	142,317.00	4.3%				
County Extension	263,551.00	262,105.00	1,446.00	0.6%	234,007	233,142	865.00	0.37%
Veterans Service	175,842.00	167,724.00	8,118.00	4.8%	135,004	129,525	5,479.00	4.23%
LEC Building Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.0%				
Property & Assets Forfeiture	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.0%				
States Attorney Forfeiture	20,000.00	20,000.00	-					
Inmates Betterment Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.0%				
Region VII PRC	15,000.00	20,000.00	(5,000.00)	-25.0%				
Community Garden	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	50.0%				
Capital Projects	50,000.00	80,000.00	(30,000.00)	-37.5%				
Co Special Assessments	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	0.0%				
County Wireless 911	593,000.00	657,000.00	(64,000.00)	-9.7%				
Schlusser's #5 Road Specials	19,000.00	19,000.00	-	0.0%				
Montes Rancheros Specials	33,020.00	38,000.00	(4,980.00)	-13.1%				
Captains Landing Specials	18,820.00	20,000.00	(1,180.00)	-5.9%				
Whispering Hills Specials	25,325.00	25,000.00	325.00	1.3%				
Riverview Heights	20,000.00							
Internal Service Equipment	260,734.00	183,700.00	77,034.00	41.9%				
County Motor Pool	14,500.00	14,350.00	150.00	1.0%				
Burube Apt Bldg	145,500.00	115,000.00	30,500.00	26.5%				
Hazardous Chemicals Prep	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.0%				
Sheriff Donations	17,000.00	17,000.00	-					
Document Preservation Fund	48,364.00	45,100.00	3,264.00	7.2%				
Sr Citizens	332,000.00	310,000.00	22,000.00	7.1%	165,605	165,788	(183.00)	-0.11%
County Health	632,805.00	729,161.00	(96,356.00)	-13.2%	572,416	661,440	(89,024.00)	-13.46%
County Library	218,856.00	216,937.00	1,919.00	0.9%	197,067	174,037	23,030.00	13.23%
Lower Heart Flood	319,000.00	295,036.00	23,964.00	8.1%	292,274	284,620	7,654.00	2.69%
County Water	197,200.00	197,863.00	(663.00)	-0.3%	139,017	134,040	4,977.00	3.71%
Historical Society	23,989.00	22,498.00	1,491.00	6.6%	21,601	22,448	(847.00)	-3.77%
Soil Conservation	153,116.00	149,109.00	4,007.00	2.7%	140,404	136,431	3,973.00	2.91%
Economic Development	125,956.00	124,005.00	1,951.00	1.6%	97,442	93,140	4,302.00	4.62%
			-		\$ 12,245,225	\$ 11,987,082	\$ 258,143	2.15%
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>13,811,642.00</b>	<b>13,592,760.00</b>	<b>218,882.00</b>	<b>1.6%</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,366,030.00</b>	<b>24,695,250.00</b>	<b>670,780.00</b>	<b>3%</b>				
less inter-fund transfer	(285,128.00)							
<b>\$ 25,080,902.00</b>								

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Morton County Budget 2019

	Estimated Cash Balance Jan 1, 2020	2020 estimated rev less prop tax	Total Estimated Revenue 2020	Transfer In	Estimated Funds Avail.	Work Budget 2,020	Transfer Out	Projected Balance 12/31/20	cash	BUDGET MILLS	Last Yr. MILLS	Change in Mills
General	2,874,515	3,196,000	10,096,492	0	12,971,007	10,711,598	285,128	1,974,281	18.4%	41.00	44.00	(3.00)
County Park	356,210	129,000	381,457		737,667	557,662		180,005	32.3%	1.50	1.50	0.00
Total General	3,230,725		10,477,949	0	13,708,674	11,269,260	285,128	2,154,286	19.1%	42.50	45.50	(3.00)
Road and Bridge	1,770,394	112,080	953,603	5,587,152	7,023,997	6,227,963	0	796,034	30.9%	5.00	3.82	1.18
Unorganized Road	42,066	293,000	936,162	3,311,435	978,228		900,000	78,228		9.00	9.00	0.00
Highway Distribution	11,607	2,836,855	2,836,855	2,275,717	2,848,462		2,000,000	848,462		-	-	0.00
Farm to Market	742,122	69,500	860,532	0	1,602,654	0	1,400,000	202,654		4.70	3.41	1.29
Weeds	114,000	66,500	242,917	0	356,917	285,626		71,291	25.0%	2.25	2.50	(0.25)
Social Welfare	421,000	3,417,475	3,417,475	0	3,838,475	3,417,475.00		421,000	12.3%	-	-	0.00
County Agent	71,900	23,800	242,596		314,496	263,551		50,945	19.3%	1.30	1.35	(0.05)
Veterans	24,302	43,400	169,629		193,931	175,842		18,089	10.3%	0.75	0.75	0.00
Emergency	479,945	0	0		479,945	0		479,945		-	-	0.00
LEC (fund 214)	46,000	30,000	30,000		76,000	50,000		26,000		-	-	0.00
Property & Asset Forfeiture	98,196	20,000	20,000		118,196	20,000		98,196		-	-	0.00
States Attorney Forfeiture	71,222	20,000	20,000		91,222	20,000		71,222		-	-	0.00
Inmates Betterment Fund	66,315	0	0		66,315	20,000		46,315		-	-	0.00
Community Garden	7,870	3,000	2,000		9,870	3,000		6,870		-	-	0.00
Region VII PRC	5,559	15,000	15,000		20,559	15,000		5,559		-	-	0.00
Capital Projects	235,970	136,000	136,000	0	371,970	50,000		321,970		-	-	0.00
Special Assessments	93,341	0	0		93,341	60,000		33,341		-	-	0.00
Landline E-911	156,218	651,500	651,500		807,718	593,000	0	214,718		-	-	0.00
Radio Replacement Fund	50,000			50,000						-	-	0.00
Schlosser # 5 (fund 501)	38,630	8,215	8,215		46,845	19,000		27,845		-	-	0.00
Montes Rancheros	1,394	34,000	34,000		35,394	33,020		2,374		-	-	0.00
Captains Landing Specials	1,295	17,500	17,500		18,795	18,820		(25)		-	-	0.00
Whispering Hills Specials	322	24,192	24,192		24,514	25,325		(811)		-	-	0.00
Riverview Heights		21,800	21,800		21,800	20,000		1,800		-	-	0.00
Entzel's # 5	7,173	3,800	3,800		10,973	0		10,973		-	-	0.00
Internal Service	209,977	0	0	320,128	530,105	260,734	0	269,371		-	-	0.00
County Motor Pool	25,820	28,000	28,000		53,820	14,500	10,000	29,320		-	-	0.00
Berube Apt Bldg	29,160	192,000	192,000		221,160	145,500	75,000	660		-	-	0.00
Hazardous Chemicals	5,916	2,000	2,000		7,916	5,000		2,916		-	-	0.00
Sheriff Donations	29,004	0	0		29,004	17,000		12,004		-	-	0.00
Document Preservation	114,287	32,000	32,000		146,287	48,364		97,923		-	-	0.00
Senior Citizens	8,844	168,712	323,552		332,396	332,000		396		0.92	0.96	(0.04)
County Health	0	61,700	634,116		634,116	632,805		1,311		3.18	3.83	(0.65)
County Library	708	51,600	235,858		236,566	218,856		17,710	8.1%	2.35	2.20	0.15
Lower Heart Water Dist.	0	26,585	318,859		318,859	319,000		(141)		4.00	4.00	0.00
Morton County Water	0	68,950	198,931		198,931	197,200		1,731		1.30	1.32	(0.02)
Historical Society	0	2,388	23,989		23,989	23,989		(0)		0.12	0.13	(0.01)
Morton Soil District	0	13,050	153,454		153,454	153,116		338		0.78	0.79	(0.01)
Economic Dev.	15,272	34,600	125,708		140,980	125,956		15,024	12%	0.99	1.00	(0.01)
										0.84	0.85	
										0.15	0.15	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,226,554</b>	<b>11,854,202</b>	<b>23,390,192</b>	<b>4,670,128</b>	<b>36,186,874</b>	<b>25,080,902</b>	<b>4,670,128</b>	<b>6,435,844</b>		<b>79.14</b>	<b>80.56</b>	<b>(1.42)</b>

49%

of revenue is taxes

% increase in taxable valuation  
new growth

4.2%  
2.0%

1 mill = 180,005  
(county-wide)

Total Tax \$ levied	
2019	2018
\$12,267,652	\$ 11,987,494
increase	280,158
above 0 mill	0.35%
	43,512

2.3%

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