

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
March 22, 2022

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on March 22, 2022 at 5:31 PM by Chairman Boehm at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Leingang, Buckley, Morrell and Auditor Deputy Eckroth. Also present was States Attorney Koppy.

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

Buckley moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Leingang moved and Morrell seconded to approve the Morton County Fire Emergency and Burn Ban Declaration of 2022 which would go in effect when the ND Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High, Extreme, and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to deny abatement #6064 due to owner not returning application by deadline. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatements #6065-6066. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Leingang seconded to approve abatement #6067. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve abatement #6068. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to move to concur with the Award of the NDDOT contract with Quality Dirt Works LLC, Max ND, for the two Bridge Replacement Projects near Hebron. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to move to recess and immediately reconvene in executive session of the Morton County Commission pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The executive session began at 5:50 PM and was attended by Commissioners Boehm, Zachmeier, Leingang, Buckley and Morrell. Also in attendance were Deputy Auditor Eckroth, States Attorney Koppy, Sheriff Kirchmeier, Assistant States Attorneys Goter and Gunderson. The executive session was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

The Morton County Commission reconvened with all members present at 6:27 PM.

Zachmeier moved and Morrell second to authorize up to \$10,000 for Dakota Access Pipeline legal expenses related to Federal Tort Claims Act as requested by the Morton County States Attorney's Office. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Morrell seconded to appoint Shannon Boehm to the Morton County Special Assessment Commission (unexpired 2-year term expiring April 2023). All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from March 11, 2022 through March 22, 2022 equals \$245,177.89.

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 Morrell seconded to adjourn at 6:32 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Nathan Boehm, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor _____