

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2020

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on September 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Schulz at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Leingang and Buckley, Auditor Rhone and States Attorney Kopyy. Commissioner Strinden was present virtually.

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

Buckley moved and Leingang seconded to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

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

Buckley moved and Leingang seconded to approve the allocation of Morton County Development Funds in the amount of \$25,000 to assist in connecting the Morton County Fairgrounds to the City of New Salem sewer system. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Buckley seconded to deny the application for classification of inundated land due to the request not in full compliance with NDCC 57-02-27.2(6). All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatements #5354-5355. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Leingang seconded to approve abatement #5356. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatements #5357-5358. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Strinden seconded to approve abatements #5359-5380. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatements #5381-5383. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Strinden seconded to approve abatements #5384-5581. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Schulz recused himself for the next agenda item and turned the chair over to Vice-Chair Zachmeier.

Leingang moved and Strinden seconded to approve the MOA between the State of North Dakota, acting by and through the Department of Emergency Services' Division of State

Radio, and the County of Morton, for 911 dispatching services provided by State Radio. Voting aye: Leingang, Strinden, Buckley and Zachmeier, motion carried.

Vice-Chair Zachmeier turned the chair back over to Chairman Schulz.

Buckley moved and Strinden seconded to approve the resolution to promulgate Morton County's Local Emergency Operations Plan dated August 26, 2020. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Strinden seconded to approve the purchase of the used Izuzu truck by the Weed Department for \$21,000. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Leingang seconded to approve the final plat of the short-form subdivision known Dallas Subdivision and a zoning map amendment from Agricultural (A) District to Residential (R) District, as the subdivision conforms to the regulations established in Article 7 of the Morton County Land Use Code and as the subdivision is not in violation of policy 1.1.2 of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve the final plat of the short-form subdivision known as Simonson Subdivision, and a zoning map amendment from Agricultural (A) District to Residential (R) District, as the subdivision conforms to the regulations established in Article 7 of the Morton County Land Use Code and as the subdivision is not in violation of policy 1.1.2 of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Leingang seconded to approve the revisions to the Planning & Zoning Bylaws. Voting aye: Buckley, Leingang, Strinden, Schulz; voting nay: Zachmeier. Motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Leingang seconded to deny the request of the Burleigh-Morton COVID Task Force for a mandatory mask mandate at this time as a State of Emergency to require a mandatory mask mandate for Morton County has not been proven, there is no apparent public support for a mask mandate, no plan for enforcement was presented, and a mandatory mask mandate should be proposed or ordered by the North Dakota Governor. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Strinden seconded to appoint Melanie Gaebe to the Morton-Mandan Library board with the term expiring on 6/30/2022. All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from August 14, 2020 through September 10, 2020 equals \$1,882,268.36.

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 Buckley seconded to adjourn at 7:51PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Cody Schulz, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor _____