

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

December 26, 2017

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on December 26, 2017, at 5:30 PM by Chairman Schulz at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Strinden, Zachmeier, Boehm and Leingang and Auditor Rhone.

Strinden moved and Boehm seconded to approve the agenda with a change. All voting aye, motion carried.

Strinden moved and Leingang seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Strinden moved and Boehm seconded to approve the grant request from the Mandan Tomorrow Plan's Leadership Pride & Image Committee for \$2,500 of the BMDA Morton County Development Funds as allowed by NDCC 11-11.1-07. Voting aye: Strinden, Boehm, Leingang, Schulz; voting nay: Zachmeier. Motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve the Homestead Credit abatements 5075-5091. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve reassessment abatements 5092-5096. All voting aye, motion carried.

Strinden moved and Boehm seconded to approve Disabled Veterans Credit abatements 5097-5098. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve the \$400 request from the Morton County Hippology team to attend the National Contest in Denver, Colorado, in January 2018. All voting aye, motion carried.

Strinden moved and Boehm seconded to approve the police contracts with the Cities of New Salem, Hebron and Glen Ullin. All voting aye, motion carried.

Strinden moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve and submit the Court Facilities Improvement Grant Application as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Schulz opened a public hearing at 6:02 PM to discuss the Redesignation of the Morton County Recorder from elected to appointed and the Combination of Morton County Treasurer and Auditor.

Several citizens and County employees addressed the Commission during the hearing.

Chairman Schulz closed the public hearing at 6:16 PM.

Strinden moved and Leingang seconded to deny the Resolution of Redesignation of the Morton County Recorder from elected to appointed. Voting aye: Strinden, Leingang, Boehm, Zachmeier; voting nay: Schulz. Motion carried.

Leingang moved and Boehm seconded to deny the Resolution to Combine the Morton County Treasurer and Auditor offices. Voting aye: Leingang, Boehm, Zachmeier, Strinden; voting nay: Schulz. Motion carried.

Strinden moved and Leingang seconded to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the County Burleigh and the County of Morton on the Governance, Operation, and Maintenance of the Burleigh Morton County Detention Center with the noted change of striking the second sentence under letter N. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Strinden seconded to form a study committee under NDCC 61-16-06.1 for the purposes of studying the possibility of combining the Lower Heart and Morton County Water Boards. The Committee shall consist of the following 5 members: 1 Morton County Commissioner, Chairman of the Lower Heart Water Board, Chairman of the Morton County Water Board, 1 City of Mandan Commissioner and 1 citizen at large. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to appoint Commissioner Zachmeier to the Water Board Study Committee as the County Commission representative and as Chair of the Committee and to appoint Tony Goetzfried as the citizen at large. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Leingang seconded to increase the membership on the Lower Heart Water Board from 3 to 5 members under NDCC 61-16-07. Voting aye: Zachmeier, Leingang, Boehm, Strinden; voting nay: Schulz. Motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve the Morton County election precincts with no changes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve the following 2018 County liquor licenses: Rusty's Saloon & Grill, Wet Spot Liquor, Huff Hills Ski Area, Roby's Supper Club and The Watering Hole. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to appoint Tony Goetzfried to a 3 year term expiring on 12/31/20 on the Lower Heart Water Board. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to appoint Ryan Jockers to a 3 year term expiring on 12/31/20 on the Lower Heart Water Board. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Leingang seconded to appoint Mitch Bitz to a 2 year term expiring on 12/31/19 on the Lower Heart Water Board. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Strinden seconded to appoint Jim Schmidt, Jamie Wetsch and Wade Bachmeier to 3 year terms on the Morton County Water Resource Board expiring 12/31/20. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Boehm seconded to appoint Travis Wolf to a 4 year term on the Morton County Road Commission expiring 12/31/21. All voting aye, motion carried.

The total of all county funds expended from December 15, 2017 through December 26, 2017, equals \$195,234.70. 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 Boehm seconded to adjourn at 7:23 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Cody Schulz, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

