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MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
January 26, 2016

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on January 26, 2016 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Schulz at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Boehm, Leingang and Strinden, Auditor Rhone, States Attorney Kopyy and Assistant States Attorney Grosinger.

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

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Tom Steinolfson from BEK Communications presented information and an update on the grant that BEK received to provide broadband internet service to a portion of rural northeast Morton County.

Strinden moved and Boehm seconded to approve Homestead Credit Abatements 4819-4822. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve Abatements 4825-4827. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Strinden seconded to approve the amendment to the DOT Occupant Protection Grant to correct dates. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Strinden seconded to approve the jail contract with the City of Bismarck at a rate of \$65 per day. All voting aye, motion carried.

Harley Engelman from KAT Productions presented information regarding the "We Support the Badge" project for recruitment of peace officers for Burleigh/Morton/Mandan/Bismarck law enforcement agencies. KAT Productions is creating a recruiting video and program to attract and keep law enforcement in the Bismarck-Mandan area. He also stated that funding for the recruitment project will be raised privately.

Leingang moved and Boehm seconded to support the "We Support the Badge" project. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Boehm seconded to approve the Gravel Pit Lease with Kathleen Fleck located in the S ½ of Section 36, Township 135, Range 83, for a period of 2 years at a rate of \$2.00 per yard. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to approve the 2016 Federal Aid Program Project list as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leingang moved and Strinden seconded to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for bids for 2016 gravel crushing & stockpiling. All voting aye, motion carried.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for bids for 2016 supply of concrete and metal culverts. All voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion took place on implementing an equipment/vehicle procurement policy.

The total of all county funds expended from January 15, 2015 through January 26, 2016, equals \$832,905.85. 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.

Boehm moved and Leingang seconded to adjourn at 6:28 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

Bruce Strinden, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor _____