Prevent A Disaster By Boosting Safety Habits Around Farm Trucks

In the rush of the harvest season, shortcuts concerning truck safety are a detour to disaster, according to farm safety and transportation experts at North Dakota State University.

"Harvest season always feels too short for the amount of work that has to be done. There is an urge to go faster, work longer and push harder, but a few minutes invested in safety is time well-spent," notes Angie Johnson, NDSU Extension farm and ranch safety coordinator. "That's especially true on rural roads where heavy trucks may frequently mingle with other typical traffic."

North Dakota ranks near the top nationally for truck-involved crash fatality rates, says Kim Vachal, a senior researcher and expert in rural road safety with NDSU's Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. State crash records show that 66.7 percent of serious crashes (those with fatalities and disabling injuries) occurred on rural roads between 2016 and 2020. During that period, 16 percent of those crashes occurred on gravel roads, more than twice the rate for non-truck crashes.

The NDSU experts recommend several steps for boosting farm truck safety:

• Inspect the truck. Walk around the truck when starting the day, refueling or changing shifts. Check tires and lights. Wash windshields, mirrors, headlights and taillights to make sure you can see and other drivers can see you.

• Wear your seatbelt. In a crash, your seatbelt is your best protection.

• Fight fatigue. Take short breaks to get out of the truck and stretch your muscles. Use those breaks to check your truck's lights and tires and other equipment. Stay hydrated.

• Maintain safe speeds. A typical 5-axle semi loaded with corn weighs more than 75,000 pounds and takes about 40 percent longer to bring to a stop than the typical passenger vehicle. Loose gravel road surfaces and rough fields can make controlling trucks a challenge at any speed.

• Ditch distractions. Don't multitask. Make driving your singular focus. Eating, drinking, talking on the phone, texting, even adjusting the radio can be a distraction.

• Prevent fires. Park in areas with minimal vegetation. Repair fuel leaks and damaged wiring. Never refuel with the engine running. Clean chaff and debris from exhaust and other hot vehicle components. Carry a fire extinguisher.

• Account for visibility. Darkness, glaring sun and dusty conditions all limit visibility. Adjust your speed accordingly. Don't overdrive your headlights - if you can't stop within the area illuminated by your headlights, you will not see hazards until it is too late.

• Use caution when entering and leaving fields. Field approaches may be narrow or soft. Go slow and make sure that the tractor and trailer have enough room to maneuver. Watch for traffic. Other trucks may be using the same field approach. Remember that a fully loaded truck takes a long time to come up to speed.

• Track your trailer in turns. Make wide turns to ensure your trailer stays out of the ditch and clears any obstacles like road signs, trees or lights. Use your turn signal and your mirrors.

• Keep mud off the road. Mud on roads is hazardous to the traveling public. Clean off excessive mud or contact the road authority for help. Your county may have a policy spelling out responsibilities and penalties for dealing with mud on roads.

At the same time, motorists in rural areas need to be cautious at this time of year as well.

• Share the road. Large trucks need room to operate, avoid crowding them. On narrow or gravel roads, slow down and pull over as far as you safely can. Watch for wide turns.

• Pass with care. Trucks may be moving slowly for a reason. Make absolutely sure it is safe to pass.

• Be aware of your surroundings. Trucks may enter traffic from unexpected areas.

• Wear your seatbelt. In the event of a crash, a seatbelt is your best protection.

• Avoid no zones. Semi-trucks have large blind spots referred to as "no zones" where other vehicles are invisible to the driver. If you cannot see the driver in the truck's side mirror, it is likely the driver cannot see you. When passing or being passed, do not linger in those blind spots. Cutting in front of a semi-truck or following too closely can also put you in a blind spot and dramatically increase your chances of being involved in a crash.

"The bottom line is that all drivers in farm country need to be extra cautious during harvest," Johnson says. "A few minutes dedicated to safety can prevent a crash that at best results in damage to vehicles and that at worst could result in a serious injury or loss of life."

For more NDSU Extension information on rural road safety, visit ndsu.ag/trucksafety.

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Notice of Election

City of Parshall

The City of Parshall set the voting date of November 5, 2024 to request the resident public vote to sell the Parshall South water Plant to the Three Affiliated Tribes. The election will take place at the Parshall American Legion Building at 16 N Main Street in conjunction with the General election.

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MEASURE #1 – SALE OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY

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[ ] YES

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SAMPLE

Minutes Of The New Town City Council

NEW TOWN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Jay Standish; Council Members: Frank Sillitti, Jesse Baker.

Absent: Doug Bratvold, Nathaniel Mayer.

Others Present: City Attorney William Woods, Eileen Zaun, Laurie Giffey, Lisa Thelen, Scott Andersen, Patrick Samson, Ryan Anderson, John DeGroot, Scotty Barnes.

Adding to the agenda: Sirens DeGroot:

Motion by Sillitti, second by Baker to approve the agenda.

1. Minutes:

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to approve the minutes from August 8, 2024.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Mayer, Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to approve the minutes from August 21st, 2024.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Mayer, Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Sillitti, second by Baker to approve the minutes from August 28, 2024.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Mayer, Bratvold; Motion carried.

2. Financials:

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to approve the financials and bill set as presented.

Voting Aye: Baker, Sillitti

Absent: Bratvold, Mayer

First month bills: CK#44981 A&W Towing $1,113.75; CK#44982 Family Support Payment $793.38; CK#44983 Gerald Kisner $45.00; CK#44984 Hawkins Inc. $1,268.30; CK#44985 Hirshfields $12.69; CK#44986 MWEC $9,018.10; CK#44987 Child Support Division $1,624.62; CK#44988 Northstar Tech. $12.00; CK#44989 Poitra Brothers $60,720.00; CK#44990 RTC $2,828.00; CK#44991 Vestis $2,349.99; CK#44992 William Woods $3,500.00; **Total: $83,297.83**

Council Bills: CK#45001 AE2S $176,608.95; CK#45002 Armor Interactive $1,703.77; CK#45003 Arrow Apparel $520.00; CK#45004 Barnes & Nobel $45.06; CK#45005 Geri Bratvold $77.44; CK#45006 Brandon Braun $170.00; CK#45007 CEI Electric $11,769.30; CK#45008 Core & Main $245.02; CK#45009 Ecolab $185.56; CK#44010 Elan Financials $2,042.78; CK#45011 First District Health $90.00; CK#45012 Flowpoint $319.32; CK#45013 Follett School Solutions $1,098.23; CK#45014 Fort Berthold Publishing $576.00; CK#45015 Furuseth Law Firm $1,000.00; CK#45016 Carol Good Bear $275.00; CK#45017 Graymont $8,974.16; CK#45018 HA Thompson $266.86; CK#45019 Hawkins $20.00; CK#45020 Information Tech. $385.60; CK#45021 Jerome's Collision Center $621.00; CK#45022 Julie Herbel $330.43; CK#45023 John LaFromboise $154.82; CK#45024 Menards $18.50; CK#45025 Motorola $27,583.32; CK#45026 Mountrail County Promoter $74.82; CK#45027 Napa $469.10; CK#45028 New Town Jack & Jill $95.23; CK#45029 Northern Testing $180.00; CK#45030 Northstar Tech. $48.00; CK#45031 NR Construction $8,000.00; CK#45032 One Call Concepts $111.85; CK#45033 Ricky Pourier $50.10; CK#45034 Power Plan (RDO) $340.35; CK#45035 Safariland $214.50; CK#45036 Satermo $296.85; CK#45037 Slawson $20.48; CK#45038 Trinity Medical Group $157.00; CK#45039 United Quality $7,789.84; CK#45040 Visa $889.49; CK#45041 Visa $2,646.81; CK#45042 Wagner Construction $3,477,989.61; **Total Council Bills: $3,724,744.15**

Payroll: PP-18 E-CK#1769 to 91806, Total $52,526.24; By-weekly E-CK#91807 $52,526.24; PP-19 E-CK#91808 to 91842, Total $56.171.65; By weekly E-CK#91843 $56,171.65

3. Pledge of Securities:

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to approve the pledged custody holding as presented.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Mayer, Bratvold; Motion carried.

**5:10 - Council Member Nathanial Mayer arrived.

4. Public Hearing Annexation Section 20 Outlot 4 & 6 NW1/4 United Quality/Agronomy

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to close the regular meeting and go into public hearing.

This public hearing if for the annexation for Section 20: Outlot 4 if the NW ¼ and Section 20: Outlot 6 of the NW ¼. The wrong description was published, so had to bring it back to City Council.

No one was here for or against this.

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to close the public hearing and go back into regular meeting.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to approve this annexation for United Quality/Agronomy.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

5. City Foreman:

New homes are coming along good, they will be here the first part of November. There is a problem with the storm drains by Northern Lights and by the High school will need to get them fixed.

We had to terminate an employee at the Water Plant. We have snow removal on our radar.

6. AE2S - Jason Strand:

Ground Storage Reservoir - Funding was approved this summer, work continues preparing the Preliminary Engineering Report draft and present to the Council at the November meeting, and submit to the State Water Commission in January 2025.

2023 Street & Utility Improvements - Wagner have completed the water & sanitary sewer and storm sewer portion of the project, everyone should be on the new watermain utilities. Industrial Builders have finished their cement stabilization work, leveling gravel had been installed on these roadways and are all accessible to traffic. Badger have finished all the concrete work on west of 5th Ave., currently working on 6th Ave. E will soon be pouring curb and other concrete pouring along the street. Residents have been told they will not be able to park in their driveways nor drive on the new concrete for a week. Keller Paving will start paving towards the end of this week weather permitting.

Chief White Owl informed us that the homecomings parade route had been changed and showed the map of the route. Billing memos were given to Eileen for billing purpose on extra work Wagner had done: +Sanitary sewer back up at 706 1st Street* New School Housing utilities lines & storm sewer cost in conjunction with the schools $1,000,000.00* Cottonwood sanitary sewer issues*

Preparing memo regarding the water repairs at 105th Ave. E.

I am presenting pay app #4 for Wagner Construction $3,477,989.61. (This is in the Bill Set). Wagner still plans on having construction completed on the project prior to their completion date.

7. Ackerman-Estvold - Patrick Samson:

Sanitary sewer at Elbowoods: Construction started on September 11th with a tentative completion of October 4th, pay app submitted when the project is completed.

1804 Sidewalk: Construction is being wrapped up, seeding and restoration activities remain.

Tap-Shared use path from Edgewater to United Quality: Working thought preliminary design with DOT. The DOT is wondering if the City can waive the easement fees and this will eventually be the City anyway. The DOT finalized the transfer of the Golf Course property back to the city.

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to waive the fee for DOT as this will be the Cities.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Elbowoods Meter: Only got one bidder, that was Kemper with two different proposals. 1. Location in the pavement $111,696.00, 2. Locate vault in open space within the Elbowoods development $41,0250.00. The council would go with the second one. Will have to ok with the tribe on this.

Bring it back to the city council next month, as this won't be done until next spring.

2025 Street Improvements: Preliminary budget item ($1,000,000.00) paving on the Westside of the High School - pavement reconstruction $700,000.00, sidewalk reconstruction $100,000.00, engineering cost $125,000.00. Scheduled for bid in February 2025 with construction after school is out and completion mid-August 2025. Alternative Eastside approximately $1,400,000.00. Requesting a survey to be completed in October cost $6,500.00.

Motion by Sillitti, second by Baker to approve this survey for the 2025 Street Improvements.

Voting Aye: Sillitti, Baker, Mayer

Absent: Bratvold

Engineering Services: Yearly check-in on if the City had any comments or concerns with Ackerman-Estvold's work and to provide us with expectations as we continue our relationship with the city.

The council seem to be happy with the work you are doing. One concern I have is I don't get information on what AE2S are working on. I get questions asked on their projects and I have no idea what is happening with them. I think we need more communication on this. Mayor Standish said yes this should be happening to keep in contact with each other on city projects.

Motion by Mayer, second by Sillitti to have our City Engineer attend the Cities meeting.

Voting Aye: Mayer, Sillitti, Baker

Absent: Bratvold

8. Police Report:

Grants: Axon body cameras - JDA grant of $61,500.00, reimbursement on Friday. APRA Grant for handheld radios submitted for reimbursement in October. LE overtime grant award contract needing Mayor signature when received.

Personnel: Termination Officer Fox.

Policy Manual: Approve policies, Report Preparation, Subpoenas and Court Appearances, Field Training Officer, Death Investigation, Department Use of Social Media, Patrol Function, Ride along, Mobile Data Terminal Use, Sick Leave, Outside Employment. City Attorney Woods would recommend approving these policies.

Motion by Baker, second by Mayer to approve these new policies for the police handbook.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Patrol Vehicle's: Still looking at funding options to potentially replace older vehicle due to issues/transmission of a used vehicle temporarily.

Training: Officer Kisner scheduled to attend the academy in late September.

Miscellaneous: 2 new patrol units scheduled to arrive early. Will be sent to outfit to vendor and billed in January 2025 per council approval. Calls of service 515.

9. Building Permits:

Motion by Sillitti, second by Baker to approve Curtis Lockwood 410 8th Street N, new siding and windows.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to approve July Black Hawk 603 West Central Ave., remodel kitchen.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Sillitti, second by Mayer to approve Francisco Escobar 316 6th St., new shingles.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to approve El Marie Conklin 406 3rd St., replace shingles and siding.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to approve Roger Synek 202 Eagle Dr., repair to basement.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, second by Sillitti to approve Della Deane 204 5th St., storage shed.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

10. Venue:

Seeking council approval for our design contract and move the project forward.

Motion by Sillitti, second Baker to move forward with the agreement for the new venue.

Voting Aye: Sillitti, Baker, Mayer

Absent: Bratvold

11. City Hall - Ryan Anderson:

We have 4 options for the city hall: 1. stop all work, 2. continue with accelerated schedule, 3. slow schedule/portables complete end of this year, 4. slow schedule portable /abatement demolition next spring.

Motion by Baker, second by Sillitti to go with option 3. Slow schedule/portables complete end of year.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Asbestos Abatement: We had 3 bids come in; Total Control had the lowest bid $57,120.00. I recommend the award for the asbestos abatement project to Total Control.

Motion by Sillitti, second by Baker to accept Total Control bid $57,120.00 for the asbestos abatement.

Voting Aye: Sillitti, Baker, Mayer

Absent: Bratvold

Demo Bid: We had 5 bids received, one of the bidders did not have the right forms filled out so was eliminated, they were the lowest bidder. Low bidder next was Hosier worldwide $343.663.00. I recommend the award of the Phase 2 project to Hosier Worldwide.

The council had much discussion on this, think this should be rebid.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to have Phase 2 - Demolition rebid.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

12. Lease Agreement - Black Wing Holdings:

City office would like to rent an office space at Black Wing Holdings while the new city hall is being build. This office space will be big enough for the city office. Woods looked over the contract and with a couple changes the contract looked good.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to approve leasing space at Black Wing Holding (by Subway), starting in January. The Police will go into the Northern Lights Building.

Voting Aye: Mayer, Baker, Sillitti

Voting Nay or Absent: Bratvold

13. MOU Elbowoods - Sign Papers:

Woods looked over the MOU for Elbowoods, the changes we made were added into the MOU. I recommend signing the papers.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to approve Elbowoods MOU.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

14. Siren - John DeGroot

With the City all begin torn down the siren setup there will be gone. I have gotten a quote from CEI on 3 new sirens, we do need better coverage in the city. The new sirens would go by the City Shop, North end of town, and by the Marina. Each costing $56,000.00 this covers controls, poles, electrical, new siren/controls and battery backup. I am wondering if I can get approval from the council to ask the county to help pay for these.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker to approve DeGroot to ask the county to help to pay for this.

All Voting Aye; Absent: Bratvold; Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:20 P.M.

Jay Standish, Mayor

Eileen Zaun, Auditor

Proceedings Of The Board Of County Commissioners

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Jason Rice, Joan Hollekim and John DeGroot present. State's Attorney, Wade Enget was present.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to review and approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the April-June fees for Planning & Zoning & June-August for Recorder. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Rice, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Bonita Hornberger with the Facilities as a Custodian in the amount of $25.76 per hour/$53,580 per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

E. NDPERS

Discussion was held on option of switching to the NDPERS High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The board was not in favor of switching.

F. ARPA

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the purchase of new weather sirens at New Town City totaling $176,409 paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes; Comm. DeGroot abstained from voting. Motion carried.

G. PROCUREMENT POLICY

Wade Enget, State's Attorney provided the amended procurement policy.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the amended procurement policy with the proposed changes effective 10-1-2024. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

H. RENTAL FEE WAIVER

Jesse Barlow representing the Pursuit requested a rental fee waiver for the South Complex on October 31st for the Fall Festival.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the rental fee waiver for the Pursuit to utilize the South Complex on October 31st for the Fall Festival with the rental cleanup deposit and insurance still provided with damage control supplied to protect the walls and windows. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, DeGroot, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

I. VETERANS SERVICE ROOM

Discussion was held on the Veterans Service room located in the Memorial Building and who is allowed to use the room.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve establishing a board consisting of Desiree Sorenson, Public Health Nurse, Tammy Leupp, Corey Bristol, Comm. Hollekim, Lisa Lapica and a couple of Veterans to go through the usage/regulations for the Veterans Service room at the Memorial Building. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

J. BILLS

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the bills totaling $1,262,978.29 and September 1 through September 14 payroll, checks #17992-18007 and direct deposits #22750-22907 totaling $582,632.56. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Rice, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried. (A complete list of bills is posted on a regular basis on the Mountrail County website @ www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the County Commissioner heading and/or are available for review in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours).

3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Melissa Vachal, Planning & Zoning Administrator, presented the re-plat of the Van Hook/Traynor Park.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the signing of the replat of Van Hook/Traynor Park. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Vachal brought to the board the recommendation of hiring of SRF Consulting to work on a policy for data centers/battery storage facilities within the County and the possibility of amending the budget if needed. At the September 23, 2024 of Planning & Zoning Commission, the Board imposed a moratorium on data centers and battery storage facilities.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the hiring of the SRF Consulting for the updating on the Land Development Code to include a policy on data centers/battery storage facilities within the County. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Ruland, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.

Auditor Pappa met with the board to discuss the 2025 budget for the county parks.

9:40 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer met to discuss the monies that were transferred from the General Fund to the R&B Fund. The money is currently in a demand deposit marketplace account that is earning interest and Treasurer Niemitalo would recommend keeping the monies where they currently are.

9:45 A.M.

Kim Savage, Deputy Tax Assessor and Lori Hanson, Tax Director met with the board to discuss the Tax Director position that will become vacant 12/31/2024. Tax Director Hanson recommended that Kim Savage be promoted to Tax Director.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the promoting and appointment of Kim Savage as Tax Director effective January 1, 2025. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M.

Shaun Ahlgren, Armor Interactive updated the board on the IT. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor discussed the conversion process with Tyler Software and the cost of Counties Providing Technology (CPT) to convert the data rather than Armor Interactive taking on the responsibility. The Board would like a yearly contract between Armor Interactive and the County.

10:15 A.M.

Jana Hennessy, Road & Bridge (R&B) Engineer met to discuss Road & Bridge.

1. RTC

Malcolm Bruce Jr., RTC Networks along with Engineer Hennessy met with the board to discuss the request from Reservation Telephone Coop Networks (RTC) to update an existing internet line within the County Right of Way adjacent CR2 in Section 16, Myrtle Township 156-94.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the permit and allow RTC to update the existing internet line installed adjacent CR 2 right of way. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

2. 41st ST NW/PROJECT #UO(41)22

Engineer Hennessy presented the final records, balancing change order #2 and Final Pay application for 41st St NW/Project #UO(41)22, 41st St NW from ND1804 west to Arrowhead Point Subdivision.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the balancing Change Order #2 for 41st St NW/Project #UO(41)22 for a decrease of $354,306.90 to the contract with Mayo Construction and the final pay application for Mayo Construction totaling $34,967.27. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

3. CR12/PROJECT #12(42)22

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the request from Martin Construction on waiving the liquidated damages on CR 12 Widening & HMA Surfacing for Project #12(42)22 from Plaza City west to CR3. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

4. CR9 PHASE II

Engineer Hennessy discussed the possibility of doing a prairie mitigation to satisfy mitigation requirements on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property impacted by the CR 9 Phase II Project. A quote will be brought back to the board.

5. ENERBASE

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the fixed propane contract with Enerbase totaling $1.55 a gallon. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

6. MWEC SERVICE APPLICATION FOR SALT & SAND PAD

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative application for the salt & sand pad to be located by CR9/101st Ave NW just south of US Highway 2. Upon roll call, Ruland, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

7. 2025 TOWNSHIP ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT-UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the annual road maintenance for Unorganized Townships. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

8. PUBLIC MEETING

Engineer Hennessy discussed having a special meeting on to discuss the Palermo North CR 3 reconstruction project and the county roads in the NE quadrant of Mountrail County. A special meeting will be held on November 7th at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse.

9. NDDOT LETTER

Engineer Hennessy discussed the letter from NDDOT giving permission to utilize the monies on a Federal Bridge project or an NDDOT Federal or the PM 2021 project. The Board agreed to pay the amount of $76,744.20 to NDDOT as this same amount would be available for a future project.

11:45 A.M.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Final Budget Hearing for the County.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the 2025 Final Budget for Mountrail County totaling $143,518,874 with a levied amount of $2,178,581 (12.99 mills). Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:05 P.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 15th day of October, 2024.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor