Proper Grain Monitoring And Storage Remain Critical In Springtime

As outdoor temperatures warm during spring and early summer, there is an increasing potential for grain storage problems and an increasing need for grain monitoring and management, says Ken Hellevang, North Dakota State University Extension agricultural engineer and grain drying expert.

"The stored grain temperature increases in parts of a bin in the spring due to solar heat gain on the bin," Hellevang says.

Solar energy produces more than twice as much heat gain on the south wall of a bin in spring as it does during the summer. That, in addition to the solar heat gain on a bin roof, can create an environment conducive to grain spoilage. A ten-degree temperature increase reduces the allowable storage time of grain by about half. For example, the storage time of corn at seventeen percent moisture is reduced from about 130 days at 50 degrees Fahrenheit to about 75 days at 60 degrees and 45 days at 70 degrees.

Hellevang recommends periodically running aeration fans during the spring to keep the grain below 40 degrees as long as possible during spring and early summer if the grain is dry. In northern states, night air temperatures are normally near or below 30 degrees in April and 40 degrees in May.

Bin vents can become blocked with frost and ice when the fan is operated at temperatures near or below freezing, which may damage the roof. Leave the fill and access door open as a pressure relief valve when operating the fan temperatures near or below freezing.

Cover the fan when it is not operating to prevent warm air from blowing into the bin or being drawn into the bin due to a chimney effect and heating the stored grain to temperatures more prone to spoilage and insect infestations. Hellevang also recommends ventilating the top of the bin to remove the solar heat gain that warms the grain. Provide air inlets near the eaves and exhausts near the peak so the top of the bin can ventilate due to warm air rising,similar to what occurs in the attic, or use a roof exhaust fan.

Monitor grain moisture and temperature

Hellevang advises that stored grain should be monitored closely to detect any storage problems early. Grain temperature should be checked every two weeks during the spring and summer. A temperature increase may indicate a storage problem. Grain also should be examined for insect infestations. Check the moisture content of stored grain to determine if it needs to be dried. Remember to verify that the moisture content measured by the meter has been adjusted for grain temperature. In addition, remember that moisture measurements of grain at temperatures below about 40 degrees may not be accurate. Verify the accuracy of the measurement by warming the grain sample to room temperature in a sealed plastic bag before measuring the moisture content.

Some in-bin cables estimate grain moisture content by measuring the temperature and air relative humidity and then calculating the grain moisture content based on grain equilibrium moisture content equations. The measured moisture may be 1.0 percent to 1.5 percent different from the true moisture content, so it is a tool that should be verified with another moisture content measurement method.

Corn needs to be dried to 13 to 14 percent moisture for summer storage to prevent spoilage. Soybeans should be dried to 11 to 12 percent, wheat to 13 percent, barley to 12 percent and oil sunflowers to 8 percent. The allowable storage time for 13 percent moisture soybeans is less than 100 days at 70 degrees.

Store using grain bags

Grain storage molds will grow and grain spoilage will occur in grain bags unless the grain is dry. Grain in the bags will be at average outdoor temperatures, so grain will deteriorate rapidly as outdoor temperatures increase unless it is at recommended summer storage moisture contents.

Grain bags that run east-west will have solar heating on the south side, which creates a temperature variation across the bag that will move moisture to the north side of the bag. Continue to monitor grain stored in bags frequently.

Work safely

In addition to properly storing grain, Hellevang advocates for following safety protocols when operating around grain storage.

"Everyone needs to become aware of safety hazards associated with handling grain and to apply recommended safety practices," Hellevang stresses.

Drivers Urged To Follow Move Over Law

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) through Vision Zero are reminding drivers to follow the state's expanded Move Over Law, an important measure designed to prevent crashes and save lives on North Dakota's highways.

As part of North Dakota's Vision Zero initiative to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries, the law requires drivers on multi-lane highways and interstates outside city limits to move over or slow down when approaching any stopped vehicle displaying flashing hazard warning lights, this includes amber, blue, white or red lights.

Originally enacted to protect emergency vehicles, tow trucks and DOT vehicles, the law was expanded in 2023 to include all motor vehicles with flashing hazard lights. Whether it's a family with a flat tire or a maintenance crew working roadside, this law ensures their safety.

If it's safe to do so, drivers must move to an adjacent lane. If that's not possible, they must significantly reduce their speed and proceed with caution.

"Every roadside stop is a potential tragedy waiting to happen," said Lieutenant Jenna Clawson Huibregtse of the NDHP. "This law isn't just about compliance, it's about caring for fellow North Dakotans. We're asking drivers to stay alert, slow down and move over. A few seconds of caution can save a life."

Violating the Move Over Law can result in a $50 fine and two points on a driver's license. Law enforcement continues to place special emphasis on enforcing the law to ensure safer roads for everyone.

To see the Move Over Law in action and learn more about North Dakota's Vision Zero traffic safety efforts, visit VisionZero.ND.gov.

Session Bills That Have Been Signed By Governor

By Ann Estvold, NDNA Legislative Intern

Governor Kelly Armstrong had signed 332 bills into law as of Thursday, April 10, 2025. Below are summaries of some of the bills signed into law in the past week.

Elections

HB 1099 requires a presidential candidate's full name to be printed on the ballot. In the 2024 election, only the surnames of the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates were printed on the ballot. The bill's sponsor said some voters were confused, but they were looking for the first names of Donald Trump or Kamala Harris.

Healthcare and Insurance

HB 1114 puts a $25 limit on out-of-pocket monthly costs for insulin and related medical supplies.

HB 1473 restricts a pharmaceutical company's ability to limit pharmacies from getting or dispensing drugs through a federal program, called the 340B Drug Pricing Program, that helps hospitals and clinics that serve a large percentage of low-income patients to buy prescription medicine at discounted prices.

SB 2348 allows health care sharing ministries to count as required health insurance coverage in institutions of higher education. Health care sharing ministries are nonprofit organizations that share health care costs with members who have a common set of ethical or religious beliefs. They are not insurance companies.

SB 2172 prohibits long-term care insurers from delaying payments of policy benefits to a basic care facility. Supporters of the bill said the "basic care" category, which serves North Dakotans who may need help with daily living but who do not require nursing care, is unique to North Dakota, and long-term care insurers may delay benefit payments for policyholders because they are not familiar with how basic care works.

Corrections and Courts

Under HB 1367, a person who has a drug conviction in another state that is not related to marijuana can face a harsher penalty for a second drug offense in North Dakota. Under present law, the first drug conviction does not lead to a harsher North Dakota penalty unless the conviction took place in North Dakota. The new penalty would be a Class C felony, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

HB 1418 says a law enforcement officer may arrest a person without a warrant for harassing a public safety agency or making a false report to the agency.

Under HB 1528, an individual is guilty of arson if they start or maintain a fire or cause an explosion with the intent to destroy part of a building. They are also guilty if they intend to damage their personal property for the purpose of collecting insurance or to financially harm someone else with a legal interest in the property.

Senate Bill 2057 increases multiple fees for filing court cases.

SB 2352 allows babies up to 18 months in age to reside with their incarcerated mothers at the Heart River Correctional Center in Mandan. The mother would need to apply for permission to have her child live with her in the center. According to the state's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, twelve other states have similar programs and see a lower number of mothers returning to prison.

Transportation

HB 1422 imposes a $150 fine for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

A county commission can determine a local road that is under jurisdiction of a township may be added to the county road system under HB 1444. The commission must notify the township of its intention to add the road to the county system.

HB 1503 increases the maximum penalty for causing an injury while driving under the influence from five years in prison and a $10,000 fine (Class C felony) to ten years in prison and a $20,000 fine (Class B felony).

SB 2183 raises the minimum fine for speeding in a construction zone for $80 to $150.

Military

SB 2398 establishes military impact zones, which are geographic zones extending from the perimeter of each military base in the state. Military impact zones will combine land, airspace and electromagnetic spectrum use around military bases to ensure that civilian actions do not interfere with base testing, training and overall military readiness.

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INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF ROSS, NORTH DAKOTA
SALE OF 1959 DODGE FIRE TRUCK

BID REQUESTED DATE: April 2, 2025

BID REQUESTED TIME: 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: City of Ross, City Hall, 203 Main Street, Ross, ND 58776

NOTICE

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code §40-11-04, the City of Ross, North Dakota ("City") hereby solicits sealed bids for the purchase of the following property:

ITEM FOR SALE: 1959 Dodge 2 Ton Gasoline

CONDITION: Fair

MILEAGE: 4967

VIN/SERIAL NUMBER: OOM8D-9HO9242

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **MINIMUM BID:** The minimum acceptable bid for this vehicle is $1 (U.S. Dollars).

2. **INSPECTION:** The fire truck may be inspected by appointment only by contacting City of Ross at 701-755-3262. The City makes no warranty, express or implied, as to the condition or fitness for any purpose of the fire truck.

3. **BID SUBMISSION:** All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "FIRE TRUCK BID-CITY OF ROSS" and delivered to City of Ross, 203 Main Street, Ross, ND 58776 or mailed to City of Ross, P.O. Box 4, Ross, ND 58776 no later than 5 P.M. on May 30, 2025. Late bids will not be accepted.

4. **BID REQUIREMENTS:** All bids must include:

a. Bidder's full name, address, telephone number, and email address.

b. Bid amount is U.S. Dollars.

c. If bidding as a business entity, proof of authority to submit bid.

d. Disclosure of the following relationships.

1. If they currently serve as Mayor or City Council Member of Ross (collectively "City of Ross Governing Board").

2. If they are a family member or relative of any current City of Ross Governing Board member

3. If they are employed by the City of Ross.

4. If the bidder is a business entity (corporation, LLC, partnership, or other organization), it must disclose if any owner, officer, director or principal has any of the relationships described above with the City of Ross Governing Board or their family members/relatives.

5. If they are acting as an agent of the City of Ross Governing Board or an employee of the City of Ross.

e. Bidder's signature and date.

5. **BID PACKETS** can be obtained via email laceyjemtrud@gmail.com or by contacting the City of Ross (701) 755-3262.

6. **OPENING THE BIDS:** The City Auditor, accompanied by another City Council member, will open sealed bids on May 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Ross City Hall. The City Auditor will then present these bids at the next scheduled City Council meeting, where the Council will vote on whether to accept the highest bid.

7. **PAYMENT AND REMOVAL:** The successful bidder must make payment in full by certified check or money order within ten (10) business days of notification of award. The fire truck must be removed from City property within five (5) business days after payment.

8. **RIGHT TO REJECT:** The City expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, provided the bid meets or exceeds the minimum bid amount, subject to the City's right to reject any and all bids.

9. **AS-IS CONDITION:** The fire truck is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no warranties or guarantees of any kind, either expressed or implied, including but not limited to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

10. **TITLE TRANSFER:** The City will provide a bill of sale and any necessary title transfer documents to the successful bidder upon receipt of payment in full.

11. **BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY:** Bidders are responsible for verifying all information regarding the fire truck. The City is not responsible for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the bid specifications or condition of the fire truck.

12. **GOVERNING LAW:** This sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

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INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF ROSS, NORTH DAKOTA
SALE OF FIRE TRUCK 1968 INTERNATIONAL

BID REQUESTED DATE: April 2, 2025

BID REQUESTED TIME: 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: City of Ross, City Hall, 203 Main Street, Ross, ND 58776

NOTICE

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code §40-11-04, the City of Ross, North Dakota ("City") hereby solicits sealed bids for the purchase of the following property:

ITEM FOR SALE: 1968 International Fire Truck

CONDITION: Fair

MILEAGE: 4904

VIN/SERIAL NUMBER: 416O6OH8O6772

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. MINIMUM BID: The minimum acceptable bid for this vehicle is $1 (U.S. Dollars).

2. INSPECTION: The fire truck may be inspected by appointment only by contacting City of Ross at 701-755-3262. The City makes no warranty, express or implied, as to the condition or fitness for any purpose of the fire truck.

3. BID SUBMISSION: All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "FIRE TRUCK BID-CITY OF ROSS" and delivered to City of Ross, 203 Main Street, Ross, ND 58776 or mailed to City of Ross, P.O. Box 4, Ross, ND 58776 no later than 5 PM on May 30, 2025. Late bids will not be accepted.

4. BID REQUIREMENTS: All bids must include:

a. Bidder's full name, address, telephone number, and email address.

b. Bid amount is U.S. Dollars.

c. If bidding as a business entity, proof of authority to submit bid.

d. Disclosure of the following relationships.

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2. If they are a family member or relative of any current City of Ross Governing Board member.

3. If they are employed by the City of Ross.

4. If the bidder is a business entity (corporation, LLC, partnership, or other organization), it must disclose if any owner, officer, director or principal has any of the relationships described above with the City of Ross Governing Board or their family members/relatives.

5. If they are acting as an agent of the City of Ross Governing Board or an employee of the City of Ross.

e. Bidder's signature and date.

5. BID PACKETS can be obtained via email laceyjemtrud@gmail.com or by contacting the City of Ross (701) 755-3262.

6. OPENING THE BIDS: The City Auditor, accompanied by another City Council member, will open sealed bids on May 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Ross City Hall. The City Auditor will then present these bids at the next scheduled City Council meeting, where the Council will vote on whether to accept the highest bid.

7. PAYMENT AND REMOVAL: The successful bidder must make payment in full by certified check or money order within ten (10) business days of notification of award. The fire truck must be removed from City property within five (5) business days after payment.

8. RIGHT TO REJECT: The City expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, provided the bid meets or exceeds the minimum bid amount, subject to the City's right to reject any and all bids.

9. AS-IS CONDITION: The fire truck is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no warranties or guarantees of any kind, either expressed or implied, including but not limited to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

10. TITLE TRANSFER: The City will provide a bill of sale and any necessary title transfer documents to the successful bidder upon receipt of payment in full.

11. BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY: Bidders are responsible for verifying all information regarding the fire truck. The City is not responsible for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the bid specifications or condition of the fire truck.

12. GOVERNING LAW: This sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Apr. 16, 2025

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INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF ROSS, NORTH DAKOTA
SALE OF CASE 3220 TRACTOR WITH IMPLEMENT ATTACHMENTS

BID REQUESTED DATE: April 2, 2025

BID REQUESTED TIME: 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: City of Ross, City Hall, 203 Main Street, Ross, ND 58776

NOTICE

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code §40-11-04, the City of Ross, North Dakota ("City") hereby solicits sealed bids for the purchase of the following property:

ITEM FOR SALE: CASE 3220 TRACTOR WITH IMPLEMENT ATTACHMENTS

CONDITION: Good

MILEAGE: 620

VIN/SERIAL NUMBER: 3220RNCJJE0911565

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. MINIMUM BID: The minimum acceptable bid for this vehicle is $1 (U.S. Dollars).

2. INSPECTION: The tractor may be inspected by appointment only by contacting City of Ross at 701-755-3262. The City makes no warranty, express or implied, as to the condition or fitness for any purpose of the tractor and implement attachments.

3. BID SUBMISSION: All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "CASE TRACTOR BID-CITY OF ROSS" and delivered to City of Ross, 203 Main Street, Ross, ND 58776 or mailed to City of Ross, P.O. Box 4, Ross, ND 58776 no later than 5 PM on May 30, 2025. Late bids will not be accepted.

4. BID REQUIREMENTS: All bids must include:

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b. Bid amount is U.S. Dollars.

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5. If they are acting as an agent of the City of Ross Governing Board or an employee of the City of Ross.

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7. PAYMENT AND REMOVAL: The successful bidder must make payment in full by certified check or money order within ten (10) business days of notification of award. The tractor and implement attachments must be removed from City property within five (5) business days after payment.

8. RIGHT TO REJECT: The City expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, provided the bid meets or exceeds the minimum bid amount, subject to the City's right to reject any and all bids.

9. AS-IS CONDITION: The tractor and implement attachments is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no warranties or guarantees of any kind, either expressed or implied, including but not limited to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

10. TITLE TRANSFER: The City will provide a bill of sale and any necessary title transfer documents to the successful bidder upon receipt of payment in full.

11. BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY: Bidders are responsible for verifying all information regarding the tractor and implement attachments. The City is not responsible for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the bid specifications or condition of the tractor or implement attachments.

12. GOVERNING LAW: This sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Apr. 16, 2025

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, March 18, 2025 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 were 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. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to review and approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2025 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the February Fees for the Sheriff, Corrections & Clerk of Court. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the salary increase form for a banding/grading promotion for Heather Lee with the Clerk of Court as a Chief Deputy II from a banding/grading of B24 to a C41 to the amount of $38.30 per hour/$79,659 per year effective March 30th. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Cailey Loehle with the Sheriff Office as a Dispatcher in the amount of $25.10 per hour/$52,200 per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Dylan Pausig with the Sheriff Office as a Deputy I in the amount of $29.21 per hour/$60,750 per year. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

E. CONTRACT

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the signing of the SRF Consulting Contract for Professional Services for the Multi-Hazardous Mitigation Plan renewal. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

F. OPIOID SETTLEMENT

State's Attorney Enget discussed the email from Walgreens Opioid settlement case.

G. JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Wade Enget, State's Attorney stated both Amber Fiesel and Burke County are willing to negotiate the percentage with the salary reimbursement in the Joint Powers Agreement.

H. BILLS

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the bills totaling $370,748.86 and February 16 through March 1 payroll, checks #20029-20036 and direct deposits #1-171 totaling $584,259.59. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Rice, DeGroot and Olson 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).

I. BOARD CONCERNS

Comm. Ruland updated the board on the Feasibility Study for long-term care needs that is ongoing and needing letters of support from the surrounding entities.

3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

9:10 A.M.

Corey Bristol, Sheriff presented quotes for three patrol vehicles.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the trading of two patrol vehicles for the purchase of one 2025 Chevrolet 1500 at a net trade price of $29,044 and one 2025 Chevrolet 1500 at a net trade price of $30,001 from Puklich and the trading of one patrol vehicle for the purchase of 2025 Ford F150 at a net trade price of $33,153.60 from Prairie Ford. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9:15 A.M.

Kim Savage, Tax Director met with the board to discuss an abatement on parcel #61-0075000.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve an abatement for a 50% Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit on parcel #61-0075000 for tax year 2024 from October through December per the recommendation of Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:20 A.M.

Scott Wheeler requested a letter of support for a Lawrence Welk Proclamation.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to adopt the letter of support for Scott Wheeler's efforts in recognizing the legacy of Lawrence Welk, a native of Strasburg, ND. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.

Laurie Johnson, Correctional Administrator presented the per diem for housing prisoners and the possibility to use opioid settlement monies to purchase continuous & autonomous vitals monitoring devices. More discussion will be held at the next Commissioner meeting.

9:40 A.M.

Warren Bogert, Disaster Emergency Manager discussed the requirements to receive the funding from LEPC and Fire & Ambulance monies. More discussion will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

10:00 A.M.

Shaun Ahlgren, IT with Armor Interactive discussed the possibility of having an IT person once a week stationed in Mountrail County. More discussion will be held on how to handle the compensation.

10:15 A.M.

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

1. STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT – BRIDGE NO 31-114-08.0, PROJECT NO BR11408

Engineer Hennessy discussed the certificate of insurance coverage for Martin Construction as it does not meet the specifications for the Commercial & Automobile Liability.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve Certificate of Liability Insurance for Martin Construction for the structure replacement on Bridge No 31-114-08.0 Project No BR11408 from 2 million to 1 million. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve signing the Notice to Proceed & Construction Contract between the County and Martin Construction Inc. for Bridge Project #31-114-08 totaling $345,179.42. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

2. POWERS TOWNSHIP PERMIT AGREEMENT

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department Township Permit Agreement with Powers Township to participate in the Western Dakota Energy Association Uniform County Permit System. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

10:30 A.M.

The next item on the agenda is the County Road #3 project, regarding negotiating strategy for the acquisition of remaining right-of-way for the project. This item may be discussed in an executive session. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code section(s) 44-04-19.1(9). The topic or purpose of this executive session is to discuss negotiation strategies for the acquisition of remaining right-of way for the project.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next topic in executive session rather than in an open meeting.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve going in to executive session rather than in an open meeting. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

The executive session will be recorded and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session.

The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorneys or negotiator.

We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session, and reconvening the open portion of the meeting, at approximately 10:50 a.m. on March 18, 2025.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 10:34 a.m. on March 18, 2025 and was attended by Commissioners Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, and DeGroot. Also attending are Wade G. Enget, Mountrail County State's Attorney, Jana Hennessy, Mountrail County Road and Bridge Department, and Mountrail County Auditor Stephanie Pappa.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on March 18, 2025. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room and we are now back in open session.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 11:57 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 1st day of April, 2025.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioner

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor