

MCINTOSH COUNTY MINUTES/NOTICE

MCINTOSH COUNTY PROCEEDINGS
February 11, 20269:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goettle. Present were Jim Heinrich, via conference call, and Neil Meidinger. Also attending were Alisha Ankers, Kristi Ebel, Gary & Elaine Hoffman, Nathan Rath, and Paula Patterson, representing the McIntosh County Star & Tribune.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The agenda was reviewed. There was one addition to appoint Auditor as Land Use Administrator. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting were read. There were two spelling errors that were corrected. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve the minutes with the corrections. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

The Financial report was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve it as presented. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The Resignation letter from Tax Director, Hope Schnieder was read. Her last day of employment will be June 5, 2026. Commissioner Meidinger moved to accept her Letter of Resignation. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. We will start advertising immediately.

The quote from Yondr for signal blocking pouches to be used during court sessions was reviewed. People attending a court hearing would put their cell phones into these pouches and they would not be able to receive any phone calls during the court session. After court is over, the pouches will be opened and they can have their cell phones again. Total cost for this is \$2,142.25. It was decided to apply for this under the Court Facilities Grant which needs to be submitted by the end of June. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the purchase with it being submitted under the grant, Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The McIntosh County Historical Society requested a Letter of Support which is needed for a grant they are wanting to apply for. Commissioner Meidinger moved to give them the Letter of Support. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The Co. Recorder/Clerk of Court received an email from Chris Iverson, Court Administrator, regarding Judge Narum's concerns about the water leak in the courtroom. Mr. Iverson wanted information on what was being done to correct it. The Auditor responded saying that the roof has been replaced, the dome has been repaired and now we are waiting for a substantial rain event to see if it still leaks.

Chris Opsahl, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board on the following matters:

One of the trucks is at Nelson International to be repaired.

The bids for 1 Road Groomer and 2 Packers were as follows:

1 - Road Groom Grader Blade - \$28,000.00

2 - Walk'n'Roll Packer/Roller - \$67,405.00

Commissioner Meidinger moved to postpone this matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Summer Help was discussed. Chris had an individual that wanted only seasonal work. He has a CDL through the South Dakota Game & Fish Dept. Chris is not sure how that works for a regular CDL. The Commission needs more information in this regard.

A section line issue was taken care of. Bryan Tykwinski of Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson met with the board on the following matters:

Venturia Road Project. The final bill came in. and he presented the Final Review and Acceptance form.

Presented the Acceptance Letter for the Hwy 9 ER Project.

Presented the Acceptance Letter for the Culvert Replacement Project.

Presented the Acceptance Letter for the Pavement Marking Project.

Presented the Acceptance Letter for the Hwy 9 Project.

Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve all the Acceptance Letters. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The Flex Fund grant for the north half

of Hwy 9 was accepted and it is contingent on when the Prairie Dog buckets fill. Probably not until 2027.

On the Hwy 9 project. They met with CSI and they are not willing to negotiate. Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson is trying to negotiate with them right now. At this time, Commissioner Meidinger moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the bid overrun. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Attendees were asked to step out and the Board went into Executive session. The Board came out of the Executive Session, invited all the attendees back into the room. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve offering a settlement, the amount proposed by Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, contingent on Federal Funds and Flex Funds being available. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Neil Meidinger, Jim Heinrich, and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Motion carried.

Keith and Vicki Hochhalter met with the Board regarding a section line issue. He was in before to discuss this with the Board. He was wondering if the section line was closed or not. He said there is a "No Trespassing" sign in the middle of the section line. Asst. State's Attorney Alisha Ankers, in her research, stated that the issue is a civil matter and he should go through the courts. She will research if the commission wants her to. Board decided to have her research it. Mr. Hochhalter also thought the north/south section line should be closed. On another issue. Barret Herr put in some approaches for land he was renting from Vicki's mother. Mr. Herr no longer rents the land and he wants to remove the approaches and Mr. and Mrs. Hochhalter want them to stay. They were informed that this is a civil matter.

The County Federal Aid Project Maintenance Certification was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to sign said certification. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Chris stated that the County uses Todd Dohn's lot in Wishek to store equipment on and at this time, we are not paying him. Chris feels that we should purchase the lot. Mr. Dohn would have to put the lot up for sale.

The County Board of Commissioners needs to decide the way clerk of court services will be provided in the county for the 2027-2029 biennium. Commissioner Meidinger moved to elect to enter into a funding agreement for the 2027-2029 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Two Applications for Abatement or Refund of Taxes were reviewed. One was for farm exempt and one was for Homestead Credit. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve both applications. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

The following individuals were appointed to the following Boards:

WATER BOARD – Kerry Bettenhausen – 3-year term

JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – Neil Meidinger – 3-year term

Stanley Schnabel – 3-year term

Kent Lovell – 3-year term

Ross Litsey – 3-year term

TAX DIRECTOR – Hope Schnieder

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER – Douglas Olson

Commissioner Meidinger moved to reappoint all the above individuals. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heinrich introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 26-02-01

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MILL LEVY PURSUANT TO

NDCC §11-11-53 AND BALLOT MEASURE

BE IT RESOLVED by the McIntosh County Commission, the governing body of the County of McIntosh, North Dakota;

WHEREAS, N.D.C.C. §11-11-53(2) allows the Board of County Commissioners to levy a tax not exceeding the tax rate described within N.D.C.C. §57-15-06.7(3) (1/4 mill), for the promotion of historical works within the borders of the county.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners currently levies the full amount allowed for a county historical society.

WHEREAS, N.D.C.C. §11-11-53(2) allows the Board of County Commissioners to increase the levy to a maximum

of ¾ mills for the promotion of historical works within the borders of the county, when authorized by the approval of 60% of the qualified electors voting upon the question at a regular or special election in the county.

WHEREAS, the current mill levy of ¼ mills is insufficient to properly fund and maintain the McIntosh County Historical Society.

WHEREAS, the McIntosh County Commission seeks to place the following measure onto the ballot during the 2026 General Election:

SHALL THE BOARD OF MCINTOSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INCREASE THE CURRENT MILL LEVY PAID TO THE MCINTOSH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HISTORICAL WORKS WITHIN THE COUNTY FROM ONE-QUARTER (1/4) MILLS TO THREE-QUARTERS (3/4) MILLS?

[] YES – YOU APPROVE THE MEASURE AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE

[] NO – YOU REJECT THE MEASURE AS SUMMARIZED ABOVE

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the McIntosh County Commission hereby adopts Resolution 26-02-01 pertaining to an increase in the County Historical Society Mill Levy, pursuant to N.D.C.C. §11-11-53(2), and a Ballot Measure regarding the same matter.

Two building permits were reviewed and they were as follows:

.....Robert Goettle – move in a house

.....MDU/Ontivity – Installation of new antenna and adding a pre-manufactured equipment shelter.

The Zoning Board approved both, but the MDU one also needs a Conditional Use Permit. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve both permits with MDU having to get the additional permit. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Office vouchers were reviewed and filed.

Commissioner Meidinger moved to appoint the County Auditor as the Land Use Administrator for Zoning. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting has been scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The June commission meeting will follow the Board of Equalization meeting.

The following bills were reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to pay said bills as presented. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Jim Heinrich, Neil Meidinger and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Motion carried.

95141, Wishek Livestock Inc, Overpayment on Taxes 59.82

95142, CHS, Inc, Diesel Fills, Motor Pool Gas Fills..... 45.00

95143, ND Housing Finance Agency, Overpayment on Taxes..... 17.69

95144, RTS Shearing, 2012 RWay Belly Dump TriAxle 28,500.00

95145, Ehman, David, Overpayment on Taxes 33.47

95146, Visa, Gas Fills, Supplies, Tool-

ing, Repair Parts..... 2,304.16

95147, Bensen, Renee, Overpayment on Taxes 89.45

95148, MVD, Registration Fees... 10.00

E2347 - E2369, McIntosh County, Payroll - Electronic..... 67,753.04

95149 - 95151, McIntosh County, Payroll - Paper 10,084.86

95152 - 95155, Taxpayers, Overpayment on Taxes 3,717.62

95156, SCRWD, Water 28.20

95157, VSP Vision, Vision Insurance..... 63.94

95158 - 95159, Taxpayers, Overpayment on Taxes 804.51

95160, Aflac, Supplemental Insurance. 1,785.74

95161, Amazon Capital Services, Office Supplies..... 136.14

95162, American Solutions for Business, Office Supplies..... 1,140.23

95163, Ashley Super Valu, Supplies..... 25.54

95164, BEK Communications Coop, Phones 97.47

95165, Butler Machinery Company, CAT Strip-Wear 365.58

95166, Central Business Systems, Inc, Service Contract..... 148.20

95167, Central Dakota Frontier Coop, Gas Fills..... 368.61

95168, Central Dakota Six-Co. Org., Dues 280.00

95169, Central Iron Repair and Mfg., Steel and cutting..... 79.96

95170 - 95171, CHS, Inc, Diesel, Unleaded..... 1,225.31

95172, City of Ashley, Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 230.93

95173, City of Wishek, Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 67.00

95174, City of Zeeland, Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 80.88

95175, Colonial Life, Supplemental Insurance..... 1,147.93

95176, Computer Express, Service Contract, Office, Computers (2)..... 6,715.00

95177 - 95178, County Treasurer, Postage Meter, Co Car Mileage..... 847.95

95179, Dakota Business Solutions, Sealing Solution..... 91.90

95180, Dickey Rural Networks, Phone, Fax, Security, Webhost..... 789.25

95181, E & H Communications, LLC, Notices and Ads 357.42

95182, Feist Funeral Homes, Transport 350.00

95183, G & G Implement, Inc., Oil Drain Plug 7.92

95184, ITD, WAN, Office, Netmotion 1,086.20

95185, John Deere Financial, Hose, Fittings, Hardware 338.44

95186, KEM Electric Coop, Inc., Electricity 1,273.44

95187, Kidder County Auditor, EM Services 1,900.00

95188, KLJ Engineering LLC, Road Projects..... 14,602.56

95189, Knife River Materials, Road Projects..... 89,251.97

95190, Link's Do It Best, Supplies, Vacuum..... 353.15

95191, Martell's Carquest, Supplies, Parts, Tools, Oils..... 730.81

95192, Martell's True Value, Supplies... .. 497.27

95193, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., Plasma Cutter, Acetylene, Grind Wheels 5,104.41

95194, Meidinger, Neil O, Mileage47.85

95195, Montana Dakota Utilities, Electricity 3,522.76

95196, ND One Call, ND One Call 1.50

95197, NDSDA, Annual Dues.... 400.00

95198, NDACE, Dues, Registration..... 175.00

95199, NDACTVSO, Dues, Registration 170.00

95200, NCI, LLC, Equipment Repairs 1,086.11

95201, NDACo, D&A Test Pool, Special Op Funds..... 1,017.40

95202, Northwest Tire, Valves... 149.38

95203, Northwestern Mutual, Deferred Comp..... 2,376.00

95204, Pfeifle Ford, Wheel Alignment, Brakes, Battery..... 1,653.68

95205, Pro Forms, Tax Forms 4.99

95206, Q's Welding & Machine, LLC, Sheet Metal 2.26

95207, Quadient Finance USA, Inc, Postage Meter Funds 900.00

95208, RDO Equipment Co., Equipment Repairs 1,304.60

95209, Rocky's Fuel Oil & Gas, Bulk Propane..... 1,372.14

95210, Stutsman Co Correction Center, Prisoner Room and Board (January).... .. 1,900.00

95211, Tri State Water, Inc., Water and Coolers 58.25

95212, Tri-County Exhibitors Assoc, Annual Disbursement..... 6,000.00

95213, Verizon Business, Cell Phones, Laptops..... 278.19

95214, Vestis, Rental Supplies 1,003.55

95215, Widmer Roel, 2024 Audit Fees 5,000.00

95216, Zeeland Oil LLC, Gas Fills, Supplies 327.20

1304, ACH - ND Sales & Use, Sales & Use 4.46

1305, VOID, Void..... 0.00

1306, ND State Treasurer, State Withholding..... 657.34

1307, Aflac Dental & Vision, Insurance (Replace Lost Check) 245.20

1308, McIntosh County Bank, Direct Deposit Fees 8.60

1309 - 1310, IRS, Federal, SS & Medicare..... 22,371.45

1311 - 1312, NDPERS, Insurance, Retirement..... 58,773.13

1313, Aflac Dental & Vision, Dental & Vision Insurance 245.20

1314, ND State Treasurer, Collections.. .. 7,267.14

1315 - 1343, Collections, Collections ... 852,769.61

1344, McIntosh County Bank, Direct Deposit Fees 10.40

Next meeting will be March 11, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Meidinger moved to adjourn. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

James Goettle, Board Chairman
Gina Ketterling, County Auditor
(March 18, 2026)

MEETING NOTICE

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the McIntosh County Commissioners will be Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 9:15 am in the Commission Room at the Courthouse.

(March 18, 2026)

This Week in North Dakota History

March 19, 1907

Legislature adopted primary election law to provide that "political parties shall make nominations of candidates for all public offices by popular vote."

March 19, 1912

First presidential preference primary held in North Dakota with Senator LaFollette getting 34,123 votes, Theodore Roosevelt, 23,669, and William Howard Taft, 1,876.

March 20, 1916

William Jayne, first governor of Dakota Territory, died in Springfield, Illinois.