

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

May 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl, at 9:00 AM with Commissioners, Walter, Rostad, Pietsch and Wepler present. Also present were department head Devra Smestad, Dana Larsen, Jason Blowers, Jennifer Weichmann, Leona Lochthowe, Roza Larsen, Ryan Kamrowski, Robert Roed and Tammy Terras.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the agenda. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the minutes from the regular commission meeting on May 5, 2020 and special meeting May 1, 2020. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the regular bills totaling \$197,931.20 and Human Service Zone direct cost bills totaling \$8,913.06. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

**Bill List - May19, 2020**

	<b>VENDOR: GENERAL BILLS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION/DEPT: GENERAL BILLS</b>	
181844	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	CONTRACT LEASE CANON/IR 4245 5/1-5/31--STATES ATTORNEY	\$45.00
181844	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	CONTRACT LEASE CANON/IR C5550i II 5/1-5/31--STATES ATTORNEY	\$182.59
181845	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	SPARE CARTRIDGE BATTERY PACK (3)--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$238.50
181846	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	(4) DYMO LABEL PRINTERS FOR VOTE BY MAIL PO NUMBER 2380--IT	\$370.92
181847	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	MISC SUPPLIES--STATES ATTORNEY	\$335.64
181847	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	(8) PACK OF TABS--STATES ATTORNEY	\$77.45
181847	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	FLOOR MAT--STATES ATTORNEY	\$295.00
181847	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	PRINTER MAINTENANCE--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$94.33
181848	COLE PAPERS INC	CAN LINERS--FACILITY MGT	\$194.18
181848	COLE PAPERS INC	LARGE CAN LINERS HIGHER VOLUME OF INMATES--FACILITY MGT	\$1,192.82
181849	COMPUTECH INC	GRAPHIC CARD, BNC COUPLER (10)--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$78.90
181850	COMPUTER STORE INC	(5) LOGITECH WEBCAMS--IT	\$273.95
181851	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	3 BOTTLES WATER--JUVENILE DET.	\$23.25
181852	DACOTAH PAPER CO	JUMBO 9' TOILET PAPER DISPENSERS--FACILITY MGT	\$383.57
DD	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CENTE	STOP GRANT--GENERAL	\$6,675.08
181853	ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION INC	EXTERIOR PEST SERVICES--FACILITY MGT	\$325.00
181854	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL--SHERIFF	\$5,831.71
181854	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$53.97
181855	ETSYSTEMS, INC	TEMPERATURE SETPOINT CHANGED BY THEM--FACILITY MGT	\$68.50
181856	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #1657	PLUMBING PARTS, TOILET & AIR VENTS--FACILITY MGT	\$229.39
181857	G & P COMMERCIAL SALES	MED VYL GLOVES--FACILITY MGT	\$109.74
181858	HOFFARTH SANITATION	TRASH SERVICE--FACILITY MGT	\$600.00
DD	HOLTE, KRISTEN D	STAMPS--JUVENILE DET.	\$33.00
181859	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	APRIL 2020 DATA PROCESSING --IT	\$1,075.54
181859	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	ANTI VIRUS FOR HUMAN SERVICES--SOCIAL SERVICES	\$96.60
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- D. O.--JUVENILE DET.	\$2,473.75
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- H. E.--HIGHWAY	\$2,904.00
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- K. S.--HIGHWAY	\$2,838.00

DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT-I. H.--HIGHWAY	\$2,830.00
181860	JOHNSON CONTROLS	ALARM & DETENTION REG LABOR--IT	\$486.00
181860	JOHNSON CONTROLS	TRUCK CHARGE--IT	\$105.00
181861	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	HP 23 AND HP85--FACILITY MGT	\$1,916.73
181861	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	KITCHEN HP--FACILITY MGT	\$146.83
181861	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	HP DATA ROOM LOWER LEVEL--FACILITY MGT	\$974.98
181862	KEYCARE PHARMACY	MEDS FOR BURLEIGH COUNTY JUVENILE-- JUVENILE DET.	\$29.68
181863	LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BISMARCK	TRAVEL- HOTEL--SCHOOL SUPER.	\$86.40
181864	LOWES PRINTING	10,000 #10 ENVELOPES W/ WCHSZ RETURN ADDRESS--SOCIAL SERVICES	\$542.95
181865	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	SUPPORT SESSION--IT	\$478.75
181866	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COUNTY NORTH BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$117.43
181867	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER 425 BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$34.22
181868	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	NOTICE FOR PARK BOARD MEMBERS-- GENERAL	\$8.36
181869	MOE, WAYNE	SNOW REMOVAL--FACILITY MGT	\$887.50
DD	MUTCHLER, JEFFREY D	INSPECTION TRAVEL--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$106.38
DD	MUTCHLER, JEFFREY D	INSPECTION TRAVEL--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$141.45
181870	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	4-H YOUTH DAY STATE FLEET TRAVEL- PAIGE--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$306.57
181871	NORTHERN PLAINS LABEL	I VOTED STICKERS--GENERAL	\$118.00
DD-1278	POST BOARD	SMITH - PEACE OFFICER LICENSE 2020-- SHERIFF	\$45.00
181872	PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES	PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION (2)--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$270.00
181873	RELX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	CONTRACT FEES 04/1-04/30--STATES ATTORNEY	\$580.00
181874	ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR CO INC	ARMORED CAR SERVICE--GENERAL	\$459.19
181875	ROUGH RIDER INDUSTRIES	GOWN-UTILITY(36)--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$196.93
181876	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	KEYS--FACILITY MGT	\$20.50
181678	SRT	EMERGENCY MGT CELL PHONE SERVICE-- FACILITY MGT	\$110.82
181877	STEINS INC	BATTERIES FOR FLOOR SCRUBBER-- FACILITY MGT	\$402.50
181878	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	INMATE MEALS APRIL 2020--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$24,942.46
181879	THE SIDWELL COMPANY	FARMS ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE-- TAX EQUALIZATION	\$1,155.00
181880	THOMAS LAW FIRM	MAY 2020 MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT-- GENERAL	\$2,000.00
181881	THOMPSON LARSON	TRANSPORT BODY (C.R.)--GENERAL	\$400.00
181882	TRINITY MEDICAL GROUP	JUVENILE WENT TO ER--JUVENILE DET.	\$383.00
181883	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL SERVICE 04/20-05/01--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$623.28
181883	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL PROCESSING--SOCIAL SERVICES	\$593.71
181883	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE & SERVICES--GENERAL	\$185.46
181883	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL SERVICE 4/6-4/17--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$126.92
181884	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGE--SHERIFF	\$49.25
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181884	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGE--SHERIFF	\$111.22
181884	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGE--SHERIFF	\$48.43
181884	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGE--SHERIFF	\$71.24
181884	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGE--SHERIFF	\$49.25
181884	VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE	OIL CHANGE--SHERIFF	\$49.25

181885	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY COUNTY NORTH--FACILITY MGT	\$116.00
181855	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ARES ELECTRICITY BILL--EMERGENCY MGT	\$131.00
181886	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	CULVERT REPAIR EQUIPMENT--RUSHVILLE	\$668.00
181886	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	CULVERT REPAIR LABOR--RUSHVILLE	\$1,380.24
181886	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	CULVERT REPAIR MATERIALS--RUSHVILLE	\$850.00
181887	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	VEHICLE REPAIRS--SHERIFF	\$44.12
181888	WIDMER ROEL PC	2019 FINANCE AUDIT & CONSULTING FEES--GENERAL	\$5,150.00
181889	WILHELM TIM	MAY 2020 MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT--GENERAL	\$2,000.00
181890	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGT	\$34.24
181890	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$6,111.73
181890	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 325 BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$73.11
181890	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGT	\$4,093.02
181890	XCEL ENERGY	WATER JAIL--FACILITY MGT	\$6,139.53

<b>Total General Bills</b>	<b>96,180.51</b>
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	<b>PARK BOARD BILLS</b>	<b>PARK BOARD BILLS</b>	
181839	ABC BOAT DOCKS, LLC	TIRES	\$260.00
181840	DAKOTA PIPE & STEEL	FLAT IRON, TUBING	\$185.80
181841	MENARDS - MINOT	STRAPS, BRUSHES, RATCHET	\$64.93
181841	MENARDS - MINOT	TOW STRAP	\$7.99
181841	MENARDS - MINOT	RATCHET, TOW STRAP	\$36.85
181842	SRT	INTERNET CHARGE 4/22/20	\$11.25
181843	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	PARK MAINTENANCE 4/30/2020	\$13,816.50

<b>Total Park Board Bills</b>	<b>14,383.32</b>
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	<b>ROAD BILLS</b>	<b>ROAD BILLS</b>	
181798	3D SPECIALTIES- MINOT	SIGNS	\$108.62
181799	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SVC	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$135.98
181799	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SVC	JANITORIAL SERVICE	\$144.65
181799	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SVC	JANITORIAL SERVICE	\$133.98
181799	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SVC	JANITORIAL SERVICE	\$144.65
181800	BASIN SERVICE COMPANY	BRINE SOLUTION	\$2,048.00
181800	BASIN SERVICE COMPANY	BRINE SOLUTION	\$2,752.00
181800	BERTHOLD CITY	UTILITIES-WC SHOP 16 E CENTRAL AVE, BERTHOLD	\$27.00
181802	BLUETARP FINANCIAL INC	BOLTS, NUTS, WASHERS	\$136.35
181802	BLUETARP FINANCIAL INC	NYLON RIBBON	\$4.79
181803	BRAUN INTERTEC CORP	BRIDGE ANALYSIS	\$5,695.00
181804	BUTLER MACHINERY	BATTERY	\$277.56
181804	BUTLER MACHINERY	ELEMENTS	\$126.60
181805	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	REDUCER, PARTS	\$15.76
181805	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	VALVE	\$236.08
181806	DAKOTA PIPE & STEEL	FLAT IRON	\$35.00
181807	DICKINSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT	UNDERBODY	\$9,090.00
181808	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	GASOLINE, DIESEL	\$3,681.63
181809	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$3,153.38
181809	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	SUPPLIES	\$39.94

181810	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	BOLTS	\$1.30
181810	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	GASOLINE	\$217.22
181811	FARSTAD OIL	DRUM DEPOSIT	\$30.00
181811	FARSTAD OIL	OIL, FUEL ADDITIVES	\$2,259.35
181812	GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	CYLINDER'	\$306.10
181813	HOFFARTH SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICE 4/1-4/30	\$110.00
181814	HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC	PROFESSIONAL SVC GIS	\$1,028.75
181814	HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC	ENGINEERING BRIDGES	\$21,353.07
181815	KENMARE CITY OF	UTILITIES- WC SHOP 607 4TH AVE NE KENMARE	\$90.00
181816	MAINTENANCE PLUS INC	JANITORIAL SERVICE	\$844.99
181817	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	WEBROOT SUB.	\$72.00
181818	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES- 16 E CENTRAL AV BERTHOLD	\$103.30
181819	MENARDS - MINOT	BATTERIES, CASTERS	\$126.86
181819	MENARDS - MINOT	ALOE	\$16.47
181819	MENARDS - MINOT	TAPE SUPPLIES	\$93.25
181819	MENARDS - MINOT	BATTERIES	\$29.83
181819	MENARDS - MINOT	GRASS SEED	\$51.98
181820	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER UTILITY SE 12TH ST	\$135.74
181820	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER UTILITY 900 SE 13TH ST	\$27.23
181821	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION	\$192.20
181822	MUUS LUMBER CO	NAILS	\$6.49
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	BLOWER MOTOR	\$96.78
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	WHEEL CHARGER	\$749.00
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	GAUGE	\$13.50
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SPRAY SQUEEGEE	\$40.26
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	HOUR METER	\$39.99
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	LUBRICANT	\$128.67
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FILTER	\$14.95
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	HEADLAMP	\$19.98
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	CONTROL	\$12.09
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FILTERS	\$761.83
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	GAUGE, SAFETY GLASSES	\$57.04
181823	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SAFETY GLASSES RETURNED	-\$11.45
181824	NELSON, BRUCE	SIGNING BONUS	\$231.20
181824	NELSON, BRUCE	TEMP EASEMENT N2NE; 7-154-82	\$552.00
181825	NELSON, BRUCE	ROW LYING IN N2NE; 7-154-82	\$1,760.00
181826	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER	UTILITIES DOUGLAS SHOP	\$201.41
181827	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES	\$931.84
181827	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRE REPAIR	\$25.00
181827	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRE REPAIR	\$45.00
181827	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES	\$1,102.99
181827	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES	\$603.80
181827	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES	\$1,103.98
181828	O'DAY EQUIPMENT	PUMP	\$833.73
181829	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	UTILITIES 13201 153RD ST SE SAWYER ND	\$58.49
181830	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	MATERIAL SCALE	\$7,800.00
181830	RDO/POWERPLAN	WINDOW	\$475.10
181830	RDO/POWERPLAN	SCALE INSTALLATION	\$3,001.21
181832	SRT	OFFICE TELEPHONE	\$1,279.46
181833	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	SPROCKETS, CHAIN	\$306.98

181833	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	SHIFTER, SHIFTER CABLE	\$210.77
181833	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	REPAIR GUTTER BROOM	\$375.00
181834	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CO	COLD MIX	\$1,420.00
181835	TITAN MACHINERY	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$5,428.00
181836	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	CELL PHONE 3/29-4/28	\$367.36
DD	WARD CO WATER RESOURCE	CALCULATOR	\$83.29
181837	WESTLIE CROSSROADS	LATCH	\$50.52
181837	WESTLIE CROSSROADS	CATCH	\$3.71
181837	WESTLIE CROSSROADS	SHOCK, HOSE, FITTING	\$172.02
181837	WESTLIE CROSSROADS	SWITCH	\$48.77
181838	WILBUR-ELLIS COMPANY	GRASS SEED	\$1,890.00

<b>Total Road Bills</b>	<b>\$87,367.37</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>197,931.20</b>
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Jail Commander Paul Olthoff appeared with a Contract for Boarding City of Garrison's Inmates for the Commission's approval. Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve and sign the contract as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Sheriff Bob Roed appeared with Ward County Task Force Memorandum of Understanding for approval. Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve and authorize Sheriff Roed to sign the Ward County Task Force Memorandum of Understanding. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Weppler to appoint the appointed Sheriff Department Commissioner to serve on Ward County Narcotics Task Force Executive Board. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Facilities Management Director Leona Lochthowe appeared requesting approval to add better controls of the recreation area windows in the detention center. She would like the windows to be permitted to open through programming of the Main Detention Control Computer Program and open only when the outside temperature is above 50 degrees.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve the Main Electric bid of \$4,877 to install new wiring and work with ETS and Accurate on programming the Detention Center Windows. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ryan Kamrowski, Director of Tax Equalization appeared with a recommendation regarding Planning and Zoning transition to the Tax Equalization Office. Mr. Kamrowski's plan consisted of three phases.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the transition plan for Planning and Zoning as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, County Engineer appeared with two agenda items for the Commission's consideration. The first item is the purchasing and sales agreement regarding the proposed purchasing of a new facility for the County Highway Department located at 200 72<sup>nd</sup> St SE for the purchase price of \$1,750,000.00.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve moving forward with the purchase and sales agreement as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Larsen continued with requesting approval to award contract and move forward with installing 120 linear of sheet pile to a section of County Road 19 South where there is sloping issues and a deteriorating rock retaining wall. This will provide stability for the roadway if the rock wall collapses.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve moving forward with the proposed County Road 19 South project and award the contract to Swingen Construction in the amount of \$70,150. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Human Resource Director Tammy Terras presented the Commission with a COVID-19 Reopening Plan based on CDC guidelines for their approval. Ms. Terras is recommending the County building to reopen May 26, 2020. She informed the Commission of the safety measure that have been put in place to insure employee and visitor's safety.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the recommended COVID-19 Reopening Plan based on the CDC guidelines and open County buildings May 26, 2020. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Terras continued with a recommendation regarding 457 Deferred Comp Plan for Employees. Currently the County has two providers and Ms. Terras is recommending a transition to one provider. Steve Zarr of Zarr Financial gave the Commission a transition plan and timeline for the transition. A request for proposals has been requested from the two current providers as well as others.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve Human Resource director to proceed with transitioning to one provider for 457 Deferred Comp and presenting the proposals to the Commission. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the following payroll amendments: N. Beech-Jail/Detention; S.Pulley-Sheriff's Department; H. Brandt-Auditor/Treasure Office; Tim Petz-Highway; S. Eslinger-Highway; B. Sisk-Highway; L. Darulis-Highway; A. Olson- Highway; K. Streitz-Highway; K. Salmi- Highway; P. Malnaa- Highway. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Auditor/Treasure Devra Smestad appeared.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to Receive and File the following Correspondence: ISO-Building Code Enforcement Evaluation Report; ISO- Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Results; Minot Area Chamber of Commerce- Economy at a Glimpse; Bid4Assets, Inc-Letter; Tax Title Services, Inc.- Letter; Merchant McIntyre-letter; Office of the State Auditor- letter; Alliance Pipeline-letter. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to receive and file the monthly reports including financials. Roll call; all voted yes, Comm. Rostad left the meeting briefly and did not vote; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve Bechtold Paving bid in the amount of \$285,502.32 and move forward with the 19<sup>th</sup> Ave NW & 56<sup>th</sup> St NW paving district. Roll call; all voted yes, Comm. Rostad left the meeting briefly and did not vote; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the Gaming Site Authorizations for NDSF Foundation; ND Association for the Disabled, INC (2); Minot FVW Post 753, Inc; Veteran's Club of Kenmare, Inc (3); Minot Juniors Gold Association, Inc. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to appoint David Bachmeier to serve on the Ward County Park Board for a three-year term. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Smestad requested input on the preliminary 2021 County Budget. A lengthy discussion was held.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve HR Director to proceed with a Compensation Study regarding the positions in question during the 2020 budget discussions and to condense the number of grading scales. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Craig Hashbarger from Widmer Roel CPA's appeared with a brief updated of the Annual Audit that is currently taking place. He reviewed the summary of work, findings and gave recommendation regarding the two areas of concerns brought forth by the Commission.

At 11:58 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020

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Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:

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