

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

July 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman/Commissioner Fjeldahl at 9:00 AM with Commissioners Anderson, Olson, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Bradley Starnes, Brian Vangsness, Dana Larsen, Jason Blowers, Jodi Johnson, Kelly Haugan, Lolly Gorze, Marisa Haman, Noreen Barton, Robert Roed, and Roza Larson.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the agenda with the following additions: Item 2, add review and approve minutes from the Tax Equalization Meeting on June 6, 2023; item 3 bill list changed to \$224,201.97; item 9 has an additional Pay Amendment; add item 10E, Veterans after hour room usage; and 11B has been deleted. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on June 20, 2023 and the minutes of the Ward County Board of Equalization Meeting on June 6, 2023. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the regular bills totaling \$224,201.97 and Human Service Zone direct cost bills totaling \$11,088.25. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING 07/06/2023 BILL LIST

GENERAL BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
191817	BALCO UNIFORMS CO INC	UTILITY POUCH--SHERIFF	\$53.60
191817	BALCO UNIFORMS CO INC	UTILITY POUCHES--SHERIFF	\$197.90
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIP 01/05/23 BISMARCK--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$149.34
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIPS 02/01/23-02/24/23 FEB DAY TRAVEL - PLAZA--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$137.56
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIP 03/22/23 KENMARE--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$71.00
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	OVERNIGHT 05/08/23-05/11/23 FARGO--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$436.36
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	OVERNIGHT 10/31/22-11/03/22 FARGO--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$234.13
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	DAY TRIP 11/09/22 NEDROSE--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$6.25
DD	BJELLAND, ELLEN M	OVERNIGHT 12/04/22-12/06/22 JAMESTOWN--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$273.76
191758	CABARRUS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERVE SUBPOENA - NORTH CAROLINA--STATES ATTORNEY	\$50.00
DD	CARPIO CITY AUDITOR	ARPA PROJ #64 - CITY OF CARPIO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPLACEMENT - PMT #1--COMMISSIONERS	\$112,437.50
191818	DACOTAH PAPER CO	CAN LINERS--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$219.16
DD	GLENBURN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	ARPA PROJ #112 - SIRN RADIO PROJECT - TEAM ELECTRONICS INV 27092 6.2.23--COMMISSIONERS	\$10,000.00
191819	GRAPHICS LETTERING & TRIM	NEW GRAPHICS - 2023 DODGE DURANGO VIN 588348--SHERIFF	\$380.00
DD	HAUGAN, KELLY J	OVERNIGHT 06/12/23-06/15/23 FARGO--EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$374.66
191820	HAUGEN EXCAVATING	DUMPING FEES - ROLLOFF--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$708.95
191752	INDIGO SIGNS	NDSU SIGN - INITIAL 1/2 DEPOSIT--COMMISSIONERS	\$3,600.00
191821	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	NETMOTION--SHERIFF	\$286.10
191822	KEYCARE MEDICAL	BOXER BRACE - D MOORE--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$250.00
DD	KOWALCZYK, KRISTIN L	OVERNIGHT 06/19/23-06/22/23 STANLEY--RECORDER	\$82.40
191823	LIGHT AND SIREN	3 LIGHT MOUNTS - 2023 DODGE DURANGO'S--SHERIFF	\$377.00
191823	LIGHT AND SIREN	LIGHT BARS--SHERIFF	\$2,497.80

191753	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS FOR COURTHOUSE-- FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$155.66
191753	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS FOR JAIL--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$399.45
191753	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS FOR ADMIN--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$126.02
191753	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS 900 BUILDING--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$314.08
191753	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS FOR 425 BUILDING-- FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$32.96
191753	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	NATURAL GAS FOR JAIL--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$1,188.69
191824	MOUNTAIN PLAINS YOUTH SERVICES	MONTHLY SHELTER CONTRACT - JUNE 2023--GENERAL	\$5,754.65
191825	ND DEPT OF CORRECTIONS & REHAB	INTERSTATE COMPACT - PROGRAM TRANSFER FEES MAY 2023--SHERIFF	\$350.00
191743	POST BOARD	LICENSE - PAUL COOPER--SHERIFF	\$45.00
191744	POST BOARD	LICENSE - MATHEW TOLLEFSON--SHERIFF	\$45.00
191759	PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERVE SUBPOENA - GEORGIA--STATES ATTORNEY	\$10.00
191826	ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR CO INC	ARMORDED CAR SERVICE - JUNE-- AUDITOR AND TREASURER	\$506.02
191827	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	DEBIT CARD FEES--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$100.00
191827	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	LAW LIBRARY--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$151.00
191775	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$44.88
191775	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$26.42
191775	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--HUMAN SERVICES	\$119.05
191775	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--HUMAN SERVICES	\$53.83
191754	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--GENERAL	\$551.48
191754	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--GENERAL	\$141.54
Total General Bills:			\$142,939.20

PARK BOARD BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
191812	BAKER, MARVIN	MEETING DUES - 06/13/23	\$50.00
191813	MENARDS - MINOT	PAINT, RATCHET, TOW STRAP, TREE CUTTER	\$101.32
191813	MENARDS - MINOT	OVERPMT ON 6273 FRM 7.28.22	-\$0.10
191814	OLSON, DARRELL D	MEETING DUES - 06/13/23	\$50.00
191815	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	24" X 24" DIGITAL SIGN - CANOE & KAYAK LAUNCH	\$32.78
191816	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	PARK MAINTENANCE - MAY	\$15,167.82
191786	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC - OLD SETTLERS PARK	\$295.49
191786	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC - OLD SETTLERS PARK	\$34.96
Total Park Board Bills:			\$15,732.27

ROAD/HIGHWAY BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
191794	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	BATTERY PACK, INFLATOR, TORQUE WRENCH	\$628.00
191794	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	STARTER ROPE #23	\$1.45
191794	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	FLYWHEEL FOR TRIMMER	\$99.15
191794	ACME TOOLS GRAND FORKS	HEAT GUN FOR MINOT SHOP	\$149.00
191795	AMERICAN TRUCK & TRAILER	LANDING GEAR HANDLES #196	\$42.06
191796	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	NIPPLES & FASTENERS	\$31.86
191796	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	CHAINS - MINOT SHOP	\$45.86
191796	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	PEEN HAMMER, PEG HOOKS	\$35.28
191797	CHESAK SEED HOUSE	GRASS SEED BUNDLES & WOOD STAKES	\$426.25
191797	CHESAK SEED HOUSE	GRASS & SEED - ND DOT CLASS II EARLY	\$1,380.00

191798	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	BULKHEAD W/ NUT, ELBOW UNIT #1403	\$14.37
191799	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	WINDSHIELD #86	\$225.00
191800	GERDAU	3/8 X 4 FLAT - #137	\$52.75
191801	HOME OF ECONOMY INC	COUPLINGS, NIPPLE #170	\$83.56
191802	JOHNSON CONTROLS	AC UNIT CHECKED OUT - BLDG C	\$223.40
191803	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	CISCO UMBRELLA INSIGHTS - INTERNET SECURITY	\$36.00
191772	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC - KENMARE	\$51.17
191772	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS BLDG D	\$165.68
191772	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS BLDG B	\$147.91
191772	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS BLDG A	\$193.39
191772	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS BLDG C	\$111.88
191772	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - NATURAL GAS BLDG E	\$34.04
191750	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - GAS MINOT SHOP	\$168.04
191804	MENARDS - MINOT	POLISHER/SANDER, JUMPER CABLES, RATCHET, RAT GLUE, WD-40, BUFFING PADS, FUNNEL	\$175.45
191804	MENARDS - MINOT	5 GALLON BUCKETS	\$50.28
191804	MENARDS - MINOT	SILICONE, GLOVES, TOWELS, LUBE, BINS	\$110.37
191804	MENARDS - MINOT	FAN FOR SHOP	\$7.99
191805	MINOT CITY OF, LANDFILL	DUMPING FEE	\$5.00
191805	MINOT CITY OF, LANDFILL	DUMPING FEE	\$435.75
191773	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC - DOUGLAS SHOP	\$95.64
191806	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	UNLEADED GAS FOR MINOT SHOP	\$9,839.84
191806	PARKLAND USA CORP DBA FARSTAD OIL	DIESEL FUEL - MINOT SHOP	\$14,685.11
191807	RDO/POWERPLAN	PULLEY, WASHER, FLANGE SCREWS - #77	\$284.61
191807	RDO/POWERPLAN	BALL BEARING - #77	\$78.28
191807	RDO/POWERPLAN	KEYS - #120	\$29.61
191808	RYAN CHEVROLET	N-RETAINER #19	\$7.94
191809	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	TELESPARS & CUTTING CHARGE	\$6,684.95
191810	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	AIR, OIL & FUEL FILTERS - #S 5203, 5204, 5205	\$550.56
191810	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	MOTOR - UNIT #42U	\$1,145.69
191810	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	AIR & OIL FILTERS #123	\$133.98
191810	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	KEY 10 - UNIT 5205	\$19.28
191811	WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	BLADES #143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 155 & 156	\$26,433.62
191751	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES - BERTHOLD SHOP	\$26.95
191751	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC - STREET LIGHTS	\$62.55
		Total Road/Highway Bills:	\$65,209.55

VISION ZERO BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	PATTERSON, KYLE D	DAY TRIP 06/13/23 WATFORD CITY	\$161.13
DD	PATTERSON, KYLE D	DAY TRIP 06/14/23 WILLISTON	\$159.82
		Total Vision Zero Bills:	\$320.95

GRAND TOTAL \$224,201.97

Bradley Starnes, Veterans Service Director, appeared regarding the transportation network for veterans. Mr. Starnes stated volunteers are needed to help veterans get to appointments. The VA or DAV cannot provide monetary compensation for the program as it nationally based volunteer. When Mr. Starnes discussed the issue with Matt Rud, who works for the DAV in Fargo, Mr. Rud stated there are a few counties that provide commission-approved stipends. Some counties also provide staff to give rides. The requirement of being fully vaccinated to volunteer is a stumbling block here in Ward County. Mr. Starnes is asking the Commissioners about offering an incentive to get people to volunteer. Expenses such as meals and hotel rooms are paid for. It was recommended to check with the Minot Air Force Base to see if there may be a volunteer who could serve as a driver for veterans. Mr. Starnes will also reach out to Mountrail County regarding services and use of van.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to draft a letter from the Commissioners to our Federal legislatures, senators, and representatives to come up with legislation to solve this problem. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Robert Roed, Ward County Sheriff, appeared to present Ashley Harris with the NDCCA Correctional Employee of the Year.

Noreen Barton, Director of Tax Equalization, presented the Tax Roll Memorandum.

1. Property Owner qualifies for Farm Residence Exemption:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Rockeman, Christopher	CD31005U040000 NENE S31-158-87	42215 226 th Ave NW Donnybrook, ND 58734	2022	\$257,000	\$21,000	\$11,670	\$1,050
Johnson, Bruce & Candace	GR23005U020000 W2S2SWNW W2E2S2SWNW Less RD S23-159-87	33100 380 th St NW Donnybrook, ND 58734	2023	\$255,000	\$8,000	\$11,515	\$400
Herzig, Karla	FO260990000010 Olt 1 of NE S26-156-85	17401 Hwy 2 W Burlington, ND 58722	2023	\$263,000	\$1,000	\$11,840	\$50
Brandvold, Paul	VA330990000010 Olt 1 of NW S33-153-85	20603 191 st Ave SW Ryder, ND 58779	2023	\$122,200	\$200	\$5,500	\$10

2. Remove the 2023 MH property tax, MH is being taxed on another parcel (SR040460100070)

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Nichols, Jonny & Sherry	MI5105462 Kopper Sunrise 2 nd Addn. Lot 7 Block 1	5325 Zaharia DR SE Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$31,000	\$0.00	\$1,395	\$0.00

3. Change from Vacant Lot to Residential Land:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Nichols, Jonny	SR040460100070 Kopper Sunrise 2 nd Addn Lot 7 Block 1	5325 Zaharia Dr SE Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$6,530	\$6,300

4. Deduction was added to the Land / Coulee runs through the property:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Pankratz, David & Vickie	BT130010000210 Pointe of View S/D Lot 21 S13-155-84	Unassigned	2023	\$44,000	\$29,000	\$2,200	\$1,450

5. Property sold to the City of Minot 2/2023, value prorated 1 month, exempt for 11 months:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
City of Minot	MI272881520062 OltS S27-155-83 S100' of Olt 6 in NWNW	1318 28 th St SW Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$28,000	\$2,000	\$1,400	\$100
City of Minot	MI27D690000020 Sorenson's 6 th Addn. Lot 2	2816 14 th Ave SW Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$198,000	\$16,000	\$8,910	\$720

City of Minot	MI272881520023 Olts S27-155-83 Olt 2 of SWNW W429' Less E99'	Unassigned	2023	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$150	\$50
City of Minot	MI272881520024 Olts S27-155-83 Olt 2 of SWNW E99' of W429'	Unassigned	2023	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$100	\$50

6. Property sold to the City of Minot 4/2023, prorate value 4months, exempt for 8 months:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
City of Minot	MI243130300051 Ramstads 2 nd Addn. E ½ 75' Lot 4 & E ½ 75' Lot 5 Block 3	19 th 5 th ST NE Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$49,000	\$16,000	\$2,205	\$720

7. Adjustments to land values were made in review neighborhood. After further analysis, it was determined this parcel has an easement over 2/3 of this lot. Value was adjusted to reflect this easement:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
SJS Properties LLC	MI22D620000010 Oak Park Place Addn. Lot 1	25 16 th St NW Minot, ND 58703	2023	\$233,000	\$185,000	\$10,485	\$8,325

8. Previously estimated on-site review indicated a reduction to reflect market value:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Beck, Jeff & Nancy	MI144890000050 West Minot Addn. Oen's S/D Lots 1 & 3 Block 17 Lot 5	504 12 th St NW Minot, ND 58703	2023	\$225,000	\$212,000	\$10,125	\$9,540
Ness, Daniel & Myrna	MI190880001000 Elbow Park Manor Addn. Lots 99 & 100	117 17 th ST SE Minot, ND 58701	2023	\$294,000	\$258,000	\$13,230	\$11,610

9. Property Owner qualifies for Military Exemption, pro-rate from date of sale 7 months:

Property Owner	Description	Physical Address	Valuation Year	Old True & Full	New True & Full	Old Taxable Value	New Taxable Value
Foust, Justin	TA5100871 Parkway Estates Lot 61	13001 2 nd St NW Lot 61 Minot, ND 58703	2023	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$225	\$135

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve adjustments to Tax Roll Memorandum as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Next, Ms. Barton presented the new growth and 2023 valuations.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Olson to receive and file the new growth and 2023 valuations. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, County Highway Engineer, appeared regarding purchasing a motorgrader mounted packer/roller. The quote from RDO Equipment was \$23,980.00.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Wepler to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a motorgrader mounted packer/roller from RDO for a total of \$23,980.00 as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Doug Diedrichsen, Planning and Zoning Administrator, appeared regarding a variance and a plat application.

Application for a variance was received from Loren Johnson for the following described property: 330' X 660' in NW4NW4 35-161-88, 2 Acre Parcel Deeded to Church Doc# 141163, NW4 Less Portion Sold 35-161-88. The applicant is proposing a land transfer/exchange that the Ward County Zoning Ordinance would require to be platted. Ward County zoning applies with the township recommendation pending. The planning commission has recommended approval of the variance based on findings of fact.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the variance application from Loren Johnson based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the finding of facts. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Application for a plat from Layne Ankenbauer for the following described property: Proposed Outlots 5&6 lying in the NW4NE4 12-159-89. The applicant is proposing to parcel an outlot, proposed outlot 5 is 43.65 acres, outlot 6 is 21.21 acres. This outlot is for future agricultural purposes. Ward County zoning applies with the township recommending approval. The planning commission has recommended approval of the plat application based on findings of fact and staff recommendations.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the plat application from Layne Ankenbauer as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Lolly Gorze, Human Resource Director, appeared with the following pay amendments: T. Ness, Auditor; R. Christianson, Highway; A. Gorze, Sheriff; D. Walter, Highway; L. Jensen, State's Attorney; T. Grosche, Auditor; L. Schroeder, Auditor, E. Brewer, Tax Equalization.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the payroll amendments as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Olson to receive and file the following correspondence: Ward County Highway Committee minutes; Ward County Department Head minutes; letter from Apex Engineering Group dated June 29, 2023 regarding 16th Street SW reconstruction; email regarding RAISE Grant Program. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman addressed the tabled foreclosed property bid. The adjacent property owner was finally contacted and he placed a bid for Parcel #MI130160000682 in the amount of \$250.00. Minimum sale price is \$216.29.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the bid in the amount of \$250.00. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the request for a Duplicate Warrant to be issued to Donald or Darla Erickson for \$72.61. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the MPO Board structure of three representatives from the city of Minot, two representatives from Ward County, one representative each from the cities of Surrey and Burlington with the chair rotating between Minot, Ward County, and

Surrey. It is also moved to have the chairman appoint the two representatives from Ward County for a 1-year term with the first term expiring December 2024. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad, to allow the VA usage of meeting rooms outside of the business hours listed on the meeting room form. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Recess at 9:53 AM until entities appear for budget presentations.

Meeting was reconvened at 10:14 AM.

Rena Korslien, Manager of the North Dakota State Fair, presented their 2024 budget request of \$500,000.00. Ms. Korslien spoke to the 2023 fair stating that ticket sales are high and camping sites are gone. They have placed kiosks at the North Hill Marketplace and the Grandstand for individuals to purchase tickets for the fair. There is a new bathroom and updates to the West Park area on the fairgrounds as well.

Jill McDonald, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, appeared to present their 2024 budget request of \$47,259.00, which is down a little bit from 2023. Last year DVCC provided 2,291 nights of safety and served just shy of 1,000 individuals. The DVCC offers multidisciplinary services.

David Liegthy, President of Ward County Historical Society, presented their 2024 budget. Mr. Liegthy stated there have been 6 school tours and 2 retirement home tours in the past year as well as family events and weddings held on the grounds. There is a 120 x 60 building being put up for vehicles to be stored. ARPA funds have helped for water and sewer but there are still many things to do such as a heating system, insulation, and electricity. The historical society still continues to have volunteer labor and donations coming in. Their 2024 requested budget is up about \$2,000.00 to \$97,685.00.

Liz Larsen, Executive Director of Project Bee, presented their 2024 budget request for trained, professional staff totaling \$205,000.00. Project Bee is in the process of opening a second shelter. The nights of shelter from January through the end of June are up this year and their warming shelter is open from October 1-April 30 every year.

Bryan Quigley, President of Lake County Historical Society, presented at budget of \$16,000.00 for 2024. The historical society is working on displays and a written narrative history for the displays. New siding has been placed on some buildings.

At 11:32 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2023

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
