

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

July 18, 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 Larson, Emily Burkett, Jason Blowers, Lolly Gorze, Marisa Haman, Noreen Barton, Robert Roed, and Roza Larson.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the agenda with the following change: Add item 4B, Salary proposal. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on July 6, 2023. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the regular bills totaling \$1,138,160.28 and HS Zone direct cost bills totaling \$20,280.63. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING 07/18/2023 BILL LIST**

<b>GENERAL BILLS</b>			
<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
DD	JP MORGAN	JUNE 2023 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$92,415.83
191913	AUTO DOCTOR	REMOVE POLICE EQUIP - REPAIR CK ENGINE LIGHT/PURGE VALVE #34--SHERIFF	\$572.89
191913	AUTO DOCTOR	REPAIR OIL LEAK #31--SHERIFF	\$50.00
191913	AUTO DOCTOR	INSTALL POLICE EQIP & LPR SYSTEM - 2022 DODGE DURANGO #17--SHERIFF	\$2,400.00
191913	AUTO DOCTOR	REPLACE EXHAUST TUBE/FLEX PIPE & SKID PLATES #33--SHERIFF	\$243.09
191914	COMPUTECH INC	HP 26X TONER CARTRIDGE--IT	\$201.00
191915	DACOTA PAPER CO	HAND TOWELS--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$2,399.60
191915	DACOTA PAPER CO	NITRILE GLOVES--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$199.36
191915	DACOTA PAPER CO	VACUUM WIDE AREA, 28"--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$4,328.58
191916	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	PLUMBING PARTS - COUPLINGS--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$132.87
191916	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	NIPPLE & COUPLING MALL IRON--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$10.07
191834	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	GAS FOR PICKUP - PROPANE - JUNE 2023--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$249.56
191834	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL--SHERIFF	\$10,498.77
191834	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	MONTHLY GAS BILL - JUNE--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$280.92
191835	HOFFARTH SANITATION	TRASH SERVICE - JUNE--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$600.00
191917	HUBER SPRINKLER SERVICE	SPRING START UP & REPLACE 2 ZONE VALVES & 3 SPRINKLERS--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$465.90
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	NETMOTION--SHERIFF	\$287.45
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 521 - WAN ACCESS--IT	\$510.00
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 602 - AZURE AD PLAN 2--IT	\$50.85
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 608 & 609 - OFFICE 365--IT	\$35.25
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 618 - INTUNE--IT	\$30.00
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 630 - ADOBE ACROBAT PRO--IT	\$100.00
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 650 - SSL VPN CLIENT--IT	\$305.00
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	DP 853 - ACTIVE DIRECTORY USER FEE--IT	\$149.85
191918	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	PEXIP VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM (AUDIO CONFERENCE)--IT	\$16.75
191919	KASSON, SEAN BRADLEY	CONTRACT ATTORNEY 5.30.23-7.2.23--STATES ATTORNEY	\$1,191.49
DD	KAYLOR, NICOLE J	DAY TRIPS 04/20/23-06/28/23 MONTHLY TRAVEL APRIL, MAY & JUNE--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$24.76
DD	MAKOTI CITY AUDITOR	ARPA PROJ #65 SEWER PROJECT - HYDRO KLEAN & MOORE ENGINEERING INV'S--COMMISSIONERS	\$29,302.99

191920	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	CISCO 9200L NETWORK SWITCHSTACK CONFIG--IT	\$456.00
191920	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	EMG CISCO UCCX CONTACT CENTER-- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$3,984.96
191921	MINOT'S FINEST COLLISION CENTER	DEDUCTIBLE - 2022 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR VIN #NGB75096--SHERIFF	\$1,000.00
191921	MINOT'S FINEST COLLISION CENTER	REPAIRS - 2022 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR VIN #NGB75096--INSURANCE	\$7,925.60
DD	MORELLI, LAURA L	DAY TRIPS 04/06/23-04/25/23 MONTHLY TRAVEL APRIL--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$9.17
DD	MORELLI, LAURA L	DAY TRIPS 05/02/23-05/31/23 MONTHLY TRAVEL MAY--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$15.78
DD	MORELLI, LAURA L	DAY TRIPS 06/06/23-06/27/23 MONTHLY TRAVEL JUNE--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$17.75
191922	MOUNTAIN PLAINS YOUTH SERVICES	MONTHLY SHELTER CONTRACT - JULY 2023-- GENERAL	\$5,754.65
191923	ND ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS	MEMBERSHIP FEE - ERICA BREWER--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$50.00
191923	ND ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS	REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEE - NICHOLAS METZIGIAN--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$210.00
191923	ND ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS	REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEE - JEFF MUTCHLER--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$210.00
191923	ND ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS	REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEE - JULIE STRAABE--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$210.00
191923	ND ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS	REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEE - NOREEN WILKIE--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$210.00
191924	ND STATE RADIO COMM	2ND QTR TERMINAL FEES 04/01/23-06/30/23-- STATES ATTORNEY	\$600.00
191924	ND STATE RADIO COMM	TELETYPE RENTAL - 2ND QTR TERMINAL RENTAL 4/1/23-6/30/23--SHERIFF	\$600.00
191925	NDSU DEPT 3110	LETTERHEAD, ENVELOPES #10 & 10 X 13-- EXTENSION SERVICE	\$329.00
191926	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	MEALS FOR JUVENILE DETENTION - JUNE 2023-- JUVENILE DETENTION	\$987.49
191777	THOMAS LAW FIRM	2023 INDIGENT DEFENSE - JULY 2023--GENERAL	\$2,000.00
191778	TRINITY HEALTH	Q3 2023 CONTRACT - CORONER--GENERAL	\$11,250.00
191848	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--HUMAN SERVICES	\$79.09
191848	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--HUMAN SERVICES	\$37.85
191836	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--GENERAL	\$656.39
191836	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--GENERAL	\$170.67
191927	VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	YEAR 6 OF 6 ARCHIVE MODULE SERVICE FEE--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$2,800.00
191928	WEST RIVER WATER DISTRICT	ARPA PROJ #68 WEST RIVER FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT PROJ--COMMISSIONERS	\$56,040.00
191929	WESTERN AGENCY INC	UPDATE PROP VALUE CHANGES - ITEM 274432 7/1/23--INSURANCE	\$13,884.00
191929	WESTERN AGENCY INC	ADD 2023 FORD F250 (HIGHWAY) - ITEM 274246 6/22/23--INSURANCE	\$653.00
191929	WESTERN AGENCY INC	2023 PROP INS RENEWAL - ITEM #272913 7/1/23-- INSURANCE	\$45,573.00
191844	WEX HEALTH, INC.	FSA MONTHLY FEES - MAY 2023--HUMAN RESOURCES	\$157.50
191779	WILHELM TIM	2023 INDIGENT DEFENSE - JULY 2023--GENERAL	\$2,000.00
191837	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 425 BLDG--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$128.14
191837	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$5,262.86
191837	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY JAIL--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$9,773.87
191837	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MANAGEMENT	\$8,665.00
<b>Total General Bills:</b>			\$328,754.60

<b>PARK BOARD BILLS</b>			
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DD	JP MORGAN	JUNE 2023 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$26,312.58
191911	MENARDS - MINOT	PICKUP & REACH TOOL	\$25.98
191912	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	PARK MAINTENANCE - JUNE	\$18,619.47

		<b>Total Park Board Bills:</b>	\$44,958.03

<b>ROAD/HIGHWAY BILLS</b>			
<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
DD	JP MORGAN	JUNE 2023 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$8,815.79
191889	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$190.01
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191889	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$190.01
191889	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$185.19
191838	BERTHOLD CITY	UTILITIES-WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	\$113.00
191890	BUTLER MACHINERY	SPACER, WASHER, HEX HEAD BOLT #135	\$54.52
181890	BUTLER MACHINERY	BATTERY #129A	\$517.09
181890	BUTLER MACHINERY	REPLACE DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID UNIT INJECTOR #129A	\$1,934.21
181890	BUTLER MACHINERY	KEY #127	\$22.22
181890	BUTLER MACHINERY	OUTER SAFETY BELL, INNER BELL & TUBE #112	\$296.06
191891	CURB 2 CURB LLC	PARKING LOT STRIPING- MINOT SHOP	\$350.00
191892	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	BULKHEAD WITH NUT	\$21.91
191892	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	CLUTCH, HYDRAULIC PUMP, TANK, FILTER ELEMENT & HEAD #2111 & 2112	\$5,715.30
191892	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	GLASS BOWL & O-RING #21	\$44.00
191893	DAKOTA PIPE & STEEL	2" X 2" X 1/4" SQUARE TUBE X 24' #2111	\$144.00
191849	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	BULK FUEL - MINOT, DOUGLAS, SAWYER /UNLEADED GAS	\$24,713.37
191850	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	BULK FUEL-BERTHOLD, UNLEADED GAS	\$5,497.58
191894	GENERAL TRADING CO	ANTIFREEZE, SEALANT	\$28.32
191895	GERDAU	TUBING & 1/8 X 8 FLAT #2111	\$252.15
191839	HOFFARTH SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICES - JUNE 2023	\$195.00
191840	KENMARE CITY OF	UTILITIES-WATER/SEWER	\$57.50
191896	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	CONNCT BRASS UNIONS	\$88.99
191896	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	HAIR PIN COTTER STEEL ZINC	\$13.27
191896	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	UNIONS, ELBOWS, NUTS, WIRE, NYLON TY-RAP, WASHERS, SEALANT, BRAKE CLEANER	\$1,681.05
191897	MAINTENANCE PLUS INC	BATH TISSUE, TOWELS, HAND SOAP	\$226.41
191897	MAINTENANCE PLUS INC	GENERAL CLEANING - JUNE	\$1,385.00
191898	MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES LLC	GROUND TESTING - BLDG C	\$3,900.00
191841	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES - GAS - BERTHOLD	\$21.00
191899	MENARDS - MINOT	RAKE, FERTILIZER	\$139.94
191900	MINOT PAVING CO INC	PA2023 PROG EST #1 PATCHING 5/2/23-7/12/23	\$335,214.20
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SPRING U-BOLT & 32OZ PSF #3	\$106.96
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PLASTIC TRIM PANEL CLIP/FASTENER #3	\$10.19
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PRESSURE HOSE - RTN SPRING U-BOLT #3 (ORIG INV 428817 6.29.23)	-\$32.59
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FORD LIGHT BAR MOUNT #1412	\$199.99
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	CONTROL CABLE & CABLE STOP ASSORT #117	\$23.31
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	REDUCER BUSHINGS #2111	\$6.29
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	REDUCER BUSHINGS #2111	\$6.29
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	RTN BATTERY ACCESSORIES #2111 & 2112 --ORIG INV'S 423458 & 423460 6.12.23	-\$53.98
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FUEL FILTERS	\$674.00
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	10WAY FUSE PANEL W LED #2112	\$57.29
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	OIL FILTER	\$89.37
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FUSE BLOCK ATO/ATC FUSE PANNEL #2111	\$57.29
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	RUBBER PLUG E-Z LUBE, LAMP #12	\$39.99
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	BATTERY #2112	\$26.99
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	BATTERY ACCESSORIES #2111	\$26.99

191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	BOXED HEADLAMP CAPSULE/SPARK PLUGS FOR GAS TRIMMERS ON TRUCKS	\$38.75
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	AC BELT #77	\$29.39
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	AUTOMOTIVE V-RIBBED BELT #77	\$61.99
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	RETURN AC BELT #77 - ORIG INV 422001 6.7.23	-\$29.39
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FLEX RATCHET	\$75.99
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SOCKETS #2111	\$137.94
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	AIR FILTERS & CABIN AIR FILTER	\$80.65
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	AIR FILTERS	\$21.36
191901	NAPA AUTO PARTS	DRY GRAPHITE LUBE, VALV CAP, BRAKE CLEANER, CEMENT, AC R12/R134, TIRE GUAGE, AIR TOOL OIL	\$361.79
191902	ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	PTRCF REGISTRATION FEES #1812, 1813, 1814, 4861 (2024)	\$900.00
191902	ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	PTRCF REGISTRATION FEES #4903 (2024)	\$150.00
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	FLAT TIRE REPAIR #86	\$91.23
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES - GRADER #92A	\$3,631.72
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	RETURN TIRE #91 - ORIG INV 4336037 6.6.23	-\$159.48
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	FLAT REPAIR, 2 USED RIMS & TIRES #21	\$415.62
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRE #191	\$159.48
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES & ALIGNMENET #4	\$847.72
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES #127	\$10,884.20
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	REPAIR FLAT TIRE - PACKER #280	\$17.11
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TRAILER TIRE #195	\$154.29
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TRAILER TIRE #191	\$172.86
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES #89	\$1,986.04
191903	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	MOUNT TIRE #151	\$59.99
191842	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC - SAWYER SHOP	\$59.52
191904	RDO/POWERPLAN	BOLTBIN KIT #90	\$441.60
191905	SUNDRE SAND & GRAVEL INC	1.65 TONS 1-1/2" DECO ROCK	\$48.68
191906	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	WHEEL RIM, NUTS, BOLTS #42K	\$235.97
191906	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	AIR FILTERS #128	\$33.98
191907	TEAM ELECTRONICS INC	RADIO, MOUNT, CONNECTORS #1412	\$817.40
191908	TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES INC	STRIPING 2023 WATER BASE 5/2/23-7/12/23 PROJ EST #1	\$277,747.02
191843	TRI N PROPANE	UTILITIES - PROPANE - SAWYER SHOP	\$340.55
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	MUD FLAPS #86	\$34.66
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	IGNITION COIL ASSY & SPARK PLUGS #39	\$2,028.64
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	WINDSHIELD WIPER ARM & PIVOT #51	\$160.97
191910	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	2023 FORD F250 CREW XLT VIN#1FT7W2BN8PED11125	\$58,220.00
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	AIR SPRINGS #49	\$384.52
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	CAB RACKS & MOUNT KITS	\$4,407.56
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	FUEL KIT #71	\$227.85
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	TIE ROD ENDS #49	\$433.16
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	CABIN AIR FILTER #71	\$39.12
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	RED CAP & BLUE CAP	\$4.00
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	5TH WHEEL & CLIPS #3403	\$165.30
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	CAP ASSY #81	\$19.38
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	CABIN AIR FILTERS #34	\$83.60
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	COOLING SYSTEM & BRAKES #88	\$2,216.38
191909	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	FENDERS & BRAKET KITS (NEW TRUCKS)	\$2,553.41
		<b>Total Road/Highway Bills:</b>	\$764,245.60

VISION ZERO BILLS			
CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD	JP MORGAN	JUNE 2023 TRANSACTIONS--SEE JP BILL LIST	\$135.57
DD	PATTERSON, KYLE D	DAY TRIP 07/07/23 SURREY & MOHALL	\$66.48
<b>Total Vision Zero Bills:</b>			\$202.05

**GRAND TOTAL** \$1,138,160.28

Major Paul Olthoff, Ward County Detention Center, appeared with a 2023 Service Agreement between Ward County Jail and First District Health Unit. The only change was the hourly rate going up from \$75.00/hour to \$78.00/hour.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the 2023 Service Agreement as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Major Olthoff then discussed the struggles with hiring at the Detention Center. At the present moment they are down 5 staff members. One reason they are leaving is due to the stress of the job. Average daily resident population for June was 181 with staffing normally for 150. This past weekend the population hit 200. Major Olthoff is proposing a 3% raise effective immediately which would also allow the rate of hire to go up.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the 3% raise increase as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Lolly Gorze, Human Resources Director, appeared with the following pay amendments: W. McDonald, Highway and H. Humphreys, Jail.

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

Ms. Gorze also updated the Commission regarding posted job openings.

Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to receive and file the following correspondence: Economy at a Glance July 2023. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Olson to receive and file Monthly Reports including financials. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman presented eight (8) County Deeds to be approved for tax sale.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the County Deeds as presented for tax sale. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the request for a Duplicate Warrant to be issued to Martin James Mattson for \$419.32. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman presented a request to cancel stale-dated checks. On the list presented, there are three (3) which need to come off: Check #190640, #1990803, and #190826.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Wepler to cancel stale-dated checks as presented with the removal of the three (3) mentioned above. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Raffle Permit for Nodak Speedway Hall of Fame. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Wepler to recess until entity budget presentations. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20 AM.

Holly Brekhus, Executive Director of First District Health Unit appeared. Ms. Brekhus stated they are using the same programming and that they have just begun utilizing a mobile unit. First District is also doing new things with physical activity and park board. They are requesting the full mill for a total of \$877,505.00.

Stephanie Schoenrock, Executive Director of Visit Minot, appeared with a budget request of \$120,000.00 to continue promoting and cultivating relationships for the City of Minot.

Minot Area Chamber EDC's President/CEO Brekka Kramer appeared to speak to their \$66,150.00 budget request. The Minot Area Chamber does strategic planning based on five key pillars: Economic Development, Community Development, Workforce Development, Member Investor Services, and Military Support. Their budget is up 5% from last year.

John Warner, President of the Ryder Historical Society, presented their budget request of \$8,125.00. A project on their agenda is restoring the iconic gazebo in the park.

Makoti Threshers Association Vice President Chris Huus appeared to present a \$27,000.00 budget request to include shingles for an old church and handicap camping pedestals. Mr. Huus also inquired about tree planting.

Kenny Rogers from Assiniboine River Basin Initiative (ARBI) presented a budget request report from Wanda McFadyen, Executive Director. ARBI is asking for \$7,500.00 which is the same as last year. ARBI has been asked to be a panel member on the International Water Management at the upcoming National Water Resource Association 2023 Western Water Seminar in Medora. In August ARBI is hosting an August Board Meeting in Minot and all Ward County Commissioners are invited to attend.

Emily Yanish, Development Director of Mountain Plain Youth Services, spoke to their requested budget of \$69,600.00 to help pay for a coordinator who handles overall operations of the shelter. Ms. Yanish gave an update on the house recently purchased. Minor renovations have been made and a garden has been planted. The house has 6 beds available. Ms. Yanish states to date in 2023 there have been 59 placements of youth for a total of 411 days of shelter in the region. The average length of stay for these youth was 6.9 days. Law enforcement has made 6 placements into attendant care.

Briselda Hernandez, Executive Director of Souris Basin Planning Council, presented a budget of \$38,972.00 which is slightly down from last year. The Souris Basin Planning Council serves a 7-county area including Ward County and has the responsibility of developing plans for the region and allocating resources to this area. Two key services are the business financing program and AmeriCorps program. Souris Basin Planning Council offers a variety of resources for startup businesses, expanding businesses, and entrepreneurship. In the last 10 years, Ms. Hernandez stated 38.6 million in funding has been secured for the region and that rural communities are most in need of services.

Ward County Water Resource representative Jason Zimmerman spoke to their budget request of \$990,000.00 to levy, which equates to approximately 3 mills. WCWR is in the process of doing engineering and preconstruction on low head dams in Ward County. Mr. Zimmerman states they have developed and established a 5-year cash flow projection based on potential levies from the county which is used as a planning prospective. Costs are increased across the board for projects.

Jim Rostad presented the Kenmare Community Development Corporation budget request of \$60,000.00. Mr. Rostad states there is a great mix of Kenmare involved with the KCDC and that the corporation is conservative and does a lot of good for the community.

At 12:42 PM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

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Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:

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