

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

August 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl, at 9:05 AM with Commissioners, Rostad, Walter, Pietsch and Wepler present. Also present were department heads Bradley Starnes, Dana Larsen, Devra Smestad, Jason Blowers, Jennifer Weichmann, Kerriane Boetcher, Kristin Kowalczyk, Leona Lochthowe, Marisa Haman, Melissa Bliss, Noreen Barton, Roza Larson, Robert Roed and Tammy Terras.

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

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission meeting on August 4, 2020 and Special Commission meeting on August, 2020. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve the regular bills totaling \$1454,597.17 and Human Service Zone Direct Cost bills totaling \$12,508.76. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Bill List - Aug 18, 2020

	VENDOR: GENERAL BILLS	DESCRIPTION/DEPT: GENERAL BILLS	
DD	JP MORGAN	JP MORGAN JULY 2020--MISC ITEMS SEE ATTACHED	\$67,017.14
182696	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	LEASE CONTRACT 8391-4--STATES ATTORNEY	\$182.59
182696	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	LEASE CONTRACT 8391-3--STATES ATTORNEY	\$45.00
182697	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	(2) FUJITSU SCANSNAP IX1500 SCANNER BLK--HUMAN RESOURCES	\$922.86
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	CORRECTION TAPE--AUDITOR/TREAS.	\$24.85
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	ELECTION SUPPLIES- LABELS/ENVELOPE MOISTENERS--GENERAL	\$370.57
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES--STATES ATTORNEY	\$367.91
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 520i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$140.00
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5003i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$52.80
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5003i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$52.80
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5500i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$120.00
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 3550i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$58.00
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 5501i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$123.60
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYOCERA 3550i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$58.80
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	KYCERA 3011i--HUMAN SERVICES	\$60.00
182698	CLUTE OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	MONTHLY BILL FOR PRINTER--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$50.00
182699	COMMERCIAL GLASS SYSTEMS	DOOR --VET SERVICES	\$3,835.00
182700	COMPUTER STORE INC	SA AUDIO CABLE NOTEBOOK IN COURTROOM--IT	\$6.99
182701	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	WATER REFILL X 4--JUV. DETENTION	\$31.00
DD	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CENTE	RENT FOR KENMARE OFFICE 03/20-08/20--HUMAN SERVICES	\$450.00
DD	DUNCAN, BRIAN K	TRAVEL-MILES TIOGA- COVID-19 TEST--STATES ATTORNEY	\$97.75
182702	EATON CORPORATION	EATON/NORTHERN POWER --IT	\$8,110.80
182703	ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION INC	PEST ELIMINATION JAIL--FACILITY MGT	\$325.00
182704	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	GAS CANS AND PICKUP--FACILITY MGT	\$40.79
182704	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	JULY FUEL --TAX EQUALIZATION	\$334.87
182705	ETSYSTEMS, INC	SERVICE AGREEMENT--FACILITY MGT	\$7,665.00
182706	FASTENAL COMPANY	FALL PROTECTION SAFETY HARNESS--FACILITY MGT	\$58.39
182706	FASTENAL COMPANY	HEATING AND COOLING FILTERS--FACILITY MGT	\$180.82

182707	FIRST WESTERN INSURANCE	INSURANCE POLICY CHANGES FEB-JULY 2020--INSURANCE	\$528.00
182708	GOETZ, TROY	EXPERT WITNESS FEE--STATES ATTORNEY	\$604.06
182709	GOFF, EMILY	4-H TRAVEL--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$5.41
182709	GOFF, EMILY	4-H TRAVEL --EXTENSION SERVICE	\$37.72
DD	GONZALEZ, JOHN M	TRAVEL- MILES WATFORD CITY- COVID-19 TEST--STATES ATTORNEY	\$140.30
182710	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO	TIMER/CLOCK FOR JAIL EXTERIOR LIGHTS-- FACILITY MGT	\$72.27
182711	HIGH POINT NETWORKS	VMWARE SERVER MEMORY UPGRADE--IT	\$507.30
182712	HOFFARTH SANITATION	GARBAGE & LANDFILL--FACILITY MGT	\$600.00
182713	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	COPY PAPER--HUMAN SERVICES	\$2,689.20
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- B. SZABLEWSKI, J. GOODING, A. HOWARD, D. OWENS--JUV. DETENTION	\$2,991.65
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- C. WINGERT, M. SANTOS--SHERIFF	\$2,247.13
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- K.WEBER--EMERG. MGT	\$2,544.26
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- S. MUNOS--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$3,803.40
DD	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	UNEMPLOYMENT- T. MATTINGLY--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$751.50
182713	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	CAMERA--SHERIFF	\$3,328.40
DD	JOHNSON, MICHELLE C	TRAVEL- MILES WATFORD CITY- COVID-19 TEST--STATES ATTORNEY	\$140.30
182714	KALIX	CONFIDENTIAL SHREDDING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$155.77
DD	KAYLOR, NICOLE J	TRAVEL- GROCERY RUN AND UPS--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$6.21
182715	KEYCARE PHARMACY	MEDICATIONS FOR BURLEIGH CO JUV--JUV. DETENTION	\$1,087.76
182716	LOWES PRINTING	TAN MARRIAGE LICENSE PAPER--RECORDER	\$30.00
182717	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	CISCO VLAN PHONE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE--IT	\$175.00
182717	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	CISCO PHONE SYSTEM LDAP CONFIG--IT	\$87.50
182718	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	GAS COUNTY NORTH BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$20.00
182719	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER JAIL--FACILITY MGT	\$4,315.15
182719	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGT	\$1,858.59
182719	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER 425 BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$34.22
182719	MINOT CITY OF, WATER DEPT	WATER ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$957.76
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 7/8 NEDROSE SCH ANNEXATION--GENERAL	\$23.56
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 07/01 APPLICATIONS REORG COMM--GENERAL	\$10.64
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB JUN 2ND REG COMM MTG MIN--GENERAL	\$253.84
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 7/8 NEDROSE SCH ANNEXATION--GENERAL	\$24.32
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUBLISH 2020 PRIMARY VOTES--GENERAL	\$739.26
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB JUN 16TH REG MTG MIN--GENERAL	\$230.28
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 6/25/20 COMM SPEC BRD MTG--GENERAL	\$31.92
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 08/04 ROW RICE LAKE--GENERAL	\$11.40
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 6/23 SPEC MTG MINUTES--GENERAL	\$46.36
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB DMG APPLICATION FOR ANHYDROUS AMMONIA STORAGE--GENERAL	\$31.92
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 7/7 REG COMM MTG MIN--GENERAL	\$226.48
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB 2017 TAX FORECLOSURES--GENERAL	\$2,511.04
182720	MINOT DAILY NEWS INC	PUB HEARING NOTICE SUBLET PROP--PLANNING/ZONING	\$29.64
182721	NDSU DEPT 7510	2ND QTR SHARED SALARIES--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$3,542.69
182721	NDSU DEPT 7510	2ND QTR SHARED SALARIES--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$24,550.98
182722	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER	WATER COUNTY NORTH--FACILITY MGT	\$55.00
182723	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	TRAINING KRAFT--SHERIFF	\$500.00
182724	OTIS ELEVATOR CO INC	SERVICE CONTRACT--FACILITY MGT	\$28,003.68

DD	PFEIFER, KAREN M	TRAVEL- WATFORD CITY- COVID-19 TEST-- STATES ATTORNEY	\$140.30
182725	RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONF CENTER	AUDITOR/TREASURER CONFERENCE -- AUDITOR/TREAS.	\$172.80
182726	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	6 KEYS FOR ADMIN--FACILITY MGT	\$16.50
DD	SCHWARZ, TODD A	TRAVEL-MILES WATFORD CITY- COVID-19 TEST--STATES ATTORNEY	\$140.30
DD	SHORT, TAYLOR M	TRAVEL MILES- COVID-19 TEST--STATES ATTORNEY	\$140.30
DD	SMESTAD, DEVRA L	TRAVEL MEALS- AUD/TREAS CONF BISMARCK--AUDITOR/TREAS.	\$7.00
DD	SMESTAD, DEVRA L	TRAVEL MILES- AUD/TREAS CONFERENCE BISMARCK--AUDITOR/TREAS.	\$138.00
182727	SRT	TELEPHONES--FACILITY MGT	\$1,815.30
182727	SRT	TELEPHONES--HUMAN SERVICES	\$941.28
182727	SRT	SHERIFF TELEPHONE--FACILITY MGT	\$474.75
182727	SRT	DETENTION CELL PHONE--FACILITY MGT	\$220.31
182727	SRT	LONG DISTANCE CHARGES--HUMAN SERVICES	\$657.64
182728	STEINS INC	HEATING & COOLING CHEMICALS--FACILITY MGT	\$1,529.61
182728	STEINS INC	COOLING TOWER HP CHEMICALS--FACILITY MGT	\$508.73
182728	STEINS INC	FOAMING HAND SANITIZER--FACILITY MGT	\$621.72
182729	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	WCJD MEALS FOR JULY--JUV. DETENTION	\$737.49
182729	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES LLC	INMATE MEALS- JULY 2020--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$30,451.06
182730	TORKELSON, KATHRYN	TRAVEL- DIAGN. HORTICULTURE Q/ISSUES-- EXTENSION SERVICE	\$43.71
182730	TORKELSON, KATHRYN	TRAVEL- DIAGN. HORTICULTURE QU.-- EXTENSION SERVICE	\$100.06
182731	TRINITY MEDICAL GROUP	MEDICAL FOR BURLEIGH COUNTY JUVENILE- -JUV. DETENTION	\$287.40
182732	UNIFORM CENTER	VEST--SHERIFF	\$759.99
182732	UNIFORM CENTER	UNIFORMS--SHERIFF	\$104.00
182732	UNIFORM CENTER	UNIFORMS--SHERIFF	\$73.00
182732	UNIFORM CENTER	UNIFORMS--SHERIFF	\$73.00
182733	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAILING SERVICE 7/13-24--EXTENSION SERVICE	\$83.15
182733	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL PROCESSING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$617.12
182733	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	MAIL PROCESSING--HUMAN SERVICES	\$431.81
182733	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	POSTAGE--GENERAL	\$726.08
182733	UNITED MAILING SERVICES INC	SERVICES--GENERAL	\$191.66
182734	US BANK CM-9690	ADMIN COSTS- CONSTRUCTION BONDS-- BOND	\$450.00
182734	US BANK CM-9690	ADMIN COSTS- CONSTRUCTION BONDS-- BOND	\$450.00
182735	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY COUNTY NORTH--FACILITY MGT	\$110.00
182735	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	ARES/RACERS ELECTRIC BILL--EMERG. MGT	\$71.00
182736	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	BLDG INSPECTOR CELL PHONE BILL--TAX EQUALIZATION	\$44.88
182736	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	CELLULAR SERVICE--IT	\$172.72
182737	WARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT.	FORECLOSURE CIVIL SERVICE--GENERAL	\$3,359.14
182738	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	RUSHVILLE BLADING--RUSHVILLE	\$2,730.00
182738	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	CO OWNED PROPERTY MAINT--GENERAL	\$3,335.37
182739	WATCHGUARD VIDEO	VEST ADAPTER CLIP--SHERIFF	\$112.00
182740	WESTERN DAK ENERGY (LOAD PASS PERMITS	ANNUAL DUES--GENERAL	\$1,750.00
182741	WORKFORCE SAFETY & INS	INMATE WORK RELEASE 7/28/20--JAIL OPERATIONS	\$59.58
182742	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY ADMIN BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$8,642.20
182742	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY 425 BLDG--FACILITY MGT	\$171.30
182742	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGT	\$5,596.76
182742	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY JAIL--FACILITY MGT	\$8,395.15
182742	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY COURTHOUSE--FACILITY MGT	\$12.96
182742	XCEL ENERGY	ELECTRICITY JAIL--FACILITY MGT	\$19.43

		Total General Bills	\$259,011.76
PARK BILLS		PARK BILLS	
182688	A-1 EVANS SEPTIC TANK SERVICE	PUMPING SERVICE- NELSON LAKE	\$275.00
182689	LOWES GARDEN CENTER	PERENNIALS	\$224.90
182690	MENARDS - MINOT	BRUSHES, PAINT	\$46.96
182690	MENARDS - MINOT	CLEANERS, WIPES	\$29.32
182690	MENARDS - MINOT	WELDED WIRE- TIES	\$154.63
182691	MINOT RESTAURANT SUPPLY	TOWELS, FRESHNER	\$49.60
182692	NAPA AUTO PARTS	DOOR LATCH	\$174.99
182693	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRE REPAIR UNIT 403	\$15.00
182694	WARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	PARK MAINTENANCE	\$18,836.00
182695	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	UTILITIES-58 S RICE LK RD	\$38.00
		Total Park Board Bills	\$19,844.40

ROAD BILLS		ROAD BILLS	
182656	ACME ELECTRIC INC	CHAINSAW KIT	\$449.00
182656	ACME ELECTRIC INC	SAW BLADE	\$16.95
182657	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SVC	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$627.26
182658	BERTHOLD CITY	UTILITIES- 16 E CENTRAL AVE SHOP	\$195.00
182659	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	PUMP	\$759.07
182659	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	HOSES	\$183.31
182659	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	HOSE, COUPLINGS	\$278.11
182659	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	SEALS	\$7.72
182659	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	PARTS	\$2.54
182659	DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	HOSE, ELBOWS	\$362.98
182660	DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS	WINDSHIELD INSTALL	\$345.00
182661	ENERBASE FARMERS UNION/CENEX	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$24,592.88
182662	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$2,644.85
182663	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$1,533.54
182663	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	MATERIALS/SERVICES	\$466.98
182663	FARMERS UNION OIL CO - KENMARE	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$179.76
182664	FARSTAD OIL	FUEL, GAS, OIL	\$5,472.57
182665	GENERAL TRADING CO	TOWELS, CLEANER	\$113.40
182665	GENERAL TRADING CO	UTILITY KNIFE, VISE GRIP	\$49.16
182665	GENERAL TRADING CO	CLEANERS, TAPE	\$42.30
182666	HOFFARTH SANITATION	SANITATION SERVICES	\$110.00
182667	HOME OF ECONOMY INC	BAR OIL, CHAIN	\$11.99
DD	JOB SERVICE	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$1,562.57
182668	KELLER PAVING & LANDSCAPING IN	EST 3 2020 MILLING, HOT BIT. PATCHING & OVERLAY	\$124,614.24
182669	KENMARE CITY OF	UTILITIES-607 4TH AVE NE	\$90.00
182670	MAINTENANCE PLUS INC	GENERAL CLEANING	\$785.00
182671	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW7128	WEBROOT SERVICE	\$72.00
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182672	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES-607 4TH AVE NE KENMARE	\$53.93
182672	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES-201 72ND AVE NE	\$57.40
182672	MDU - BISMARCK OFFICE	UTILITIES-16 R CENTRAL AV BERTHOLD	\$22.40
182673	MENARDS - MINOT	CLEANERS, SUPPLIES	\$52.81
182673	MENARDS - MINOT	TRIMMER	\$39.00
182673	MENARDS - MINOT	POLY BOARD	\$7.99
182674	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FILTERS, FITTINGS, VALVES, SEALS	\$1,246.00
182674	NAPA AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$206.72
182675	NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	LOCATE REQUESTS 04/01/20- 06/30/20	\$12.00

182676	NORTH PRAIRIE RURAL WATER	UTILITIES-DOUGLAS SHOP	\$56.15
182677	NORTHERN PLAINS EQUIPMENT CO I	CAB GLASS	\$257.25
182678	NORTHWEST TIRE & RETREAD INC	TIRES, MOUNTING, REPAIRS	\$2,262.48
182679	OTTERTAIL POWER CO	UTILITIES-13201 153RD ST SE SAWYER	\$55.47
182680	PROLAWN	TREE SPRAYING	\$128.00
182681	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	RE-KEYING NEW LOCKS	\$1,211.00
182681	SCHOCKS SAFE & LOCK INC	KEYS	\$6.00
182682	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	FUEL FILTER	\$63.75
182682	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	RETURN TEETH	-\$163.00
182682	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CO	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$200.00
182683	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	UTILITIES- 200 72ND ST SE	\$339.00
182683	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	UTILITIES- 201 72ND AVE NE	\$57.00
182683	VERENDRYE ELECTRIC	UTILITIES- 2900 46TH AVE NE	\$19.00
182684	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ PO	UTILITIES- PHONES	\$370.29
182685	WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	SEAL	\$27.51
182686	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	MATERIALS/SERVICES	\$482.05
182686	WESTLIE MOTOR CO	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$1,035.32
182687	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$74.58
182687	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES- 900 13TH ST SE	\$1,861.65
182687	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES- 900 13TH ST SE COLD STG	\$34.28
182687	XCEL ENERGY	UTILITIES- 17 CENTRAL AVE BERTHOLD	\$24.82

Total Road Bills	\$175,741.03
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GRAND TOTAL	\$454,597.19
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Cherisse Burns from First Western Insurance and Corey Olson from NDIRF presented the Commission with the County's Annual insurance premium cost. The premium for the Highway Department's new buildings are estimated at \$2,288 and the Courthouse, Jail and Administration Building premium will increase \$11,138 due to the recommended building replacement cost increases.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the additional coverage amounts as recommended under the new policy and add coverage for the new Highway Department buildings, without the fence coverage. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to remove from the table the decision regarding the old radio tower property owned by the County in Berthold.

911 Coordinator Larry Haug appeared to answer the questions the Commission had regarding this property. He continued by informing the Commission the property has never been platted and is valued at \$1,000. State's Attorney Roza Larson reminded the Commission of the state statute, the County cannot sell property without advertising for bids or using a realtor if the property is valued at \$1,000 or more. Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Diedrichsen added anyone interested in the property would need to have it surveyed and platted unless the adjacent owner purchased the property.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve advertising for bids to sell the old radio tower property in Berthold with the stipulation the purchaser would pay all costs for platting, surveying and recording as needed. Roll call; all voted yes, except Comm. Rostad and Comm. Walter who voted no; motion carried.

Building Inspector Leo Schmidt appeared with a building permit application from Karma Convenience Store-Westmore for the following property: Lot A of Otl 1 S32-157-82 in Zoning District 1.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve the building permit for Karma Convenience Store-Westmore. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Doug Diedrichsen presented the Commission with a resignation letter from Kenton Kossan, County Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Walter to accept the resignation letter from Kenton Kossan, County Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, County Highway Engineer appeared with a bid from Mindt Construction for remodeling of the new Highway office building. Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve Mindt Construction's bid in the amount of \$66,865 for remodeling the office building at the new Highway Department facility. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Human Resource Director Tammy Terras updated the Commission on the timeline for County employees to move from Voya to Nationwide for their 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

Ms. Terras presented the Ward County Salary Structure Review along with Megan Olson, via telephone, from Gallagher, Inc.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to table the decision regarding the Ward County Salary Structure Review until next meeting on September 1, 2020. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve the payroll amendments for D. Owens-Juvenile Detention; A. Styborksi-Sheriff's Departments and B. Sloboden-Facilities Management. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Walter, seconded by Comm. Wepler to remove from the table the offer from Robert Pritchett to purchase property at Rice Lake. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the recommendation of the County Park Board to make a counteroffer to Mr. Pritchett selling lots 6, 7 and 30 feet of lot 8 for \$150,000. Roll call; all voted yes; except Comm. Pietsch and Comm. Fjeldahl who voted no; motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to receive and file the following correspondence: United States Department of Interior-Notice of Intent; Carlson McCain-Request for Comment; Minot Area Chamber of Commerce-Economy at a Glance; First District Health Unit- Notice to Remove; PFM-Engagement letter and disclosure of Conflicts of Interest; Terry Traynor- CARES Act funding update. 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; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve writing off the invoice for Redmann Law, PC from February 15, 2018 in the amount \$196.50. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the Gaming Site Authorization for Pheasants for the Future and raffle permits for Nodak Speedway and Minot Indoor Rodeo. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman updated the Commission on the Cares Act reimbursement. The County submitted \$1,312,084.66 for law enforcement salaries and expenses due to COVID-19 during March through July.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Wepler to approve and sign the Resolution to Abolish Weather Modification. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

District 5 Representative Scott Louser appeared and requested the Commission to have as many polling places open as possible. He also requested all polling places operate as voting centers to give voter more location options.

A brief discussion was held.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve five vote centers for the 2020 general election, the three recommended vote centers at The State Fair Center, Minot Municipal Auditorium and Kenmore Memorial Hall and explore having two other voting centers; 1 in Berthold and 1 in Douglas or Ryder. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Chuck Upcraft and Ann Wuollett from Public Financial Management, Inc. appeared via telephone with an update on the County bonds' bid. JP Morgan had the lowest bid with a true interest cost of 0.7181%. This will result in a total net savings of \$708,755.45.

Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Pietsch to approve and sign refinancing of County bonds. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Comm. Rostad left meeting at 11:53 AM

Comm. Walter showed the Commission the County Seal design. Moved by Comm. Wepler, seconded by Comm. Walter to approve the County seal design. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

At 12:03 PM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
