The Benson County commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 at 8 a.m. in the commissioner room of the Benson County Courthouse, Minnewaukan, ND. Commissioners present: Dick Horner, Doris M. Griffin, Ron Stadum, David Davidson and Tammy Kuk. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kuk. Other people present: Kelly Glover, Benson County Farmers Press; Ethan Rode, Benson County sheriff; Scott Todahl, DEM and highway superintendent; Joy Orvedal, highway department clerk. Brandon Padilla, Butler Machine; Randy Weed; Chief Deputy Travis Carlson, Marla Jones; Donnie Buckmier, Roger Kenner and Mya Ertelt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Sept. 17, 2024. All members voted yes. The motion carried. Scott Todahl, DEM and highway

superintendent, met with the board to give a report for the highway department. He indicated his department is finishing up graveling projects. Todahl reported on the water issues in Oberon city. James P. Wang, Benson County

state's attorney, came to the meeting. Todahl discussed the two bids

received for a new skid-steer. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Stadum, to purchase a new skid-steer for the road department using ARPA funds from Ironhide Equipment in Devils Lake. ND. Roll call vote: Davidson--yes; Horner--yes; Griffin--yes; Stadum--yes; Kuk--yes. The motion carried.

Todahl discussed the new radio

systems for 911. Jessica Tagestad, Wold Engineering, met with the board to discuss the curve realignment project. She presented the 2024 County Federal Aid Program sheet for the board to review. Discussion was held on how the project bidding would take place. Tagestad stated a meeting with the NDDOT will be held on Oct. 21, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. if any board members could attend.

Sheriff Ethan Rode gave a report for his department. Rode reported that Deputy Storing started the police academy. He requested a change be made to the proposed employee contract wherein the pay back of any salary paid by Benson County for an employee attending the academy will be prorated according to time employed with Benson County. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Stadum, to prorate the employment contract as follows: If the employee terminates employment or is terminated within the first two years of employment with Benson County following completion of the academy. the full salary paid by Benson County to the employee while attending the academy will be paid back in full. Should the employee terminate employment or be terminated during the third year of employment, a 1/3 prorated share of the total salary paid while the employee attended the academy shall be reimbursed to Benson County. All members voted

yes. The motion carried. Rode requested a \$200 amount for policing the Esmond street dance be waived due to the wrong contract from his office being presented to the payee prior to the event. A motion was made by Stadum, seconded by Davidson, to waive the \$200 amount owing. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Davidson, to approve the recommendation of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Board to pay the remaining

stated a dog has been picked out with a purchase price of \$10,000. He stated approximately \$15,000 was received for the sale of K-9 Raptor to Ramsey County. Carlson stated Deputy Denning would be the new K-9 handler. Carlson commented that some of the "Back the Blue" money received from the state of ND could be used if needed. Kenner commented on this issue and indicated the importance of having a K-9. Buckmier stated he would support the purchase of a seconded K-9 also. Kuk stated she would support a second K-9. Horner stated his concern with the extra costs the K-9s incur over and above the purchase price. Jones spoke regarding whether or not the current dog is being used and if the minimum required training for the dog is taking place. She stated reports should be made to the board as to what the current dog has done. Carlson replied that 16 hours of training is needed per month per dog. Kenner responded on what impacts Measure #5 will have on money available to Benson County if it should pass. Ertelt spoke regarding a recent incident at her place of work of a missing person that could have involved a K-9. Griffin commented regarding the issue that the surrounding counties may need to be asked to step up and assist with another K-9 if or when needed. Wang gave input on this issue. Stadum asked that a report be provided to the board on the monthly costs of having a K-9. Horner stated he would like more financial information prior to making any decision on this issue as it is the first time it was presented to the board. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Stadum, to table a decision on this issue until further information is provided by the sheriff's department. All members voted yes.

The motion carried. Sandy Shively, NCPC, and Haylee Viger, ND Department of Ag, met with the board to follow up on Benson County participating in the ND Department of Ag Livestock Development and Planning Grant. Shively asked if Benson County is wanting to participate in the program and explained the process. The board reviewed prior minutes when this issue was discussed. Horner questioned the deadline for application and the after effects of entering into the program. Davidson left the meeting at 9:30

a.m. Additional questions were asked and discussed regarding Benson County participating in the ND Department of Ag Livestock Development and Planning Grant. Horner suggested speaking with some of the area landowners prior to making any decision on this issue. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Stadum, to table a decision until the second meeting in November. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board revisited the issue of the Application for Exemption submitted by the Maddock Memorial Home on parcel #44-0008-10859-000. The board reviewed additional information on this issue from the Maddock Memorial Home. State's Attorney Wang presented his written opinion on this issue. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Stadum, to approve the application for the 21-bed care facility portion of the Maddock Memorial Home and reject the application for the four apartments and the clinic facility. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Jones spoke regarding the work ethic of deputies and thought there should be a process of evaluating potential applicants. She expressed her concern with the possible purchase of a second K-9 and the

time needed for training etc. Randy Weed spoke regarding sheriff's department issues and how things are handled in that office. Laura Winson, Benson Count

as the repurchase price and approve the sale of the property to Barb Jackson. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed information from NDSU Extension regarding the Financial Partnership Base Policy to see if there are any concerns from the board.

The board reviewed and discussed the monthly county bills. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to pay all county-approved bills. All members voted yes. The motion carried unanimously. The following bills were paid: Verizon ..... US Postmaster ...... Farmers Union Oil Co. ... \$413.71 18.00 1,462.09 BC Highway Dept. ...... 80,000.00 Capital One .. 245.73 Capital One Trade Credit . 236.21 CenDak Cooperative--Maddock ...... 300.00 CenDak Cooperative--5,954.67 Maddock .. Farmers Union Oil Co. .. 199.99 Farmers Union Oil--22.00 York ... Farmers Union Oil--1,109.62 York Nodak Electric Co-op .... 71.24 Northern Plains Elec. .... 53.00 Otter Tail Power Co. ..... 162.31 Power Plan (RDO Equip.) . 4,633.47 Runnings Supply, Inc. ... Radisson Hotel--126.01 Bismarck 199.60 BC Highway Dept. ..... Bravera Bank--Visa ..... CenDak Cooperative--260.00 182.37 Maddock ..... Devils Lake Animal 383.45 338.29 Clinic, PLLC ..... Dukes Car Wash & Detail Center, Inc. ... 199.96 Fireside Office Solutions ...... Midstates Wireless ...... 299.14 605.27 MOCIC 25.00 ..... ND Telephone Co. ..... Northern Plains Elec. .... 783.39 50.60 Otter Tail Power Co. ..... 589.92 Prairie Public ..... Storey Kenworthy/ 230.00 213.94 Matt Parrott ..... Aflac Blue Cross Blue Shield 1,066.39 2,945.90 of ND .... Colonial Insurance ...... 368.64 First Unum Life Insurance Co. 366.61 National Life Group 450.00 One. CenDak Cooperative .... 16,199.00 Farmers Union Oil--York .... 541.41 Justin Green ... 109.46 Otter Tail Power Co. ..... 37.23 164.69 Tim Finlev ... Angry Beaver Tree Service ..... John Deere Financial .... 1,000.00 130.00 Newby's Ace Hardware . 7.45 Otter Tail Power Co. ..... 150.00 Susag Sand & Gravel, .. 48,968.40 Inc. Tri-State Paving, Inc. .... 5,320.00 Tri-State Paving, Inc. .... 32,560.00 Capital One Trade Credit ..... Election Systems 29.99 & Software ..... 1,668.35 Fireside Office 132.55 Solutions ... NDAAO 85.00 Newby's Ace Hardware . Plunkett's Pest Control ... 97.91 137.75 2,123.04 S Doors . . . . . . . Push-Pedal-Pull 2,231.72 Redwood Toxicology 111.91 Laboratory ..... Schwan Wholesale ...... Tony Pallotta c/o 85.05 1,500.00 WorkingK9.ca .. Tri-Tech Forensics, Inc. . Farmers Union Oil Co. .. 342.26 1,408.14 Farmers Union Oil--1,170.01 York ..... Butler Machine ..... York 86.84 Dennis Weed ..... 89.99 Dakota Implement ..... 232.96

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ND Public Employees 32,394.02 Retirement . September 2024 NET PAYROLL Co. Road ......\$45,903.89 General/DEM/Co. Agt. .. 73,024.39 The board reviewed each 2024 departmental budget individually. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to adopt the final 2024 departmental budgets with the changes made as stated. Roll call vote: Horner--yes; Griffin--yes; Stadum--yes; Kuk--yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the 2024 proposed county budget. The board discussed salaries. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Stadum, to grant a COLA of 5% for all employees along with the pay step increase recommended by the Benson County pay scale. The 5% COLA increase would include commissioners. Roll call vote: Horneryes; Griffin--yes; Stadum--yes; Kuk-yes. The motion carried.

The board discussed participating in a child care cost share program for employees with the state of ND according to the guidelines of the program and as long as it is offered by the state of ND to enhance hiring opportunities in Benson County. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to take the necessary action to participate in the program. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board discussed increasing the percent paid by the county toward employee benefits. The county is currently paying 75% of the cost of a family plan. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to increase the amount paid by Benson County to 80%. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Stadum, to schedule a salary pay plan review in 2025. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to approve the remainder of the county budget with the proposed changes. Roll call vote: Horner--yes; Griffin--yes; Stadum-yes, Kuk--yes. The motion carried.

The board revisited the two estimates received for a new courthouse garage. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Stadum, to approve the low bid received provided adjustments can be made where needed. A final design of the building will need to come back to the commissioners for approval. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:09 a.m. Bonnie Erickson

Benson County Auditor Tammy Kuk Chair

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WARWICK CITY COUNCIL March 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Warwick City Council was called to order at 7:11 p.m. on March 11, 2024. Roll call: Jeremy Fazekas, Kelly Gannon, Heather Skadsem, Lynn Green. Community members: Jim Olson representing AE2S, Ward Heidbreder of ND Rural Water.

Jeremy Fazekas made a motion to approve minutes from Feb. 24, 2024. Heather Skadsem seconded; the motion carried.

Old Business -- Darrell's Bar, a certified letter and temporary permit sent to Craig Estenson. Jeremy Fazekas made a motion

to approve the 2024 budget. Heather Skadsem seconded the motion; the motion carried. . . . . .

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BC Farmers Press	\$280.79
B. Green	270.00
GF Utility	52.46
J. Fazekas	85.05
Hawkins	963.18
ND Telephone Co	59.95
Otter Tail Power Co	684.81
Waste Management	1,521.71
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New Business --Update on additional billing for

utilities. Applications were sought for the water operator position. Jeremy Fazekas made a motion to hire Roger Yankton Jr. Heather Skadsem seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Jim Olson provided an update on the Lead Copper Rule resident survey. Ward Heidbreder from ND Rural

Water will be assisting Jeremy Fazekas with the water line break. He will also provide support for some state-required reports. A notice will be provided to city residents of possible water shutoff. Heather Skadsem made a motion to hire Storm's Construction to repair the water main, not to exceed \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Fazekas and carried.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MADDOCK CITY COUNCIL

October 9, 2024 A regular meeting of the Maddock City Council was held Oct. 9, 2024. Mayor Sarah Dove called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at city hall. Present for roll call were the following council members: Jamie Wentz, Bradley Hermanson and Teresa Dosch. Others present included Jamie Green,

Dusty Pierson, Sue Marsh and Doug Arnston. Dusty Pierson was present to express his interest in being considered for the vacant council position. A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Wentz, to appoint Dusty Pierson to fill the vacant city council position. All voting yes, the motion carried. Pierson was issued the oath of office and was sworn in by Mayor Dove.

A motion was made by Wentz, seconded by Dosch, to approve the minutes from the Sept. 10, 2024 regular meeting and the Sept. 19, 2024 special meeting. All voting yes, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Wentz, to approve the following bills. All voting yes, the

motion carried.	
Wages	\$7,508.92
Mutual of Omaha	75.75
BC Farmers Press	134.59
BC Sheriff's Dept	600.00
Butler Machinery Co	980.36
CenDak	562.57
Fireside Office	
Solutions	
GF Utility Billing	26.00
Gus's Auto	208.07
Hawkins, Inc.	572.48

Discussion was held regarding the EPA bringing in rural water to the school. Heather Skadsem made a motion to hire Jim Olson as the city engineer, seconded by Jeremy Fazekas. The motion carried.

Jeremy Fazekas motioned to adjourn; Heather Skadsem seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 6 p.m. Lynn Green City Auditor

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING WARWICK CITY COUNCIL

April 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Warwick City Council was called to order at 7:09 p.m. on April 16, 2024. Roll call: Jeremy Fazekas, Kelly Gannon, Heather Skadsem, Lynn Green, Roger Yankton Jr. Community members: Jim Olson representing AE2S, Krystal Caldwell

Jeremy Fazekas made a motion to approve minutes from March 11, 2024. Heather Skadsem seconded; the motion carried.

Old Business -- Re-sent certified letter to Craig Estenson regarding temporary license for Darrell's Bar.

Waterline Update -- No repairs on the main were needed. Heather Skadsem motioned to

approve monthly bills, se	conded by
Jeremy Fazekas. The mot	ion carried.
Hawkins	\$965.68
ND Telephone Co	59.95
Otter Tail Power Co	1,865.96
B. Green	270.00
USPS	120.00
Newby's Ace	8.48
GF Utility	26.00
R. J. Yankton	481.40
Total	\$3 797 47

New Business --

AE2S Engineer Jim Olson provided an update on water hydrants

and mapping. Update from Lynn Green on upcoming election.

Jeremy Fazekas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Heather Skadsem. The motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2024 at 6 p.m. Lvnn Green City Auditor

the project to be completed by the summer of 2026. All voting yes, the motion carried.

The council members each gave a portfolio report.

A motion to approve the second reading of the Salaries of Elected Officers Ordinance 1.0503 was made by Dosch, seconded by Hermanson.

All voting yes, the motion carried. Mayor Dove appointed a tree committee, consisting of the following members: Tom Anderson, Tom Gilbertson, Cathy Faleide, Kathy Sears and Jamie Green.

There were two building permits presented as follows:

1. Gunner Hagen -- house demolition (204 Lincoln Ave). 2. James and Sue Marsh -- steel

Amotion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Wentz, to approve all

building permits. All voting yes, the motion carried. Harriman's presented a liquor

permit request for the Hermanson/ Brossart wedding dance on October 19. A motion to approve the permit was made by Wentz, seconded by Dosch. All voting yes, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024.

Pamela Lee City Auditor

Sarah Dove Mayor

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balance of \$4,037.69 owing toward the purchase of software, storage and command central evidence for the sheriff's department. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the Overtime Highway Safety Grant contract for year 2025 for the sheriff's department. A motion was made by Davidson, seconded by Stadum, to allow the sheriff's department to participate. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

At 8:30 a.m. the telephone conference was held regarding the Lake Region District Health Unit 2025 budget. The meeting was called to order. Election of a chairman was held. Nominations were opened for election of a chairman. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Blaine Volk as chair. No other nominations were received and nominations ceased. All members voted yes to have Volk serve as chair. The motion carried. Roll call member attendance was taken The prior minutes were approved. Discussion was held on the 2025 budget. Discussion was held on the account balance and budget amounts. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025 budget. Roll call vote. The motion carried. The LRDHU meeting adjourned.

Rode discussed the possibility of getting a second K-9 for the department again. Deputy Carlson

Housing Authority, met with the board regarding a proposed five-year PHA Plan. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to approve the five-year plan and have the chair sign. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Stadum, to appoint Jayla Smith as one of the two ND State Fair Delegates needed for a period of one year commencing Oct. 17, 2024. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the Benson County Transportation Riders Guide submitted by Susan Fossen, Benson County Transportation director, A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Kuk, to approve the guide. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a list of possible properties coming back to Benson County for nonpayment of taxes to be sold at the annual tax sale A motion was made by Horner seconded by Stadum, to place the proposed appraised values on each parcel of property accordingly. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed information on the repurchase of a foreclosed property known as parcel #34-0000-08319-000 in Mission Township. A motion was made by Stadum, seconded by Griffin, to set \$2,277.62

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located in the city park on 1st Street. A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Hermanson, to grant permission for the restoration, with

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