ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SOURIS RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCES BOARD MOUSE RIVER ENHANCED FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT PHASE MI-7C ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS WARD COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Souris River Joint Water Resources Board will receive sealed the construction of Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project Phase MI 7C Roosevelt Park Zoo Utility Improvements, at in the City Council Chambers of Minot City Hall, 2 nd floor, room #246, 10 3rd Avenue Southwest, Minot, North Dakota, 5870 until 10:00 AM CST, Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened and read

All Bids must be submitted, and all work shall be done, in full and strict compliance with the Plans and Specifications for this Project.

Complete digital project bidding documents available www.questcdn.com www.questcdn.com . You may download the digital plan documents for \$50.00 by inputting Quest project #9020842 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952.233.1632 or QuestCDN.com at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in a free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optionall paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$100.00 per set. Make checks payable to Ackerman-Estvold and send to 1907

17th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701. Potential bidders may contact Barr Engineering Co. at 800.632.2277 with any questions. Copies of the documents are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays: Barr Engineering Co:
West Century Avenue, Bismarck,

ND
Ackerman-Estvold Engineering:
1907 17th Street SE, Minot ND
In general, the Work included in the
Project includes the labor, materials,
tools, and equipment required to
construct the Roosevelt Park Zoo
Utility Improvements as fully depicted in the Drawings and Technical
Specifications for the Project The
project is located within Ward County, North Dakota.
All Bids are to be submitted on the
basis of cash payment for the Work,

basis of cash payment for the Work, and are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the under-signed Chairman, endorsed as re-quired below. Each bid must be acquired below. Each bid must be ac-companied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five per-cent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as princibe executed by the bilder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten days of the particular than the principal of the principal of the principal and the principal of the after notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the Bid and the bid bond and any condition of the governing body. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the ten days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. The bidder must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 43-07-12 of the North Dako

ta Century Code. The outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid and other required items shall be endorsed with the fol-

lowing verbiage:

1. "Souris River Joint Water Resource Board, Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project, Phase MI 7C Roosevelt Park Zoo Utility Improvements".

2. The name of the person, firm, corporation, or joint venture submitting the Bid

3. The Bidder's Contractor's License Contractor's License Renewal

Number. Acknowledgement of Addenda.

No Bid may be read or considered if it does not fully comply with the requirements of Section 48-01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code. Any deficient Bid received will

resealed and returned to the Bidder mmediately. The Owner reserves the right to hold all bids for 45 days, to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality

or irregularity in any Bid and to accept the Bid deemed in the best interest of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to rebid the project reserves the right to rebid the project until a satisfactory Bid is received.

The Work shall be substantially complete by June 28, 2024 . All Work shall be complete and ready for final payment in accordance with

the General Conditions by July 26, 2024 Should the Contractor fail to com-

plete its obligations under the Contract within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Own-er, there will be deducted from any amount due to the Contractor the sum of \$1,000,00 per day for each and every calendar day that the substantial or final completion of the Work is delayed. The Contractor and his Surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages and not as a penalty. By order of the Souris River Joint

Water Resources Board, Dated this March 07, 2024 Souris River Joint Water Resources

David Ashley, Chairman

(March 12, 19, 26, 2024)

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners

February 20, 2024
The regular meeting of the Ward
County Commission was called to order by

an/Commissioner Fjeldahl at 9:05 AM with Commissioners Ander son, Olson, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Brian Vangsness, Dana Larsen, Emily Burkett, Jason Blowers, Kelly Haugan, Kerrianne Boetcher, Kristin Kowalczyk, Lolly Gorze, Marisa Haman, Noreen Wilkie, Robert Roed, and Roza Larson. Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the agenda with no changes. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rostad and seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on February 6th, 2024; Special Commission Meeting on February 13th, 2024 at 8:00 and, Special Commission Meeting on February 13th, 2024 at 9:15. Roll call; all voted yes; motion

carried.
Marisa Haman, Auditor/Treasurer, pointed out that the US Bank payment for 1,880,875.00 is the las bond payment for the 2020 refund ing bond, and that the SRT payment on the JP bill is slightly higher than normal as our contract expired, but it

should go back to normal once the new contract is signed.

Moved by Comm. Anderson and seconded by Comm. Weppler approve the regular bills totaling \$2,517,658.23 and HS Zone direct bills totaling \$48,141.70 Roll call; all

voted yes; motion carried.

Ryan Ackerman, Administrator for the Souris River Joint Board, ap-

peared to present a progress update on the Mouse River Plan.
Mr. Ackerman gave completion update on Burlington flood project and Sawyer bridge. For the ongoing construction side, the MI-5 project is about one year ahead of schedule and should be substantially completed by the end of 2024. Phases MI-6 and MI-7 have the design stage completed and the bidding for those and Mi-7 have the design stage completed and the bidding for those projects will start in the upcoming months with construction projected to be starting in June 2024. These phases will be the first work started on the south side of the river. The Maple Diversion or MI-4 project has about 18 months left in the

nas about 18 months left in the design phase. Mr. Ackerman described the hurdles of this particular part of the projects as it crosses or runs adjacent to both the BNSF and CPKC Railroads and runs through the Amtrak platform. This part of the project is partially funded. part of the project is partially funded by the Federal Government at the amount of \$65,000,000. Construc-tion for the Maple Diversion will likely begin towards the end of 2025 or the beginning of 2026.

the beginning of 2026. Chairman Fjeldahl questioned how the funding level is and if there are any delays in the projects due to funding. Mr. Ackerman responded that in the current biennium they have a commitment of 76.1 million from the State of North Daketa that from the State of North Dakota that

rom the State of North Dakota that is coupled with bond proceeds from a City of Minot bond sale.

Next, Jason Blowers, IT Director, came forward with a cost assessment and three PRI Line contract renewals through SRT. The previous contract has avoired and we have contract has expired and we have made one payment at the non-contract rate. Currently Ward County holds three PRIS equaling 72 lines, Mr. Blowers recommended

72 lines, Mr. Blowers recommended signing the 60 month contract for \$596.83 per PRI.
Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the 60 month contract with three PRIS through SRT. Rolled called; all voted were motion certain. ves: motion carried.

yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, Hwy. Engineer, appeared requesting a resolution of support to apply for the 2024 RAISE Grant estimated at \$4,050,000.

Short discussion was held regarding what the grant covers. Mr. Larsen advised that Ward County would be the lead agency, but would be working with the City of Minot and the State.
The Fire alarm went off at 9:27 AM,

and the meeting took pause. All clear was given at 9:35 AM, and the commission meeting resumed. the commission meeting resumed. Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-ed by Comm. Olson to approve application for the RAISE grant and have it signed if needed. Roll Called;

all voted yes; motion carried.

Lolly Gorze, HR Director appeared with one pay amendment for B. Gilstad, Veteran's Service.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-

ed by Comm. Anderson to approve payroll amendment as presented. Roll called; all voted yes; motion car-

Next Ms. Gorze presented applica-tion scores for the Veteran's Service Director position, that had eleven applicants.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-

ed by Comm. Anderson to interview top two applicants. Roll called; all voted yes, motion carried. Discussion on scheduling interviews

was held. Interviews were scheduled for Monday, February 26th starting at 10:00 AM. Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman

Appeared. Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to receive and file the following correspon-dence: Letter from Jusin Messner, dence: Letter from Jušin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief from North Dakota Dept. of Emergency Ser-vices, dated 2/6/24; Letter from Doug Diedrichsen, Principal Planner, City of Minot, dated 2/8/24; Central Dakota Metropolitan Plan-ning Organization Meeting Minutes, dated 1/25/24. Letter from Brian Billingsley. Com-

Letter from Brian Billingsley, Community & Economic Development Director, City of Minot, dated 2/2/24 was pulled from the receive and file correspondence for further discus sion. Chairman Fieldahl inquired if it matters that the use of the building changed after TIF had been ap-Comm. Weppler

stated that the building qualified and was approved for TIF because it was approved for TIF because it was a blighted property and that purpose of the building does not affect

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to receive and file correspondence letter from Brian Billingsley, Community & Economic Development Director, City of Minot, dated 2/2/24. Roll called; all voted

yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Anderson; seconded by Comm. Rostad to receive and file monthly reports includ-Anderson; ing financials. Roll called: all voted

yes; motion carried.

Ms. Haman provided an update on ARPA Projects. A letter had been sent out by Travis Schmitt towards the end June letting the applicants know that if their contracts were not submitted by December 31st, 2023

they would lose all funding.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to send a letter to all internal and external applicants who have not submitted reimbursement requests and request they advice on project status by April 1st, vise on project status by April 1st, 2024. Also the letter should state that we didn't receive response by December 31, 2023 and if no response is received by April first, funds will not be dispersed. Roll called; all voted yes; motion carried. Marisa Haman presented Guidelines for Those Appointed to Boards or Committees by Ward County Board of Commissioners. There was dis cussion on changing the wording of the guidelines to make sure that it would cover meetings that happen monthly meetings vs. meetings that happen less often. The board supported having appointees attend at least two thirds of meetings be ad-

ded to the guidelines.

Move by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to receive and file pledged securities. Roll called; all voted ves. motion carried. Agenda item 8F moved to last item

on agenda; okayed by commission. Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to have Chairman Fjeldahl sign NDSU Subaward 2023-2024. Roll called; all

voted yes, motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve raffles for Minot Area Chamber EDC and Minot Association of Builders. Roll called: all voted ves: motion carried. Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve liquor licenses for Grove Hos oitality and Kenmare Country Club. Roll called; all voted yes, motion car-

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to accept the Widmer Roel proposal with costs not to exceed \$15,000 for forensic ARPA funds dispersed to Project Bee. At 10:28 AM with no further busi-

ried.

ness, the meeting was adjourned. (March 19, 2024) Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners February 6, 2024 The regular meeting of the Ward

County Commission was called to

Chairman/Commissioner Fjeldahl at 9:00 AM with Commissioners Anderson, Olson, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Brian Vangsness, Dana Larsen, Jason Blowers, Kelly Hau-gan, Kerrianne Boetcher, Kristi Frederick, Lolly Gorze, Marisa Ha-

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man, Noreen Wilkie, Robert Roed, and Roza Larson.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the agenda with the following additions: Item 12A; Ward County Human Service Zone letter dated February 2, 2024; item 12F, NDCCA Spring Conference; item 11C, Employee Identification Policy; and item 11D, Temporary Promotion Clarification Policy. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

tion carried.
Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on January 16, 2024 and the Special Commission Meeting on January 29, 2024. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.
Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the regular bills totaling \$486,509.72 and HS Zone direct bills totaling \$5,678.96. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-

ed by Comm. Anderson to open the public hearing at 9:08 AM regarding Hemphill-Greg Fegley's application for a Special Use Permit for the following described property: W2SE Less Hwy 52 & Otl 4 of Sec. 18-156-84, Kirkelie Twn. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

The applicant is requesting to build a wireless facility to include a 195 self-support tower with 4" lightening rod, and 75'x75' chain link fence compound. Ward County zoning apcompound. Ward County Zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends Approval of the Special Use Permit Application based on finding of facts.

No one from the public came forward to speak to this issue.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Rostad to close the public hearing at 9:09 AM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.
Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-

Moved by Comm. Weppier, second-ed by Comm. Olson to approve the Special Use Permit request for Hemphill-Greg Fegley as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion car-

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to open the public hearing at 9:10 AM regarding Orville Nesdahl/Star Rentals, LLC's application for a Subdivision Plat for the following described property: Proposed Nes-

dahl Addition Lots 1-3 being Outlots 8&9 of the SWSW of Sec. 32-156-83, Eureka Twn. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried. The applicant is proposing to parcel

3 Subdivision lots, proposing to parcer 3 Subdivision lots, proposed lot 1 is 10.06 acres, proposed lot 2 is 2.92 acres and proposed lot 3 is 2.00 acres. These lots are for future residential and agricultural purposes. Eureka Township zoning applies with the township recommending approach Planning Commission ing approval. Planning Commission recommends Approval of the Subdivision Plat Application based on No one from the public came forward to speak to this issue.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded

by Comm. Anderson to close the public hearing at 9:11 AM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried. Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Subdivision Plat Application request for Orville Nesdahl/Star Rentals,

LLC as presented. Roll call; all voted cas presented. Holi can, all voted yes; motion carried.
Craig Hashbarger, Partner at Widmer Roel PC, appeared to present review of the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31,

2022. Mr. Hashbarger discussed the Sin-gle Audit report which was conduct-ed. Ward County was in compliance with the Federal Programs regarding ARPA funding. Mr. Hashbarger stat-ed he had two areas of recommendations regarding the Single Audit. In regard to ARPA funds, management needs to develop a process to make sure than any of the subreci-pients who receive funds ARPA funds are cleared through a database to make sure they are not prohibited from receiving awards. That process was put in place im-

mediately. econd recommendation from Mr. Hashbarger is in regard to subrecipient monitoring. Ward County has the responsibility to monitor and make sure money was spent in the purpose for which it was grant-ed. Mr. Hashbarger also stated there should be language in the contract letting the subrecipients know that they may be selected for a single audit by the Federal Government for funds if the dollar amount received by the subrecipient exceeds the \$750,000.00 threshold.

A short discussion was held on the Commission Contingency fund and whether or not it was adequate. Mr. Hashbarger feels that Ward County's contingency is very conser-vative and within the guidelines ecommended.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to receive and file the December 31, 2022 au-dit presented by Mr. Hashbarger from Widmer Roel PC as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion car-

Major Paul Olthoff, Jail Commander, presented the Purchase or Service Agreement with First District Health Unit. The contract has been updated

with no changes.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the Purchase or Service Agreement with First District Health District and to authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Next, Major Paul Olthoff presented

the Contract for Boarding City of Minot's Inmates. There was a change to the paragraph on the top of page 2 regarding disputes and when the bills are due. Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Contract for Boarding City of Minot's Contract for Boarding City Inmates. Roll call; all voted yes; mo-

tion carried. Jason Blowers, IT Department, presented budget amendment for the iail security camera replacement. Payment from the driver's insurance was received last summer but the bill for the actual camera replace was received January 17

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to pay the bill and make the budget amendment to reflect the income and the outflow. Roll call; all voted yes; motion car-

Noreen Wilkie, Director of Tax Equalization, presented the Tax Roll Memorandum. Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson to approve adjustments to Tax Roll Memorandum

as presented. Roll call: all voted ves: motion carried. Wilkie requested a date and time be set for the 2024 County Board of Equalization meeting. Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded

by Comm. Weppler to approve the 2024 County Board of Equalization meeting to be held on June 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Beth Pietsch, Planning and Zoning

Administrator, appeared regarding seven (7) Plat Applications. The Plat Application for Wally Birkeland has been pulled from this agenda, as the original has not been received. Application for a plat was received from LeRoy Lloyd for the following

described property: Proposed Outlot 8 coming out of all of Outlot 3 and a portion of Lot A&B of Outlot 5 in the portion of Lot A&B of Outlot 5 in the NENE Sec. 14- 153-83, Freedom Twn. The applicant proposing to parcel an outlot, proposed Outlot 8 is 0.97 acres. This outlot is for residential. tial purposes. Freedom Township zoning applies with the township

recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends approval of the Outlot Plat Application based

Moved by Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Outlot Plat Application from LeRoy Lloyd as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Application for a plat from Kevin
Bonness for the following described
property: Proposed Outlot 2 coming out of a portion of SENW Sec 30-156-83, Eureka Twn. The applicant is proposing to parcel an outlot, proposed Outlot 2 is 2.00 acres. This outlot is for future agricultural purposes. Eureka Township zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends Approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding of facts and staff recommendations.

Application for a plat from Arlan

Application for a plat from Arian Irwin for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 6 coming out of a portion of SESE Sec. 26-153-83, Freedom Twn. The applicant is proposing to partie to purify cant is proposing to parcel an outlot, proposed Outlot 5 is 7.48 acres. This outlot is for future residential purposes. Freedom Township zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends approval of mission recommends approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding of facts and staff recommen-

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Outlot Plat Application from Arlan Irwin as presented. Roll call; all vot-

Irwin as presented. Holl call; all vot-ed yes; motion carried. Application for a plat from Shane Cardinal for the following described property: Proposed Outlot property: Proposed Outlot

1 coming out of a portion of SW Sec.
13-160-87 Sauk Prairie Twn. The
applicant is proposing to parcel an
outlot, proposed Outlot 1 is 9.99
acres. This outlot is for future

voted ves: motion carried.

Application for a plat from Martin Peterson-Steffes Group/Peterson for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 5 coming out of a portion of Gov't Lot 11 Sec. 3-152-85, Rice Lake Twn. The appli-3-152-85, Rice Lake Twn. The applicant is proposing to parcel an outlot, proposed Outlot 5 is 15.05 acres. This outlot is for future agricultural purposes. Ward County zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding of facts and staff recommendations. facts and staff recommendations.

motion carried. Application for a plat from Martin Peterson-Steffes Group/Peterson for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 6 coming out of a portion of Gov't Lots 10,11,12 & 13 Sec. 3-152-85, Rice Lake Twn. The applicant is proposing to parcel an outlot, proposed Outlot 6 is 46.06 acres. This outlot is for future agri-

acres. This outed is for future agri-cultural purposes. Ward County zon-ing applies with the township recom-mending approval. Planning Com-mission recommends approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding of facts and staff recommendations.

prove the Outlot Plat Application from Martin Peterson-Steffes Group/Peterson as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried. dication for a plat from Josh Cog dill for the following described property: Proposed Outlot 8 & 9 coming out of a portion of Outlot 7 Sec. 33-156-84, Kirkelie Twn. The applicant is proposing to parcel two outlots, proposed Outlot 8 is 3.90 acres and proposed Outlot 9 is 2.61 acres. These outlots are for future residential purposes. Ward County zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding facts and staff recommen

gineer, appeared regarding snow plow equipment. Ward County pur-chased 9 trucks between 2007-2009 and this is the last truck being converted into a snow plow. Mr. Larsen is asking for permission to purchase the remaining items for this convertotaling approximately

reversible snow plow a Henke postless snow wing, a Monroe under-body scraper, and a Saltdog stain-

The second item from Mr. Larsen was in regard to the county road graveling project in the Kenmare There will be approximately 3-5 inches of gravel added to the road with an estimated cost of \$4 million.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Anderson to authorize the Highway Department to advertise and bid the Kenmare Area Graveling project to be completed in 2024. Roll call; all voted

Lastly, Mr. Larsen brought forth a letter of support for RAISE planning grant. This letter of support will bring the connector corridor project to an approximate 30% design. The quote from Rollton

split 50/50 with the City of Minot. Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Olson o authorize the scope and fees from Bolton and Menk to assist the county and city with applying for the 2024 RAISE grant as presented. Roll

call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second ed by Comm. Olson to authorize the chairman to sign the letter of support for the 2024 RAISE planning grant. Roll all; all voted yes; motion carried. Lolly Gorze, Human Resource Director, appeared with the following pay amendments: M. Behles, High A. Baker, Highway; D. Leon, T. Parisien-Trottier; Jail; and J. Berg, Highway. Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Ros tad to approve the payroll amend-ments as presented. Roll call; all

voted yes; motion carried. Ms. Gorze asked for approval to on Diversion dated January 2, 2024 post the Senior Assistant County Engineer position with a possible un-derfill listed as an Assistant County Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded

by Comm. Anderson to post this position with the ability to hire. Roll call;

Policy and stated new fobs will be given out to all employees in the form of an employee badge. This badge will be required to be worn while at work with the exception of law enforcement and court security officers. Language stating badges need to be worn as well as providing additional info regarding badges will

ing to the Ward County Employee Handbook and implement this policy once the new card reader system is place. Roll call; all voted yes; mo-

change of wording to the Promotions/Demotions/Lateral Moves/Reclassification section regarding the last sentence which shall now read: This increase in pay will begin when the employee has assumed the assigned responsibili-ties and until the position is filled or direction of the commission.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-ed by Comm. Olson to approve the change of the wording of the Promotions/Demotions/Lateral Moves/ Reclassification section as presented above. Roll call: all

voted yes; motion carried.
Auditor/Treasurer Marisa Haman appeared.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to receive and file the following correspondence: Letter from Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee dated January 12, 2024; email/letter from Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center dated 1-22-2024; Central Dakota Metropolitan Planning Cranization minutes dated Dening Organization minutes dated December 21, 2023; and letter from Ward County Human Service Zone dated February 2, 2024. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried. Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the revised December 2023 financials - including amendments and transfers approved January 16, 2024. Roll call; all voted yes;

motion carried. Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-ed by Comm. Anderson to approve the annual contracts for DeSour Valley Development Corporation and Makoti Threshers Association. Roll call; all voted yes;

Ms. Haman led a discussion on the Coroner Contract. Trinity Health does not want to continue the contract after the 1st quarter of

motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-ed by Comm. Rostad to put out Re-quest for Proposal for the coroner position for 6 weeks and have committee approve what goes into the Request for Proposal. Roll Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve ed by Comm. Anderson to approve the Raffle Permits for Fire Fighters Local 1157, Heritage Singers, and Minot Area Men's Winter Refuge. Roll call; all voted

motion carried. Ms. Haman mentioned the North Dakota County Commissioners As-sociation Summit will be held March 19-20, 2024 with social on Tuesday evening the 19th.
At 10:58 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (March 19, 2024)

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners January 16, 2024
The regular meeting of the Ward
County Commission was called to

County order by Chairman/Commissioner Fjeldahl at 9:02 AM with Commissioners Ander-son, Olson, Rostad (via phone), and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Brian Vangsness, Dana Larsen, Jason Blowers, Emily Burkett, Kelly Haugan, Kerrianne Boetcher, Kristin Kowalczyk, Lolly Gorze, Marisa Haman, Noreen Wil-Robert Roed and Roza Larson.

Moved by Comm. Anderson and seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call; all voted yes, motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler and consided by Comm. Weppler and consided by Comm.

Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on December 19, 2023, Special Commission Meeting on December 28, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting on January 2, 2024 and Special Commission Meeting for Board Interviews on January 5, 2024. Roll call; all voted yes: motion carried all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Weppler to aptotaling

prove regular bills totaling \$728,082.90 and HS Zone direct cost bills totaling \$32,385.54. Roll prove the cooperative is a consumption of the cooperative is a consumption of the cooperative is a consumption of the cooperative is a cooperative in a cooperative in a cooperative is a cooperative in a cooperative in a cooperative is a cooperative in a cooperative in a cooperative is a cooperative in a coopera Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota and Sourcewell authorizing the Cooperative Pur-

Roll call: all voted ves; motion car-Next, Dana Larsen presented the second agreement for gravel crush-

chasing Agreement with each entity.

Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Olson to approve as presented and award the gravel crushing of 60,000 CY of Class 13 SSP 6 gravel to Sundre Sand and Gravel at a rate of \$13.10/CY out of the Endreson Pit located in Section 23-153-85 and the etion date be extended to July 15. 2024. Roll call; all voted yes;

motion carried. Paul Olthoff, Jail Commander presented a contract for boarding. Moved by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Contract for Boarding City of Berthold's Inmates as presented and have the chairman sign. Roll call; all voted yes; motion

Noreen Wilkie, Director of Tax Equalization presented the Agricultural Land Valuations.

Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Olson to ap-

prove the Agricultural Land Valua-tions as presented with the commission adopting an average valuation of \$576.63, which represents a tolerance level of 94%, which meets the allowed tolerance level set by the State Board of Equalization. call; all voted yes; motion carried. Lolly Gorze, Human Resource Director appeared with the following pay amendments: Owens, S., States Attorney; Schoen, M., Highway; Mogard, S., Recorder; Mahlum, A.; Auditors; Bonn, J., Jail; Russel, I.; Sheriff; and Keeley, L., Sheriff. Moved by Comm. Anderson and seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Pay Amendments as presented. Roll call; all voted yes;

Marisa Haman, Auditor/Treasurer appeared. by Comm. Anderson and seconded by Comm. Rostad to receive and file monthly reports including financials and Letter from Garris-

as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Olson to approve the 2023/2024 Budget Amendments as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the County Depositories as First International Bank and Trust for

ed ves: motion carried. Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the ten County Deeds from the Tax Sale as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried. A discussion was held regarding the Committee Appointee Guidelines and the Auditor/Treasurer's office will look into and draft a policy for board appointments and guidelines and will look at the Planning and

Zoning Committee as a starting

A discussion was held regarding the 4th Floor Rental. Ms. Haman advised that in conversation with a realtor, the rental rates for this type of space are between \$14.00 \$25.00 per square foot. Minot Municipal Court is currently interested in the smaller side and would need to remodel to suit their needs. In regard to possible security for Municipal Court Jason Blowers, Information Technology Director came forward to state he did price out two x-ray machines at \$150,000.00 should they be needed. Sheriff Robert Roed stated anyone in jail needing to appear in Minot Munici-pal Court would walk across the sky-

Noreen Wilkie. Director of Tax Equalization presented the Remanded Abatement for Stonehaven Development, Inc./55th Holdings, LLC. Ryan Kamrowski, Minot City

as agricultural land as the below conditions exist: (1) The land is platted by the owner. (2) Public improvements, including sewer, water, or streets, are in

(5) Property has assumed an urban atmosphere because of adjacent residential or commercial development on three or more sides.

to agricultural property.

Additionally, rejected as the information presented reflects the properties were assessed at the true and full value. The price per sq. ft. the appli-cant was requesting was not supported and would result in an assessment below market value Roll call; all voted yes; motion car-

NOTICE

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Des Lacs Fire Protection District's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the Des Lacs City Hall. Meal served at 6:00 PM. Public meeting & elections begin at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer Panics School

Treasurer Danica Schaefer Secretary Chelsey Rademacher (March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 2024)

NOTICE OF HEARING Probate No. 51-2024-PR-00044

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WARD COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DÁKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of

Caleb Cook, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richard Wengel has filed herein a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy, Adjudication for Priority of Appointment of Personal Representative, and Appointment of Personal and Appointment of Personal Representative for the estate of

Caleb Cook, deceased.

Hearing has been set upon Petition on the 22nd day of April, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. at the Courtroom of the above named Court in the City of Minot. County of Ward. State of North Dakota, and any person may

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in order for any objection to be considered, objections to the Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy, Adjudication for Priority of Appointment of Personal Representative, and Appointment of Personal Representative must be in writing and must be filed with the Court and the attorney for the Petitioner no later than seven days prior to the date set for hearing. Any such written objection must contain a concise and thorough account of the facts upon which the objection is based. Dated this 26_ day of February,

2024 /s/ Anthony Cooper Anthony Cooper (#09252)
Boppre Law Firm, PLLC
2151 36th Ave. SW, Suite B
Minot, ND 58701 Office: 701-852-5224 Fax: 701-852-5229 acooper@bopprelawfirm.com Attorney for the Petitioner (March 5, 12, 19, 2024)

Notice of Meeting
The North Prairie Regional Water
District will hold their nominating
The Meeting on Friday, April committee meeting on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 11:00am, Central Daylight Time. The meeting will be held at 1615 36th Ave SW, 100000

(March 19, 2024) NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s): Job No.: 24141

Project No(s).: SIB-4-083(161)172 Length: 8.879 Type: CHIP SEAL County(s): WARD & MCLEAN Cos Location: US 83, 1 MI N OF MAX N TO 1 S OF JCT ND 23 - SB Job No.: 24171

Project No(s).: HES-9-999(523) Length: 92.181 Type: PAVEMENT MARKING punty(s): WARD, DUNN, MCKEN-E, MCLEAN, MERCER & MOUN-TRAIL Cos Location: VARIOUS STATE HIGH-WAYS- FORT BERTHOLD RESER-

VATION Job No.: 24176 Project No(s).: HES-4-999(052) Length: 620.593 Type: PAVEMENT MARKING

County(s): WARD, BOT-TINEAU, BURKE, MCHENRY, MCLEAN, MOUNTRAIL, PIERCE, RENVILLE, ROLETTE, SHERIDAN, & WELLS Cos

Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - MINOT DISTRICT Bids will be received via the Bid Exbios will be received via file bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, April12, 2024. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the contile prounds in Piemersh and the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and

posted online at https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

are opened.
The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at http://www.dot.nd.gov and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck North Dakota Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Pregualification request to the Department at least ten business days prior to the bid open ing. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/

contractors.htm

on finding of facts and staff recommendations.

dations. Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the Outlot Plat Application from Kevin Bonness as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

acres. 'This outlot is for future residential/agricultural purposes. Ward County zoning applies with the township recommending approval. Planning Commission recommends approval of the Outlot Plat Application based on finding of facts and staff recommendations. Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rostad to approve the Outlot Plat Application from Shane Cardinal as presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, second-ed by Comm. Anderson to approve the Outlot Plat Application from Mar-tin Peterson-Steffes Group/Peterson as presented. Roll call; all voted yes;

Moved by Comm. Anderson seconded by Comm. Rostad to ap-

dations. Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Weppler to approve the Outlot Plat Application from Josh Cogdill s presented. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Dana Larsen, County Highway En-

sion totaling approximately \$49,000.00. Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Olson to authorize the Highway Department to order a Falls

less steel sander body. Roll call: all voted yes; motion carried

notion carried.

from Bolton and Menk is \$8,000.00, with it being

Engineer with the ability to hire.

all voted yes; motion carried.
In regard to the Employee Identification Policy, Ms. Gorze is asking to add language to the policy. Mr. Blowers came forward to speak re-2024 as presented. Roll call; all votgarding the Employee Identification

be added to the policy.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to add the employee identification Policy word-

tion carried. Lastly Ms. Gorze brought forth a

Assessor came forward to speak as well.

Well.

A Discussion was held.

Moved by Comm. Weppler and seconded by Comm. Anderson to Rejected pursuant to NDCC 57-01-01 property does not qualify as agricultural land as the below conditions exist:

(3) Topsoil is removed or topogra-(3) Topsoli is removed or topography is disturbed to the extent that the property cannot be used to raise crops or graze farm animals.

(4) Property is zoned other than agricultural

(6) The parcel is less than ten acres [4.05 hectares] and not contiguous

At 10:03 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
(March 19, 2024)