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fers. Chairman Braaten called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Father Greg Hiltzenderger shared a prayer. Guest present: Karson Pederson. Braaten asked for corrections or additions to the agenda. Buchmann moved to approve the agenda. Abrahamson seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. The following August 6, 2024 vouchers were approved by a motion made by Abrahamson, with Jeffers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

July Payroll	\$201,742.19
38657 First International Bank & Trust	\$2,509.95
38658 John Deere Financial	\$835.41
38659 MCI	\$71.75
38660 MidCo	\$108.82
38661 Advanced Business Methods	\$468.66
38662 Amor Township	\$936.09
38663 Border States Paving	\$13,433.40
38664 Boss Office Products	\$682.57
38665 Bowman Auto Parts	\$20.47
38666 Bowman County Treasurer	\$2,210.07
38667 Bowman Sales & Service	\$523.81
38668 Bowman Township	\$604.41
38669 Bronson's Marketplace	\$16.24
38670 Cashway Building Supplies	\$631.75
38671 City of Bowman	\$2,910.32
38672 CM Services	\$10,548.00
38673 Colin Dunn	\$36.00
38674 Consolidated Telcom	\$2,456.71
38675 Creative Planning	\$177.10
38676 Dacotah Paper	\$425.94
38677 Dakota Dust-Tex	\$194.85
38678 Eido Connect	\$240.00
38679 FBI Command Course Assn	\$50.00
38680 Fisher Sand & Gravel	\$12,365.99
38681 Gooseneck Implement	\$302.32
38682 Great Plains Tower	\$2,380.70
38683 Gunderson Trucking	\$5,950.00
38684 Peters Trucking	\$6,265.00

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RELATING TO N.D.A.C. CHAPTER 33-11-01.2 NORTH DAKOTA GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at **12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.**

The proposed changes are effective August 22, 2024, as interim final rules under North Dakota Century Code Section 28-32-03(2)(a); an imminent peril threatens public health, which would be abated by emergency effectiveness. Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at human service centers. Copies of the proposed rules, the regulatory analysis relating to these rules, and the telephone call number for public access to real time streaming of the public hearing may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2024. ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024.

38685 Mathew Bender	\$164.61
38686 Melvin Miller Construction	\$6,580.00
38687 Montana Dakota Utilities	\$3,048.37
38688 NDSU	\$9,342.15
38689 Newby's Ace Hardware	\$775.18
38690 ND State Treasurer	\$155.41
38691 Northern Improvement	\$14,117.60
38692 NW Tire	\$422.30
38693 Paulson GEL	\$560.00
38694 Pioneer Trails Museum	\$3,110.14
38695 Professional Auto Body	\$165.00
38696 Randy's Welding	\$1,118.60
38697 RELX, Inc.	\$180.00
38698 Scranton Equity	\$5,056.41
38699 Southwest Ag	\$503.64
38700 Stuart Dilse	\$401.62
38701 Sunny Slope Township	\$614.92
38702 Swanston Equipment	\$538.70
38703 Talbot Township	\$461.29
38704 Team Lab	\$119,523.50
38705 The Badlands Patriot	\$838.10
38706 Western Emulsions	\$16,058.00
38707 Westlie Motor Company	\$795.09
38708 Wild & Weiss Trust Account	\$45,000.00
38709 Woodley Construction	\$11.99

The Bowman County Road Department is accepting applications for a full-time road equipment operator. Knowledge of road equipment and road blading is helpful. Successful applicant will be required to obtain a CDL license within the first year of employment. Pre-Employment checks include criminal, motor vehicle record, and drug & alcohol testing. This position is eligible for benefits including medical insurance, retirement, paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. Applications and job descriptions are available at the Bowman County Auditor's office or applications can be obtained on-line at www.bowmand.com/county.

Bowman County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

met to discuss an Adelaide Township Road that needs repairs. The road will be looked at and an estimate of the cost will be looked into. Hendrickson also inquired about a gravel pile that the county utilized in the past that he now owns and inquired about getting compensation from the county for use of the land. Sean Stocker and Jeremy Spaeth, APEX met to give an update and inquire about the Post-Construction agreement and signage. Guests present, Rob Braaten, Laurie Braaten, Shane Biggs, Dean Pearson, Billy Doerr, Andrew Weiss, Jodi Freier, Karson Pederson.

Bowman County Highway Superintendent, Shane Biggs, and Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering met to discuss road projects.

Teran Doerr, BCDC, met to answer questions regarding the proposed Housing Initiative which would address the housing shortage.

Darwin Wilke and Chad Miller, All Seasons Arena Board Members met to request funding for another stall cover and other improvements to the All-Seasons Arena. Moved by Abrahamson, seconded by Jankowski to approve a loan of up to \$100,000 with repayment being seven equal installments with the first payment being due by 12/31/2025.

A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes, except Buchmann who abstained from voting. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the preliminary 2025 Budget.

At 3:38 PM Janikowski moved to recess the meeting until August 13, 2024, 6 PM. Jeffers seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Rick Braaten, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: Mindy Schumacher, Bowman County Auditor

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOWMAN COUNTY, BOWMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

The Board of County Commissioners met on August 13, 2024 to reconvene their meeting from August 6, 2024, with the following present: Pine Abrahamson, Rick Braaten, Josh Buchmann, Jerid Janikowski and Jerry Jeffers. Chairman Braaten called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The board met via phone for the Southwestern District Health Unit Joint County Commissioners/Board of Health meeting.

Bowman County Highway Superintendent Shane Biggs met to present an approach permit from Rob Braaten. Moved by Abrahamson, seconded by Janikowski to approve the approach permit from Rob Braaten. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes, except Braaten who abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Bowman County Preliminary budget. Abrahamson moved to approve the budget as presented, with Jeffers seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. The final Bowman County 2025 Budget Hearing will take place October 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM and will be held in the Commission Room.

At 7:54 PM Jeffers moved to adjourn the meeting, with Buchmann seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Rick Braaten, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: Mindy Schumacher, Bowman

County Auditor

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Minutes of the 2025 Preliminary Budget Meeting held on July 22, 2024 at City Hall at 10:00 AM.

Present: President Lyn James, Vice-Chair Ryan Shear, Benjamin Schaaf, Sara Bullis, Myron Vail, Chief Headley, Bill Mason, Todd Hofland, Aaron Allen, Stacy McGee, and Peggy Allen. **Absent:** None

President James called the meeting order at 10:00 am. Motion by Schaaf, second by Shear to approve the agenda as presented. RCV= all aye, MC.

Health Insurance: The increase will happen next July, we don't know what the increase is yet, so McGee figured in 8%.

McGee noted that the budget figures include an increase of \$3.00 to the base salary to help with the hiring of the new water position, as well as other positions in the future.

MASON - WATER AND SEWER DEPT.:

Salary: Mason is retiring in April 2025 so there is 6 months of Mason's salary in the water budget and 6 months for a new employee. It was suggested to get the new water employee hired and get him comfortable for a year and then get another guy to help out after a year and that salary will come out of sewer. Knopp said he was willing to help when needed in those departments until someone is hired. McGee and Mason will get an offer together for the water position and get it to the Commission and bring it back Thursday.

We took sewer expenses out of Water Department budget because Rural Water told us we need to have our expenses back in the sewer for accuracy for getting grants, otherwise it appears we don't have sewer expenses.

Splash Park: Mason stated that there wasn't a water recovery system for the water being used at the Splash Park, as planned, nor is it being run through the sprinklers as planned. They are using on average 25,000 gallons a day. Hewson has been trying to reach someone at the company they got the equipment from to figure out how to regulate the water usage.

Water Tank: This water tank replacement project is going to cost an estimated \$2,960,000.00. We will have to explore options to help with funding this project. Hewson said to estimate receiving half of the cost from grants that he has applied for.

Sewer Dept.: The sewer rate hasn't been raised in six or seven years. McGee added \$1.50 to the sewer rate to make it \$12.50 a month per user. Mason ordered a transfer pump in April and still hasn't got it.

Water Meter Reading Quote: McGee hasn't heard back from the saleswoman regarding the cost for the system to read from up at the water tank. They are wanting the expense to come out this fall so we don't need to budget for it next year.

HOFLAND - STREET/VECTOR/LANDFILL DEPTS.:

Rotary Mower: Our mower was purchased in 2011. The clutch is acting up and if the clutch goes out, its going to be a large expense. He would like to go from an 8' mower to a 12' mower. A commercial mower will cost roughly \$30,000, an industrial mower would be \$36,000 - \$37,000 and \$25,000 for a non-commercial. The \$30,000 mower was added to the budget.

Cold Mix: Transfer any unused funds into its own fund, Allen will need to create a fund.

Asphalt Grinding: Hofland is hoping do this in the fall when its cooler because it works better. **West River Clinic:** Northern Improvement wants to tear out the West River Clinic parking lot and wants us to take the asphalt. Hofland said it would cost them \$500 a truck load. We have a lot of it already on hand.

Emergency Snow Removal Fund: Discussion was held and they would like to have \$20,000 in that fund.

New Street Pickup: Hofland would like a hoist on the flatbed on the new pickup he is requesting. He can sell his pickup box for a couple thousand, they have it in storage. Bowman Sales quoted him approximately \$17,000 for

his trade in. He wants to order a pickup and he said it may be next August before he gets the pickup. It was added to the budget.

Street Loader: If we are going to keep the loader on a two-year rotation, the amount we would need is \$50,000. We would need to budget \$37,000 in 2025 plus the transfer for 2024 to purchase one. It was added to the budget.

Chip Seal: Hettenger area is going to be doing some chip sealing so if we bid ours at the same time, we will get a better rate. We could use Legacy Earnings Funds towards the chip seal. We will have \$75,240 and we would budget \$150,000 as a General Fund transfer.

Tire Grinding at the Landfill: We will transfer the tire grinding funds in 2024 if we don't get them ground so we have the funds in 2025.

Vector: We need to raise the fee to cover the additional expenses for fogging, we raised it to \$1.00 per month which would be a 75 cent increase. It was questioned where the crew does the fogging. Walby drives down the alleys, side streets and north of tracks and ball fields. It lays like a fog if conditions are right. He does it from 2:00 am to 5:00 am as long as there is no wind. The Commission would like him to fog once a month in June, July and August, if it's bad in September, we will do it again then. It worked great on flies and mosquitos.

GENERAL FUND:

Commission Salary/Utility Bill: McGee stated the Commission should consider an increase of \$20.00 in pay per meeting and reinstating the utility bill credit for Commissioners, the reason being, they need to look at future board members coming in, plus this rate hasn't been increased since 2004.

It was approved to reinstate the Commissioner's monthly credit on their personal residential utility bill in the amount of \$60.00 and bumping the employee credit to \$60.00 a month starting January 2025. The utility bill credit doesn't directly cost the City money, it is a nice benefit, again, planning for future board members. (If they only have a \$57.00 bill, they only get \$57.00 of credit, they don't build up a credit.) It was approved to raise the Commissioner's and President's pay by \$20.00 per meeting making Commissioner's rate \$116.00 per meeting and the President's rate \$164.00 per meeting in January 2025.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 for lunch and the meeting resumed at 1:11 pm.

ALLEN - GARBAGE DEPT.:

Garbage Truck Replacement Cycle: Allen inquired from Olympic Sales when it is beneficial to trade out the garbage trucks to keep the most trade-in value to them. We were advised to change out every 5-6 years with no more than 6,000 to 8,000 hours and 90,000 miles. The market dictates, but we should get back \$90,000-\$100,000 as a trade in.

Currently the 2017 Freightliner has 150,713 miles and 9,500 hours on it and the 2019 has 79,753 miles and 5,664 hours on it. The Commission decided to run the 2017 until it quits and they want to get two more years out of the 2019 before trading it. They felt waiting 6 years to trade trucks would be best. The Commission decided to put a \$3.00 increase onto the garbage rate to help with being able to transfer \$28,000 into the garbage equipment savings fund every year.

CHIEF HEADLEY - POLICE DEPT.:

Headley asked for same budget as last year for normal operations and the only capital request was for SIRN radios which ARPA funds will be used for and order the radios in 2024.

Abandoned Property Auction: He will probably have an abandoned property auction in 2024.

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

Zoning Salary: \$300 per month was added for the Zoning Administrator salary.

Zoning Commissioner: Currently the Zoning Commission does not get a salary. As it is hard to get people to agree to be on the board, it was decided to give those positions an incentive to be on the board. We budgeted for \$60 a meeting salary for each Zoning Commissioner.

BOWMAN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Budget Request: To balance our budget we dropped the request for Way-

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