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January 14, 2026 9:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Neil Meidinger. Present were Jim Heinrich, and James Goettle. Also attending were Alisha Ankers, Kristi Ebel, Paula Patterson, representing the McIntosh County Star & Tribune.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Goettle moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting were read. There was one spelling error that was corrected. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Commissioner Goettle seconded. Motion carried.

Gina Ketterling, County Auditor, stated that there needs to be a correction in the minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting. In the list of bills, check #94931-94958 had the name Adam Meidinger by them in the amount of \$20,661.52. The correction is that all these checks were for chemical purchases for the weed Board. Adam Meidinger did not get a check in the amount of \$20,661.52. It should have been labeled "Fall Cost Share Customers." Commissioner Goettle moved to approve this correction. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The Financial report was reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve it as presented. Commissioner Goettle seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:
Mary Vickers, representing the Wishek City Council, and two representatives from their engineering firm, met with the board regarding the streets and roads they are looking to repave. It was determined that the road going north through Wishek is a CMC route, so that would be the counties responsibility. The Asst. States Attorney researched this situation and presented options and they were as follows:

Option 1: The County would pass a resolution agreeing to transfer the road to the city and the city would pass a resolution agreeing to accept the transfer.

Option 2: Road transfer agreement between the County and the City of Wishek. This idea is similar to the Resolution process in that it assumes an agreement between the County and City.

Commissioner Heinrich feels the County has done their part because the County has done all the maintenance on these roads. Mrs. Vickers stated that currently, these roads/streets are not in the City's project. The Commission decided to meet with the Wishek City Council either at a special meeting or regular meeting. The County's engineer was in attendance.

Kevin Forsman, representing the City of Ashely met with the Board to discuss the transfer of Municipal Ordinance Cases to District Court. On November 11, 2025, the City Council of Ashely passed a Resolution that this transfer would become effective on March 31st. They notified the City of Venturia about the resolution. Following are some issues that county has:

It was stated that the city will enforce their ordinances. In that regard, then it falls on the Asst. States Attorney and the County Recorder to handle the paperwork and such.

The Asst. States Attorney feels the city should receive 0% of all fines collected.

Mayor Schock asked the Sheriff if he would serve papers with a fee.

Need a hookup at the museum for phone and internet.

Asst. States Attorney, Alisha Ankers suggested tabling this matter for now and that Mr. Forsman take it back to the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

At this time, election of a new Chairman and Vice Chairman was held. Commissioner Meidinger moved to appoint Commissioner Goettle as the Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Meidinger moved to appoint Commissioner Heinrich as Vice Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Goettle seconded. Motion carried.

Chris Opsahl, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board on the following matters:

Bryan Tykwienski of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, met with the Board on the following matters:

Currently, he has not heard anything on the Flex Funds grants.

He is working with contractors to close out some of the projects.

They had to reschedule the meeting with CSI.

SRF projects. Waiting to bid with Flex Funds if we are awarded.

City of Wishek projects. He suggested the county get a maintenance agreement with them.

Chris and Tim have been looking at trucks. They found a 2019 Pro Star with 500,000 miles for \$25,500.00. Chris stated that they repaired the one bought back from insurance but want to keep it as a spare. Commissioner Goettle asked if they could use the older Volvo as a spare. Commissioner Goettle would like to purchase packers and groomers instead. After some discussion, the Board decided not to purchase the truck. Chris was instructed to get prices for two packers and a groomer.

Commissioner Heinrich moved to purchase the gravel trailer from RTS Shearing, deducting the rent payments from purchase price. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Jim Heinrich, Neil Meidinger, and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Motion carried.

Shawn Keller approached the County Auditor requesting a refund for weed cutting because the county has not enforced the weed cutting for the last two years. Commissioner Heinrich moved to deny his request because when he was charged it was five years ago. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried. A letter will be written to Mr. Keller.

Chris got a call about a person blocking a section line with snow. Board decided to have the Asst. States Attorney write a letter stating that if he does not move the snow, the county will remove it and charge him for it.

Marvel Gross, in person, and Randy Woehl, via telephone, met with the board regarding the McIntosh County Historical grounds. Also attending was Donovan Bender. Mrs. Gross gave the following report:

They had about 19 students here and she thanked the county for the snow removal.

Discussed the light situation. They want LED lighting. Cost will be about \$29,000.00.

They would like to bring another set of kids. Working on shelving.

Flags need to be replaced.

Need Pest control in museum, church, machine shed and school house.

They want the matter of increasing the mill levy on the ballot. Commissioner Heinrich moved to put the matter on the General Election to increase the mill levy to 3/4 mills. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

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MOU – Have things that need to be changed.

Board made no decisions on these matters.

Board recessed for 5 minutes and then reconvened.

Six Applications for Abatements or Refund of Taxes were reviewed. Some were for farm exemptions and some for Homestead Credit. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve all six applications. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

County received capital credits from DRN. South Country Human Services would like the 2024 credits as that was when they started paying the indirect costs. Commissioner Meidinger moved to pay them the 2024 credits which amount to \$117.87. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The newspaper, Ryan Janke, sent an email stating that he is combining the Wishek Star and Ashley Tribune. The new name of the newspaper will be McIntosh County Star & Tribune. Because of this change, Commissioner Heinrich introduced the following resolution and moved to its adoption:

RESOLUTION No. 02
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF MCINTOSH COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §46-06-08, the Board of County Commissioners of McIntosh County is required to designate an official newspaper of the County at its first meeting after a vacancy is deemed to exist. The Board of County Commissioners shall designate another newspaper having the required qualifications to act as the official newspaper of the county until a successor is elected and takes office; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of McIntosh County to change its designated official newspaper, as the existing official newspaper will no longer be in print; and

WHEREAS, proper consideration has been given to the qualifications of the newspapers published within McIntosh County and meeting the statutory requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of McIntosh County, North Dakota, that effective immediately, the McIntosh County Star & Tribune, a legal newspaper published in McIntosh County, North Dakota, is hereby designated as the official newspaper of McIntosh County, replacing the prior designation of Ashley Tribune.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor shall cause notice of this designation to be published as required by law, and all County officials shall ensure that all legal notices and proceedings required by law to be published in the official newspaper shall hereafter be published in the McIntosh County Star & Tribune until a successor is elected and takes office.

Adopted this 14th day of January, 2026.

MCINTOSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James Goettle, Chairperson
Neil Meidinger, Commissioner

Jim Heinrich, Commissioner
ATTEST: Gina Ketterling, Co. Auditor

Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Meidinger moved to transfer \$46,000.00 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund. Commissioner Heinrich

rich seconded. Motion carried.

The Floodplain ordinance needed an amendment. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the amendment as presented, Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

WEED BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Todd Dohn – 4-year term
Marlow Werth – 4-year term
Commissioner Heinrich moved to appoint the above two people to the Weed Board. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

The Application for Beer and/or Retail Liquor License from the Beaver Valley Golf Club was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve said application and to provide the license for six months. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

A new water fountain was discussed. Auditor is to check on the installation cost. This matter was tabled until a later date.

The employment contract for Deputy Olivar was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to sign said contract. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Zeeland School District will dissolve. Need to think about this.

Office vouchers were reviewed and filed.

The General Roofing bill was discussed. He requested payment of the bill. Commission does not want to pay the whole bill as we are not sure if the leaks have been fixed. The total bill was \$160,634.88. He would like \$125,000.00. After some discussion, Commissioner Meidinger moved to pay him \$125,000.00. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Neil Meidinger, Jim Heinrich, and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Motion carried.

The gravel bill from Marlow Werth was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to pay for the gravel. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Neil Meidinger, Jim Heinrich, and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Motion carried.

The following bills were reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to pay said bills as presented. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Jim Heinrich, Neil Meidinger and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Motion carried.

95033-95034, County Treasurer Estimated Tax, Mobile Home...

..... 25,839.59

95035, Void, Void.... 37,273.68

95036, NCSC, Donation..... 150.00

95037, Banish Suppressors, Suppressors..... 1,677.60

95038, Jangula, William, Overpayment on Taxes..... 125.62

E2324-E2346, McIntosh County, Payroll - Electronic..... 80,828.58

95039-95041, McIntosh County Payroll - Paper..... 9,688.07

95042, Visa, Supplies, Gas, Travel, Rifles (Donation)..... 9,894.54

95043, County Treasurer, Proration..... 36,701.44

95044, Meidinger, Tyler, Overpayment on Taxes..... 7.00

95045, JCB Finance, Tractor Loan Payment..... 38,489.42

95046, Youngdahl, Ronald, Overpayment on Taxes..... 477.35

95047, Aflac Dental & Vision, Supplemental Insurance..... 245.20

95048, SCRWD, Ashley Shop Water..... 21.80

95049, VSP Vision, Supplemental Insurance..... 63.94

95050, Void, Void..... 142.51

95051, County Treasurer, Correction Check..... 142.51

95052, ND Housing Finance Ag. Overpayment on Taxes..... 2,950.63

95053, A & B Business Solu-

tions, Service Contracts..... 411.47

95054, ACME Tools, Gear Cylinder Rack..... 97.82

95055, Aflac, Supplemental Insurance..... 1,785.74

95056, Amazon Capital Services, Office Supplies..... 124.87

95057, American Solutions, Office Supplies..... 659.88

95058, Ashley Feed Store LLC, Rock Salt..... 82.50

95059, Ashley Super Valu, Supplies..... 7.52

95060, Becher, Philip, Reimburse Witness Expenses..... 843.95

95061, BEK Communications, Phones..... 97.47

95062, CBS, Service Contracts..... 762.79

95063, CDFC, Gas Fills, Wrench, Wiper Blades..... 1,123.61

95064, CHI EAP, Employee Assistance Program..... 187.50

95065, Void, Void..... 28.00

95066, CHS, Inc, Bulk Unlead-Dyed..... 4,723.95

95067, City of Ashley, Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 228.47

95068, City of Wishek, Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 65.00

95069, City of Zeeland, Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 80.88

95070, CNH Industrial Accounts, Ball Bearings, Disk Harrow..... 1,539.20

95071, Code 4 Services, Inc, Equipment for Police Interceptor..... 13,165.62

95072, Cole Papers, Inc, Janitor Supplies..... 1,089.92

95073, Colonial Life, Supplemental Insurance..... 1,147.93

95074-95075, County Treasurer Postage Meter, Move Funds..... 2,574.84

95076, Curtis-Sinclair Service, Gas Fills..... 651.35

95077, Dakota Business Solutions, Postage Meter Maint. Agr. 389.00

95078, Dickey Rural Networks, Phone, Fax, Security, Webhost..... 764.09

95079, E & H Communications, Notices..... 500.84

95080, Eide Bailly, Llp, Lenovo Post Warranty..... 619.00