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March 11, 2026:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goettle. Present were Jim Heinrich, via conference call, and Neil Meidinger. Also attending were Alsha Ankers, Kristi Ebel, Francis Krumm, Nathan Rath, and Mike Meier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting were read. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The Board discussed the requested changes to the ordinance. Orsted is requesting a 1-mile setback for non-participating residences, while reverting subsections b and c to the state standard. At the Zoning Committee meeting, the Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the changes. No motion was received to the matter died due to lack of a motion. David Okuwobi from Orsted was on the telephone at the commission meeting and started to discuss it. Commissioner Goettle stated that he needed to be on the agenda to speak. Commissioner Chairman Goettle asked for a motion to approve the requested changes to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. No motion was received. Matter died due to lack of a motion.

ELECTION INSPECTORS: Phyllis Meidinger – Wishek Polling Place
Corinne Lepp – McIntosh County Courthouse

Commission Meidinger moved to approve the above individuals to be Inspectors for the election. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The contract with CREA for County Superintendent Services was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to postpone this matter. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Board would like to have him come to a meeting.

ROAD ISSUES: Highway Superintendent Chris Opsahl did not attend the meeting. Commission Chairman Goettle discussed the following matters:

Commissioner Goettle met with the Road Crew and they discussed many topics. The main issue was the packers and groomers. They would like to see maybe one purchased. They would prefer ripper attachments for the Cat machines. As far as the road groomers, they would like to see a demonstration. Chris is supposed to get it set up.

Road Use Agreements with wind company. They would like radiuses removed and signs put back. The do not want approaches wider than 40 feet.

Trees in the right of ways. The Road Crew needs to make a list and the County will send notices to them.

Commissioner Goettle brought up the new truck we purchased that is almost two years old and we have not received it yet. They asked the States Attorney to draft a letter.

The guys at the Zeeland Shop would like a different payload.

They would like the County to enforce encroachments on right of way. Crew should make a list.

Leafy spurge in ditches. Adjacent landowners are responsible to take care of it.

Back to the packers. Commissioner Heinrich moved to purchase one packer with necessary attachments. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Neil Meidinger, Jim Heinrich, and James Goettle.

There is a section line matter east end of county. Mr. Tony Schneider would fill in the washout with rock. Commissioner Goettle feels it is a hazard. The section line is adjacent to Lavern Wolf and Keith and Kenny Wolf. They estimated about six loads of pit run. Only cost to county would be the gravel. Commissioner Heinrich feels we should not do this.

Discussed section line matter from last month.

The contract with the McIntosh County Council for the Aged was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve and sign said contract. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

There was an offer from Michael Mack for three parcels in the City of Ashley. He offered \$2,311.91 to the City of Ashley for special assessments and \$805.64 to the county. Commissioner Meidinger moved to sell the property for the above stated amounts. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The service contract with Vanguard Computer Systems for the Assessor Web Site was reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve and sign said agreement. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

The 2026 Fire Protection Agreement with the Kulm Fire Department was reviewed. Commission Heinrich moved to sign said agreement. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

The Auditor asked about the elevator updates. She asked how much the commission wanted to set aside each year to cover the costs of the updates. Commissioner Meidinger moved to set aside \$40,000.00 a year for elevator updates. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Conditional Use Permit from MDU/Ontivity for a telecommunications/Utility communications facility. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve this permit. 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.

Building Permit from Sandy Just for grain bins. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve this permit. 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.

Building Permit from Jace Schilling for grains bins. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve this permit. Commissioner Meidinger 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.

Building Permit from Tim Ruff for a new building: Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve this permit. 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.

Office vouchers were reviewed and filed.

Commissioner Heinrich left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The following bills were reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to paid said bills. Commissioner Goettle seconded. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Neil Meidinger and James Goettle. Against the same: None. Absent and not voting: Jim Heinrich. Motion carried.

95217, Pfeifle Ford, Overpayment on Taxes	175.69
95218, Utter, Larae, Overpayment on Taxes	22.42
95219, Lindgren, Carl, Overpayment on Taxes	279.76
95220, Visa, Gas Fills, Supplies, Repairs, Uniforms	3,594.79
95221, Raymond J. Hessler, Fraud Guarantee Policy	888.00
95222, Ruff, Donna, Overpayment on Taxes	54.13
95227, Gregoire, Mitchell, Abatement ..	183.53
95228, Schmidt, Jeannine, Abatement ..	499.22
95229, Herr, Glenn & Elezabeth, Abatement.....	110.40
95230, Kempf, John & Michelle, Abatement.....	114.81
95231, M&M Ranch, LLLP, Abatement	95.79
95232, Litsey, Ross & Kayla, Overpayment on Taxes	423.91
95233, SCRWD, Rural Water	27.69
95234, VSP Vision, Vision Insurance.....	63.94
95235, Aflac, Supplemental Insurance	1,785.74
95236, Amazon, Custom Stamp..	15.79
95237, American Solutions, Office Supplies	9.08
95238, Ashley Super Valu, Supplies.....	5.25
95239, BEK Communications Coop, Phones	97.47
95240, Burleigh-Morton Det. Ctr., Prisoner Room and Board	115.00

95241, Central Dakota Frontier Coop, Gas Fills	442.88
95242, Central Iron Repair and Mfg., Flats and Cutting	243.46
95243, CHS, Inc, Bulk Unleaded.....	1,316.20
95244, City of Ashley, Water, Sewer, Garbage.....	228.47
95245, City of Wishek, Water, Sewer, Garbage.....	67.00
95246, City of Zeeland, Water, Sewer, Garbage.....	80.88
95247, CNH Industrial Accounts, Repair Parts	105.21
95248, Cole Papers, Inc., Janitor Supplies, Envelopes.....	585.31
95249, Colonial Life, Supplemental Insurance.....	1,147.93
95250, County Treasurer, Postage	358.05
95251, Curts-Sinclair Service, Gas Fills	305.85
95252, Delzer, Steven C, Travel Expense.....	440.00
95253, Dickey Rural Networks, Phone, Fax, Cameras, Alarms, Webhost	754.61
95254, E & H Communications, LLC, Publications	665.63
95255, Farmers Union Insurance, Insurance Premium	252.00
95256, ITD, WAN, Office, Netmotion	1,086.20
95257, John Deere Financial, Supplies	146.11
95258, KEM Electric Coop, Inc., Electricity	906.28
95259, Kidder County Auditor, EM Services	1,900.00
95260, Link's Do It Best, Supplies	70.96
95261, Maertens Welding & Machine Co., Equipment Supplies	3,035.79
95262, Martell's Carquest, Supplies, Parts, Oils, Tooling	719.88
95263, Martell's True Value, Shop Supplies	167.64
95264, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., Acetylene, Oxygen, Cut-off.....	299.66
95265, Montana Dakota Utilities, Electricity	3,960.77
95266, ND Clerks Association, Dues ..	100.00
95267, NDDOT, Road Projects.....	8,920.18
95268, Newman Signs, Inc., Signs and Posts.....	1,466.87
95269, Northwest Tire, Tires ..	1,004.00
95270, Northwestern Mutual, Deferred Comp	2,376.00
95271, Olson, Douglas J, Reimburse Expenses.....	95.01
95272, Q's Welding & Machine, LLC, Flats, & Machining.....	164.73
95273, Quadiant Finance USA, Inc, Postage Meter Funds	500.00
95274, Ramada, Lodging	110.00
95275, RDO Equipment Co., Equipment Repairs	3,887.16
95276, RDO Truck Centers, LLC, Stud, Flange Nut.....	64.40
95277, Rocky's Fuel Oil & Gas, Bulk Fuel Oil, Propane.....	1,461.08
95278, Safety Service, Repairs.....	2,457.07
95279, Stutsman Co Correction Center, Prisoner Room & Board.....	1,000.00

95280, The Medicine Shoppe, Prisoner Medical Expenses	37.02
95281, The Sidwell Company, Services (Splits)	150.00
95282, Tri State Water, Inc., Water, Coolers	58.25
95283, Tytom Properties, LLC, Room Rent	50.00
95284, Underground Vaults & Storage, Storage MicroForm.....	225.60
95285, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc, Web Site Pkg 2	2,200.00
95286, Verizon Business, Cell Phones, Laptops.....	278.19
95287, Vestis, Rental Supplies	1,163.67
95288, Vetter, Inc., 36" Thermocouple..	168.62
95289, Westside Heating and AC, LLC, Propane.....	1,123.40
95290, Widmer Roel, Audit Fees.....	24,065.02
95291, Zeeland Oil LLC, Tire Repairs ..	130.00
95292, City of Ashley, Share of Levy....	3,365.82
95293, City of Wishek, Share of Levy....	4,969.51
95294, City of Zeeland, Share of Levy ..	321.14
95295, City of Lehr, Share of Levy	256.66
95296, City of Venturia, Share of Levy ..	78.67
95297, SCRWD, Replace Ck: 95048.....	21.80
95298 - 95305, Zoning Board, 2025 Board Meetings	4,990.60
1345 - 1346, IRS, Federal Wth, SS & Medicare.....	22,150.14
1347, MCB, Direct Deposit Fees ...	8.45
1348 - 1376, Taxing Entities, Levy Disbursements.....	1,541,033.93
1377, ND State Treasurer, Levy Disbursements.....	10,335.32
1378 - 1379, NDPERS, Insurance, Retirement.....	58,842.10
1380, Aflac Dental & Vision, Dental & Vision Insurance	245.20
E2370 - E2391, McIntosh County, Payroll - Electronic.....	65,023.35
95223 - 95226, McIntosh County, Payroll - Paper.....	12,317.07

Next meeting will be April 8, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Meidinger moved to adjourn. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. ATTEST: James Goettle, Board Chairman

Gina Ketterling, County Auditor
(April 15, 2026)

Meeting Notice

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the McIntosh County Commissioners will be Wednesday May 13, 2026 at 9:15 am in the Commission Room at the Courthouse.
(April 15, 2026)

Wishek Special Hearing & Board of Equalization Minutes

The Wishek City Council met on April 5th, 2026 5:38 pm for a public hearing with President Lipp calling the meeting to order and Councilpersons answering roll call, Welder, Eiseman, Roth, Opsahl and Salwei answering roll call and residents from the community. Public Hearing-application for a conditional use permit to construct a new building to process ag products. Kaseman expressed a few concerns. Motion by Opsahl 2nd by Roth to approve the conditional use permit, roll call vote Roth-y, Welder-y, Salwei-n, Opsahl-y, Eiseman-n 3-2. Public Hearing closed. Motion by Opsahl to adjourn the hearing at 5:54 pm
Attest:
Mary Vickers, Auditor
Whitney Lipp, President
(April 15, 2026)

The Wishek City Council met for the Board of Equalization meeting on April 5th, 2026 at 5:00pm, President Lipp calling the meeting to order and Councilpersons Welder, Eiseman, Roth, Opsahl and Salwei answering roll call. Also present was, Hope Schneider-McIntosh County Tax Assessor & Residents from the community. County Tax Assessor Hope Schneider presented the following: Changes in True and Full value, Homestead Credits, Disabled Veteran's Credits and exempt properties, motion by Welder to approve as presented 2nd by Roth, roll call vote 5-0. On a motion by Opsahl to adjourn meeting at 5:37 pm 5-0.
Attest:
Mary Vickers, Auditor
Whitney Lipp, President
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