

# MCINTOSH COUNTY PROCEEDINGS

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May 13, 2026.....9:15 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goettle. Present were Jim Heinrich, and Neil Meidinger. Also attending were Alisha Ankers, Asst. States Attorney, and Kristi Ebel. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The agenda was reviewed. Two items were added to the agenda, Gary Hoffman resignation from Zoning Board and Gaming Site Authorization for Tri County Exhibitors. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting were read. The part where it said to get the phone set up for the Heritage Center needed to be removed because there was no motion on that matter. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

Maddie Schauer, County Agent, introduced her Administrative Assistant, Kenady Gross, to the Commission Board. She also discussed her quarterly report, which discussed all the projects they have been working on during this quarter. She also requested to be able to use her personal vehicle to do crop scouting. The Board would rather have her use a county vehicle and keep it overnight for the days she does this scouting.

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

- On the road south of Schnabel Lake there needs to be rip-rap put down. Chris stated it would cost about \$17,000.00 for trucking, for both sides, using our rock. He figured 80 to 100 loads of rock. Commissioner Meidinger moved to hire Scherbenske Inc. to do the hauling. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
- Have been issues with the semi trailer at the Zealand shop. It is getting repaired. The 5th wheel plate needs to be replaced. Board gave permission to replace it.
- One of the tandem trucks went down. He took the pump to Bismarck. It will cost around \$6,000.00 for a new pump.
- The project by the Ross Knoll residence is complete.
- He is still working on replacing culverts.
- We should be getting tar delivered next week.
- Discussed some roads
- Gary Arnold is complaining about blading in front of his residence. He does not want it done. He has been bothering the blade man.
- Evan Wahl was wondering about the road going into his yard. He wants to gravel it.
- Tyler Feil told Chris that a culvert is bad in a section line. County will provide the culvert but Mr. Feil has to install it.
- Chris hired two individuals to help for the summer.
- Discussed hiring a contract blader. Quote he received is about \$100,000.00 a year (\$32,000.00 per township)
- Gravel crushing was discussed. Scherbenske Inc wants to crush in the Aipperspach pit because they will be in there for the State.
- Marlow Werth met with the Board to discuss a bill from last fall for hauling gravel on a road going to one of his properties. The county paid for the gravel but did not pay for the hauling. Mr. Werth wants the county to pay for the hauling because he says it is a county road. He says for the last 20 years the road has been neglected. He also said that as of now, this year, a blade has not been on that road. After some discussion, Commissioner Heinrich moved to pay the hauling bill, trucking and loading. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. The Commission feels that Mr. Werth should have called before the work was done. On the vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Jim Heinrich, Neil Meidinger and James Goettle.

Against the same: None. Motion carried.

- The Blading Contract with Roloff Township was discussed. Bruce Kusler and Marie Vogel were in attendance. Chris submitted a list of what other counties in the area charge for blading in organized townships. He would like to make a change. Mr. Kusler stated that they are going to maintain some of their roads. Roloff Township would like a change in the contract with the County blading 3 times and the township blading 3 times. Roloff Township would not blade the township/county line. They also feel that the rotation should change. After some discussion, Commissioner Heinrich moved to charge \$140.00/hour for blading, snow removal, and anything else that is done there. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. It was also decided to remove the number of times. Motion carried.
  - Bryan Tkewski of Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, met with the Board on the following matters:
    - The contract for the SRF projects SRF-0026(014) and SRF-0026(015) was reviewed. Bituminous Paving was the lowest bidder at \$360,229.50. Commissioner Meidinger moved to award the project to Bituminous Paving and to sign the contract. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
    - The contract with Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson for engineering services on projects SRF-0026(014 and SRF-0023(061) was reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to sign this contract. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.
    - The Construction and Maintenance Agreement for SRF-0026(049) which is the Dry Lake and Cold Water Lake projects were reviewed. These projects will be an 80/20 split. Commissioner Meidinger moved to sign this agreement. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
    - The Utility Permit from KEM Electric was reviewed. Commissioner Goettle moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Meidinger abstained due to a conflict of interest.
- Haylee Viger of the ND Department of Agriculture met with the Board to discuss the Regional Livestock Grant. If the county wishes to participate in the grant, they need to approve a resolution, and then contract South Central Dakota Regional Council. The grant covers the cost of the study. Commissioner Meidinger introduced the following resolution and moved to its adoption.

**RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MCINTOSH AND SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR PURPOSE OF REGIONAL LIVESTOCK PLANNING GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

WHEREAS, the County of McIntosh on behalf of its County Commission desires to enter into Agreement with the South Central Dakota Regional Council to apply for a Regional Livestock Planning Grant which the county is eligible. The Agreement further provides the County with identification of suitable locations for rural economic development, including animal feeding operations, agricultural processing and storage facilities and other agriculture related development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for McIntosh County, North Dakota s follows:

1. Following completion of the site analysis process the county will review county and township zoning and land use regulations. The county may update any zoning or land use regulations based on recommendations of site analysis process. Additionally, county will provide information to townships of said county so they may review and update zoning and land use regulations as they see fit.
2. That James Goettle, the Chair of the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners, and Gina Ketterling, the County Auditor, are authorized to sign the Agreement.

Passed and adopted by the Commission on this 13th day of May, 2026.

COUNTY OF MCINTOSH  
James Goettle,  
Its Board Chair  
ATTEST:  
Gina Ketterling  
Its County Auditor

Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. There will be no cost to the county.

Asst. States Attorney Alisha Ankers, discussed with the Board about have portfolios. She suggested that they should set this up. Commissioner Meidinger moved to set up the portfolios as follows:

- Roads/Highway Dept. and Human Services – James Goettle
  - Historical Society/Non-highway Dept. County Building Maintenance and Energy/Technology – Neil Meidinger
  - Law Enforcement and Zoning Board – Jim Heinrich
- Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
- The Asst. States Attorney also discussed open records requests. The county should start memorializing emails and texts.
  - The Knoll matter was discussed. The road is fixed and Ms. Ankers was contacted by Vogel Law Firm, representing the Knoll's.
  - The employment contract Deputy Dosan signed was discussed. Ms. Ankers reviewed the contract and statuses. She feels the commission is within their rights to request he reimburse the county according to the contract. Commissioner Heinrich moved to send a letter to Deputy Dosan. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.
- Gina stated that she received the original Petition regarding the zoning ordinances from Michael Meier and there was a total of 394 signatures.
- Eric Heupel asked if the County would sponsor a FEMA (BRIC) grant for a generator for the hospital. Commissioner Meidinger moved to be a sponsor for this grant. Commission Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
- The resignation letters from Cooper Dosan and Michael Martel were read. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve both resignation letters. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.
- The employment contract with Barry Mueller for the Deputy Sheriff position was reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to sign said contract. Commission Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.
- The plat of C & J Investments LLC Lot 1 in the n1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 28-129-73 was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve said plat. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
- The petition to close a section line from Keith Hochhalter was reviewed. No action was taken on this because the Hochhalter's needed to post this in three public places.
- The application or an abatement of taxes from Robert Schumacher was reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve said abatement. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**

The Board reviewed the following building permits as follows:

1. Ricky Just
  2. Vince Meidinger
  3. Mark or Matthew Pfeifer
  4. Gary G. Hoffman
  5. Gene Knoll
  6. Roger Salwei – Contingent on him completing a condition use permit
  7. Delane Scherbenske
  8. Tanner Kempf
- The Board reviewed the following conditional use permits:
1. Vince Meidinger
  2. Tanner Kempf
  3. 5 applications from South Central Regional Water District
- Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve all of the above permits, the same as the Zoning Board did. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.
- Gary G. Hoffman informed the Zoning Board that he is resigning from the Board. Mr. Hoffman recommended the following individuals for his replacement:
- Nathan Rath
  - Michael Meier
  - Jeremy Herr
  - Kristi Ebel

After some discussion, the Commissioner Heinrich moved to appoint Nathan Rath to replace Mr. Hoffman on the Zoning Board. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

Neil Meidinger moved that McIntosh County initiate formal coordination with the City of Wishek under NDCC 40-47-01.1 for all zoning and subdivision matters within the city's extraterritorial and joint jurisdiction area, and direct the State's Attorney to prepare a proposed city-county joint jurisdiction agreement and ordinance amendment establishing notice, review, hearing, negotiation, and dispute-resolution procedures. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The Gaming Site Authorization from the Tri-County Fairgrounds was reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve the authorization. Commissioner Goettle seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Meidinger abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Office vouchers were reviewed and filed.

The following bills were reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to paid said bills. 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.

95375 Orr Auctioneers Inc 2011 Stepp Mfg. Tar Tank.....	10,476.20
E2416 - E2439 McIntosh County Payroll - Electronic.....	75,972.94
95376 - 95379 McIntosh County Payroll - Paper.....	11,336.91
95380 - 95389 Void Void.....	0.00
95390 - 95398 Mobile Home PRC 2025 PRC REIMBURSEMENT .....	4,201.22
95399 Bertsch, Hannah Witness Fee ...	125.40
95400 Visa Election Media, Supplies, Fees, Gas Fills.....	2,431.04
95401 Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. Replace Lost-Stopped Check .....	299.66
95402 SCRWD Ashley Shop Water.....	27.38
95403 VSP Vision Vision Insurance.....	43.51
95404 Aflac Supplemental Insurance ...	1,785.74
95405 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies.....	213.82
95406 American Solutions Elections Supplies.....	36.69
95407 Ashley Super Valu Supplies.....	82.74
95408 BEK Communications Coop Phones .....	97.30
95409 BEK Communications Coop Antenna Site Lease.....	480.00
95410 CBS, Inc Service Contracts.....	1,152.50
95411 CDFC Gas Fills Batteries .....	1,582.88
95412 CHI St. Alexius EAP .....	187.50
95413 CHS, Inc Gas Fills Batteries.....	77.98
95414 CHS, Inc Bulk Unleaded, Fieldmaster.....	3,896.48
95415 City of Ashley Water, Sewer, Garbage.....	229.29
95416 City of Wishek Water, Sewer, Garbage.....	67.00
95417 City of Zealand Water, Sewer, Garbage.....	80.88
95418 Clubhouse Hotel & Suites Lodging.....	297.00
95419 CNH Industrial ACcounts Repair Parts .....	164.48
95420 Cole Papers, Inc. Paper, Janitor Supplies.....	765.73
95421 Colonial Life Supplemental Insurance.....	1,147.93
95422 Computer Express Service Agr, Security, HD, Monitor.....	4,829.99
95423 County Treasurer Postage Meter .....	1,396.78
95424 County Treasurer County Car Mileage.....	533.60
95425 Curts-Sinclair Service Gas Fills .....	138.00
95426 Dakota Business Solutions Postage Machine Supplies .....	467.99
95427 Dickey Rural Networks Phone, Fax, Cameras, Alarms.....	841.73
95428 E & H Communications, LLC Publications 517.84	
95429 ES&S Audio Files, Media Burn..	2,347.02
95430 Farmers Union Oil Company Tire Repair .....	322.50
95431 G & G Implement, Inc. Fittings, Hardware .....	71.24
95432 Goin' Sewin' Repairs - Ford Ranger.....	15.00
95433 Kenady Gross Travel Expense...	172.29
95434 ITD WAN, Office, Intune, Netmotion.....	1,112.85
95435 John Deere Financial Snowblow-	

er Chain, Supplies .....	78.48
95436 KEM Electric Coop, Inc. Electricity .....	617.12
95437 Kidder County Auditor Emergency Mgr Services.....	1,900.00
95438 KLJ Engineering LLC Road Projects.....	25,256.01
95439 Link's Do It Best Supplies .....	140.92
95440 Martell's Carquest Supplies, Oils, Additives, Tools, Parts.....	3,229.30
95441 Martell's True Value Supplies.....	1,789.39
95442 Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. Court Rule Books .....	174.61
95443 Meidinger, Neil O Mileage .....	47.85
95444 Montana Dakota Utilities Electricity .....	2,239.48
95445 NDDOT Road Projects, Inspections .....	4,624.30
95446 NDSRC 911 Line Fees, LETS Terminals .....	13,895.76
95447 NDAAO Membership Dues.....	50.00
95448 NDLTAP-UGPTI Hwy Department Training .....	450.00
95449 NDSAA Association Dues .....	400.00
95450 NDSU AgComm .....	25.00
95451 NDSU Share of Extension Salaries.....	10,507.92
95452 Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc Acetylene.....	118.44
95453 NCI Slack Adjuster, Brake, Spline.....	165.61
95454 NDACO WC Reconciliation, D&A Fees.....	546.65
95455 Northwestern Mutual Deferred Comp .....	2,376.00
95456 Olson, Douglas J Travel Expense.....	410.00
95457 Pfeifle Ford Repairs Ford F150 ..	1,244.60
95458 Precision Handyman & Const Wishek Shop Window Installation.....	2,425.00
95459 Quadient Finance USA, Inc Postage Meter Funds .....	1,500.00
95460 RDO Equipment Co. Air Filters, Bulk Oil .....	2,404.10
95461 Rocky's Fuel Oil & Gas Bulk Fuel Oil/Propane.....	1,386.56
95462 Roll-On Tire Service 150 Blade Tire Repair .....	505.00
95463 South Central Health DOT Physicals (2) .....	470.00
95464 Sunset Law Enforcement, LLC Ammunition.....	2,495.10
95465 Stutsman Co Correction Center Prisoner Room and Board.....	3,200.00
95466 The Medicine Shoppe Prisoner Medical Expense .....	12.05
95467 Townsend Pricing, Inc Office Supplies.....	326.17
95468 Tri State Water, Inc. Water, Coolers.....	65.50
95469 Triple J Auto Body & Repair Boost .....	50.00
95470 Ulmer Auction 560 Gallon Gas Tank .....	900.00
95471 Verizon Business Cell Phones, Laptops .....	278.10
95472 Vestis Rental Supplies .	1,042.46
95473 Vetter, Inc. Repairs.....	183.50
95474 Werth, Marlow Trucking & Loading Gravel .....	691.25
95475 Wishek Collision Nason Paint (4) .....	173.92
95476 Zealand Oil LLC Bulk Diesel, Gas Fills, Supplies.....	3,206.85
1417 ND State Treasurer Collections ...	820.10
1418 McIntosh County Bank Direct Deposit Fees .....	10.70
1419 ND State Treasurer Sales & Use .	3.16
1420 ND State Treasurer State Withholding.....	430.94
1421 - 1422 Internal Revenue Service Federal, SS & Medicare.....	25,470.73
1423 McIntosh County Bank Direct Deposit Fees .....	8.75
1424 Aflac Dental & Vision Dental & Vision Insurance .....	245.20
1425 - 1426 NDPERS Insurance, Retirement.....	60,444.11
1427 ND State Treasurer Collections ...	4,761.96
1428 - 1457 Collections Collections .....	842,289.00

Next meeting will be June 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the Board of Equalization meeting and then the regular commission meeting will be after that.

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  
(June 10, 2026)