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September 9, 2026 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Goettle. Present were Jim Heinrich and Neil Meidinger.

Also attending was Asst. States Attorney, Alisha Ankers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read. There were some corrections made. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the minutes with the corrections. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

The financials were reviewed. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve the financials. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

Dena Kemmet representing NDSU met with the Board on the following matters.

1. McIntosh County is without a County Agent. NDSU is in a hiring frost because the State is proposing a 10% cut for NDSU. This is the reason for the hiring frost. She stated that Josh Becker from Logan County is coming weekly. Commission Meidinger moved that McIntosh County wants an ARR agent. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
2. Asked for help in identifying a couple for Harvest Bowl.
3. Suggested signing an MOU with a 4-H program assistant.

Marvel Gross, representing the McIntosh County Historical Society, met with the Board on the following matters:

- Phone
- Safe was delivered. Shrubs were trimmed by Steve Kost.
- Working on Barber Shop
- Fire extinguisher inspector was out and looked at them. Submitted bill to county.
- Held Chokecherry event. Had a good crowd.
- Will also be holding an Oktoberfest event.

At this time, the commission went into Executive Session.

Commission came out of Executive Session. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the resolution authorizing and ratifying the settlement/non-Prosecution agreement and release between McIntosh County and Ross A. Knoll. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

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

- Byran Tkwinski of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, met with the Board on the following matters:
  - There will be patching done on the Green Lake Road and Lake Hoskins Road this fall yet.
  - Reviewed the change order for the Green Lake Road and Lake Hoskins Road in regards to this project not getting done on time. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve the Change Order. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
  - Discussed the Prairie Dog buckets. They are filling and should be full by October.
  - Presented the contract with Logan County with Logan County Resolution to enter into a contract with McIntosh County. Commissioner Heinrich moved to sign these. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.
  - Presented the Preliminary Engineering contract for the Green Lake Road and Lake Hoskins Road. Total amount is $50,000.00. Commissioner Meidinger moved to sign this contract. Commission Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
  - Presented the Preliminary Engineering contract for the Dry Lake and Coldwater Road projects. The county has to pay 100% of the engineering costs in the amount of $26,000.00. Commissioner Meidinger moved to sign said contract. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
  - Showed the Board the gravel map he had.
- The Road Crew has been graveling and they are getting some gravel from the Allen Entzie pit.
- Chris bought a water truck at an auction sale for $1,800.00.
- One of the blades is being repaired.
- Three piles of gravel being crushed.
- Discussed walk-n-roll packer. Can get a different one.
- One road crew member would like to go to 8-hour days for 4 days a week over the winter. He would go back to 4-10's in the summer. Board was okay with it.
- Hochhalter section line fence issue was discussed. There is a gate 18" off of the center line of the section line. Asst. States Attorney Alisha Ankers need to do more research.
- Schlenker Dam was discussed. We are waiting for a cost estimate.

The following Utility Permits were reviewed:

- KEM Electric – bore across 45th Ave SE with primary cable for electrical services. Commissioner Heinrich moved to approve this permit. Commissioner Goettle seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Meidinger abstained from voting.
- Neu Family Partnership, LLLP. – cross through gravel road with drain tile pipe. Commissioner Meidinger moved to postpone until next month and also should have some written agreement from all parties involved that they are okay with this, until the Water Board has

approved the project. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the refund the county received from the North Dakota Recorders Information Network (NDRIN). The refund was for $2,012.88 which will be deposited into the Document Preservation Fund.

The following building permits were reviewed:

- Allo Towers C/O State of North Dakota – For a tower for a statewide wireless communications system solely for first responders. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve this permit. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.
- Mark Pfeifer – to build a car garage and a 5x5 garage. Commissioner Meidinger moved to approve this permit. Commissioner Heinrich seconded. Motion carried.

Office vouchers were reviewed and filed.

The board recessed for about 10 minutes. Reconvened.

Discussed the moratorium. Nicole Bell, Tax Director, stated there are huge conservations on data centers. The commission should start asking questions on infrastructure and other things, water use and noise. Our power lies before the contract is signed. We should also learn from others mistakes. The data centers have to be responsible.

The following bills were reviewed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to pay said bills. 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.

95718 McCleary, Terry Locksmithing.... ..... 30.00
95719 Visa Lodging, Gas, Tires, Supplies, Shelving 2,823.98
95720 Ulmer Auction CAT 928F Payloader..... 29,732.00
95731 Huber, Jason W Replace PR Check 1,455.18
95732 CHI St. Alexius Replace Lost Check 187.50
95733 City of Zeeland Replace Lost Check 80.88
95734 BEK Communications Coop Phones 97.75
95735 SCRWD Rural Water 22.46
95736 VSP Vision Vision Insurance..... ..... 75.29
95737 Quadient Finance USA, Inc Postage Meter Funds 1,500.00
95738 Orr Auctioneers Inc Water Truck 1,950.93
95739 Advanced Business Methods Service Contract..... 22.00
95740 Aflac Supplemental Insurance... ..... 1,567.91
95741 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies, Headlights..... 215.30

95742 Ashley Medical Center D&A Testing..... 1.00
95743 Ashley Super Valu Supplies 7.50
95744 Butler Machinery Company Filters, Seals, Gaskets..... 928.26
95745 Central Dakota Frontier Coop Gas Fills, Supplies..... 2,433.78
95746 CHS, Inc Bulk Fieldmaster, Unleaded..... 11,998.89
95747 City of Ashley Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 412.56
95748 City of Wishek Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 92.86
95749 City of Zeeland Water, Sewer, Garbage..... 80.88
95750 Code 4 Services, Inc Upfit Police Equipment 5,043.51
95751 Cole Papers, Inc. Copy Paper (8 Cartons)..... 348.72
95752 Colonial Life Supplemental Insurance..... 1,074.79
95753 County Treasurer Postage 1,728.26
95754 Curts-Sinclair Service Gas Fills 70.00
95755 Delzer, Steven C Reimb Attorney Fees..... 4,371.14
95756 Dickey Rural Networks Phones 767.84
95757 Eve's Floral & Gifts Flowers for Funeral 50.00
95758 Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd. Plat Books (15)..... 450.00
95759 Farmers Union Insurance Additional Premiums..... 17.00
95760 G & G Implement, Inc. Battery, Hose, Oil Change & Grease..... 557.65
95761 General Roofing and Const. Courthouse Roof - Balance.. 18,947.94
95762 Huber, Jason W Reimb Exp - Trimmer Head..... 26.45
95763 ITD WAN, Office, Intune, Netmotion..... 1,086.20
95764 Jamestown Communications Radio Install - New Truck..... 852.00
95765 John Deere Financial Hardware, 10W30 Drum 3,009.90
95766 KEM Electric Coop, Inc. Electricity 843.60
95767 Kidder County Auditor Emergency Mgr. Services 1,900.00
95768 KLJ Engineering LLC Road Projects..... 537.62
95769 Link's Do It Best Tools, Supplies, Paint 306.02
95770 Lycox Enterprises, In Packer-Roller w/Accessories 26,440.00
95771 Martell's Carquest Oils, Parts, Tools, Supplies 3,269.68
95772 Martell's True Value Supplies..... ..... 720.49
95773 Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. Court Rules Supplement (2)..... 60.10
95774 Montana Dakota Utilities Electricity 928.07
95775 Napoleon Homestead Envelopes w/Print 116.30
95776 NDDOT Road Projects ... 854.16
95777 Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc Acetylene..... 115.10
95778 North Central Int'l, LLC Mudflaps and Hangers..... 702.15
95779 Northwestern Mutual Deferred Comp..... 2,426.00
95780 Pfeifle Ford F150 Rebuild Rear End 2,315.44
95781 Sayler Implement, Inc. Hardware & V-Belt..... 388.11
95782 Uinsurance Property Insurance Update..... 28.00
95783 Verizon Business Cell Phones, Laptops..... 278.19
95784 Vestis Rental Supplies . 1,083.31
95785 Wald Fencing & Supplies Oil Filter 44.00
95786 Zeeland Oil LLC Bulk Diesel, Filter 4,090.98
95787 - 95806 Cost Share Customers Chemical Cost Share..... 15,786.88
1569 McIntosh County Bank ACH Fees 8.45
1570 - 1571 IRS Federal, SS & Medicare..... 25,869.06
1572 McIntosh County Bank Correction to ACH Fees 10.25
1573 Aflac Dental & Vision Aflac Dental

& Vision..... 278.60
1574 State Treasurer Mill Levy Disbursement..... 117.94
1575 - 1576 NDPERS Insurance, Retirement..... 55,845.99
1577 - 1603 Collections Collections .....
..... 22,540.87
E2510 - E2531 McIntosh County Payroll - Electronic..... 75,875.37
95721 - 95730 McIntosh County Payroll - Paper..... 14,843.07

Next meeting will be October 14, 2026, at 9:00 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

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET MEETING
1:00 P.M.

The Board reviewed the department budgets with the department heads as follows:
County agent – 4-H Program assistant was discussed. Commissioner Meidinger moved to make Kennady this assistant along with her secretary position. and pay her a total salary of $35,000.00, starting September 1, 2026. Commission Heinrich seconded. Motion carried. Sheriff Delzer asked if $3,100.00 could be paid to the Sheriff and Deputy until a new deputy is trained and to be discontinued after the new deputy is fully trained. Asking about 1/3 to sheriff, 1/3 to Deputy and 1/3 to County. After some discussion, Commissioner Heinrich moved to pay the Sheriff and deputies an additional $1,750.00 until someone is hired. Commissioner Meidinger seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
James Goettle, Board Chairman
Gina Ketterling, County Auditor
(Nov. 25, 2026)