

**Mercer County Commission Special Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Travis Frey. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Liza Taylor, Gene Wolf, Rick Bauman, Auditor Carmen Reed and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during portions of the meeting were, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Clerk of Court Wanda Knutson, Gwyn Bosch, Darwin Knutson, and Rachel Grimm.

Wolf made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The budget meeting began with commissioner Wolf requesting an excel file of the approved preliminary budget be email out to the commission and department heads for further review. Auditor Carmen Reed stated that she was inputting all the numbers into a new budget sheet to verify all calculations are correct. A meeting will be held with NDACo representative Linda Svihovec, along with Treasurer Dawn Grannis and Deputy Auditor Gwyn Bosch, early next week, to check and verify all of our budget numbers. Commission requested that the auditor prepare this budget with the 2023 wages, retirement and health benefits. The commission and members present went through the budget line by line and discussed all accounts.

Recessed 10:21 a.m.

Reconvened 10:24 a.m.

Budget discussions continued.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at www.mercercountynd.com

Approved: _____
Travis Frey, Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor