

**Mercer County Commission Special Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Gene Wolf was delayed. Mark Pierce was absent. Others present during the meeting were Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, and Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Folk moved to approve the special meeting agenda with heading correction of "Tuesday" to "Monday." Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

8:21 a.m. Chairman Wolf enters meeting.

Board reviewed all updated 2026 budget documents.

Voigt moved to transfer \$217,000 into the general fund cash reserve. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Board requested Reed to update the budget to reflect this request.

Recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:44 a.m.

Reed presented the updated budget numbers.

Voigt rescinded his motion. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion rescinded.

Voigt moved to transfer \$208,000 into the general fund cash reserve. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bauman moved to approve the Mercer County 2026 Budget at a total 3% capped levy of \$4,051,408.19. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 8:00 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: _____
Gene Wolf, Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor