

**Mercer County Commission Special Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2026**

Chairman Rick Bauman via phone turned meeting over to Vice Chairman Jamee Folk due to unpredictability of his phone. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Folk.

Present were Commissioners Steve Guenthner, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Commissioners attending via phone were Gene Wolf, Chairman Rick Bauman, and Casey Voigt. Others present included Building & Grounds Supervisor Jim Albers, Extension Agent Craig Askim, and Joe Grannis.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Guenthner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Wolf moved to approve the 2027 Budget as presented. Bauman seconded. Guenthner moved to amend the motion with the following changes; remove the 4% raise for commission board of \$4,464 and add \$10,000 to the General Fund reserve to total \$220,000. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Amendment carried. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Beulah Building discussion. Voigt moved to approve Arrow Services hiring Northern Plains to purchase and install two heaters for \$16,674. Guenthner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Bauman moved to approve applying for a \$950,000 BND Infrastructure Revolving Loan. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 08:27 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota.

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Approved: _____
Jamee Folk, Vice Chairman

Attest: _____
Carmen Reed, Auditor