

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2026

9:00 AM

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order. Commissioners Lance Johnson, Bryan Bruner, David Schmitt, Brady Nelson and Armann Anderson present.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to approve the June 2nd minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Emergency Manager's quarterly report was presented to the board.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to approve the pledge of deposits from Merchants Bank and Peoples State Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to approve abatements 1705 & 1706. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Johnson to reissue lost instruments 92981 and 1957. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to approve the joint powers agreement with Ward County to house juveniles. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Nelson to enter into an agreement with the ND Department of Emergency Services to provide 911 services. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the CUP application from Central Specialties for a temporary borrow pit located in the NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 36-153-80. It was mentioned this is the same pit Central Specialties representative, Alex Thompson told the board at the June meeting no mining is being performed. This has been found to be false. During the public hearing held by the zoning board, opposition was received from North Prairie Rural Water District and the City of Velva, stating the location of the pit is within their source water protection area. The zoning board recommended denying the CUP. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to deny the permit and require Central Specialties to reclaim the site no later than September 1, 2026, and if not reclaimed by this date, the county will hire a contractor to reclaim and the bill will be the responsibility of Central Specialties. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to deny the mileage claim for Jerry Hansen as he was not on county time during the travel time. Motion carried unanimously.

Dustin Welstad met with the board to request the transfer of Gringo to his handler since he has been recently retired. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to sell Gringo to Deputy David Dewanz for \$1. Motion carried unanimously. The impound auction was set for September 2nd at 9:00 AM. The board discussed the speed of the officer involved in a recent deer hit. The board would like to see a maximum speed when responding to calls. The board questioned Welstad on the SWAT team several officers are a part of with McLean County. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to readvertise the newest dog for bids, due July 23rd. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed advertising for another motorgrader. They will decide on the specifications at the next meeting.

Jason Mayfield joined the meeting.

The board reviewed the road agreement with Strata/Knife River.

States Attorney, Oliver Bromke and Charles Carvell with Braaten Law Firm joined the meeting by phone to discuss the closure status of the Hanretty Bridge. After the discussion, Mr. Carvell left the meeting. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to convene in executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.2, to discuss the commissioner's intent regarding the bridge and road access. The executive session began at 12:13 PM and ended at 12:23 PM. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Nelson to have the States Attorney inform Mr. Carvell of the willingness to go into discussion on road improvements to the west of the bridge. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bromke left the meeting.

Due to the railroad raising the crossing, Jason Mayfield mentioned the road will need to be raised between the railroad and the bridge during the bridge replacement work, to alleviate the big dip. This is regarding the bridge 1 ¼ miles North of Hwy 2 on 15th Ave N.

Jason suggested the board raise their easement prices to keep up with land prices. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to allow \$1,500/acre for a permanent easement and \$750/acre for a temporary easement. This would pertain to all future projects.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to rebid the SRF projects, with the option of submitting individual bids for each project or one bid for both projects. Motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed for lunch.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to amend the Strata/Knife River contract and send it back for approval. Commissioners Bruner, Anderson, Johnson and Schmitt voting aye. Commissioner Nelson voting nay. Motion carried.

The board reviewed departmental budgets for 2027.

A consent motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #51490-51627; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$183,161.99; Clerk of Court May County fees \$1,248.24, State fees \$18,749.93; Clerk of Court June County fees \$807.17, State fees \$15,649.19; County Recorder June recording fees of \$4,537.00 and misc fees of \$340.54; Sheriff May statement of fees \$690.00, Sheriff mileage \$500.00.

The board continued to audit bills until completed. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt that the following bills be approved and the proper checks be issued thereof:

Warrant	Paid	Reason	Amount
93148	Acme Tools	Trimmer Head	\$33.99
93149	Advanced Business Methods	Copy Machine Contract	\$3,261.33
93150	Agritec Inc	Co Truck Diesel Fill	\$83.00
93151	Allison Lake	Election Training	\$50.00
93152	Amazon Capital Services	Labels,Key Tags,Key Rings,Ext Hard Drive	\$340.18
93153	Armann Anderson	Mileage	\$292.90
93154	Attorney General Office 1250	SCRAM Fees	\$3,330.00
93155	B & J Excavating Inc	Gravel Co Rd 10, Co Rd 8, TR Trail	\$67,175.00
93156	Bag LLC	Election Notices	\$429.79
93157	Balfour Township	Overweight Load Pass	\$23.61
93158	Bismarck Hotel Conference Center	Lodging-HR Conference	\$240.00
93159	Bottineau County Sheriff Office	Medical, Board Prisoners	\$7,827.15
93160	Bryan Bruner	Lost Instrument 92981,Mileage,Canvassing	\$435.73
93161	Calise Linstrom	NPCA Reimbursement	\$110.00

93162	Cenex Fleetcard	Gas	\$5,963.60
93163	Dacotah Paper Company	Batteries, Paper Towels, Cleaner	\$113.17
93164	David Schmitt	Mileage	\$530.70
93165	Diane Bruner	Election Training	\$93.50
93166	DK Service	Sheriff-Tire Fix,Granville-Bulk Fuel	\$2,363.96
93167	Domestic Violence Crisis Center	Victim Witness Fee June	\$291.62
93168	Doris Holen	Unorganized Twp Assessing	\$1,391.25
93169	Drake City	Drake Shop Utilities	\$63.75
93170	Election Systems Software	Programming Charges	\$2,237.50
93171	Enerbase	Gas	\$4,344.35
93172	Envision Cooperative	Gas,Tire Patch,Fork Lift Rental	\$3,532.49
93173	Fredrickson Auto	Glass Replacement Deering Pickup	\$100.00
93174	Galls LLC	Boots	\$396.50
93175	Glenna Johnson	Canvassing	\$81.90
93176	Granville City	Granville Shop-Water/Sewer	\$84.72
93177	Guardian Fleet Safety	New Build Configuration	\$10,232.90
93178	HACTC	Board Prisoners, Med	\$19,683.37
93179	Hardware Hank	CH supplies, parts, Dog Food, Jack	\$858.33
93180	Harrys Tire Service	Tires	\$827.68
93181	Heringer Lumber	Keys and water heater-Drake Shop, parts	\$737.43
93182	Holiday Inn Fargo	Lodging-Ext Conference	\$990.00
93183	Jenna Johnson	Election Training	\$71.75
93184	Jerome Suchor	Tree Trimming	\$350.00
93185	Jerry Hansen	Mileage	\$21.75
93186	Jim Eidmann	Repair section line 14/15 154-76	\$500.00
ACH	Job Service North Dakota	Unemployment Benefits	\$4,338.85
93187	Johnna Torr	ND Recorder Conference	\$642.70
93188	Karla Anderson	Election Training	\$50.00
93189	Karlsruhe Township	Overweight Load Pass	\$15.79
93190	Kathryn Slavick	OnX Sub,Test Shipping,Mileage	\$438.98
93191	Lance Johnson	Mileage	\$328.43
93192	Layton Township	Overweight Load Pass	\$1.40
93193	Linde Gas Equipment Inc	Rental	\$114.03
93194	Loretta Schaff	Election Training	\$50.00
93195	M2 Services LLC	Sprayer Miles	\$9,880.00
93196	Mattingley LLC	Sprayer Miles	\$10,595.00
93197	McHenry County Treasurer	June Co Car Mileage	\$34.00
93198	McLean County Sheriff's Office	Notice of Foreclosures	\$60.00
93199	Mouse River Journal	Minutes, Notice of Election	\$1,722.13
93200	Mouse River Oil Co	Gas, Grease, Voltaire Fuel	\$9,452.09
93201	ND Association Of Counties	Pre-Employment Drug Test	\$126.00
93202	ND Dept Of Transportation MVD	2-2026 Ford Explorers	\$23.00
93203	ND States Attorney Association	2026 Association Dues	\$400.00
93204	NDAAO	Membership Renewal	\$50.00
93205	NDACo Resources Group	Server Backup, Remote Support	\$240.00
93206	NDACS	Dues	\$50.00
93207	NDSU Pesticide Dept 7060	Pesticide Cert	\$100.00
93208	Newman Signs Inc	Road Signs, Letters	\$876.71
93209	Northside Autobody And Repair	Impounds,Unit Service	\$3,085.00
93210	Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	Chemical	#####
93211	Office Depot Inc	Envelopes,Dividers,Custom Stamp,Toner	\$504.72
93212	Olivia Township	Overweight Load Pass	\$83.72
93213	Otter Tail Power Co	CH, MB, Nurse, Shops	\$2,104.26
93214	PharmChem Inc	Sweat Patch Analysis	\$95.85
93215	PowerPlan	Inserts,Slip Plate,DEF,Shifter,Bulk Hose	\$13,508.18
ACH	Pro IT LLC	Remote Support	\$125.00

93216	ProCollect Services LLC	Execution Payment	\$150.00
93217	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging-Clk Crt	\$454.00
93218	Ray Allen Manufacturing	Harness, Muzzle	\$696.97
93219	Renae Linstrom	Election Training	\$50.00
93220	SKM Collections Division	June/July Execution Payment	\$400.00
93221	Smette Oil Co	Deering,Upham-Fuel Oil, Sheriff-Gas	\$5,309.20
93222	SRT Communications Inc	Phone,911 Service	\$1,239.97
93223	Stacey Schmitt	Election Training	\$83.35
93224	Streicher's	Gas Masks, Canister Filters	\$1,804.99
93225	Team Electronics Inc	Tower Service	\$111.50
93226	Terry Bailey	Mileage	\$228.38
93227	Third Watch Communications	Repair Push Bumper Light,Equip	\$3,496.74
93228	Thomas Law Firm	Health Hearings	\$275.00
93229	Thomson Reuters West	Software Sub	\$467.94
93230	Towner Animal Health Clinic	Gringo Meds	\$87.20
93231	Towner City	Utilities	\$403.07
93232	Towner Health & Wellness	St Atty Rent	\$832.00
93233	Towner Parts & Equipment	Bearings	\$551.45
93234	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	Anamoose-Torch Kit	\$349.99
93235	Transunion Risk Alternative	Online Investigation Resource Fee	\$110.00
93236	Tyler Technologies Inc	Annual Maintenance	\$13,477.17
93237	Uniform Center	Khaki Shirts,Pants	\$502.95
93238	Upham City	Upham Shop-Water/Sewer	\$81.00
93239	Verendrye Electric Cooperative	Electric Service	\$291.69
93240	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	\$794.92
93241	Ward County	Board Prisoners Juvenile	\$1,100.00
93242	Wold Engineering Pc	SRF-0025 Co Parks,Bridges, HSIP	\$43,795.00
93243	Ziegler Oil Co	Drake-Bulk Diesel	\$3,563.52

At 6:20 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor/Treas.

Armann Anderson, Chairman