

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

November 25, 2025

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on November 25, 2025 at 5:30 PM by Chairman Boehm at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Buckley, Morrell and Tokach and Auditor Rhone. Also present were States Attorney Koppy and Sheriff Kirchmeier.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve the agenda with an addition. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2025 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to approve bills and payroll except the bills for Malloy Law. On a roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve the bills for Malloy Law. Roll call vote, aye: Morrell, Tokach, Buckley, Boehm with Zachmeier recused. Motion carried.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve abatements #7164-7165. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to approve the resolution "2025 Morton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan". All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Morrell seconded to concur with the award of the NDDOT contract with Gladen Construction for the bridge replacement (1 mile south of Almont on CR86) for \$570,407.65 and to execute the resolution for return to the NDDOT. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to concur with the award of the NDDOT contract with Morris Sealcoat & Trucking for the chip seal project in the Glen Ullin area for \$205,830.29 and to execute the resolution for return to the NDDOT. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Morrell seconded to concur with the award of the NDDOT contract with Northern Improvement for the hot mix overlay project in St Anthony for \$644,597.53 and to execute the resolution for return to the NDDOT. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Tokach seconded to approve Moore Engineering to perform construction engineering for Project BRJ-0030(050)PCN 23716 structure replacements. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Tokach seconded to concur with the award of the NDDOT contract with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation for the micro surface project on CR 139A west of Mandan and to execute the resolution for return to the NDDOT. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Tokach seconded to approve the request from Minnesota Power for a special use permit for a wind energy conversion facility known as Longspur Wind Project on approximately 26,000 acres located in the various sections of Townships 140N-R89W, T140N-R88W, T139N-R88W, T140N-R87W, T139N-R87W, Morton County, as the project complies with the future land use policy FLU 1.5, Table 1 Zoning Compatibility Secondary compatible zoning districts all within the Morton County 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The project also complies with Section 5-180 of the Morton County Land Use Code with the recommended conditions of:

- 1) Wind project components may not be developed or installed on properties that lie within the Residential zoning district, even though such properties may lie within the proposed project boundary.
- 2) The applicant must solicit letters of acknowledgement from all parties that hold major infrastructure easements within the project boundary. Letters should state any concerns or special considerations regarding impacts of the project on existing infrastructure. These letters should be submitted to the Zoning Administrator as soon as practicable and at least 90 days prior to the start of construction.
- 3) All lighting shall be shielded to direct light toward the ground, unless otherwise required by another permitting authority.
- 4) Prior to the start of construction, the applicant must develop and execute a road use agreement that meets the satisfaction of the Morton County Engineer.

On a roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve the final plat of the short-form subdivision known as Schantz Subdivision, and a zoning map amendment from Agricultural to Residential as the subdivision conforms to the regulations established in Article 7 of the Morton County Land Use Code and is in keeping with the land use priorities established in the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Zachmeier seconded to approve the final plat of the long-form subdivision of Solar Meadows Third Subdivision for the purpose of adjustments of the utility easements. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Boehm seconded to approve the final plat of the long-form subdivision known as North Country Estates Third Subdivision, as the subdivision conforms to the regulations established in Article 7 of the Morton County Land Use Code and the change is in keeping with the established character of the subdivision. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Zachmeier seconded to accept the revised stormwater and drainage easement on Honey Hills Estates First Subdivision, Lots 4 & 5, Block 1 as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to accept the resignation from Jess Kist from the Park Board. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public Comment period as required by NDCC 44-04-20.1 was opened at 7:06PM. There was no public comments and comment period was closed at 7:06PM.

The total of all county funds expended from November 14, 2025 through November 25, 2025 equals \$910,505.41.

A detailed list of funds expended by check is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours at the Morton County Auditor's Office.

Chair Boehm adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM.

Nathan Boehm, Chairman, Morton County Commission _____

Dawn R Rhone, County Auditor _____