

Burleigh County Commission Meeting Agenda



Tom Baker Meeting Room, City/County Office Building, 221 N 5th St, Bismarck

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September 16, 2024

5:00 PM

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance presented by Chaplain.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman of the Board.
- 2. Roll call of members.
- 3. Approval of Agenda.
- 4. Consideration of the September 4, 2024, meeting minutes and bills.
- 5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Abatements.
 - b. Applications for licenses, raffles, and special events permits.
 - c. Second access permit request.
- 6. Comm. Munson:
 - a. Provident Building remodel project discussion.
- 7. County Planner Flanagan:
 - a. Consideration of Fireworks ordinance.
- 8. Public Health Director Renae Moch:
 - a. Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health update.
- 9. County Engineer Hall:
 - a. 2^{nd} approach permits.
- 10. Sheriff Leben:
 - a. 2024/2025 North Dakota Dept. of Transportation Traffic safety Grant.
- 11. County Auditor Splonskowski:
 - a. Crossroads Bar Liquor License application.

- 12. County Finance Director Jacobs:
 - a. Continuation of Property Tax estimates discussion.
- 13. Other business.

6:00 PM

Final Budget Public Hearing

The Burleigh County Commission will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** for the purpose of discussion on the proposed budget as published & adoption of the FINAL BUDGET for the year ending on December 31, 2025. Any taxpayer who may appear shall be heard in favor of or against any proposed expenditures or tax levies. When the hearing shall be concluded, the board shall adopt such estimate as finally is determined. All taxes shall be levied in specific amounts and shall not exceed the amount specified in the published estimates.

- Open **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding Final 2025 Budget Motion to approve appropriate (maximum) levies for the Unorganized Townships.
- Motion to Adopt 2025 Final Budget & appropriate 2024 mill levies.

14. Adjourn.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be on October 7, 2024.

Mark Splonskowski Burleigh County Auditor/Treasurer

BURLEIGH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2024

5:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bitner called the regular meeting of the Burleigh County Commission to order.

Roll call of the members: Commissioners Woodcox, Munson, Schwab, Bakken, and Chairman Bitner were present.

Motion by Comm. Woodcox, 2nd by Comm. Munson to approve the meeting agenda, with an additional item for a discussion regarding property taxes. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Woodcox, 2nd by Comm. Munson to approve the August 19th, 2024 meeting minutes and bills with the correction of adding the vote from the executive session to the August 19th minutes. All members present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

The following abatements were presented for the Board's consideration; a complete copy of which are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Burleigh County Auditor/Treasurer.

Owner	Тах	Legal Description	Credit Type	Current	Reduced
	Year			MV	MV
Bede & Rose Marie		East Hills Addn Rplt, Block 1, Lot 2	50% Homestead		
Frank	2023	Rolling Hills Condos II Unit 104	Credit	\$312,500	\$212,500
			True and full		
			value exceeds		
Bob Gilbertson	2023	1986 Vista North 16 x 76, #3644V	market value	\$23,426	\$11,713
			True and full		
			value exceeds		
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Motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Bakken to approve the Bede & Rose Marie Frank and Bob Gilbertson (2) plus the remainder of the consent agenda in its entirety. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Chairman Bitner began the discussion about property taxes – estimated notices of increase had recently gone out in the past couple of weeks and people were confused as to why the estimated figures show their property taxes increased, as the Commission assured the public that they didn't anticipate a property tax increase. What it boiled down to was that even if the dollar amount remains at zero, the market can still fluctuate and thus affect the taxable value of the property and property taxes overall.

Deetta Phelps came forward to the Commission and expressed concerns about the erosion of Sibley Drive into Apple Creek. Mrs. Phelps raised concerns about how the stone barrier preventing further erosion into Apple Creek doesn't have any safety precautions (like guardrails) to prevent cars from sliding over the rocks and into the creek during the winter. Furthermore, Mrs. Phelps also highlighted concerns over the potential for ice jams in Apple Creek come next spring with the current situation.

Burleigh County Superintendent of Schools Brent Dick presented to the Commission three applications for the Burleigh County School Reorganization Committee and recommended to approve the three candidates as presented. Motion by Comm. Bakken, 2nd by Comm. Woodcox to approve the three candidates to the Burleigh County School Reorganization Committee. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

County Engineer Hall came and presented a petition to the Commission requesting to vacate a roadway right of way, and recommended a public hearing for the petition be set for October 7th. Motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Woodcox to set a public hearing for October 7th. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried. Hall then presented a request for appeal of

the Highway Department's denial of a 2nd approach permit up by the Misty Waters development; however, the Commission was uncomfortable with making a decision at this time without more details regarding the situation. Motion by Comm. Bakken, 2nd by Comm. Schwab to table the item for another meeting until further information is provided. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried. Hall then presented a pavement waiver request near Sterling township and recommended approving the proposal. Motion by Comm. Woodcox, 2nd by Comm. Munson to approve the proposal. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

HR Director Binder showcased an updated version of the county's Risk Management Policy to the Commission and asked for its approval. Motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Bakken to approve the updated Risk Management Policy. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried. Binder then went on to say that open enrollment for 2025 benefits will take place from October 7th through November 1st.

County Recorder Hanson presented to the Commission a salary variance request for a county employee transferring over to the Recorder's office. Motion by Comm. Woodcox, 2nd by Comm. Bakken to approve the salary variance request. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Comm. Munson unveiled a joint powers agreement proposal for Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Services between the city of Bismarck and Burleigh County; motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Woodcox to approve the joint powers agreement proposal. Comm. Munson, Woodcox, and Bakken voted "AYE"; Comm. Schwab and Bitner voted "NAY". Motion carried.

Comm. Schwab gave an update on the CO2 pipeline, suggesting that the Commission begin sending certified letters to Summit Carbon Solutions to inform them that they're on the agenda and notify them to attend, or to ask Summit why they aren't showing up to the county commission meetings to argue their case. A consensus was reached by the commissioners to draft a concrete list of questions to Summit by next meeting. No further action was needed.

On behalf of County Planner Flanagan, Comm. Munson presented to the Commission the findings from the August 29th, 2024 Planning Commission meeting, stating that they denied an amendment to Article 8, Section 28 due to the need to continue hammering out the finer details.

Chairman Bitner informed the Commission that they received a draft of a bid for contract for the Provident building's fire suppression systems before the winter.

Meeting Adjourned.

Mark Splonskowski, County Auditor/Treasurer

Brian Bitner, Chairman

The following list of abatements and settlement of taxes is forwarded for action to the Burleigh County Commission:

Abate #	Owner	Tax Year	Legal Description	Credit Type	Current MV	Reduced MV
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24-665	Connie Ensz	2022	Lot 3 & E 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 9, Riverview	20% Homestead Credit	\$132,300	\$107,300
24.000	Coursia Fran	2022	Lat 2.9 E 1/2 of Lat 4. Diack 0. Diversion		6470.000	600 450
24-666	Connie Ensz	2023	Lot 3 & E 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 9, Riverview	50% Homestead Credit	\$178,900	\$89,450
				True and full value		
24-676	Dustin & Deann Zaun	2024	Lot 8, Block 5, Island Park Est	exceeds market value	\$498,500	\$466,200
			Auditor's Lot B of Lot 1, Block 1, Ash Land	True and full value		
24-685	Kent & Renee Ward	2024	Estates	exceeds market value	\$733,300	\$659,300
24-686	Mark & Shirley Voss	2024	Pt sect 28-138-80	Home is uninhabitable	\$108,300	\$43,800



BURLEIGH COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

8100 43RD AVENUE NE BISMARCK, ND 58503 701-204-7748 FAX 701-204-7749 www.burleighco.com

Memo

Date: September 16, 2024

To: Mark Splonskowski County Auditor

From: Marcus J. Hall P.E. County Engineer

RE: Second access permit for Tim Anderson

Tim Anderson from 3103 Fontenelle Drive (Fox Island 2nd Subdivision Block 5, Lot 6) has requested a second access permit to his property. The first access approach is off of Fontenelle Drive. He wishes to have a second approach off of Fontenelle Drive in order to have safer access to his property. We have reviewed the location of the new proposed access off of Fontenelle Drive and have determined that it will meet our requirements.

Please place the approval of a 2nd approach for Tim Anderson on the September 16, 2024 County Board Consent Agenda.

2nd Approach Permits Requirements

A second approach permit shall be granted by the County Engineer unless the application does not meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) The distance between adjacent approaches and the requested approach must be larger than 100 feet (center to center distance)
- 2) The requested approach provides adequate sight distance for the given speed zone (As set forth in "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Street" by AASHTO.)
- 3) The second approach meets standards set out in the existing Burleigh County Zoning Ordinance.



BURLEIGH COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA LOCATION MAP

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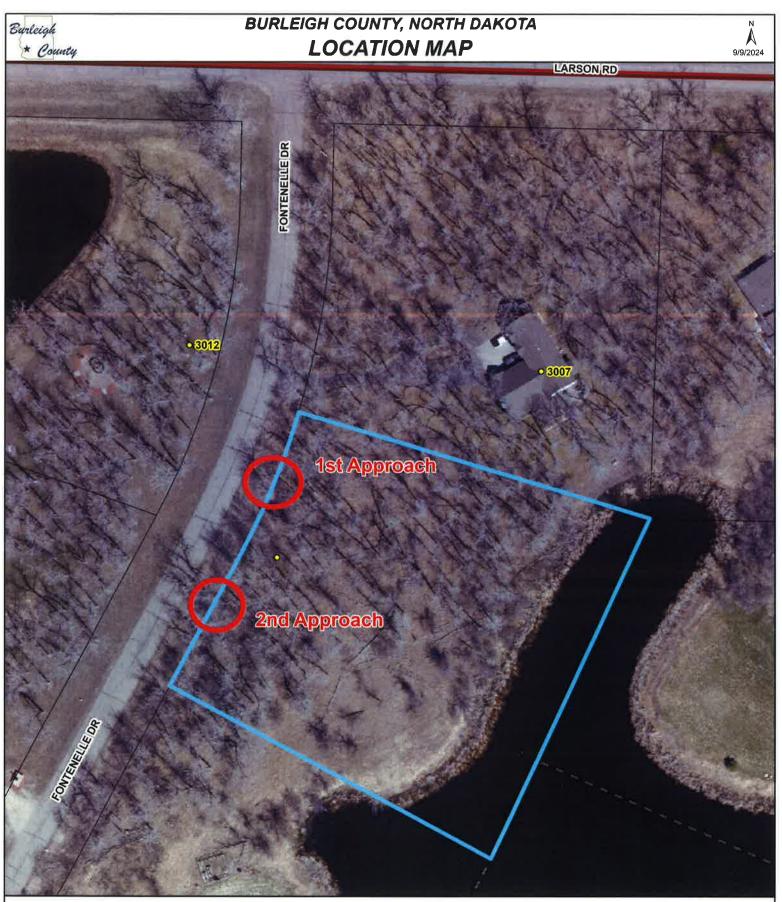
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LEGAL: FOX ISLAND SECOND Block 05 LOT 6 466862

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 PARCEL ID: 38-138-80-34-05-060
 OWNER: ANDERSON, JENNIFER & TIM
 ACRES: 2.09

 SITE ADDRESS: 3103 FONTENELLE DR

 MAIL ADDRESS: 215 MARIETTA DR, BISMARCK, ND 58504

 LEGAL: FOX ISLAND SECOND Block 05 LOT 6 466862

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Addenda item for September 16th, 2024 Meeting

Action Requested: Consider purchasing another building rather than remodel the Provident Building.

Description:

After previewing the projected remodel costs of the Provident Building, I wanted to look at other options. The projected cost is several million dollars above our initial estimates.

Attached is a brochure for a building in downtown Bismarck that is for sale and has enough room for our operations.

Action needed: none at this time.

City Center Plaza - Offered for Sale

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418 E Broadway Ave., - Bismarck, ND \$1,900,000



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Taylor Daniel | Vice PresidentCommercial Realtor ®Taylor@DanielCompanies.com

AWESOME OWNER / USER OR INVESTMENT

Executive Summary	For Sale
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Address:	418 E Broadway Ave - Bismarck, ND 58501
Price:	\$1,900,000
Year Built:	1956
Legal Description:	Addition Name: ORIGINAL PLAT BLK:66 - ORIGINAL PLAT Block: 66 LOTS 9-12
Parcel ID:	0001-066-020
Lot Size:	14,000 sf
Building Size:	26,936 sf
Zoning:	Downtown Core Zoning
Taxes 2023:	\$31,422.55
Specials Balance:	\$17,179.29 - (\$2,767.77 Annual Installment)

Broker does not guarantee the information describing this property. Interested parties are advised to independently verify the information through personal inspectors or with appropriate professionals.

Property Highlights:

- In the HEART of Downtown Bismarck
- Across the street from City Parking Ramp
- Walking distance to of the downtown restaurants / bars / shops / services
- Easy Access to Bismarck Event Center, Kirkwood Mall, and Bismarck Airport
- Opportunity Zone Eligible

FOR SALE

- Private Office Suites
- Secure Building
- 2 Restrooms on 2nd Fl, and 2 restrooms on Lower Level
- Common Conference Room on 2nd floor
- Elevator
- Great Location: SW Corner of N 5th St and E Broadway Ave.

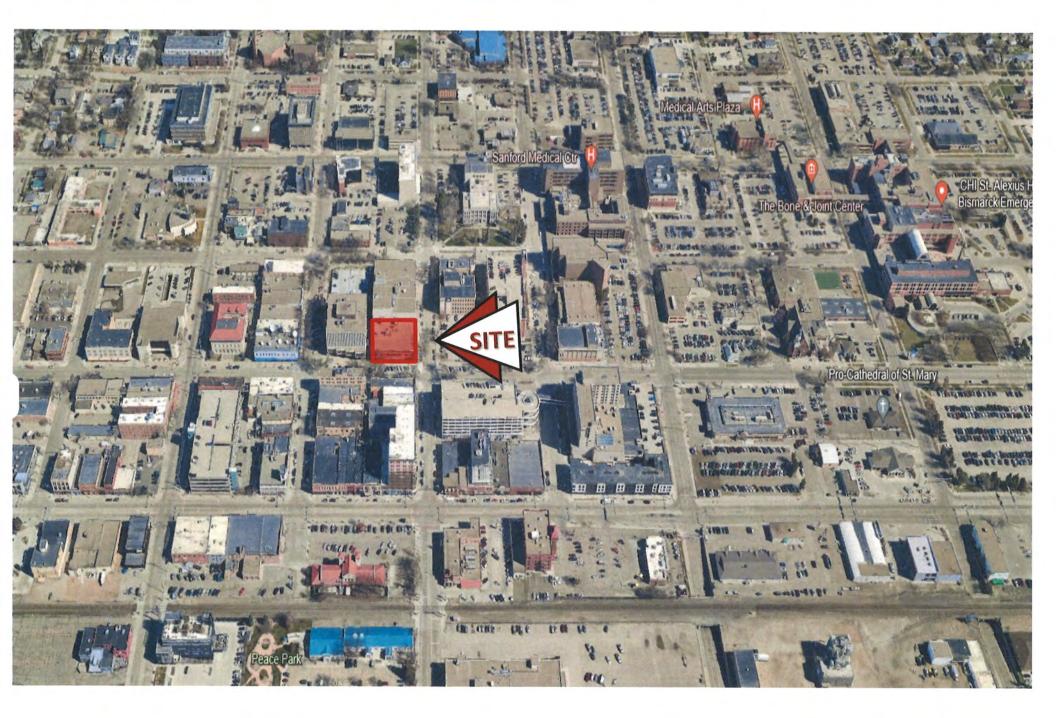
POTENTIAL USES:

- Professional Services
- Medical Offices
- Financial Center
- Legal Office
- Accounting Firm
- Government Offices
- Engineering Firm
- Association Headquarters
- Energy Industry
- Investment Property



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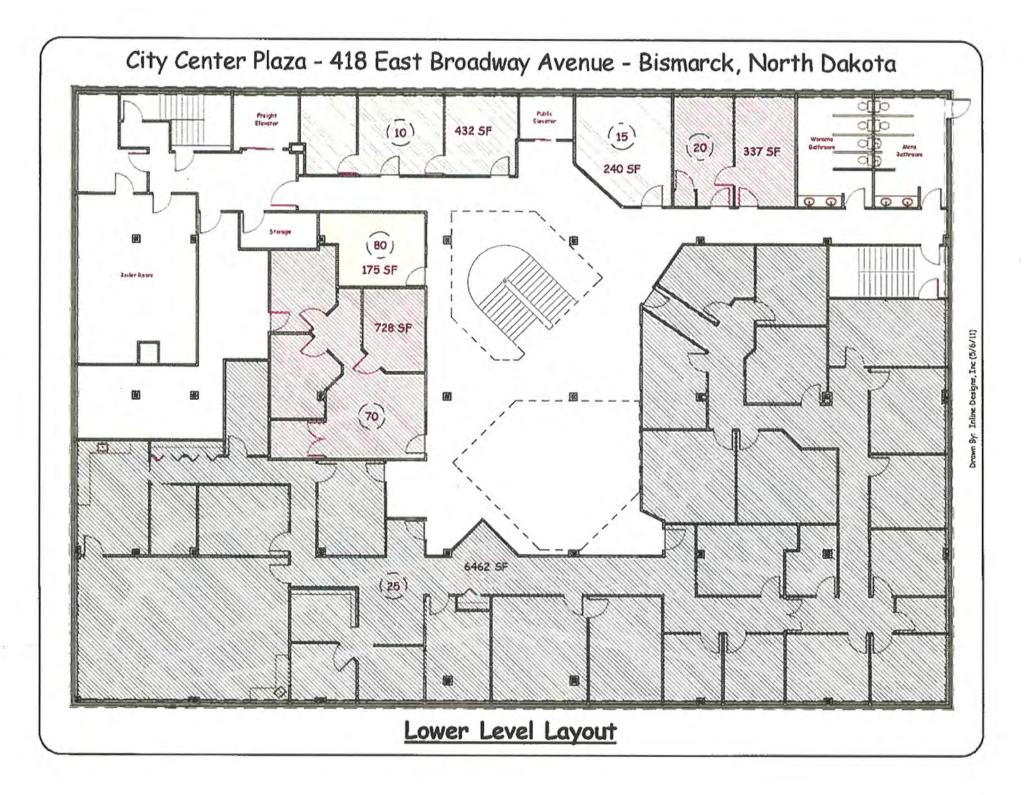


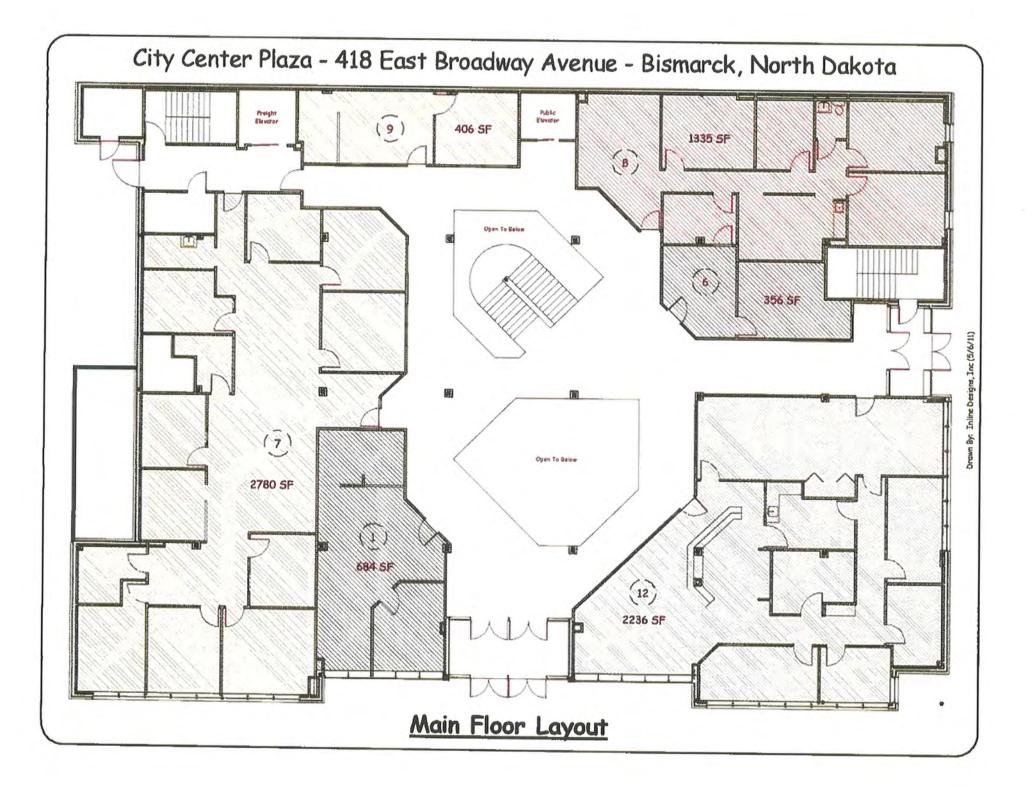


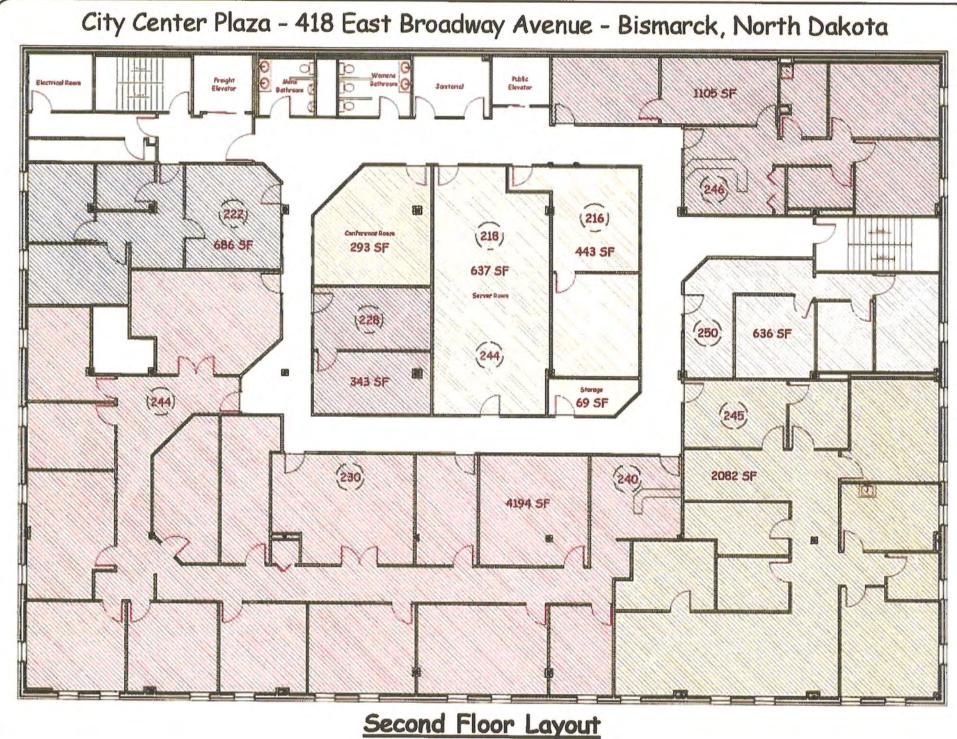
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Burleigh County Building, Planning & Zoning PO Box 5518 Bismarck ND 58506 burleighcobuilding@nd.gov 701-221-3727

To: Burleigh County Co	ommission.
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Re: Consideration of Fireworks Ordinance

Date: 9-10-2024

From: Mitch Flanagan, Burleigh County Planning Director.

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Consideration of Fireworks Ordinance

It has been requested by a member of the public to consider a fireworks ordinance for Burleigh County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For discussion purposes only, any action at this time will not be necessary.

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BURLEIGH COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

8100 43RD AVENUE NE BISMARCK, ND 58503 701-204-7748 FAX 701-204-7749 www.burleighco.com

Request for County Board Action

DATE: September 4, 2024 September 16, 2024

- TO: Mark Splonskowski County Auditor
- FROM: Marcus J. Hall County Engineer
- RE: 2nd Approach Permits

Please place the following item on the next Burleigh County Board agenda.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and Direct the County Highway Department on how to proceed with Andrew Hetland request.

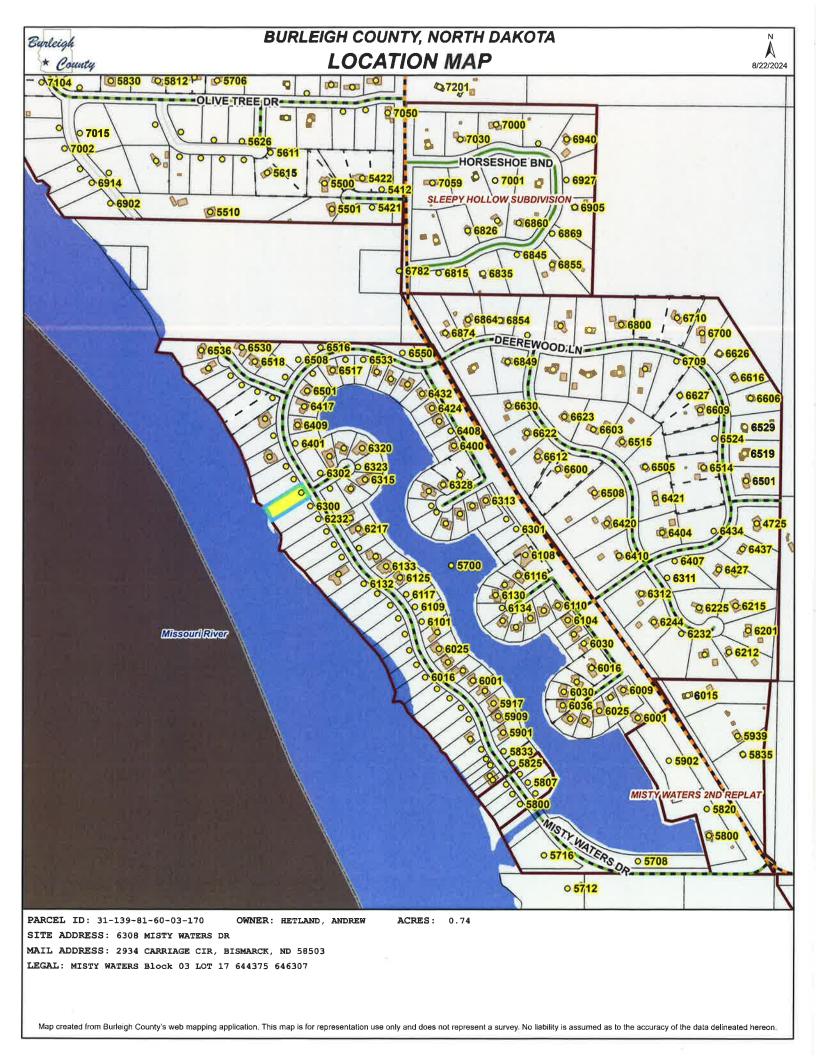
BACKGROUND:

Andrew Hetland has requested a second approach permit to a property described as Block 03, Lot 17, of Misty Waters Subdivision (6308 Misty Waters Drive). Both the first and second approaches will enter the property from Misty Waters Drive. The second approach was rejected because it is too close to the first approach (around 50 feet).

Andrew Hetland has requested an appeal of the Highway Department's denial to the County Board.

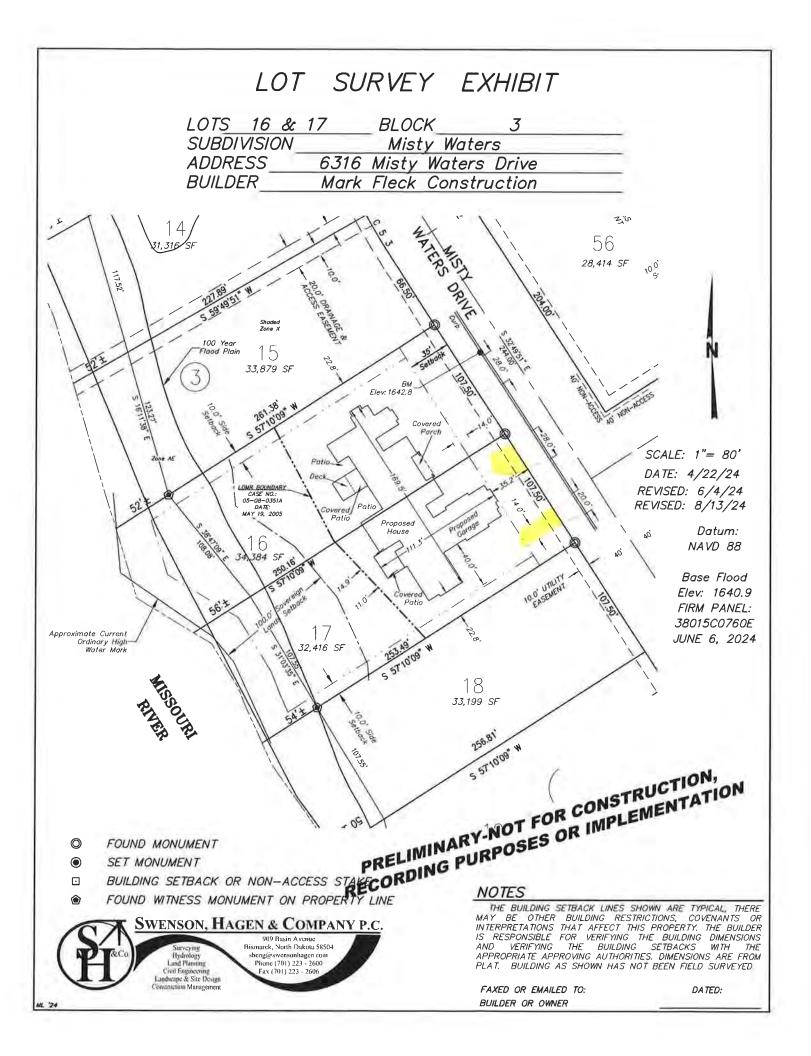
RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Burleigh County Board discuss the above item and direct the County Highway Department on how to proceed.





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BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

KELLY LEBEN SHERIFF

Request for County Commission Action

Date: September 10, 2024

To: Mark Splonskowski Burleigh County Auditor

From: Kelly Leben Willy Burleigh County Sheriff

Re: 2024/2025 North Dakota Department Of Transportation Traffic Safety Grant

Please place the following item on the next Burleigh County Commission agenda.

Action Requested:

Approve the 2024/2025 ND DOT Traffic Safety Grant. The grant is available for review in the Burleigh County Auditor's Office.

Background:

The ND DOT Traffic Safety Grant is an annual grant awarded to Burleigh County. The grant award is used to fund additional traffic safety enforcement in high risk areas such as Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Occupant Protection, and Speed Enforcement.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the County Commission approve the grant agreement.

Proposed Resolution:

THÊREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the proper County officials are hereby authorized to authorize the ND DOT Traffic Safety Grant between Burleigh County and the State of North Dakota.

BURLEIGH MORTON DETENTION CENTER 4000 Apple Creek Road • PO Box 2499 Bismarck, ND 58502-2499 P. 701-255-3113 • F 701-258-5319

LE Overtime Grant Award Information Phone Call/Email Verification FFY 2025

All agencies submitting a proposal to request overtime funding for the enforcement programs of Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, Underage Drinking, Distracted Driving, and Speed were contacted by phone or email regarding their funding request. Equipment requests were also included in these proposals. Camera and Radar requests are deferred until spring, 2025.

Each agency was informed of their eligibility based on the performance measures implemented 10/1/2013 for impaired driving, speed enforcement, distracted driving and occupant protection. Funding was awarded based on the agency statistics gathered by enforcement logs entered from 10/1/2023 through 7/22/2024. If the agency was not in the FFY2024 grant, the most recent year the agency was in the program, either FFY2023 or FFY2022, was used.

Agency: BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Notification made by Program Manager, Kelly Aberle:

Date: 8/16/2024To: Lt. Tracy NelsonEmail: tnelson@burleighsd.com

Notes: Determination was based on previous agency performance and hours worked. The high visibility enforcement period for the speed campaign has been adjusted to run from July 1 to August 4, 2025, instead of the previously scheduled period from July 1 to August 14, 2025. The speed award amounts were determined by the reduction in days and previous performance.

Occupant Protection:

Baseline Average .44, or 1 OP every 2.27 hours: FFY24 Average was: 2.02

(Consideration for temporary status with average of .21 - .33, or minimum of 1 OP every 4 hrs, 45 min)

Previously on temporary status: No Requested: \$4900 +\$500 mileage Granted: \$4900 + \$250 mileage Funding Awarded: Yes

Impaired Driving:

Baseline Average .15, 1 alcohol/drug cite every 8.33 hours: FFY24 Average was: .18

(Consideration given for temporary status with average of .06 -.09, minimum of 1 alc. every 16 hrs, 40 minutes)

Previously on temporary status: No Requested: \$5500 + \$700 mileage Granted: \$5500 + \$500 mileage

Funding Awarded: Yes

Speed Enforcement:Speed Enforcement: Baseline Average 1.51, or 1 SP cite every .71 hours: FFY24 Average: 2.23Previously on temporary status: NoFunding Awarded: YesRequested: \$4900+ \$500 mileageGranted: \$4000 + \$0 mileage



Distracted Driving: Baseline Average used is .43, 1 DD every 3.33 ho	urs: FFY24 Average was: <u>.54</u>
(Temporary status was based on .15 – .25) Previously on temporary status: No Requested: \$2750 + \$300 mileage Granted: \$2750 + \$300 mileage	Funding Awarded: Yes
Underage Drinking: Requested Salary: \$0 Educational Resources: \$0 Granted: Salary \$0 Educational Material \$0	Funding Awarded: No

In-Car Video Camera Request: No	# Requested: 2	# Awarded: TBD
Radar/Lidar Request: No	# Requested: 2	# Awarded: TBD



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APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

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Name of Applicant Crossr	me of Applicant Crossroads Bar Operators LLC Classification of License D			
Primary Contact Ryan Dei	chert	Phone		
Address 1205 NorthStar Dr	ve, Bismarck, ND	Date of Birth/Incorporation	8-16-2024	
Is this a renewal of liquor lice	ense? Yes	NoX		
If yes, give date of original ap	oplication			
Check one of the following to	indicate who is applyin	g for the license:		
1. A physical resid	lent and citizen of the St	ate of North Dakota; or		
	ate corporation organize ace of business in Burlei	ed under the laws of the State o gh County; or	f North Dakota	
3. A co-partnersh of North Dakot		are over 21 years of age and r	esidents and citizens	
Answer the number below (1,	2 or 3) which correspon	ids to the number checked above	ve:	
1. Name of applicant	······			
Residence				
Post Office Address	·		<u> </u>	
 List name, residence and p Domestic, Private Corpora 		holding one or more percent of	capital stock in	
Name	Residence	P.O. Address	Percent	

Name	Residence	P.O. Address	Percent
Ryan Deichert		Bismarck, ND 58501	50%
Corey Schick		Mandan, ND 58554	25%
Lloyd Deringer		Bismarck, ND 58503	25%

3. List name, residence and post office address of all co-partners:

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Name Same as above	Residence	P.O. Address	Percent
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4. List the name and residence of anyone having a financial interest in the proposed enterprise:

Name Same as above	Residence	P. O. Address
Date and type of any prior or prea Owners are also affiliated with: Jimmy V's - Bismarck Pier Bar and Grill - Bismarck Central Station - Mandan Big Stick Cigar Lounge - Mand Exact legal description of propos	dan Aviator's Bar - Mand	lan
N1/2 of Lots 1 & 2, Block 5, Nort	hstar Commercial Park Third Add	dition
Does building meet all state and	local sanitation and safety require	rements? Yes <u>×</u> No

Have you ever had a liquor license revoked or rejected by any authority? Yes_____ No____ If yes, give date and details:

Have you ever been convicted of the violation of any local, state or Federal law regarding liquor: Yes No \times If yes, give date and details:

Have you ever been charged with <u>or</u> convicted of any crime in this state (do not include minor traffic violations), or any other state, or under any Federal Law? Yes No \times If yes, give date and details:

List three business references, including one bank, and state briefly the nature and extent of business relations with each:

- 2. Chris Fraser Bravera Bank Commercial Banker
- 3. Jason McCauley US Foods -

The following two items shall accompany this application:

- 1. The receipt from the County Treasurer indicating that the prescribed fee for the license has been deposited with the County Treasurer.
- 2. A statement from the County Treasurer indicating that all property taxes and special assessments of the applicant(s) have been paid.

I hereby agree and consent that authorized officers or representatives of the County may enter the premises licensed at any time to inspect the same and records of the business, and hereby waive any and all rights under the Constitution of the United States or State of North Dakota, relative to searches and seizures without issuance or use of a search warrant, and agree that I will not claim such immunities, and that such search, inspection and seizure may be made at any time without a warrant.

I also agree that should any of the information contained in this application change within the period of the license, if granted, that I will inform County officials immediately and furnish such details as may be requested by such officials concerning any such changes. I also agree that, should there be a change in ownership during the period of the license, prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners is required.

I further agree that any misrepresentation, false statement or omission in this application shall be grounds for rejection of said application or for revocation or suspension of any lies granted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this	Signarure of Applicant 2 day of Awarse, 224 Notary Public
Recommend application be approved Reasons for negative recommendation	denied

County Auditor

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application for a Type U Retail Liquor License for

Crossroads Ear & Grit (Name of Establishment)

owned by Crossicads Ear Operators i.i.c. (Licensee)

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Sept 3, 2024

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ATT ST Township Clerk)

STATE RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FLOOR PLAN

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NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

LICENSING SECTION SFN 14985 (03-2020)

Floor Plan Submitted for	Amendment to Existing License			·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Applicant or Licensee Name (if corporation, limited liability company, etc., enter legal name) Crossroads Bar Operators LLC					
Business Name Crossroads Bar and Grill					
Street Address of Business 1205 NorthStar Dr	City Bismarck		ZIP Code 58503	County Burleigh	
Use the space below to draw a clear beverage coolers and beverage stor the area to be used for the sale and	ar and understandable floor plan of the rage areas. Indicate which are solid wa l/or dispensing of alcoholic beverages, of are served to or paid for by customers.	premises to be Ils, dividers, ar or the "licensed	e licensed. Show nd movable partition of premises" of the	all exits, bars, dining areas (if any), ons. Use a <u>different color</u> to outline establishment. This should include 1/2" x 11", standard size form.	
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Signature of Individual			Date		
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Mail to: Office of Attorney General Licensing Section					

Questions please call (701) 328-2329

600 E Boulevard Ave Dept. 125 Bismarck ND 58505-0040 All Items required for this Permit have been meet.

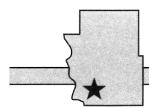
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These Items are on file and can be seen upon request.

PUBLIC HEARING

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA



County of Burleigh

221 NORTH 5TH STREET • P.O. BOX 5518 • BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58506-5518

September 16, 2024

Burleigh County Commissioners:

The following is the final budget for Burleigh County for the calendar year 2025. The document contains the budgets for the General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service Funds.

The County **Commission's** goal for the 2025 General Fund and Road and Bridge budget is to maintain services at the current level and to remain sustainable while collecting the same dollar amount as was levied in the 2024 budget.

Some high points discussed by the Commission for the 2025 calendar year budget have been:

- 1. Remodel of the Provident Building to consolidate our departments currently within the City/County Building into the Provident Building already owned by the County.
- 2. Update the Boiler System within the Courthouse.
- 3. Employee retention and recruitment.

The County Commission approved 4 additional positions (FTEs) requested in the 2024 budget. One FTE Planner for the Planning Department, three FTE's State's Attorney – Attorney II, Attorney I, and Legal Assistant III.

As well as the continued employment of four Detention officers that were previously paid for through ARPA funds, these four positions would now be paid for through the General fund.

The total 2024 General Fund Budget is \$39,363,592, with \$28,183,936 or 71% coming from Salary and Fringe Benefits.

The total expenditure Budget for 2025 is \$80,232,866 compared to 2024 at \$77,611,661 for an increase of \$2,621,205. This is mainly due to the increase directed by the Commission of the Road and Bridge fund to reflect the 2024 expenditure allocation amount, as well as the increases to the General fund budget and Special revenue budgets. The increase to the Road and Bridge fund is being offset by a potential General Reserve fund transfer as well as other funding sources so that the amount levied in property taxes remains the same as last year. The increase to the General Fund is also being offset by a General Fund Reserve transfer as well as a transfer from the Courthouse Maintenance fund for the boiler system so that the amount levied in Property taxes is the same as last year. The Main drivers for the potential budget increase for the 2025 budget are:

- 1. \$3,019,389 for Salary and Fringe Benefits including all proposed new FTE's County wide.
- 2. \$2,354,612 for the Highway Department.
- 3. \$1,500,000 for a new heating system for the Courthouse.

The total amount to be levied from Burleigh County approved Preliminary budgets for 2025 is as follows:

- a. General Fund\$21,802,760
- b. Unorganized Townships.... \$867,200
- c. Road and Bridge\$2,410,657
- d. Job Development\$80,760
- e. County Library.....\$327,115
- f. Senior Citizens.....\$765,155
- g. Veteran Services.....\$513,949

- h. County Agent.....\$410,362
- i. Weed Board.....\$353,923

The total amount to be levied from Burleigh County approved budgets for 2024 is as follows:

- a. General Fund\$21,805,080
- b. Unorganized Townships.... \$813,500
- c. Road and Bridge\$2,413,491
- d. Job Development\$0
- e. County Library.....\$320,803
- f. Senior Citizens.....\$443,833
- g. Veteran Services.....\$464,686
- h. County Agent.....\$261,620
- i. Weed Board.....\$217,713

Total 2025 amount to be levied	\$27,531,881
Total 2024 amount levied	\$26, 740,726

The County used the 2024 true and full property valuation for the 2025 property tax calculations. Property values increased on average 5% from the previous year.

In the 2025 budget, the County Commission will use a collection of \$30,591,951 in property tax revenues, which is an increase of \$1,172,278 from the previous year. New growth amounts to \$511,845 for a net difference of \$660,433 on existing parcels.

This equates to a decrease on a \$300,000 home inside city limits of \$9.72 and a home outside of city limits of \$1.35 for a decrease of .72 and .1 mills respectively.

The current preliminary budget includes a 2 step and 2% COLA increase to salaries to continue efforts to remain competitive in the increasingly difficult task of employee recruitment and retention.

No income from sales tax revenues has been taken into consideration in these calculations.

The Health Insurance committee recommends an 8% increase in the plan premiums for 2025.

Debt service funds are established to collect special assessments annually and make payments on existing debt service. These funds are budgeted based on the annual debt service needed to pay for special assessment bonds using special assessment collections.

The County continues to have new construction in both residential and commercial development within the county. This creates opportunities for new growth but also creates challenges to increase services and provide infrastructure maintenance and improvements. The County is continuing to feel the effects of inflation, resulting in the increased costs of services. Many estimates were made based on the information available at the time this preliminary budget was approved. The County will continue to monitor inflationary impacts on operations to create strategies to offset cost increases while creating minimal impact on the taxpayers as the county continues to grow and expand.

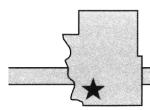
A summary of Expenditures and Revenues for the 2025 General Fund Balance is:

Revenue: \$35,078,145 Expenditure: \$39,363,592 Difference: (\$4,285,477) To be paid for out of General Fund Reserves for Courthouse Heating System and Property tax buydown.

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TO:Burleigh County CommissionFROM:Mark SplonskowskiDATE:September 16, 2024SUBJECT:2025 Preliminary Budget Changes

- 1. Highway Department
 - a. Increase budget to amount from 2024 (16,609,220).
 - b. Collect same dollar amount as in 2024.
 - c. Plan to pay for budget through Legacy funds, Highway Dept. Savings, General Fund Transfer, selling of existing equipment, Prairie Dog funds, and the 2024 mill levy (3.61).
- 2. Bismarck/ Burleigh Public Health:
 - a. Pay 25% of the bill instead of 50%. Removed \$582,802 from original preliminary budget. Increase over last year = \$282,501
- 3. County Board
 - a. Remove County Administrator. Removed \$220,965.27 from original preliminary budget.
- 4. Auditor's office.
 - a. Remove Accountant II. Removed \$126,246.92 from original preliminary budget.
- 5. Planning Dept.
 - a. Remove Comprehensive plan renewal. Removed \$90,000 from original preliminary budget.
- 6. TOTAL removed from General Fund expenditures = \$1,020,013.
- 7. Total from Highway Dept.
 - a. Increased expenditure budget 2,164,194. Reduced mill levy request by 4 mills. (from 7.61 to 3.61).