

McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

The first regular January meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairperson Curt Olson. Present were Commissioners Olson, Steve Cottingham, and Steve Lee. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Lynda Snyder; and Road Superintendent Jim Grey.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that equipment repairs continue in the shops. He also stated he is hoping with the mild weather to get some tree work completed and some washboard work done on county roads. Discussion followed.

Knutson presented a board appointment for the County Weed Board. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to reappoint Dalen Schaefer to the McLean County Weed Board. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to approve the DCHSZ Transfer of Funds Resolution and the Sweep Account Transfer of Funds Resolutions as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

DCHSZ Transfer of Funds Resolutions and McLean County Sweep Account Transfer of Funds Resolutions are on file in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the McLean County Auditor's Year End General Fund Transfer of Funds Resolution. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION

Be it resolved, that the McLean County Board of Commissioners move to make the following transfers of funds to update revenue funds to the correct accounts as follows:

Transfer **\$4,919.77** from Unallowable Program Costs (2405.2901.000) to DCHSZ General (2400.3999.000);

Transfer **\$8,419.77** from DCHSZ (2400.2901.000) to General Assistance (2410.3999.000);

Transfer **\$2,550.00** from County General (1000.2901.000) to Vehicle Impound & Towing (2911.3999.000);

Transfer **\$297.26** from County General (1000.2901.000) to Back the Blue (8021.3999.000);

Transfer **\$2,394.29** from Leafy Spurge (8025.2901.000) to Weed Control (8026.3999.000);

Transfer **\$17.33** from Lakeview Estates (8060.2901.000) to County General (1000.3999.000);

Transfer **\$122,874.21** from Unorganized Township Roads (8471.2901.000) to County Road (2100.3999.000);

Transfer **\$2,187,115.06** from Farm to Market Road (2110.2901.000) to County Road (2100.3999.000);

Approved this 31st day of December, 2025.

Steve Lee, Chairperson

Beth A. Knutson, Auditor

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank for the period ending November 30, 2025. The total public deposits were \$22,685,022.15 and the total pledged securities were \$24,220,452.15 with an overage of \$1,535,430.00.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to accept the Pledge of Securities from TruCommunity Bank. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to accept the change in mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicles increasing from \$0.70 to \$0.725 per mile as instituted by the State of North Dakota effective January 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Department for the month of December in the amount of \$8,739.90.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of December in the amount of \$1,806.60.

Knutson requested a letter of support for the Rural Catalyst Grant to assist Main Street Market in construction of a new building as submitted by the City of Turtle Lake.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the Auditor sending a letter on behalf of the Commission in support of the City of Turtle Lake's application for the Rural Catalyst Grant. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lee, Cottingham, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Lee, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

A detailed list of checks is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours in the McLean County Auditor's Office.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Lee, and Olson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

Curt Olson, Chairperson

Lynda Snyder, Deputy Auditor