

# McLean County Commission Proceedings

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

The first regular November meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Lee. Present were Commissioners Lee, Steve Cottingham, and Curt Olson. Also present were Auditor Beth A. Knutson; Deputy Auditor Lynda Snyder; and Road Superintendent James Grey.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2025, as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Grey presented an update on department operations reporting that gravel crushing has started at the Shafer Gravel Pit and he will be meeting with Sundre Sand and Gravel about adding a new approach to access the pit. He also stated that mowing is completed and graveling will continue as long as weather permits. Discussion followed.

Grey presented a permit from Eric Poppinga of Central Power Electric Cooperative to construct a 43.8 kV overhead transmission line in county road right-of-way in Section 20, Township 149 North, Range 79 West, and Section 33, Township 149 North, Range 78 West. Discussion followed.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the permit request as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented information on the recent legislation that memorializes ND Highway 200 as the North Dakota Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Highway. Discussion followed.

Olson stated McLean County has one peace officer to memorialize and signs will be placed at mile marker 210 and 211. Discussion followed.

Knutson stated the signs will be purchased using budgeted funds from the Highway Department.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve purchasing signs commemorating the fallen peace officer in McLean County. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented amended minimum sales prices for delinquent properties in Garrison and Mercer. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve the amended minimum sale prices of property in Garrison and Mercer.

## **Notice Of Sale Of Property**

I, Beth A. Knutson, duly elected and qualified auditor in and for the County of McLean, State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the following properties were taken by said McLean County for non-payment of 2022 taxes and will be sold at public auction on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, in the Commission Chambers of the McLean County Courthouse. The sale shall begin at 10:00 A.M. on the above sale date and will continue until all properties have been offered for sale.

<b><u>Parcel #</u></b>	<b><u>Legal Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amt Owed</u></b>	<b><u>Min. Sale Price</u></b>
<b><u>Butte City</u></b>			
73-0001-10306-000 \$2,169.03	Lots 3-4 Blk 4 Original Townsite	\$1,545.15	
73-0001-10370-000 \$2,194.84	South 143' Lot 2 Blk 8 Original Townsite	\$1,564.47	
73-0001-10499-000 \$2,516.61	Lot 22, Less West 5' Blk 20 Original Townsite	\$1,812.22	
<b><u>Garrison City</u></b>			
75-1602-00008-000	Lot 5 Blk 2 Pankratz 2 <sup>nd</sup> Addition	\$ 781.87	\$1,356.84
<b><u>City of Mercer</u></b>			
77-1501-00073-000 \$8,093.18	E2N2 Lot 14 (150X150) Olesen's Addition	\$8,068.41	
77-1501-00074-000 \$7,152.90	W2N2 Lot 14 (150X150) Olesen's Addition	\$7,128.07	

**City of Turtle Lake**

79-1801-00005-000	Lots 10-11-12 Blk 1	\$1,090.54
\$1,355.76	Ramsey Addition	

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2025 at Washburn, ND.

/s/Beth A Knutson  
McLean County Auditor

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

Knutson presented suggested disbursement amounts for the funds received from the Back the Blue Grant. She stated the funds would be used as retention bonuses for current law enforcement and correction officers with forty employees receiving a bonus in the amount of \$1,384.69. Discussion followed.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the disbursement amounts as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson presented the Pledge of Securities received from TruCommunity Bank for the period ending October 31, 2024. The total public deposits were \$20,423,808.77 and the total pledged securities were \$22,561,834.90 with an overage of \$2,138,026.13.

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

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the Dakota Central Human Service Zone (DCHSZ) Transfer of Funds resolutions and the McLean County Auditor's Sweep Account Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll Call: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Knutson requested approval to advertise for board appointments. She stated the publications will specify letters of interest will be due before the last Commission meeting in November. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to approve advertising for open board appointments. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee stated he will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled for November 18, 2025. Discussion followed.

Moved by Cottingham, seconded by Olson, to change the next meeting from November 18, 2025, to November 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Cottingham, Olson, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Knutson requested permission to close the courthouse on December 2, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the annual employee service recognition potluck.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve extending lunch to one hour and closing the courthouse on December 2, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's Department for the month of October in the amount of \$13,780.80.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's Department for the month of October in the amount of \$2,366.61.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Cottingham, 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: Olson, Cottingham, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <https://www.mcleancountynd.gov>.

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Steve Lee, Chairperson

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Lynda Snyder, Deputy Auditor