



MEETING OF THE BISMARCK-BURLEIGH COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE

6/3/2025 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Those present included Bismarck City Administrator Jason Tomanek, Bismarck City Mayor Mike Schmitz, Burleigh County Auditor Mark Splonskowski, and Burleigh County Commissioner Steve Bakken.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Administrator Tomanek moved to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Bakken seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

2. 2026 Budget Discussion

A. Bismarck Burleigh Public Health

Burleigh County Commissioner Munson referenced the 2026 Budget Report prepared by City staff. He noted three split options, noting it would be his preference to be closer to a 60/40 or 50/50 split for the upcoming 2026 budget.

Commissioner Bakken noted that he could not comment on behalf of the Burleigh County Commission as they have not yet started budget discussions.

Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, presented a 2026 budget request with an increase of 3% from 2025 to 2026. Commissioner Bakken requested that Director Moch present the 2026 budget request for Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health at the next Burleigh County Commission meeting.

B. City/County Building

3. Provident Building Update

Commissioner Bakken provided an update regarding opening bids for the Provident Building. The bids included a two-year lead time, in which Burleigh County would remain a tenant in the City/County Building for the duration. Burleigh County is planning to keep everything with the City/County Building lease in place for 2026 and into 2027.

Dmitriy Chernyak, City Finance Director, noted that the IT charges for the upcoming years will be increasing as switch replacements will need to be made.

Administrator Tomanek asked if the County planned to continue to use the Tom Baker Meeting Room after the move to the Provident Building. Commissioner Bakken noted that the intent would be to have their own meeting space in the Provident Building, but the topic would need to be discussed with Dakota Media Access and those involved with conducting meetings.

4. Other Business

Commissioner Bakken requested that the full City Commission and full County Commission meet at the next Bismarck-Burleigh Commissions Committee meeting to discuss the extraterritorial area (ETA). This would be an opportunity to provide public education on the ETA and also give the Commissioners time to create a list of concerns to have staff work through. Administrator Tomanek will take the date and time to the City Commission to check the Commissioner's availability.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.