



Bismarck-Burleigh Commissions Committee

5/7/2024 - Minutes

Call to Order

Commissioner Bakken called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present Burleigh County Auditor Mark Splonskowski, Burleigh County Commissioner Steve Bakken, and City Administrator Jason Tomanek. City of Bismarck Mayor Mike Schmitz attended the meeting via Teams.

Agenda

1. Consider approval of minutes

Mayor Schmitz motioned to approve the May 7, 2024, meeting minutes, and Auditor Splonskowski seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye.

2. Bismarck Burleigh Public Health Update

Bismarck Burleigh Public Health Director Renae Moch presented information regarding the draft bylaws for a Joint Board of Health. The group discussed the need for a board member application that reflects professional medical experience and agreed to collaborate to create an application.

3. Dakota Media Access Discussion

Dakota Media Access Executive Director Mary Van Sickle addressed the Committee regarding the growing need for funding and increased requests for meeting coverage for Dakota Media Access. Primary funding for Dakota Media Access is provided by the City of Bismarck and the City of Mandan. The funding source is composed of the franchise fees for cable subscribers through Midco, which is collected by the Cities and is on a downward trend as fewer homeowners are paying for cable subscriptions. Ms. Van Sickle is open to discussing options for strategies to share the ongoing operating expenses.

4. Provident Building Update

Commissioner Bakken reported that Burleigh County will remain a tenant in the City/County Building through the end of 2025.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Bakken raised the topic of storm water-related concerns in rural subdivisions. Commissioner Bakken noted that the topic was discussed at the Burleigh County Commission meeting the night prior. It was agreed that the topic will be added to the next Bismarck Burleigh Commissions Committee on June 4, 2024.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.