



Bismarck-Burleigh Commissions Committee

3/5/2024 - Minutes

Call to Order

Commissioner Bakken called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Committee members present were Mayor Mike Schmitz, Burleigh County Commissioner Steve Bakken, and City Administrator Jason Tomanek. Burleigh County Auditor Mark Splonskowski attended the meeting via Teams.

1. Consider approval of minutes

Mayor Schmitz motioned to approve the February 6, 2024, meeting minutes, and Commissioner Bakken seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye.

2. Discuss Extraterritorial Area (ETA)

Gary Stockert, Bismarck Emergency Manager, and Brady Blaskowski, Bismarck Building Official, provided an update on the Community Rating System (CRS) Certification. This is a program that provides reductions to flood insurance rates.

Commissioner Bakken questioned how the CRS impacts Burleigh County residents. Mr. Stockert explained that Burleigh County residents within the Extraterritorial Area (ETA) are directly and positively impacted by the program and that Burleigh County would need to apply to the program to make the benefits available to Burleigh County residents outside the ETA.

3. Provident Building Update

Commissioner Bakken provided information on the status of the Provident Building. Burleigh County has signed a contract with an architecture firm, and the project will be moving forward. Commissioner Bakken noted that it will likely be June 2025 before the County is able to occupy the Provident Building. They will provide an update at the May meeting prior to each organization's budget meetings.

4. Other Business

The committee members agreed to discuss the following at the future meetings:

- Burleigh County Home Rule Charter (April)
- 1/2-Cent Sales Tax Initiative (April)

- Public Health Budget (May)
- Provident Building Update (May-June)

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

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