

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JANUARY 4, 2022, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Glenda Collier, Chairperson. Also present were Commissioner Dave Gehrtz, Commissioner Neal Rud, Auditor Patty Williams, States Attorney Ashley Lies, and Nathan Price, New Rockford Transcript.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Neal Rud. The motion carried.

Neal Rud made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021, meeting. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of December 2021, a motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by Neal Rud, and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the following bills, and it was seconded by Neal Rud. Roll call vote: Gehrtz, Rud, and Collier voted aye.

New Rockford Chamber of Comm.	1,650.00
Alcohol Monitoring Systems Inc	98.00
AT&T Mobility	583.89
Bakers Dozen	20.00
Central Business Systems Inc	789.25
CenDak Cooperative	8,558.82
Cenex Fleetcard	335.79
City of New Rockford	1,700.00
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	420.00
DHS-MMIS	441.64
Do It Best	328.03
Golden West Industrial Supply	281.70
Information Technology Dept	598.05
Kim Johnson	300.00
Matthew Bender Co Inc	93.85
Meehan Machine	504.68
Montana Dakota Utilities Co	1,694.65
NCZ Express Inc	23,120.00
ND Telephone Co	1,014.38
Newman Traffic Signs	44.04
Napa Auto Parts	647.32
Nodak Electric Cooperative	57.71
Northern Plains Electric Coop	234.00
Otter Tail Power Co	1,107.06
Linderman Construction, Inc.	1,700.00

Pfau Bros Auto Body	106.50
Quill Corporation	200.97
Rockin Fitness	500.00
Ruegranger Convenience Stores	130.51
Jim Sherman	2,500.00
Office of the State Auditor	405.00
Taverna Electric	655.07
Transcript Publishing	439.28
Jill Weber	3,750.00
Todd Weber	613.43
Payroll	54,593.53
Bank Forward	133.88
Cash and Carry Lumber	2,773.40
Central Plains Water District	56.00
Chandy Howard	333.18
Leaf	116.00
Matthew Bender Co Inc	93.85
North Dakota Tax Commissioner	1,768.05
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	18,199.35
Aflac	109.84
ND Public Employees Retirement	13,378.03
Colonial Life	418.16
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	293.10
Radisson Hotel Bismarck	172.80
Julie Shrock	736.26
Steins Inc	287.82
Bank Forward	27.30
Butler Machinery Company	1,002.58
Central Business Systems Inc	166.90
Central City H2O	59.00
CenDak Cooperative	5,852.99
City of Sheyenne	15,500.76
City of New Rockford	71,445.24
New Rockford City Park Dist	26,602.20
Dollar General-Regions 410526	484.99
Eddy County Council on Aging	9,954.10
Eddy County Treasurer	7,219.00
Tolna Fire Protect District	1,786.10
Warwick Fire Protect Dist	950.44
New Rockford Fire Prot Dist	6,291.75
Garrison Div Cons District	5,012.43
Governsoft	13,583.00
Historical Society	1,345.15
Interstate Engineering Inc	14,154.30
Lake Region Law Enforcement	36,751.00
Lake Region E-911 Authority	61,493.00
Linderman Construction Inc	295.25

National Assoc. of Counties	450.00
NDAEA4 HYW	100.00
ND Association of Counties	14,180.96
ND County Commissioners Association	1,040.00
NDACo Resources Group	13,090.32
NDPIO	100.00
New Rockford Utility Services	267.94
North Central Planning Council	7,752.50
Office of Attorney Gen - 1250	685.00
Otter Tail Power Co	41.55
Purchase Power	33.47
Dakota Prairie Pub School	15,336.73
New Rockford Sheyenne School	367,366.65
Midkota School	60,110.96
Warwick School	23,729.10
Soil Conservation	15,282.32
Office of the State Auditor	385.00
State Treasurer	4,834.02
Transcript Publishing	1,353.46
Township Payouts	76,593.25
Water Resource	608.35

Neal Rud made a motion to approve the Sheriff's report for the month of December 2021, and it was seconded by Dave Gehrtz. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ashley Lies, States Attorney, gave an update and went through her 2021 case review numbers. The number of cases has declined since 2020, but Eddy County still has the highest average case per capita in Eddy, Wells, and Foster Counties. She has reviewed the US Department of Homeland Security Certification and Express Statements form for their site visit on February 7, 2022, and recommended the County sign the form. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to sign the form, and it was seconded by Neal Rud. The motion carried.

Ashley went through the pros and cons of selling Lot 21, Block 19, Original Townsite to the New Rockford-Sheyenne School versus an easement with the school. The Commission agreed that a survey of the property needs to be done first.

Ashley explained the clarifications she made to the Lease Agreement with Garrison Diversion Conservancy District for use of the office building by the County Extension Service. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to sign the revised Lease Agreement. Neal Rud seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Tiffany Harr, Public Information Officer, went through the proposals she received from Tao Interactive, Inc. and Govoffice for the cost to design, develop, and host a County website. No decision was made at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Skiftun, Wells County Water Resource District, and Paul Skadberg and Doug Zink, Foster County Water Resource District, attended the meeting to discuss the Rosefield Slough Dam. They requested that the Commissioners encourage the Eddy County Water Resource Board to request the Department of Water Resources require a hydraulic study to be done when reviewing the permit application submitted by Monty and Tori Schaefer. Comments were also heard from Zach Burmeister, the attorney who represents the Wells County and Foster County Water Resource Districts, Monty Schaefer, and Doug and Kris Skadberg. The Commission will take all their comments under consideration and discuss their concerns with Interstate Engineering, Inc. and other agencies involved. Interstate Engineering, Inc. was present and will look into these concerns.

Ben Aaseth and Mike May, Interstate Engineering, Inc., presented preliminary plans and cost estimates for project SC-CVD-1427(059), 1.809 miles of 4" HBP and chip seal on County Road #8. This project has a bid opening of April 8, 2022. A plan review meeting will be set up with Todd Weber and any others who would like to attend.

Interstate Engineering, Inc. will prepare a County Bridge Replacement/Rehab Project Application for the bridge located 5 miles west and 3 miles north of New Rockford to be submitted to the ND Department of Transportation. This project, if approved, would be paid for by the bridge set-aside funding in HB1505.

The Commission asked Interstate Engineering, Inc. to do a survey of Lot 21, Block 19, Original Townsite.

The Commission discussed the meeting date in February as Dave Gehrtz will be out of town. It was decided to keep the February 1, 2022, meeting date, and Dave Gehrtz will call in if possible.

Neal Rud made a motion to sign the Tower Lease Agreement with High Plains Equipment, Inc. for the year 2022 in the amount of \$800. The motion was seconded by Dave Gehrtz, and the motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the letter received from Thomas Olson regarding leafy spurge weed control on a 10-acre piece of land that the County owns in Gates Township. The County will talk with the Weed Board and Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, to make sure this gets sprayed next year.

Glenda Collier, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be February 1, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

Glenda Collier, Chairperson

Patty Williams, County Auditor