

**MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
OCTOBER 7, 2021, 8:30 A.M.**

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

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

The Commission joined the Joint County Commissioners Meeting of the Lake Region District Health Unit by telephone for their final budget hearing. The budget was approved as presented.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

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

Briss Oil Co	358.57
Central Business Systems Inc	455.27
CenDak Cooperative	7,960.33
Cole Papers Inc	175.53
City of Sheyenne	110.10
Foster County Extension	34.98
Doug Gillis	1,243.50
Information Technology Dept	571.70
Interstate Power Systems, Inc	551.72
John Deere Financial	118.16
Matthew Bender Co Inc	300.36
Meehan Machine	339.31
Messner Gravel LLC	450.00
Montana Dakota Utilities Co	137.33
NDACo Resources Group	864.71
ND Public Employees Retirement	21,461.74
ND Telephone Co	1,641.43
Nodak Electric Cooperative	50.54
Northern Plains Electric Coop	277.00
Otter Tail Power Co	694.40
Linderman Construction, Inc.	1,700.00
Quill Corporation	117.97

Rockin Fitness	500.00
Ruegranger Convenience Stores	150.51
Transcript Publishing	453.53
Us Records Midwest LLC	1,243.65
The Village Family Service Ctr	1,500.00
Payroll	54,252.31
AT&T Mobility	584.75
Central Plains Water District	56.00
Cenex Fleetcard	421.57
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	17,768.66
Aflac	109.84
ND Public Employees Retirement	13,384.95
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	468.92
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	500.00
Alcohol Monitoring Systems Inc	63.00
Automatic Heating Air, Inc.	1,298.00
Bank Forward	27.40
Bessette Motors, Inc	276.68
Butler Machinery Company	1,850.77
Central City H2O	24.75
Computer Projects, Inc.	300.00
City of Sheyenne	635.04
City of New Rockford	1,604.24
New Rockford City Park Dist	513.92
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	137.75
Do It Best	23.12
Eddy County Council on Aging	448.39
Eddy County Treasurer	9,496.00
Garrison Div Cons District	259.27
Insure Forward	27,234.00
KD Hoyt Inc	17,067.50
Lake Region Dist Health	16,312.50
Lake Region LEC	4,887.07
Leaf	116.00
Micks 281 Service	934.72
Motorola Solutions Inc	33,761.50
ND Dept Environmental Quality	70.00
ND State Radio Communications	120.00
Napa Auto Parts	529.62
New Rockford Utility Services	215.09
North Dakota Tax Commissioner	1,819.75
Office of Attorney Gen - 1250	555.00
Otter Tail Power Co	37.03
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	500.00
Praxair Distribution Inc	220.27
Purchase Power	503.50
Quill Corporation	155.56

The Radar Shop Inc.	220.00
RDO Equipment Co	563.43
Ruegranger Convenience Stores	59.25
New Rockford Sheyenne School	3,339.71
Midkota School	1,973.55
Warwick School	123.66
Soil Conservation	379.85
Soper Construction, LLP	5,250.00
State Treasurer	55.82
Steins Inc	453.53
Lisa Thompson	50.40
Transcript Publishing	557.77
Township Payouts	5,967.45
Water Resource	743.05
Workforce Safety and Insurance	250.00

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

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds from County General to Capital Projects in the amount of \$30,000. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the General Journal Entries for the month of September 2021, and it was seconded by Glenda Collier. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, gave an update on the road department. Maintenance for hire outside the County, the proposed new Sheyenne County shop, delivery of the new motor graders, hiring of a part-time helper to work as needed, and the skid steer lease were among some of the items discussed.

Paul Lies, Sheriff, gave an update on the Sheriff's department. Neal Rud signed the NDDOT Annual Highway Safety Plan. Paul went through some of the questions and items discussed at the City of New Rockford's meeting regarding the Joint Power Agreement with them for Police Protection.

Glenda Collier made a motion to sign the lease with Phyllis and Wayne Topp for the land under the Calvin Township shop. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The final costs for the basement remodel project were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement Calculator worksheet was reviewed. The worksheets' calculations show that Eddy County had around \$30,000 in revenue loss for 2020. Other uses for the funds, such as surveillance cameras and improvements to county parks, were discussed.

Glenda Collier made a motion to authorize Patty Williams, Auditor, to request the \$220,000 that Eddy County can receive for this year from the Federal Government Act. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

A CD is coming due at the Community Credit Union, and the options for reinvestment of the funds were discussed. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to reinvest in a CD at the Credit Union for one year at .35%. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to appoint Tiffany Munson and Glenda Collier to the ND State Fair Association for Eddy County. Neal Rud seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Eddy County Emergency Operations Plan. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to set the minimum sale prices for the two delinquent tax properties at the total taxes due. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The minimum sale price for the former Mill Pump property will remain at \$26,000. The sale will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

The members of the hiring committee for the Veterans Services Officer position were discussed. The Commissioners reviewed the five applicants received, and all met the minimum requirements of the job advertisement. All five applicants will be interviewed by the hiring committee.

Kathy Steinbach requested to purchase the old wood cupboard that is in the VSO office for \$25. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to sell her the cupboard for \$25, and it was seconded by Glenda Collier. The motion carried.

Monty Schaefer presented his plans for the Rosefield Dam and discussed the paperwork needed to apply for a permit to own the dam. He will get a bill of sale from the Eddy County Water Resources Board. He requested an easement for flooding in the right-of-way of the county road and a letter of support from the County Commission to include in his application.

The Commissioners went to Devils Lake to tour the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center and the Reentry Center. The tours were led by Rob Johnson, director of both facilities.

Neal Rud, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be November 2, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

Neal Rud, Chairperson

Patty Williams, County Auditor