

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FEBRUARY 2, 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 Amy Wobbema, New Rockford Transcript.

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

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5 and January 8, 2021 meetings. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of January, 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.

Brady, Martz And Associates	11,688.25
CenDak Cooperative	3,048.69
Cole Papers Inc	97.96
City of Sheyenne	42.50
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	133.25
Dell Marketing LP	265.24
Do It Best	244.92
HP, Inc.	1,120.39
Information Technology Dept	599.75
Kim Johnson	475.00
Lake Region District Health	16,312.50
Micks 281 Service	712.47
Napa Auto Parts	497.51
NCZ Express Inc	6,500.00
ND Association of Counties	6.00
ND Auditors Association	100.00
NDACTVSO	50.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	21,431.62
NDSU Extension Service	9,023.55
ND Sheriffs and Deputies Assoc	400.00
ND State Radio Communications	120.00
ND Telephone Co	1,183.78
Nodak Electric Cooperative	62.91
Northern Plains Electric Coop	272.00
Linderman Construction, Inc.	1,700.00

Praxair Distribution, Inc.	248.69
Rockin Fitness	500.00
Ruegranger Convenience Stores	85.00
ND Secretary of State	36.00
Lisa Thompson	47.94
Payroll	54,944.00
At T Mobility	584.90
Cardmember Service	21.35
Central Plains Water District	56.00
CHI Foster County Medical Center	30.00
Otter Tail Power Co	1,002.64
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	18,884.16
Aflac	169.39
ND Public Employees Retirement	14,022.32
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	295.31
Alan's Furnace Service Inc	2,200.00
Cash and Carry Lumber	132.56
Central Business Systems Inc	319.04
Cole Papers Inc	226.00
City of Sheyenne	9,307.32
City of New Rockford	42,945.57
New Rockford City Park Dist	15,400.65
Dakota Mounts	455.00
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	2,563.91
Do It Best	260.59
Eddy County Council on Aging	5,764.01
Eddy-New Rockford Library	2,882.67
Flower Scent-R	123.00
Garrison Div Cons District	3,381.75
Gilbertsons	6,319.70
Randy Guler	48.96
Eugene Hartl	20,000.00
Historical Society	720.71
Bryant Huso	75.84
Innovative Office Solutions	349.60
Leaf	116.00
Montana Dakota Utilities Co	1,318.58
National Sheriffs Association	68.00
ND Association of Counties	200.00
ND County Treasurers Assoc	200.00
Napa Auto Parts	644.52
New Rockford Utility Services	214.90
Otter Tail Power Co	42.95
Pfau Bros Auto Body	325.00
Albert Pfeiffer	42.24
Pitney Bowes Inc	80.74
Quill Corporation	44.97

RDO Equipment Co	749.91
Greg Rue	54.56
Dakota Prairie Public Sch	18,647.76
New Rockford Sheyenne School	195,647.11
Midkota School District 7	37,227.83
Warwick School District 29	19,628.17
ND Secretary of State	36.00
Jim Sherman	2,400.00
Soil Conservation	9,587.77
State Treasurer	2,917.67
Stutsman County Auditor	4,000.00
Transcript Publishing	267.76
Mike Tweed	40.00
Township Payouts	71,688.83
Water Resource	9,510.88

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ashley Lies, States Attorney, gave an update on her office and handed out a 2020 Case Review worksheet comparing the caseloads for Eddy, Wells, and Foster Counties. Discussion was held on how to handle the workload and the vacant assistant position.

Ashley informed the Commissioners of another affidavit she received from Bill Beals regarding the ownership of the walk-in freezer at Mill Pump and Cheers. Glenda Collier made a motion to accept Ashley's recommendation regarding the acceptance of the affidavits and the freezer's ownership. The motion was not seconded, and the motion failed.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, gave an update on the road department. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the Larson lots in Sheyenne for a new county shop, the blade trades due in 2021, and the generator at the county shop. The Commissioners reviewed the letter from NDDOT regarding COVID relief funds and what the funds can be spent on. Eddy County will receive \$32,197.56.

The Commissioners reviewed the written update provided by Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the ND Information Technology Department regarding a statewide land parcel project. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to remove Nate Collier and add Bill Smith and Mike Schaefer to the Eddy County Weed Board. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Court Facilities Grant was awarded in the amount of \$262.49, which covers the desk chair for the Clerk of Court. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to go ahead with the remodel and asbestos abatement of the basement men's bathroom, hallway, and offices using some of the CARES Act money received. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz gave an update on 911 and the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center. He discussed the costs of the SIRN project and stated that the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center ended 2021 with a financial surplus.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners reviewed the Quarterly Reports submitted by Chandy Howard and Donna Anderson, Eddy County NDSU Extension Agents.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Melinda Martin for use of the fairgrounds for April 30, 2021 through May 2, 2021 for a horsemanship clinic. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Neal Rud, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

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

ATTEST:

Neal Rud, Chairperson

Patty Williams, County Auditor