

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JUNE 1, 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 with the addition of Paul Lies, Sheriff. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 and May 11, 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 May 2021, a motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by Glenda Collier, 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.

Postmaster	160.00
Alan S Furnace Service, Inc.	200.00
AT&T Mobility	585.13
Butler Machinery Company	438.40
CenDak Cooperative	7,386.35
Creative Product Source, Inc.	118.69
Credit Bureau of Bismarck, Inc.	450.69
City Of Sheyenne	42.50
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc.	133.50
Information Technology Dept	609.00
Jamestown Communications, Inc.	400.00
Lake Region Law Enforcement	3,087.21
Linderman Construction, Inc.	153.54
Micks 281 Service	558.57
Millers Fresh Foods	13.22
Montana Dakota Utilities Co	614.03
ND Association of Counties	35.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	35,920.24
ND Telephone Co	1,163.38
Napa Auto Parts	244.25
Nodak Electric Cooperative	30.00
Northern Plains Electric Coop	250.00
Otter Tail Power Co	904.15
Linderman Construction, Inc.	1,700.00

Pharmchem, Inc.	28.55
Praxair Distribution, Inc.	193.70
PS Garage Doors	119.46
Quill Corporation	149.99
RDO Equipment Co	2,035.10
Rockin Fitness	500.00
Ruegranger Convenience Stores	56.00
Stutsman Co Correction Ctr	75.00
Taverna Electric	100.00
Viking Electric	8,410.50
Payroll	53,951.00
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	18,342.89
Aflac	239.06
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	295.31
Mark Rue	4,500.00
Agco Finance LLC	10,723.56
Balco Uniform Co, Inc.	1,338.75
C & J Oil Co	169.99
Cash & Carry Lumber	7,439.25
Central Business Systems, Inc.	107.50
Central Plains Water District	56.00
Cenex Fleetcard	546.97
City of Sheyenne	3,434.54
City of New Rockford	11,472.21
New Rockford City Park Dist	4,112.16
Eddy County Council on Aging	356.60
Eddy-New Rockford Library	2,925.90
Flower Scent-R	42.50
Garrison Div Cons District	178.84
Great Plains Towers, Inc.	7,390.00
Patty Hilbert	378.28
Leaf	116.00
ND Association of Counties	201.00
Otter Tail Power Co	31.02
Pfau Bros Auto Body	69.95
Quill Corporation	104.90
Dakota Prairie Pub School	612.49
New Rockford Sheyenne School	15,096.43
Midkota School	995.85
Warwick School	535.12
Soil Conservation	563.67
State Treasurer	72.75
Water Resource	592.57

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

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds from State Medical to County General in the amount of \$106.09. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The total costs to date for the basement remodel project were reviewed.

Comments from County employees regarding the appreciation picnic were reviewed. It was suggested that the picnic be held sometime the week of July 19. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Paul Lies, Sheriff, gave an update on the Sheriff' department, which included the increased cost for new radios, the cost of new body cameras, and the surveillance camera project for the downtown area of New Rockford. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the purchase of the surveillance cameras from NDTC in the amount of \$2,400. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

At 9:00 A.M., the County Equalization Meeting was held. There were no County taxpayers present. Kristy O'Connor, Tax Director, went through the sales ratio analysis, the 2021 valuations of residential, commercial, and agricultural land, and a recap of the appraisal process. The Soils Committee approved a 2% increase on cropland and .5% increase on noncropland. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the County valuations for 2021, and it was seconded by Dave Gehrtz. The motion carried.

Rob Johnson, Lake Region Law Enforcement Center, addressed the Commission on a few different items. As Chairperson for the Region III Homeless Coalition, he requested support in finding County representation to attend the monthly meetings. As Chairperson for the Safe Alternatives for Abused Families, he introduced Melandie Deplazes, SAAF Executive Director, who went through information and statistics regarding the shelter. They requested the County consider annual contributions to the shelter. As Director of the LRLEC, he addressed the preliminary Joint Powers Agreement and any questions the Commissioners might have. He also went through the preliminary E911, LEC, and Reentry Center budgets for 2022.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Gaming Site Authorization from Lake Region Baseball Boosters for gaming at the Hamar Bar. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Matthew Schaefer for a wedding reception at the Eddy County Fairgrounds on June 19, 2021. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to purchase a portable air conditioner for the Emergency Manager's office. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the support request from the Devils Lake Small Business Development Center in the amount of \$1,000. Glenda Collier seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Eddy County is eligible for \$444,223 in relief funding under this act. Possible uses for these funds were discussed.

The Commissioners reviewed the salary comparison charts for surrounding counties taken from the NDACo salary survey. It was determined that all salaries for Eddy County employees were average except for office deputy positions. Glenda Collier made a motion to increase all office deputy positions to \$18 for Step 5, Market Value, on the County's pay plan. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion and the motion carried. Glenda Collier made a motion to increase all other employees one step on the pay plan plus a 2% cost-of-living raise. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Collier, Gehrtz, and Rud voted aye.

David Eversvick attended the meeting to discuss mowing of the Knox Presbyterian Church cemetery. It was determined that the cemetery did not qualify as an abandoned cemetery.

Neal Rud, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be July 6, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

Neal Rud, Chairperson

Patty Williams, County Auditor