

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

August 18, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairperson Dave Gehrtz. Present were Commissioner James F. Allmaras, Commissioner Glenda Collier, State's Attorney Ashley Lies, Auditor Bobbie Indergaard, and Dalton Keay with the New Rockford Transcript.

State's Attorney Ashley Lies informed the Commissioners that a mistake was made in the presentation of information for the Anderson County Shop Lease at the last meeting and that the contract term should be October 2026 through September 2027 at the longest. State's Attorney Lies presented a proposed Lease for \$1,000 per month, beginning October 2026 for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months with the County giving the Andersons at least a three (3) month notice of intent to cancel the Lease. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve signing the Lease. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

State's Attorney Lies informed the Commissioners that the Employee Handbook did not have anything in it on providing the Commissioners with insurance coverage. With the 3% cap this year Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to terminate offering health insurance to Commissioners effective January 1, 2027. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

State's Attorney Lies informed the Commissioners that to re-bid the roof project, they would need to reject all of the prior bids received. Discussion was had on re-advertising the bid in the newspaper for one week so that a decision could be made at the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to reject the bids and re-advertise the project accordingly. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

State's Attorney Lies presented a Memorandum of Understanding she prepared for the County with the Steam Threshers for the construction of the bathhouse. State's Attorney Lies questioned who was actually paying for the improvements. Discussion was had that the County will pay for all of the improvements, that the County has applied for a grant from Garrison Diversion for part of the project, and that the Steam Threshers will be reimbursing the County up to \$75,000 when the project is complete. With those changes made to the MOU, Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the MOU. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners considered a funding request from the Eddy County Fair Association for \$5,000. Commissioner Dave Gehrtz, who is on the Fair Board, discussed the work the Fair Association has done and will be doing in the future. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the \$5,000 request. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners missed making a motion on the Preliminary Budgets at the last meeting, so Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the previously reviewed Preliminary Budgets, with the understanding that the Commission can still decrease the budgets, but cannot increase them. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the Preliminary Budgets. Commissioner Glenda Collier questioned the Weed Board's budget for the line item on the Right of Way weed spraying. Last year, an issue was discovered that the Weed Board was seeking reimbursement on more than the authorized right-of-ways. Treasurer Becki Schumacher informed the Commissioners that she believed the issue has been fixed for this year.

Auditor Bobbie Indergaard informed the Commissioners that the November Commission Meeting Date is Election Day, so she and Deputy Auditor O'Connor will be unavailable. The Commissioners decided to move November's regular meeting to the following week on November 10th at 8:30 a.m.

The Commissioners reviewed the Joint Powers Agreements for the Cities of New Rockford and Sheyenne with the Eddy County Sheriff's Department. Discussion was had on what the changes were from last year. For the City of New Rockford, a 3% increase in the contract would be approximately \$439; for the City of Sheyenne, a 3% increase in the contract would be approximately \$81. The City of New Rockford also pays a \$2,500 vehicle contribution. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to accept both contracts. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed a Resolution sent by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) for the acceptance of the bid from Tunheim Construction, LLC for the Klumph Bridge project. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Finally, the Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Interstate Engineering for engineering services for the removal and replacement on the Klumph Bridge. Road Superintendent Todd Weber informed the Commissioners that while the Department of Transportation (DOT) is paying for the project, Eddy County is responsible for paying the engineering costs (approximately \$30,000) and the cost of moving the Central Power pole that is in the right-of-way. Commissioner Dave Gehrtz made a motion to hire Interstate Engineering for the project. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 A.M. The next regular meeting will be September 1, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.

APPROVED BY EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

By: /s/ Dave Gehrtz Date: 9-1-26

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST

By: /s/ Bobbie Indergaard Date: 9-1-26

Auditor