

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

September 1, 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.

Chairperson Dave Gehrtz began the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Dave Gehrtz requested to add three items to the agenda, being 8. Legal Fees, 9. Increase in Liability Insurance, and 10. New Rockford JPA. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from August 4, 2026 and the Special Meeting minutes from August 18, 2026. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the August Monthly Statement from the Treasurer's Office and the August 2026 Financials and Expenditures and Revenue Budgets. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the following August 2026 bills. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Dave Gehrtz Yes vote, James F. Allmaras Yes vote, and Glenda Collier Yes vote. Motion carried.

AUGUST 2026 BILLS

DATE	NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
8/5/2026	2192	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	19.78
8/5/2026	2193	EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE	241.42
8/5/2026	2194	EDDY COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING	158.20
8/5/2026	2195	GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT	372.24
8/5/2026	2196	MCHENRY AMBULANCE	4.78
8/5/2026	2197	NEW ROCKFORD COMMUNITY AMBULANCE	43.06
8/5/2026	2198	TWO RIVERS AMBULANCE	61.13
8/5/2026	2199	EDDY COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	541.61
8/5/2026	2200	STATE TREASURER	105.00
8/5/2026	2201	CITY OF NEW ROCKFORD	2,412.83
8/5/2026	2202	CITY OF SHEYENNE	2,182.17
8/5/2026	2203	NEW ROCKFORD CITY PARK DISTRICT	126.85
8/5/2026	2204	NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE SCHOOL DISTRICT #2	1,488.81
8/5/2026	2205	WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT #29	4,755.58
8/5/2026	2206	PARADISE TOWNSHIP	2,163.07
8/5/2026	2207	CHERRY LAKE TOWNSHIP	1,010.28
8/5/2026	2208	COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP	2,447.43

8/5/2026	2209	PLEASANT PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP	2,925.45
8/5/2026	2210	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP	4,005.93
8/5/2026	2211	ROSEFIELD TOWNSHIP	3,509.79
8/5/2026	2212	COLVIN TOWNSHIP	2,708.63
8/5/2026	2213	LAKE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP	2,141.45
8/5/2026	2214	TIFFANY TOWNSHIP	2,168.86
8/5/2026	2215	SHELDON TOWNSHIP	1,277.93
8/5/2026	2216	NEW ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP	2,650.57
8/5/2026	2217	MUNSTER TOWNSHIP	3,434.24
8/5/2026	2218	FREEBORN TOWNSHIP	2,395.07
8/5/2026	2219	EDDY TOWNSHIP	1,788.10
8/5/2026	2220	HILLSDALE TOWNSHIP	3,053.89
8/5/2026	2221	BUSH TOWNSHIP	3,006.80
8/5/2026	2222	GATES TOWNSHIP	3,133.17
8/5/2026	2223	GRANDFIELD TOWNSHIP	2,244.20
8/5/2026	2224	NEW ROCKFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	24.33
8/5/2026	2225	TOLNA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	81.13
8/5/2026	2226	WARWICK FIRE DISTRICT	178.53
8/7/2026	2227	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	113.38
8/7/2026	2228	CASH & CARRY LUMBER ASSOC., LLC	18.48
8/7/2026	2229	CENDAK COOPERATIVE	5,016.31
8/7/2026	2230	DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC.	345.30
8/7/2026	2231	DONNA YOUNG	99.00
8/7/2026	2232	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,386.70
8/7/2026	2233	KIM JOHNSON	150.00
8/7/2026	2234	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	2,281.10
8/7/2026	2235	LEAF	151.54
8/7/2026	2236	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	110.34
8/7/2026	2237	MEEHAN MACHINE	88.22
8/7/2026	2238	NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	14,107.82
8/7/2026	2239	NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	285.00
8/7/2026	2240	OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	155.00
8/7/2026	2241	OK TIRE STORE AND SERVICE	529.68
8/7/2026	2242	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	322.94
8/7/2026	2243	QUILL LLC	8.60
8/7/2026	2244	SOFTWARE INNOVATIONS	5,800.00
8/7/2026	2245	TRANSCRIPT PUBLISHING	1,819.82
8/7/2026	2246	VIKING ELECTRIC	249.50
8/20/2026	2249	JEFF ANDERSON	600.00
8/21/2026	2250	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	36.00
8/21/2026	2251	AT&T MOBILITY	630.38
8/21/2026	2252	BANK FORWARD	27.60
8/21/2026	2253	BANK FORWARD	4.40
8/21/2026	2254	CENDAK COOPERATIVE	9,747.34
8/21/2026	2255	CENEX FLEETCARD	755.22
8/21/2026	2256	CENTRAL PLAINS WATER DISTRICT	315.85
8/21/2026	2257	CITY OF SHEYENNE	110.10
8/21/2026	2258	DONNA YOUNG	17.02
8/21/2026	2259	FEDERAL SIGNAL CORP SSG	4,277.64

8/21/2026	2260	INSURE FORWARD	108.00
8/21/2026	2261	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	975.73
8/21/2026	2262	LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	1,306.18
8/21/2026	2263	LEAF	104.50
8/21/2026	2264	LINDERMAN CONSTRUCTION	2,125.00
8/21/2026	2265	NAPA AUTO PARTS - NR	359.46
8/21/2026	2266	NEW ROCKFORD UTILITY SERVICES	356.52
8/21/2026	2267	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	72.92
8/21/2026	2268	NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL	790.00
8/21/2026	2269	NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY	886.11
8/21/2026	2270	PFAU BROS AUTO BODY	413.80
8/21/2026	2271	QUILL LLC	333.79
8/21/2026	2272	RDO EQUIPMENT CO	720.00
8/21/2026	2273	ROCKIN FITNESS	600.00
8/21/2026	2274	STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	400.00
8/21/2026	2275	VERIZON	46.44
8/21/2026	2276	YRI ELECTRIC	3,434.31
8/24/2026	2277	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	15.00
8/27/2026	2278	ROCKFORD PLUMBING & HEATING	9,069.57
8/27/2026	2279	AFLAC	844.50
8/27/2026	2280	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,648.32
8/27/2026	2281	CLOSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.	4,422.00
8/27/2026	2282	COLONIAL LIFE	461.25
8/27/2026	2283	ELECTRONIC FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	24,867.09
8/27/2026	2284	INTERSTATE ENGINEERING	713.00
8/27/2026	2285	KATHY ANDERSON	175.00
8/27/2026	2286	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	190.52
8/27/2026	2287	ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	34,466.68
8/27/2026	2288	ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	1,139.00
8/27/2026	2289	ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	17,660.99
8/27/2026	2290	OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	1,060.52
8/27/2026	2291	PFAU BROS AUTO BODY	325.00
8/27/2026	2292	PITNEY BOWES BANK INC PURCHASE POWER	500.00
8/27/2026	2293	TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	2,730.00
8/27/2026	2294	WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE	250.00
REPORT TOTALS			\$222,993.79
PAYROLL			\$80,349.14
TOTAL			\$303,342.93

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

State's Attorney Ashley Lies update the Commission on Township Comprehensive Plans. She informed the Commission that no entity is able to provide information to the Townships on this, but that they need to hire their own attorney.

Commissioner Glenda Collier updated the Commission on the Eddy County Transit. She informed the Commission that Norris Kjos is the new representative for Eddy County and will be attending the September 17th meeting of the organization. Discussion was had about possibly purchasing our own van for transportation, with questions about possible grants for this purchase.

Bryan Sea with the North Dakota Game and Fish came and presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Commissioners to allow the Game & Fish to install a simple approach and culvert at Wood Lake. Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the MOU. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Todd Weber updated the Commission on remaining funds from the Brantford Road project. The Commissioners questioned whether they could use those funds now for other projects. The Commissioners decided they would like to see County 1 identified as the County's next project, with that being changed at the Department of Transportation meeting at the Association of Counties Conference next month. Superintendent Weber also informed the Commission that the Brantford Road Project was completed and that approximately \$368,000 remained that wasn't used for the project. Weber also mentioned he met with Borgen construction and got a cost estimate for gap mastic for County 1 East of Sheyenne. He wondered if he could go ahead with the project. Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the work if it wasn't required to be bid. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried. Weber also informed the Commission that Jeff Anderson had come down on his proposed monthly rental rate for the County Shop from \$1,000 a month to \$600 per month.

Auditor Bobbie Indergaard presented a request to transfer funds from the general fund to the County Agent. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the transfer. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Bobbie Indergaard presented a request to correct the July 7th Regular Meeting Minutes to make a correction in financial information presented as a digit was missing. Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the correction. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Bobbie Indergaard presented a contract for the High Plains Tower. Commissioner Glenda Collier requested Indergaard talk to High Plains first and see if they want to continue the contract, then put the matter on the agenda for October.

Auditor Bobbie Indergaard presented the signed NDDOT Contract for Project BRJ-00245(050), being the Klumph Bridge. Commissioner Glenda Collier moved to accept the contract. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor Bobbie Indergaard presented the bids received for the Courthouse roof project. After reviewing the bids, the Commissioners decided that based on the scope of the project, information in the bid, and the best interests of the County, the project should be awarded to Brandt Contracting. Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to accept Brandt Contracting's bid. Commissioner Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairperson Dave Gehrtz questioned getting reimbursed by two residents for their frivolous lawsuits and having to hire an assistant state's attorney. State's Attorney Lies said she didn't believe the County could seek that reimbursement, but would check into it.

Chairperson Gehrtz also questioned how much our premiums with NDIRF would increase because of all the lawsuits. State's Attorney Lies said she would check into that.

Commissioner Glenda Collier spoke to the JPA with New Rockford Township. She reviewed the terms of the JPA. A resident of New Rockford Township had questioned if the County was responsible for the road maintenance during the wind tower project, or if the Township was.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 A.M. The next regular meeting will be October 6, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.

APPROVED BY EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

By: /s/ Dave Gehrtz Date: 10-6-26

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST

By: /s/ Bobbie Indergaard Date: 10-6-26

Auditor