

**MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**September 3, 2024, 8:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by James Allmaras, Chairperson. Also present were Commissioners Glenda Collier (arriving at 8:05) and Dave Gehrtz, and State's Attorney Ashley Lies.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. James Allmaras seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the August 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes, and the August 12, Special Meeting Minutes as presented. James Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of August 2024, a motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by James Allmaras. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

Brady, Martz and Associates	10,500.00
CenDak Cooperative	6,314.95
Ck Construction, LLC	73,287.32
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	405.98
EverSpring Inn Suites	385.20
Michelle Gilley	994.62
Tiffany Harr	128.64
Information Technology Dept	1,094.10
Lake Region Law Enforcement	1,045.74
Linde Gas Equipment Inc.	90.53
Maertens Welding and Machine	900.00
Meehan Machine	248.20
Nd Public Employees Retirement	23,607.42
NDSU Extension Service	10,666.94
Nd Telephone Co	853.14
Napa Auto Parts	208.96
New Rockford Utility Services	233.63
NoDak Electric Cooperative	61.56
Northern Plains Electric Coop	270.00
Linderman Construction, Inc.	2,000.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase	500.00
Post Board	45.00
Quill Corporation	343.96
RDO Equipment Co	615.93

Rockin Fitness		500.00
Rough Rider Industries		2,575.68
Underground Vaults	Storage	200.00
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Payroll		73,956.34
Aflac Inc		298.82
Amy Beauchamp		3,500.00
Leaf		166.69
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys		23,051.23
Aflac		145.21
Nd Public Employees Retirement		1,989.00
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Colonial Life		461.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp		244.51
Leaf		161.54
At T Mobility		582.37
Bank Forward		27.70
Blue To Gold LLC		225.00
Elan Financial Services		547.98
Cash And Carry Lumber		591.42
Central Business Systems Inc		129.29
Central Plains Water District		78.78
CenDak Cooperative		2,345.82
Cenex Fleetcard		532.26
City of Sheyenne		357.65
City of New Rockford		1,709.98
New Rockford City Park Dist.		273.15
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair		39.17
Dell Marketing		291.01
Do It Best		144.02
Eddy County Treasurer		3,975.00
Tolna Fire Protect District		408.11
Warwick Fire Protect Dist.		221.04
New Rockford Fire Prot. Dist.		251.76
Garrison Div. Cons District		323.03
Historical Society		2,500.00
Kim Johnson		125.00
KD Hoyt Inc		17,100.00
Paul Lies		143.50
Montana Dakota Utilities Co		196.43
NDACTVSO		120.00
Newman Traffic Signs		5,489.15
Kristy O'Connor		275.12
Otter Tail Power Co		943.26
Linderman Construction, Inc.		13.17

Perleberg Convenience Store	24.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase	201.00
Quill Corporation	147.72
Rockford Plumbing and Heating	355.00
New Rockford Sheyenne School	1,458.20
Becki Schumacher	123.67
Soil Conservation	353.77
State Treasurer	49.69
Allen Troy	15.00
Paradise Township	345.34
Cherry Lake Township	296.00
Columbia Township	413.17
Pleasant Prairie Township	413.17
Superior Township	555.01
Rosefield Township	487.17
Colvin Township	456.34
Lake Washington Township	468.67
Tiffany Township	351.51
Sheldon Township	314.50
New Rockford Township	868.86
Munster Township	524.17
Freeborn Township	474.84
Eddy Township	283.67
Hillsdale Township	283.67
Bush Township	400.84
Gates Township	493.34
Grandfield Township	431.67
Donna Young	85.09

Lisa Thompson discussed Cybersecurity and described services that are available to Eddy County. Thompson suggested that Eddy County participate in a Cyber Maturity Assessment, this assessment along with other Cybersecurity programs, if implemented can save up to 4% in Cyber Insurance Premium.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to move forward with the Cyber Maturity Assessment. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roger Langley requested an update from Interstate Engineering concerning Eddy County Road #4. The Commissioners advised Langley that Mike May with Interstate Engineering is putting together a package of what can and cannot be done with Eddy County Road #4. Dave Gehrtz will get that information to Langley as soon as it is available.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, reported that he is looking into updating the Road Department's Skid Steer which is currently on a lease to own program. Weber introduced a program called Sourcewell – that allows purchases to be made from an approved vendor list without the bid process. Weber requested that the Commissioners review the Sourcewell information.

**Old Business:**

Glenda Collier reported that a steel pipe coming out of the ground was hit and that was the reason for the excess water at the fairground's bathrooms. Dave and Nate Rue were able to fix the pipe, resolving the issue.

**New Business:**

The Commission discussed possibly placing a County Road and Bridge Levy Increase Measure on the upcoming General Election Ballot. Collier reported that if the Measure was to pass, 2 mills would need to be given to the City of New Rockford, per Century Code.

Glenda Collier made a motion to wait to add a County Road and Bridge Measure requesting an increase in mills until the next Election. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Becki Schumacher was up for her 6-month review per her hiring agreement. SA Ashley Lies gave a favorable review on Schumacher's performance.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to increase Schumacher's compensation one step to step 5, which is considered the market point salary range on the pay scale. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Appointment of Auditor was discussed. The Commissioners discussed that there were only a couple comments from the Public Hearings that were held in regards to appointing a County Auditor vs. electing a County Auditor. The next step will be for SA Ashley Lies to file a statement with the District Court affirming that Eddy County will now Appoint their Auditor.

Glenda Collier made a motion to appoint Becki Schumacher as the County Auditor. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were favor. Motion carried.

The Rockin Fitness, LLC Lease Agreement for 2025 was presented and reviewed. The annual lease agreement proposed a \$100 increase each month for the space rented to the County for Public Health.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the 2025 Rockin Fitness, LLC Lease Agreement as presented. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A Journal Entry was reviewed. Funds (\$3979) was placed in Police Contract 1000-3701-142 on February 21, 2023 from State Courts. This was an error is posting and should be placed in District Court 1000-330-1126.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Journal Entry moving revenue from the Police Contract to District Court as described above. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

An Eddy County Fund Transfer was reviewed.

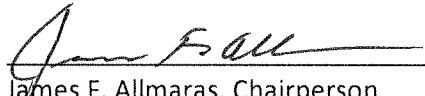
Glenda Collier made a motion to approve a transfer of \$30,000 from the General Fund to County Agent to subsidize the fund.

With no further business, James Allmaras adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.

The next regular meeting will be October 1, 2024, at 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
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Becki Schumacher, Interim Auditor

  
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James F. Allmaras, Chairperson