

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
November 4, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by James Allmaras, Chairperson. Also present were Commissioners Glenda Collier, Dave Gehrtz, and State's Attorney Ashley Lies.

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

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the October 1, 20204 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

Bank Forward	27.70
CenDak Cooperative	2,872.77
Eddy County Treasurer	4,198.00
Brady, Martz & Associates Pc	20,025.00
Butler Machinery Company	2,097.05
Capfirst Equipment Finance Inc	8,797.59
Carrington Motor	290.00
Central City H2o	247.00
Central Plains Water District	81.38
CenDak Cooperative	18,847.24
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	196.30
Election Systems & Software	845.06
Everspring Inn Suites	192.60
Fourth Corp	140.00
Hager Excavating	350.00
Information Technology Dept	1,115.30
KD Hoyt Inc	1,710.00
Lake Region District Health Un	18,870.00
Lake Region Law Enforcement	1,021.80
Leaf	151.54
Linde Gas Equipment Inc.	92.95
Meehan Machine	418.41
Messner Gravel Llc	5,500.00
NDACO Resources Group	114.09

ND Public Employees Retirement	25,670.64
ND State Radio Communications	120.00
ND Telephone Co	846.10
Napa Auto Parts	359.93
New Rockford Utility Services	336.50
Northern Plains Electric Coop	227.00
Office Of Attorney Gen - 1250	195.00
Otter Tail Power Co	227.08
Linderman Construction, Inc.	2,100.00
Pharmchem Inc	95.85
RDO Equipment Co	1,211.10
Rockin Fitness	500.00
Warren Implement Inc	240.83
Ck Construction, LLC	46,647.84
North Dakota Tax Commissioner	655.97
Payroll	74,780.83
At T Mobility	582.87
Central Plains Water District	410.76
Cendak Cooperative	1,883.40
Aflac Inc	338.84
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	23,716.73
Aflac	145.21
Nd Public Employees Retirement	1,989.00
Nd Public Employees Retirement	15,403.89
Colonial Life	461.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	244.51
David Allmaras	64.12
Thomas Allmaras	3,000.00
Bank Forward	27.70
Cash And Carry	6,416.66
Central Business Systems Inc	526.59
Glenda Collier	187.60
Computer Projects of Il., Inc.	300.00
Cowboys Towing	222.00
City Of Sheyenne	118.46
City Of New Rockford	20,011.01
New Rockford City Park Dist.	2,738.22
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	162.25
Tia Davis	283.12
Eddy County Council on Aging	1,055.58
Eddy County Treasurer	6,778.00
Election Systems & Software	4,245.64
Everspring Inn Suites	198.00
Tolna Fire Protect District	248.16
New Rockford Fire Prot. Dist.	1,667.15

Foster County Auditor	110.00
Garrison Div. Cons District	787.64
Tom Gilbertson And Sons	22,837.00
G & R Grain and Feed, Inc	808.50
Haley Auto Repair LLC	2,300.00
Robert Hanson	57.42
Historical Society	178.96
Hoyt Lawn Care	250.00
Liberty Mutual Insurance	267.50
Shauna Laber	46.70
Montana Dakota Utilities Co	319.06
NDEMA	50.00
NDSU Extension Service	6,515.63
NDSDA	400.00
NoDak Electric Cooperative	56.98
National Sheriffs Association	125.00
Otter Tail Power Co	946.22
Perleberg Convenience Store	49.65
Pfau Bros Auto Body	340.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	210.57
Quill Corporation	412.96
Stuart Richter	40.00
Rockford Plumbing & Heating	2,961.21
Levi Rue	59.43
Dakota Prairie Pub School	2,023.12
New Rockford Sheyenne School	47,281.50
Midkota School	2,268.37
Warwick School	203.34
Soil Conservation	1,895.01
State Treasurer	527.80
Lisa Thompson	202.34
Transcript Publishing	1,964.48
Paradise Township	1,582.63
Cherry Lake Township	737.82
Columbia Township	1,221.96
Pleasant Prairie Township	1,424.80
Superior Township	5,691.07
Rosefield Township	2,408.12
Colvin Township	1,689.02
Lake Washington Township	1,206.00
Tiffany Township	1,076.37
Sheldon Township	951.47
New Rockford Township	2,265.61
Munster Township	1,881.27
Freeborn Township	1,310.86

Eddy Township	1,109.91
Hillsdale Township	1,108.20
Bush Township	1,551.39
Gates Township	1,600.89
Grandfield Township	1,143.93
Vanguard Appraisals	7,000.00
Donna Young	84.71

Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager gave an update on the FEMA grants, both grants that were applied for were awarded. New quotes are needed as previous quotes were received in April, both grants were under \$10,000. The security camera quote from NDTA was \$9,999.27 and waiting on new quote from for metal door. Thompson also reported that HUD has new guidance requirements for the Floodplain Ordinances, and the approved Ordinance "D" will need to be modified in March of 2025.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent gave an update on the County Road Department. The City of New Rockford has agreed to take the generator that was previously given to the City of Sheyenne. It was previously considered out of service, but Weber reported that it does run. Weber inquired about joining Sourcewell – a purchasing coop that streamlines the procurement process. Weber also discussed replacing the county's skid steer. Weber reported that there are approximately 1350 hours on current skid steer and cost for new skid steer with trade in is \$99,117.00.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to sign on with Sourcewell and to move forward with the trade in on a new skid steer. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Todd Allmaras addressed the Commission with information regarding on the SIRN radio project. There is a grant available for up to \$1,500 per radio, which is set to end March 31, 2025. Allmaras suggested that plow trucks should have radios. Weber would prefer to have portable radios. Allmaras discussed safety concerns surrounding the Munster School property. Allmaras suggested that the area of the old school house be filled and covered. He suggested a 50/50 cost share between Eddy County and New Rockford Sheyenne School. Allmaras will solicit bids and return to Commission for further discussion.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to order 4 portable radios for the Road Department. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roger Langley presented information to the Commission on a Stream Cross Study and asked if Eddy County would consider requesting a Study. State's Attorney Lies advised Langley that Eddy County is not requesting a stream study at this time and that he can request the study with the approval of the surrounding landowners or request a steam study from the Water Board.

Kevin Johnson was present to discuss lawn mowing at the Fairgrounds. The annual cost of lawn mowing for the season is \$1,500. The cost of water at the fairgrounds during ND Steam Threshers was \$408.21. The difference between the cost to mow \$1, 500 and the cost of water \$408.21 is \$1,091.79.

Glenda made a motion to pay CNDSTR \$1,091.79 for mowing the fairgrounds this season. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Brady Martz Annual Audit for 2023. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to amend the Delinquent Tax Sale price to be sold as the total tax due, including liens. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no public comments heard at the Public Hearing for the Zoning Flood Plain Ordinance Model "D". Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Zoning Flood Plain Model "D" Ordinance. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no public comments heard at the Public Hearing for Amending the Zoning Ordinance to add additional options for variance requests. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinances adding additional options for variance requests. Dave Gehrtz seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the increase in contract with Randy Linderman from \$2,000 per month to \$2,100 per month with the inclusion of the Public Health Office. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Tiffany Harr presented quotes for a new Clerk of Court desk in the courtroom. The court facilities grant will be applied for, for desk. If the grant is awarded the cost to Eddy County will be around \$790.75. The desk is shorter in length and depth, making it easier and safer to move in the Court Room.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve applying for grant for the desk. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Eddy County Christmas Party was set for December 4, 2024 at the County Shop.

Annual service awards were discussed. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve a sweatshirt and \$50 in Chamber Bucks for Eddy County Employees. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement for the Fairgrounds for Shalya Thumb and Samuel Krause's Wedding on August 20, 2025 – August 24, 2025. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Liquor and Beer License for the New Rockford Golf Course. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to change the Eddy County Courthouse and Buildings afternoon hours on Friday to 1:00 P.M. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. In discussion, it was directed that hourly employees will need to make up the hours during the week and if there is work scheduled or needed to be completed, employees will be expected to be present to perform those tasks. In a vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, Dave Gehrtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 AM.

The next regular meeting will be December 3, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

ATTEST:



Becki Schumacher, Auditor



James F. Allmaras, Chairperson