

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
March 4, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Glenda Collier, Chairperson. Roll Call: Commissioners Dave Gehrtz, James Allmaras, and State's Attorney Ashley Lies present. Amy Wobbema representing the New Rockford Transcript was also present.

Chairperson Collier began the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 28, 2025 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 February 2025, a motion was made by James Allmaras 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 James Allmaras. Roll call vote: Glenda Collier, James Allmaras, and Dave Gehrtz voted aye. The motion carried.

V Post Board	-100.00
* Kathy Anderson	36.48
Bank Forward	185.45
Bear, Aurora	200.00
Briss Oil Co	134.47
Michael Buck	100.00
Cash And Carry Lumber	230.48
Central City H2o	104.00
CenDak Cooperative	1,746.75
Ck Construction, LLC	1,500.00
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Tori Dockter	422.03
Election Systems and Software	1,150.00
EverSpring Inn Suites	198.00
Tom Gilbertson And Sons	2,762.00
Information Technology Dept	1,105.15
Insure Forward	23.00
Lake Region Law Enforcement	90.00
Linde Gas Equipment Inc.	99.51
Meehan Machine	993.36
Denette Meehan	2,703.41
NA Association of Counties	450.00

ND Association of Counties	10,726.19
NDACO Resources Group	7,818.93
ND Clerks Association	100.00
NDACTVSO	170.00
Nd Public Employees Retirement	26,890.48
NDSDS	400.00
ND Telephone Co	922.89
Napa Auto Parts	367.20
Northern Plains Electric Coop	293.00
Office Of Attorney Gen - 1250	310.00
Otter Tail Power Co	179.92
Linderman Construction, Inc.	2,100.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase	500.00
Scott Reis	375.00
Rockin Fitness	600.00
Jim Sherman	1,600.00
Julie Shrock	2,103.78
Softchoice Corporation	639.92
Transcript Publishing	1,275.00
Warren Implement Inc	162.50
Austin Weisenburger	100.00
Payroll	71,429.64
AT&T Mobility	583.01
Central Plains Water District	59.00
NoDak Electric Cooperative	63.95
Otter Tail Power Co	1,504.49
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	23,060.60
Aflac	145.21
ND Public Employees Retirement	1,989.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	15,649.80
Colonial Life	461.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	244.51

At 8:45 A.M. The Twedt family, Evan, Whitney, Jordan, Kash, Riley and Parker were present to discuss with the Commissioners the possibility of expanding Eddy County Fairgrounds with the addition of a hog barn. Goals listed for structure include: make room for more exhibitors, heighten the experience and opportunity of the 4-H youth of Eddy Co., grow the Eddy County achievement days and to provide winter storage in New Rockford. The barn features a 40' X 85' building with a 3.5/12 roof pitch with 1' overhang on all sides, 20' X 8' roll top doors, a double sliding door, adjustable interior pens and an exterior wash bay. Eddy County Commissioners agreed to encourage the Twedt family to move forward with the project.

At 9:00 A.M. Donna Young, the Eddy County Weed Director gave an update on the Weed Forum she attended in Bismarck in February. Young reported that there is no change to the noxious weed list this year, however, it was noted to watch for baby's breath. Young has been in contact with Fort Grafton and

has received a commitment from Camp Grafton North to work on spraying 1000 acres of Camp Grafton South. Youngs also presented quotes for a sprayer and power steering for the ranger, both pieces of equipment needed for spraying. Young also would like to use TAG funds for Township incentives for spraying, she will compile an ad for newspaper with details.

David Fite addressed the Commission with Zoning Board concerns. Fite expressed that he believed there to be a conflict of interest in regards to the Zoning Board President, Stu Richter, in connection to the Flicker Tail Wind Tower Project. Fite also cited that there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board, and he also had concerns with setbacks, which are going to be discussed at the next Zoning Board.

Roger Langley presented the Commission with a letter of recommendation from an engineer that he received. The letter recommended gates to control the flow of water by Langley's property, as a possible solution. The Eddy County Commissioners had previously rejected the use of gates or blocks to cover culverts to hold water from flowing, and continue to hold firm on their stance.

Old Business:

New Business:

Spending of opioid litigation funds was discussed. Sheriff Lies along with Public Health and the Auditor's office collaborated to present information on hosting a lyceum in Eddy County at the NR-S school, presented by Steered Straight with Michael DeLeon. DeLeon is a #1 school education on opioids, vaping and fentanyl. DeLeon was recommended to Eddy County from Pierce County, as Pierce recently held lyceum at Rugby High School.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to use the Eddy County opioid litigation funds to cover the cost of sponsoring the lyceum. James Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Two journal entries were presented. Moving 2.61 from 8050-2902-000 Federal Medicare Fund to 1000-2901-000 to County General. Moving 11.16 from 8050-2901-000 Federal Social Security Fund to 1000-2901-000 to County General.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the entries as presented. James Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Eddy County Road Restrictions were discussed. Road Superintendent follows the State set restrictions. Chairperson Collier is anticipating restrictions in force around Monday, March 10th, 2025. It was noted that the restrictions will be posted on Eddy County's website and Facebook page.

The Commission discussed moving the regular meeting times from 8:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. from April through October. James Allmaras made a motion to change the times of regular meetings from 8:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. during the months of April through October. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was properly adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be April 1, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Glenda Collier", written over a horizontal line.

Glenda Collier, Chairperson

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Becki Schumacher", written over a horizontal line.

Becki Schumacher, Auditor