

**MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**June 3, 2025, 8:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Glenda Collier, Chairperson. Commissioners Dave Gehrtz, James Allmaras, and State's Attorney Ashley Lies present. Amy Wobbema representing the New Rockford Transcript was also present.

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

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes: strike Amanda Hegland from agenda, she will come in July and add survey crew wind towers to the agenda as number 7 under new business. James Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 12, 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 May 2025, 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.

A transfer was presented from the General Fund for \$30,000 to the County Agent Fund for \$30,000. After review, James Allmaras made a motion to approve. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. 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.

Bank Forward	100.00
Briss Oil Co	140.10
CenDak Cooperative	1,301.78
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
DEA	223.25
Tiffany Harr	10.00
ND Telephone Co	868.41
Napa Auto Parts	1,124.10
NoDak Electric Cooperative	22.02
Northern Plains Electric Coop	260.00
Office Of Attorney Gen - 1250	300.00
Otter Tail Power Co	109.58
Linderman Construction, Inc.	2,100.00
Quill Corporation	92.03
Rockin Fitness	600.00
Vanguard Appraisals In	175.00
Warren Implement Inc	65.55

Payroll	69,340.65
AT&T Mobility	534.48
Central Plains Water District	59.82
Otter Tail Power Co	2,016.55
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	22,130.03
Aflac	145.21
Nd Public Employees Retirement	1,989.00
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Colonial Life	461.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	220.71
Ag Spray Equipment	3,327.70
Aflac Inc	298.82
Alan S Furnace Service Inc	80.00
Bank Forward	27.50
Butler Machinery Company	134.45
Elan Financial Services	345.58
Cenex Fleetcard	315.60
Cole Papers Inc	106.52
Creative Product Source Inc	669.19
City Of Sheyenne	3,602.44
City Of New Rockford	41,802.33
New Rockford City Park Dist	8,604.93
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	322.20
Do It Best	156.74
Eddy County Council On Aging	787.04
Eddy County Treasurer	3,138.00
Tolna Fire Protect District	464.36
New Rockford Fire Pro.t Dist.	605.81
Flower Scent-R	146.95
Garrison Div.Cons District	629.83
Tiffany Harr	196.00
Historical Society	98.39
Interstate Engineering Inc	5,376.00
Montana Dakota Utilities Co	491.93
ND Association of Counties	762.87
NDACO Resources Group	300.00
New Rockford Utility Services	335.01
Ok Tire Store Carrington	468.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase	201.00
Quill Corporation	32.19
Rough Rider Industries	3,163.00
Dakota Prairie Pub School	2,457.74
New Rockford Sheyenne School	31,248.79
Midkota School	337.29
Warwick School	1,800.53
The Sidwell Company	1,805.03
Soil Conservation	1,452.68

State Treasurer	123.12
Transcript Publishing	381.50
Paradise Township	264.64
Cherry Lake Township	226.83
Columbia Township	378.55
Pleasant Prairie Township	370.95
Superior Township	425.31
Rosefield Township	373.33
Colvin Township	722.60
Lake Washington Township	359.15
Tiffany Township	325.00
Sheldon Township	241.01
New Rockford Township	833.46
Munster Township	401.68
Freeborn Township	492.15
Eddy Township	383.89
Hillsdale Township	302.77
Bush Township	655.40
Gates Township	589.75
Grandfield Township	338.69
Uniform Center	603.89
Water Resource	725.98
Donna Young	144.05

At 8:45 A.M. Kip Kovar, Garrison Diversion District Engineer along with Ryan Anderson of Garrison Diversion and Dale Esser a title transfer consultant addressed the Commissioners regarding the possible transfer of title of the Garrison Diversion Canal to Eddy County or to Eddy and Wells Counties. The offer of the canal transfer included the maintenance/office building – at no cost. The cost to maintain the canal was estimated to be between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually. No motion was made.

At 9:00 A.M. The Eddy County Board of Equalization Meeting was opened. Director of Tax Equalization Kristy O'Connor presented the 2025 Equalization Report. For Eddy County: O'Connor reported that there was a 2.48% increase in Commercial property from prior year. There was a .35% increase change in Residential property from prior year. Agricultural land decreased -.14% from prior year. These increases and decreases do not affect every parcel. O'Connor noted that 709 agricultural acres were sold to Spirit Lake Tribe, in Freeborn and Eddy Townships. In 2024 197 PRC Credits were approved. In 2025 there were 443 PRC credits approved. HB1176 increased the maximum from \$500 to \$1600. O'Connor reported valuations are within tolerance. There were no Eddy County taxpayers present to discuss concerns. The Eddy County Board of Equalization closed at 9:30 A.M. James Allmaras made a motion to accept the equalization report and County valuations as presented. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent reported that County Road 6 needs work and he is looking into doing a grade raise to help with repairs. Weber advised commission that he is considering selling a single axel truck that is not being used. Once the truck is running, it will be advertised to sell via bids. Weber would like to use Mike May as a consultant for prehaul inspections. May will document width, height and

gravel debt before a project hits the road, this will set the criteria to which the road needs to be returned to after use. It was confirmed that you do not need a Road Pass if you are underweight, under width and under height.

Michelle Gilley, NDSU Agent, and Tiffany Munson, Administrative Assistant introduced Carrie Nichols the new Eddy County Extension Employee. Gilley gave NDSU Extension update. Gilley received a quote for \$11,750 to add more outlets/receptacles for fans and other needs for electricity in the barn at the Eddy County Fairgrounds. There was discussion on cutting back the number requested to reduce the cost. The Static Building at the Fairgrounds is using temporary power currently, and the desire is to complete the panel install prior to achievement days. A quote to finalize the power to the Static Building is being requested, as well as an updated quote for the barn. A Special meeting will be called fifteen minutes prior to the upcoming special hearing to review quotes, and possible move to move forward with the projects.

**Old Business:**

Four applications were received and reviewed for the Eddy County Zoning Commission. There was discussion on desire to have a representative from the Eastern portion of the county. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to appoint Lucas Walter to the Eddy County Zoning Commission. James Allmaras seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Glenda Collier, James Allmaras, and Dave Gehrtz voted aye. The motion carried.

**New Business:**

COLA and steps were discussed for the upcoming 2026 Budget period. COLA is estimated at 2.5% for 2026. Step increases range from 1% to 3% based on position and years of service. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve one step and the 2.5% COLA increase for wages, with the caveat that upon total budget review, adjustments may need to be made. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

James Allmaras made a motion to appoint Shannon Anderson, as the Eddy County Treasurer upon the resignation date of Kathy Anderson. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to add Shannon Anderson to all Eddy County bank accounts. James Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.


A Special Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at a special event at designated premise for Hanson's Bar LLC to sell alcohol for a wedding at Jay Kulstrud's Barn on June 28<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. James Allmaras made a motion to approve the Special Permit. Dave Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.


A County Deed for Lots 23 and 24, Block 7, Railway Addition to the City of New Rockford was presented. The real property was offered for sale on November 19, 2024 pursuant to authority of law, and there was no sale of the property. The deed assigns the property to the City of New Rockford.

the Eddy County Zoning Commissioners visit an area that had wind towers near Langdon. A resident of that area welcomed anyone to come and tour the area in which towers were in use.

At 8:47 p.m. Glenda Collier adjourned the Eddy County Commission Special meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Becki Schumacher, Auditor

  
Glenda Collier, Chairperson