

**MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**July 1, 2025, 8:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Glenda Collier, Chairperson. Commissioners Dave Gehrtz, James F. Allmaras, and State's Attorney Ashley Lies present. Nathan Price 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: Tom Evans may not be available for meeting at 9:00 A.M. or at all. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 10, 11 and 24, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of June 2025, a motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by James F. Allmaras. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

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 Prot 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
Central Business Systems Inc	74.83
Cendak Cooperative	7,210.87
Com Ambulance of New Rockford	35.00
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	150.00
Elite Spraying	60.00
Everspring Inn Suites	198.00
Betty Georgeson	475.00
Information Technology Dept	1,147.55

Lake Region Law Enforcement	1,080.00
Leaf	256.04
Linde Gas Equipment Inc.	105.88
Micks 281 Service	877.29
Nd Public Employees Retirement	30,162.38
Nd Telephone Co	877.05
Napa Auto Parts	141.19
Northern Plains Electric Coop	269.00
Office Of Attorney Gen - 1250	310.00
Otter Tail Power Co	201.44
Linderman Construction, Inc.	2,100.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase	500.00
Rockin Fitness	600.00
Dale Rosenberg	475.00
Rough Rider Industries	142.64
Becki Schumacher	23.98
Jerome Seibold	475.00
John Steinbach Trust	475.00
Underground Vaults Storage	219.00
Payroll	76,668.55
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	24,713.94
Aflac	145.21
ND Public Employees Retirement	1,989.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	16,602.23
Colonial Life	461.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	248.85

At 8:15 A.M. Larry Danduran brought forth to the Commission concerns on conflict of interest, and presented Zoning Ordinances from Stark County.

At 8:20 A.M. Paul White, CEO of PRC Wind gave an update on project. PRC is making good progress and is working on finalizing the project design work. Project expected to begin with prep work late in 2026 with a completion date expected in 2028.

At 8:25 A.M. Alan Anderson, Alan Anderson, Flickertail Wind project consultant, spoke on property rights and zoning land use. Anderson reminded Commissioners that PRC Wind was approached by land owners of Eddy County to determine if they would consider forging a wind project in Eddy County.

At 8:30 A.M. Various budgets were presented and reviewed. Merita Dablow Aldayel with Eddy County Museum, Kristy O'Connor with Tax Equalization, Shannon Anderson and Kathy Anderson Treasurers Office, Tiffany Harr the Recorder/Clerk-PIO, Sheriff Lies with the Sheriff's Office, and District Court.

#### **Old Business:**

No new business was on agenda.

**New Business:**

The North Central Planning Council Funding Request was reviewed. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the funding request of \$1,665 from Eddy County as requested. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

State's Attorney Lies presented a draft of the Public Comment Policy. It was decided that this policy is to be reviewed and presented for adoption at the Special Meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Columbia Township presented a letter stating that they would like to have control of their Zoning. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the request, granting Columbia Township Zoning jurisdiction – removing Eddy County. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Andrew Presnell spoke on a letter from Amanda Hegland, NRABC Director, requesting funding for a career van that is used in Eddy County. The request was to split the cost of a match with NRABC. The career van is used across 6 counties and Devils Lake. The van simulates a day in the life of a career for students to experience virtually what a certain career looks like.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the match split of \$2,620.50. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz gave an update on the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center. The current center needs to be replaced. The cost for a new facility in Devils Lake is likely going to cost an estimated 70 million. Eddy County currently has a Joint Powers Agreement with the Lake Region LEC, along with Benson, Nelson, Ramsey Counties and Devils Lake. From May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025 the LEC has housed 202 days of inmates for Eddy County.

An application for local Raffle permit for Warwick WELCA was reviewed. James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the permit as presented. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was had on the trips to Summitt, SD and Osnabrock, ND. There was concern regarding the absence of a commissioner at the prescheduled Osnabrock meeting, and taking another member in a different direction, which could have led to an unsuccessful quorum.

A Special Commission Meeting was set to review the Zoning recommendation from the Eddy County Zoning Commission following their meeting on July 8, 2025. The Special Meeting was set for July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M.

A special permit was presented and reviewed for Buck Its bar. A motion was made by Dave Gehrtz to approve the permit as presented. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Announcements:

The Annual Summer Employee BBQ (commissioner privately funded) is scheduled for July 22, 2025 at the Eddy County Shop in Sheyenne.

An open house will be July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M to celebrate 125 years of the Eddy County Courthouse. The Eddy County Truck will be driven on July 4<sup>th</sup> in both parades.

With no further business, Glenda Collier adjourned the meeting at 9:38A.M.

The next regular meeting will be August 5, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
Becki Schumacher, Auditor

  
Glenda Collier, Chairperson