

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
August 5, 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. 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 addition of adding Garrison Diversion and update on the LEC to the agenda. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, the July 9, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes and the correction to the June 11th Special Meeting Minutes. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of July 2025, a motion was made by James F. 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 F. Allmaras. Roll call vote: Glenda Collier, James Allmaras, and Dave Gehrtz voted aye. The motion carried.

Bank Forward	27.60
Elan Financial Services	1,939.48
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	167.00
Eddy County Treasurer	3,338.00
Leaf	256.04
NDAAO	225.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	34,371.62
David Allmaras	65.20
Robert Hanson	108.00
Shauna Laber	47.00
Stuart Richter	80.00
Levi Rue	275.30
Walter, Lucas	242.40
Aflac Inc	298.82
Thomas Allmaras	2,250.00
Anderson, Shannon	375.80
Brady, Martz & Associates Pc	16,537.50
Butler Machinery Company	2,405.75
Carlson Ystaas Fert And Chem	614.70
Cash And Carry Lumber	105.64
CenDak Cooperative	3,905.76

Close Construction Comp Inc	16,686.50
CNA Surety	50.00
Cole Papers Inc	541.66
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	375.00
Doug Gilliss	725.40
Golden West Industrial Supply	124.66
Brent Helseth	493.50
Information Technology Dept	1,147.55
Insure Forward	13,521.00
John Deere Financial	251.49
Lake Region District Health Un	19,715.25
Linde Gas Equipment Inc.	108.46
Andrew S. Marquart	288.00
Meehan Machine	142.62
Monroe Systems For Business	42.99
ND Telephone Co	883.71
New Rockford Utility Services	342.09
North Central Planning Council	1,665.00
North Dakota Tax Commissioner	514.24
Northern Plains Electric Coop	273.00
Office Of Attorney Gen - 1250	300.00
Otter Tail Power Co	185.95
Linderman Construction, Inc.	2,100.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase	500.00
RDO Equipment Co	2,627.57
Scott Reis	246.75
Kenny Reis	336.00
Jordan Reis	687.75
Rockin Fitness	600.00
Running Supply Inc	433.98
Becki Schumacher	792.48
Joe Seiler	882.00
Transcript Publishing	1,737.80
Warren Implement Inc	79.38
Payroll	78,300.45
AT&T Mobility	534.42
Central Business Systems Inc	358.73
Central Plains Water District	65.33
Close Construction Comp Inc	5,655.00
Code 4 Services	6,653.78
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	161.00
G R Grain and Feed, Inc	275.00
John Deere Financial	5,625.00
JP Attachments	7,000.00
Linderman Construction Inc	184.80
Messner Gravel LLC	7,074.20

Montana Dakota Utilities Co	208.77
ND State Radio Communications	263.00
NoDak Electric Cooperative	67.90
North Dakota One Call	1.50
Ok Tire Store Carrington	258.63
Otter Tail Power Co	879.29
Aflac	145.21
ND Public Employees Retirement	1,989.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	16,525.52
Colonial Life	461.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	248.85
Perleberg Convenience Store	90.80
Quill Corporation	72.19
Julie Shrock	1,145.20
Steered Straight	3,000.00
Summit Fire Protection	145.50
Team Lab	1,991.00
Donna Young	130.05
Electronic Federal Tax Pay Sys	25,166.34
WWW Trucking	500.00
Nelson Auto Center	47,997.00

Susie Sharp shared the Eddy County/New Rockford Library Annual Update. The number of books and periodicals on hand is 15,581. 192 books were added, 16 books were lost, in house checkouts for the fiscal year was 2,312. There were 2,737 overdrive checkouts and 48 books withdrawn from circulation. There were 27 new patrons added. The catalog website usage was 2,068 and the total number of patrons was 1584. Sharp reported that the carpets need cleaning and there are some roof leaks that need to be addressed. Jessica Hawks is representing the member on the library board for Eddy County. James F. Allmaras made a motion to reinstate Jessica Hawks for a one-year term. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Cindy Schmidt with Lake Region Public Health discussed avenues for opioid settlement spending. Options discussed were: a Narcan dispensing box, a prevention program called PreVenture and a program called Operation Parent. Samples of products were shown and discussed.

Lisa Thompson discussed grants and updated the commission on the status of the Homeland Security Grant. As of August 1, 2025 the floodplain authority in townships is granted to Eddy County. If any townships would like to change the authority they can do so.

Madison Crisman, the Central Prairies Human Service Zone director gave update on department. Crisman reviewed caseloads and benchmarks for child protective services, and foster care/in home case management. Crisman also reviewed economic assistance, direct care, childcare assistance, and SNAP issuance for Eddy County. Care and Custody of the deceased was also reviewed and discussed.

The following presented and reviewed budgets and gave department updates: Denton Heisler with Lake Region Public Health, Julie Shrock VSO, Ashley Lies State's Attorney, Donna Young Weed Board, Travis

Peterson Water Resource, Becki Schumacher Auditor, General, Capital Projects, Senior Citizen, and Airport. Michelle Gilley, Tiffany Munson and Carrie Nichols Extension office. Todd Weber Road Superintendent. Lisa Thompson, Emergency Management.

Paul White, CEO of PRC Wind gave update on the Flickertail Project. White reported that PRC has been working with families and individuals in and around the project footprint – both participating and non-participating. White reported that they have been successful in reaching all but 2 individuals – after multiple attempts. The design updates were shared, noting that the map is not complete, but getting close to finalizing.

Tiffany Harr, Recorder requested that they copy funds she receives go to the preservation fund for future transactions. Dave Gehrtz made a motion that all copy funds from the Recorder/Clerk's office be deposited in the Preservation Fund. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

No new business was on agenda.

New Business:

The preliminary budget was reviewed, noting several changes and additions, a special meeting was set for August 11, 2025 to review the changes and look for an approval at that meeting.

There was discussion on the New Rockford Sheyenne School Cross Country Team hosting a meet at the Warsing Dam. It was agreed that NRS would need to fill out the agreement form similar to having an event at the Eddy County Fairgrounds.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the Local Gaming Permit for Kulsrud Brothers at the Countyline Barn on August 23, 2025. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the Application for Special Permit to sell alcoholic beverages for Stage Bar and Grille LLC at Kulsrud's barn on September 13, 2025 for a wedding dance and reception. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Special Permit to sell alcohol for Hanson's Bar LLC at Kulsrud's barn on August 23, 2025 for Make a Wish Event and Dance. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Two Journal Entries were reviewed and discussed. Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the following: Moving \$113.40 from 2540-4101-312 Co Agent Travel to 2340-4104-312 Weed Control Travel, and moving \$46.48 from 1000-4117-104 Election Expenses to 1000-4211-317 Sheriff Equipment. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Rate of pay was discussed for Kathy Anderson who will be working part time to assist Treasurer's office with continued training. Anderson will receive the established amount of \$50 per hour, for training and auditing purposes.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Police Contracting with the City of New Rockford and the City of Sheyenne with a 3% increase. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

An Application for Special Permit for Hanson's Bar was presented, but tabled. The application did not include payment or Township sign off.

Dave Gehrtz gave an update on Garrison Diversion Canal. Gehrtz reported that there are 44 miles of canal between Eddy and Wells County. Eddy County has approximately 1/3 of the 44 miles. Gehrtz requested permission to do research on the opportunities available and to work with Wells County if applicable. The consensus was in favor of Gehrtz to continue to research and have discussion.

Dave Gehrtz also gave update on Lake Region LEC. The recent city-wide sales tax increase request for Devils Lake did not pass. Efforts for new Lake Region Law Enforcement Center/Jail still underway.

Announcements:

Eddy County has signed up to receive Purdue Direct Settlement Funds.

Tiffany Harr, Eddy County Clerk was elected to serve on the NDACO Board of Representatives.

With no further business, Glenda Collier adjourned the meeting at 12:36 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be September 2, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST:


Becki Schumacher, Auditor


Glenda Collier, Chairperson