

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

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

Chairperson James F. Allmaras began the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the agenda with additions – adding VSO update, Fair Board, LEC Report and update on the NDACO Convention. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, with amendment to motion regarding the closing of the budget hearing, to include the approval of the 2026 Eddy County budget as presented. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

The financials, expenditure and revenue budgets of October will be approved at the December meeting.

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

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP	303.70
PLEASANT PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP	303.70
SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP	487.15
ROSEFIELD TOWNSHIP	358.09
COLVIN TOWNSHIP	335.43
LAKE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP	344.49
TIFFANY TOWNSHIP	258.37
SHELDON TOWNSHIP	250.41
NEW ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP	628.19
MUNSTER TOWNSHIP	570.96
FREEBORN TOWNSHIP	362.10
EDDY TOWNSHIP	219.30
HILLSDALE TOWNSHIP	208.51
BUSH TOWNSHIP	294.63
GATES TOWNSHIP	362.62
GRANDFIELD TOWNSHIP	317.29
PARADISE TOWNSHIP	360.42
TOLNA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	67.38
WARWICK FIRE DISTRICT	46.63
NEW ROCKFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	105.56
DAKOTA PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	76.23
NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE SCHOOL DISTRICT #2	10,380.81
MIDKOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT #7	485.06
WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT #29	97.79
CITY OF NEW ROCKFORD	19,424.17

CITY OF SHEYENNE	1,915.10
NEW ROCKFORD CITY PARK DISTRICT	2,760.30
GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT	344.11
EDDY COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	590.31
STATE TREASURER	117.47
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	54.54
EDDY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE	208.27
NEW ROCKFORD COMMUNITY AMBULANCE	1,100.59
MCHENRY AMBULANCE	122.29
LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT	19,715.25
BANK FORWARD	27.6
LEAF	256.04
BURNN BOILER & MECHANICAL, INC	72.00
CITY OF SHEYENNE	110.10
GILBERTSON'S	4,740.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,373.75
INSURE FORWARD	35,056.00
JAMES RIVER AG	12,828.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	293.60
NCZ EXPRESS INC	13,720.00
ND DEPT OF TRUST LANDS	250.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY	919.06
NOTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	228.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	300.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	157.46
TRANSCRIPT PUBLISHING	1,371.29
AFLAC	483.36
BURNN BOILER & MECHANICAL, INC	3,721.95
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,581.18
CENDAK COOPERATIVE	11,008.80
CENEX FLEETCARD	268.02
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	369.78
CENTRAL CITY H2O+	390.00
COMPUTER PROJECTS OF II., INC.	300.00
DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC.	167.00
DAUENHAUER DIESEL REPAIR	1,276.23
DO IT BEST	77.38
LAKE REGION LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	3,690.00
LINDERMAN CONSTRUCTION	2,100.00
MEEHAN MACHINE	269.82
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	244.51
NEW ROCKFORD UTILITY SERVICES	377.41
NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	69.52
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	54.90
QUILL LLC	46.83
ROCKIN FITNESS	600.00
STEINS, INC.	473.57
US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC	1,542.63
WESTAD AUCTION & APPRAISAL LLC	708.75
MIDKOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT #7	1,566.10
EDDY COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING	234.94

ADAM FLEMING	40.00
AT&T MOBILITY	574.88
BECKI SCHUMACHER	110.69
BILL SMITH	40.00
BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	17,587.50
CENEX FLEETCARD	546.72
CENTRAL PLAINS WATER DISTRICT	355.84
CLOSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.	7,847.50
COREY LONGNECKER	40.00
DAVID ALLMARAS	65.20
DELL MARKETING LP	726.57
DONNA YOUNG	69.50
ELITE SPRAYING	1,971.25
GATES TOWNSHIP	500.00
J&J STRIPING	2,000.00
JERRY SCHUSTER	40.00
KATHY ANDERSON	975.00
LEON HOYT	2,150.00
LEVI RUE	60.30
LUCAS WALTER	76.40
MIKE SCHAEFER	40.00
MILLER'S FRESH FOODS	106.37
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	475.92
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	10,077.09
NORTHWEST IRON FIREMAN, INC.	410.00
OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	535.23
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	4.50
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	904.95
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	984.04
ROBERT HANSON	54.00
SHAUNA LABER	47.00
STUART RICHTER	40.00
THOMAS ALLMARAS	2,250.00
AMERITAS	248.85
COLONIAL LIFE	461.25
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	2,047.32
CENTRAL ND STEAM THRESHERS	1,144.16
EFTPS	23,753.65
NDPERS	32,017.76
NDPERS	15,334.46
NDPERS	914.00
PAYROLL	73,441.89

Larry Danduran was on the agenda to speak; however, a letter was submitted informing the commission that he would be absent for the November meeting.

Paul White and Wells McGriffert were present to give an update on the Flickertail Wind Project. PRC is continuing to do outreach, have hosted two open houses, and continue to use feedback in the engineering and design work. Permitting is moving forward with getting the permits to townships first that have their own Zoning. Road use agreements are underway, working on consistent⁸⁷ plan. Field studies continue, along with field work.

Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager and Michelle Gilley, Extension Agent were present to discuss a farm mapping system, RFDASH. Rural Firefighters Delivering Agricultural Safety and Health is a program related to training first responders, designed to reduce agriculture injuries and property loss and to promote health and safety within the agriculture sector. Part of the program includes a mapping system, that will need information inputted into it. Emergency Managers and the Extension Agent are going to be tasked with mappings, mailings, and farm visits to obtain the information (with permission from landowners), that will be inputted into the program.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to move forward with this program for Eddy County. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Lisa Thompson discussed SNAP benefits and the possibility of needing an Emergency Declaration due to the government shutdown. Great Plains Food Bank is will be dropping approximately 175 boxes of non-perishable food items in Fessenden, for a distribution on November 10th. If the shutdown continues there may be a need for an Emergency Declaration. Thompson reported that the BIA had requested that a reverse 911 call to all residents be sent out, asking for everyone to keep an eye out for a missing individual. The process was not successfully distributed to those in our area. Thompson will continue to work on improving the list and the process in efforts to make a more successful distribution rate.

Michelle Gilley, Extension Agent discussed the Fair Board. Gilley reported that with the government shut down, the process is at a standstill. Gilley is working on asking for members to join the Fair Board. Gilley will be writing an article for newspaper advising the public that board members are being sought for the new fair board. It was discussed that a 5-member board would be ideal.

Julie Shrock, VSO director advised the commission that all records for VSO office are now digital. Shrock will be advertising for transportation needs to help facilitate veteran travel for appointments. Shrock then requested she be able to work remotely in her position as VSO director. The proposal is being driven by personal and medical needs. It was decided that Shrock would try the remote option for 30 days and give an update back to the County Commission. A program was also discussed to have installed on Julie's computer that logs her time, place of remote work.

Old Business:

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business:

A date was discussed and set for the Annual Christmas party. It will be held on December 10th at the Eddy County Shop.

There was discussion on the end of year employee appreciation item. It was decided that the end of year employee appreciation item will be Chamber Bucks this year.

The leaking roof at the Social Services/VSO Building was discussed. Glenda Collier contacted Dean Wallace to go to Social Services to find leak and address.

Glenda made a motion to close the Eddy County Courthouse the day after Thanksgiving. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

LEC update – Dave Gehrtz gave update on potential cost of jail project, a vote of the people in Ramsey County may potentially be on the ballot in June.

Update was given by Glenda Collier on the NDACO convention, 12 resolutions were voted on to move forward. The CAP was discussed, elections were held. Overall very good convention.

Announcements: none.

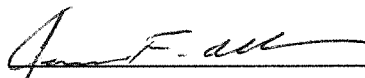
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 10:05 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be December 2, 2025 at 8:30 A.M.

ATTEST:



Becki Schumacher, Auditor



James F. Allmaras, Chairperson