

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
April 7, 2026
8:00 A.M.

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

Chairperson Dave Gehrtz began the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the March 6, 2026, March 24, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the March Monthly Statements from the Treasurer's Office and the March Financials and Expenditures and Revenue Budgets. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the February 2026 bills. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

March Bills

Historical Society	1,632.77
Eddy County Water Resource	21,258.76
Eddy County Council on Aging	13,052.71
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District	6,794.83
Eddy County Soil Conservation District	20,370.14
State Treasurer	6,561.67
Oak Creed Drain	810.15
City Of New Rockford	279,298.98
New Rockford City Park District	26,422.18
City Of Sheyenne	29,854.00
New Rockford-Sheyenne School District #2	518,094.47
Midkota School District #7	54,591.54
Warwick School District #29	28,589.98
Dakota Prairie Public School District #1	19,115.27
Tolna Fire Protection District	2,027.14
Warwick Fire District	958.72
New Rockford Rural Fire District	14,395.00
Two Rivers Ambulance	34,573.30
New Rockford Community Ambulance	60.82
McHenry Ambulance	2,120.30
Paradise Township	3,550.62
Cherry Lake Township	3,059.19
Columbia Township	4,184.48

Pleasant Prairie Township	11,271.90
Superior Township	19,166.82
Rosefield Township	5,940.02
Colvin Township	4,528.24
Lake Washington Township	2,989.94
Sheldon Township	1,343.35
New Rockford Township	7,289.87
Munster Township	13,582.21
Freeborn Township	4,940.34
Eddy Township	1,823.15
Hillsdale Township	3,235.00
Bush Township	4,809.49
Gates Township	6,184.94
Grandfield Township	3,751.83
Eddy County Council on Aging	14,623.27
Historical Society	2,500.00
Cash & Carry Lumber Assoc., Llc	179.80
Cendak Cooperative	1,472.45
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc.	343.30
Do It Best	38.94
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District	600.00
HR Collaborative	300.00
Information Technology Dept	1,347.10
Kyle Irmen	1,486.82
Lake Region Law Enforcement Center	2,327.40
Leaf	256.04

Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	457.82
Linderman Construction	2,100.00
Meehan Machine	47.90
Miller's Fresh Foods	15.95
Nd Clerks Association	100.00
Neil Backman	2,253.25
New Rockford Utility Services	344.19
Ok Tire Store and Service	518.32
Otter Tail Power Company	116.97
Quill Llc	54.38
Rockin Fitness	600.00
Transcript Publishing	736.58
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	16,929.85
Bank Forward	305.96
Becki Schumacher	44.35
Central Business Systems, Inc.	354.35
Central Plains Water District	59.00
David Allmaras	66.10
Eddy County Rod and Gun Club	120.00
Levi Rue	61.03
Lucas Walter	77.70
Napa Auto Parts - Carrington	54.02
Napa Auto Parts - Nr	1,676.15

NoDak Electric Cooperative	69.93
North Dakota Telephone Company	900.58
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative	277.00
Office Of Attorney General - 1250	140.00
Otter Tail Power Company	1,957.35
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	500.00
Quill Llc	209.71
Randy Linderman	58.73
Robert Hanson	54.50
Shauna Laber	47.25
University Of North Dakota	150.00
Aflac	536.46
Aflac	145.21
Ameritas	248.85
Colonial Life	461.25
Electronic Federal Tax Payment	25,234.50
Kollman Furnace Repair	5,180.63
ND Public Employees Retirement Systems	1,089.00
ND Public Employees Retirement Systems	32,076.46
ND Public Employees Retirement Systems	17,504.91
Us Post Office	9.70
Payroll	78,780.29

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Darren Anderson, State Radio Director presented information on the North Dakota State Emergency Communication Center. Anderson reviewed various areas of their program including, State ECC Fees, Computer Aided Dispatch, Mobile CAD, Coverage, Staffing, Paging, Emergency Calls, Non-Emergency Calls, and Phone Stats. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the move to State Radio effective January 1, 2027. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager and Todd Allmaras discussed with the Commission equipment that will be needed in the transition to State Radio. James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve 2 pagers from JT Communications to use in testing. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Thompson discussed the BRIC Building Grant, which would be used to replace the existing shelter that stores Emergency Management equipment. Daniel Schwartz with Nexus Planning is willing to write the grant for a cost of 5% of the total amount requested. James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve hiring Daniel Schwartz to write the BRIC Building Grant for Eddy County. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Thompson also reported that textmygov (which is a service option that could replace HyperReach - Eddy County's current notification system) gave a presentation to Becki Schumacher, Dave Gehrtz, Lisa Thompson, and Ashley Lies. Thompson reported the quote given for one year with this service was \$2250 plus set up fees. Thompson was pleased with the options available from this company.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent joined the Commissioners to open bids for blades. Two bids were submitted one from RDO and other from Butler Machinery. SA Ashley Lies, opened bids, confirming that the bid bonds were sufficient. The Commissioners reviewed the base bid price, performance bonds, trade in allowance, net bid price, guaranteed repurchase price and the guaranteed maximum cost per blade. Overall, the difference in guaranteed maximum cost was \$29,455.00 in favor of RDO. James F. Allmaras made a motion to table the awarding of the bid until the Special Meeting the following week. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Bryan Sea, Fishery Supervisor was present and, on the agenda, to discuss the potential of a fishery near the intersection of County Road 6 and County Road 1. Sea reported that there would be no cost to County for this project. Eddy County owns property that would be used to access land, parking lot, boat ramp to and from the body of water. Sea discussed looking further in to the possibility of a fishery, and would report back to Commission in the fall.

Corey Longnecker, Weed Board Officer gave an update on the Weed Board. Longnecker stated that Donna Young, the Weed Board Director is working with NDDOT to work out a billing issue with the State Highways for spraying. The Weed Board also purchases a trailer to be used for equipment when spraying.

Old Business:

A time for an interview for Auditor was discussed. It was decided that an interview will take place as soon as the applicant is able. Dave Gehertz will sit in on interview, as well as, Becki Schumacher, Ashley Lies and Kristy O'Connor.

New Business:

A time and day were discussed to schedule for petition hearings regarding the changes made to the Zoning Ordinances on March 6, 2026. It was decided that on April 14, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. the meeting will be held.

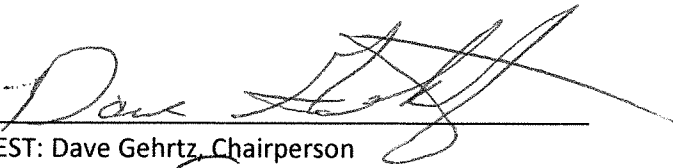
Glenda Collier made a motion to approve Ashley Lies as the secretary of the Eddy County Fair Association for a one-year term. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The 2026 Software Innovations Support Agreement was reviewed and signed.

Announcements: none.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:37 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be May 5, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.

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ATTEST: Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson

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

Becki Schumacher, Auditor