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GUN SHOW

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PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING **AUGUST 5, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The July, 2025 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure reports were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of oil tank discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES". Seconded by Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Magrum stated that Skyler Prellwitz called him and provided a history on the county oil tank. The tank was purchased from Purple Wave Auction from a county in SD for \$2,500.00 plus another \$3,000.00 for freight. The heating system was dismantled because they had to take it apart in order to haul it. Skyler had plans on contacting one of the Heating and Air business's for putting the heating system back together. The cost for a new oil tank is \$200,000.

New Business: Strasburg Care Center Administrator, Robert Sheckler, appeared to provide an update on a proposed new facility in Strasburg. The new building project was announced at their annual picnic that had great community support serving over 350 people. The new project site would be across the street from the current care center where 4.5 - 5 acres have been secured. The cost of the new facility is eighteen million dollars. Mr. Sheckler is currently applying for a loan through the Bank of North Dakota for five million dollars. The ND Legislatures passed a bill appropriating funding for new building projects for nursing homes with current facilities needing to be at least thirty years old. The maximum that the Care Center can borrow is ten million dollars. The remaining three million dollars is being requested from the county. States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, is researching a possible bond guarantee fund relating to nursing homes that would

require placing a measure on the ballot for a voter approved mill levy. Robert Sheckler will also reach out to Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council and the Long-Term Care Association for resources.

The Commission instructed States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, to seek civil damages from the suspects for the costs incurred by the county in suppressing the Glencoe Fire on April 12, 2025.

The board reviewed the pay grade and pay step structure organizing and compensating employees based on factors such as job responsibility and longevity from a blue print previously used by Pam Binder, previous Emmons County Human Resources.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update on activities for the county road department. The road department has been busy graveling, blading and installing culverts. Next week, plans are to work on the road by the Wolbaum Pit and then gravel/blade the road west of Hazelton on 67th St. SW.

The county is submitting applications requesting Flex Funding for road projects to include 17th Ave SE Grade Raise north of Braddock, Patching and Overlay on Linton shop road and Strasburg West on CMC 1536 and Cattail Bay Road Cement Stabilization/New Box Culvert.

The Commission discussed forming a planning and zoning board for Emmons County. According to States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, North Dakota Century Code 11-33-04 states that in counties with five-member boards of county commissioners, the planning commission consists of nine members, of whom at least two must be appointed from the governing body of the city that is the county seat and of whom at most two may be appointed from the board of county commissioners. The remaining members shall be appointed from the county at large. In counties that elect county commissioners from districts, at least one at large member of the planning commission must be appointed from

David Moch provided copies of the county commission minutes from August 22, 2022 where the commission approved a motion to amend the industrial conditional use permit application fee to 3% of the total cost of the project. David Moch emphasized that bringing this forward has nothing to do with the NextEra battery storage project, it just happens to be the first big project that's coming to Emmons County since this motion was passed. "These companies are coming here for a reason and we don't have a lot of zoning rules, they want our land and are making billions of dollars off of these projects, and we are still sitting at a \$250 permit fee." David Moch questioned why the 3% fee isn't being applied to the Emmons-Logan Energy Storage project conditional use permit application? Commissioner Magrum explained that Emmons County has a conditional use permit application and an industrial conditional use permit application. The conditional use permit application is for little projects for our citizens while the industrial conditional use permit was to be used for larger projects such as wind generation facilities. The industrial conditional use permit application was amended according to the minutes from August 22, 2022. When NextEra applied for a conditional use permit, they did not use the industrial conditional use permit application because according to our Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Agricultural District, conditionally permitted uses includes electric transmission facilities and water, gas, oil or coal, and transmission pipelines. The interpretation is that because this energy storage project is located in an agricultural zone versus industrial zone, NextEra applied for a conditional use permit. According to States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, in order to make an amendment to the zoning ordinance would require two readings. Once somebody changes the use on the property, it doesn't change how it's zoned. You would need a separate zoning hearing to change a parcel of property.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to deny the Plat of Lot 1 of QCD Life Estate Reservation DOC #179106 in the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 135, Range 75 until more clarity is brought to the board. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Plat of Tracts A and B, within Govt. Lot 1, in the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 132, Range 75 of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Emmons County, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the Plat of Auditor's Lot "B", SE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 130, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Plat of Auditor's Lot No. 1, Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 135, Range 76, Emmons County, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the applications for abatement or refund of taxes for tax year 2025 for parcels #52-0017-00855-000, #52-0020-00906-001 and #52-0020-00906-003. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried. Gartner abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for James Silvernagel for replacing windows, siding, and remodel the inside of the home located in the NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 136, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The 2026 County Budget hearing was set for October 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at the Emmons County Courthouse (courtroom).

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the amended Gaming Authorization to include Prize

Board Dispensing Devise for Linton Lions Club at the Dock Bar & Grill, LLC, 8049 Hwy. 1804, Linton, ND 58552. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Chris and Nicole Weigel for putting up two (2), 24,000-bushel grain bins on the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 134, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for AT&T Mobility to replace antenna equipment on the existing cell tower. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to table the building permit for Candace Verdoorn for placing two (2) 8 X 40 shipping containers 20 feet apart with a roof placed to connect for storage on Lot 30 in Lot 1A of Rudy Subdivision, Section 5, Township 130, Range 79, and to table the building permit for Tanner and Natasha Dosch for building a 28 X 46 family lake cabin on Lot 5 of Lot 46A, Walther's Subdivision and easement area in Section 23, Township 132, Range 79 to allow for proper evaluation by Josh

Odden, building inspector. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES" Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to deny the building permit for Lynda McClung, Network Connex (Authorized Agent for Intermountain Infrastructure Group, LLC), to install new fenced gravel compound expansion, (2) new prefabricated equipment shelters, (2) new generators, (1) new CT rated meter with test switch and 600 A fused disconnect, (1) new CT rated meter with test switch and 400 A fused disconnect, new conduit and conductors for power to factory installed ATS and panels in shelters. Size of building is 36 X 12. Legal Description Lots 3-4 & S ½ SW ¼ Less PAR #44 in Section 2, Township 132, Range 77, for the sake that it's not properly applied for with the expectation that they're going to be applying for a conditional use permit. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The agenda included an opportunity for an individual in attendance to provide public comment pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2180.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 - July Payroll -\$121,072.51

Highway Tax July Payroll -

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment: 50105, ND Attorney General, Criminal Background Check15.00 50111, MDU, Utilities 114.32 50142, Acme Tools, Shop Supplies....

50143, Advanced Business Methods, Extension Copier Contract......325.35 50144, Agtegra Strasburg, Chemical... 50145, Agtegra Redfield Bulk, Maxtron.1,209.03 50146, Ampride, Gas.....240.26 50147, Aune, Charles, Mowing....150.00 50148, Auto Value Linton, Parts 18.99

50149, Beastrom Oil Co., Fuel . 5,468.39 50150, Braaten Law Firm, Legal 50151, Bravera Bank, JD Blade Lease .

50152, Burleigh Morton Detention, Prisoner Billing......3,900.00

50154, Central Dakota Frontier, Gas....

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