

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS February 11, 2025**

Golden Valley County Commissioners held a regular meeting at 9 a.m. on February 11, 2025. Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting, along with State's Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the *Golden Valley County News*.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the January 2025 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of February 2025:

GVC Employees

Feb. Payroll .....\$67,538.05

NDPERS.....\$17,230.10

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NDPHIT .....\$30,413.29

MT Dept of Revenue ..\$249.00

Ascensus.....\$296.46

IRS.....\$3,158.38

IRS.....\$21,393.09

ND State Treasurer ..\$6,514.12

JP Morgan .....\$2,861.81

Collections

Submitted .....\$224,050.66

City of Beach

Garbage & Water.....\$439.96

MDU

Electric & Gas.....\$4,990.52

RTC Networks

Internet & Phone...\$1,441.38

GV County State's Attorney

Legal Fees.....\$1,358.33

SW Multi-Correction Center

Prisoner Care .....\$6,826.00

ND Association of Counties

Fees.....\$1,140.20

City of Golva

Water.....\$298.50

NDEMA

Fees.....\$50.00

Cerberus Security LLC

Contract.....\$400.00

Motorola Solutions

Parts .....\$9,481.92

Mid-State Organized

Crime Info - Fees.....\$100.00

Farmers Union Oil

Fuel & Parts.....\$4,738.72

ND Dept of Water Resources

Bowman Radar.....\$2,000.00

Pitney Bowes

Lease.....\$441.99

ND County Recorders Assn

Dues .....\$500.00

SW Crime Conference

Dues .....\$105.00

ND League of Cities

Conference.....\$240.00

Central Rural Fire Dept

.....\$600.00

Sentinel Rural Fire Dept

.....\$700.00

NDSU Extension

Salary .....\$7,856.70

Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council.....\$7,700.00

GV County Treasurer

Vet. Van Storage.....\$840.00

Boss Inc

Supplies.....\$322.85

Summit Fire Protection

Inspection.....\$648.00

US Postal Service

Box Rent.....\$120.00

KLJ Engineering

Rd & Bridge .....\$13,583.75

ND Sheriff's & Deputy Assn

Dues.....\$400.00

Ashley Ueckert

Reimbursement .....\$14.99

John Deere Financial

Parts .....\$5.17

Rohan Hardware

Supplies.....\$147.69

Total Safety US

Inspections .....\$775.36

Steve Raisler

Veteran Services .....\$600.00

Wallwork Truck Center

Parts .....\$310.80

Butler Machinery Company

Repair.....\$2,277.37

Lawson Products Inc

Parts .....\$553.45

Prairie Lumber

Parts.....\$55.00

Mark Begger

Right-of-Way.....\$4,447.20

Frederick Pearson

Right-of-Way.....\$300.00

Adam Smith

Travel.....\$233.00

I-29 Trailer Sales

Parts .....\$421.98

Information Technology Dept

Data Processing .....\$992.55

Ramada Bismarck Hotel

Lodging.....\$529.20

Bobcat of Dickinson

Parts .....\$641.62

Golva Repair

Repair.....\$171.50

Dakota Dust-Tex

Floor Care.....\$91.66

Armor Interactive - Scanner & Contract.....\$2,317.73

Big State Industrial Supply

Supplies.....\$524.99

ND Clerks Association

Dues .....\$100.00

Farmers Union Oil

Fuel.....\$61.97

GVC Ag Improvement

Disbursements.....\$1,500.00

February Payroll ....\$18,070.14

Payroll Liabilities.....\$2,986.18

Café .....\$200.00

Cenex Fleet Fueling

Fuel.....\$1,667.26

Mark Egan

Travel.....\$259.80

AT&T

Cell Phone .....\$114.47

GS Publishing

Publishing.....\$223.36

Library

Disbursements.....\$606.99

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint Amy Northrop to the Golden Valley County Fair Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to move the March regular meeting date to Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to set the County Annual Park Board meeting at the regular March 11th meeting at 10 am and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Smith moved to purchase a commercial floor buffer machine and supplies up to \$1,000 and purchase it out of the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held in regard to property that was inadvertently not transferred to the new owner for the purposes of county tax records dating back to 2021 tax statements. Byron Richard sold land to Tanner Tescher and Troy Tescher, and the parcels were not transferred on the County's records. Byron Richard paid the taxes for the last 4 tax seasons. It was agreed by the Board that the taxes paid by Richard that should have been paid by Troy Tescher and Tanner Tescher should be held between the individuals involved.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the sworn statement in proof of loss from NDIRF from the May 29, 2024 hailstorm and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the presented elevator service contract for an annual fee of \$1,440 for a 5-year term and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with the Treasurer's report. Commis-

sioner Schmeling moved to accept the following report and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER**

**Beach, North Dakota**

**Ledger balance for period 7-1-24 through 12-31-24**

BALANCE 7-1-2024

.....\$20,728,762.02

July Collections

.....\$248,920.28

July Payments

.....\$3,980,207.97

Aug. Collections

.....\$687,648.54

Aug. Payments

.....\$1,595,587.22

Sept. Collections

.....\$198,106.37

Sept. Payments

.....\$262,336.09

Oct. Collections

.....\$271,709.43

Oct. Payments

.....\$379,341.10

Nov. Collections

.....\$286,788.15

Nov. Payments

.....\$491,734.92

Dec. Collections

.....\$2,043,129.23

Dec. Payments

.....\$1,638,040.05

BALANCE 12-31-2024

.....\$16,117,816.67

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First State Bank

.....\$8,665,238.81

Western Coop.CU Sav

.....\$226,411.22

BMO .....\$527,517.56

Treasurer Acct. ....\$3,146.23

Libr. CD & Savings

.....\$51,184.17

Clk of Crt Acct

.....\$10,274.00

Cert. of Deposits

.....\$6,630,236.11

Cash Items .....\$0.00

Checks & Drafts .....\$0.00

Cash On Hand.....\$3,808.57

TOTAL .....\$16,117,816.67

**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER**

- State's Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Krebs presented the Board with the final plans for project CP-1705(24)01. The bid opening for the project will be at the March 11th regular meeting at 11 am. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign a temporary ROW Easement with Frederick and April Pearson and a permanent ROW Easement with Mark and Helen Begger for the project and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

1 p.m. was the advertised time for Annual/County Township Meeting. Commissioners Rory Farstveet, Adam Smith and Robert Schmeling, along with Weed Control Officer Mark Egan and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith welcomed the group and thanked them for coming to the Annual County/Township Meeting. 13 Township officers from 7 of the 10 Townships were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith presented a draft of a Township LoadPass Permit Agreement between the County and Townships for their review. The Board would like to

implement an agreement in the near future and is requesting the Townships review the proposed agreement and get back to the Board with any suggestions.

County Auditor Sperry reminded the group that the equalization schedule was mailed to them. If there is a discrepancy in the scheduling the Township will work with Tax Director Carla Beeler to confirm a date or location that will work for them. They also received a list of Township, City and County officers.

Weed Control Officer Mark Egan updated the group on the previous spray season and the upcoming spray season. The rates for spraying for 2025 will be the same as last year. Discussion was also held on LAP funding and availability.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld gave the group information on County custom rates and culvert policy and projects that were completed in 2024 and projects planned for 2025.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the Annual Township/County meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Adam Smith, Chairman,  
County Commissioners  
Tamra Sperry, County Auditor  
(Published March 20, 2025)

NOTICE OF INTENTION

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MODIFY NATURAL PRECIPITATION**

Notice is given, that Weather Modification, LLC of 3802 20th Street North, Fargo, ND, a licensee (License No. 2025-1) of the State of North Dakota, is to engage in operations to modify precipitation by the addition of ice nucleating agents in the counties of Bowman and McKenzie, and seven townships in Slope County. Existing clouds will be selected for seeding according to current operational procedures for enhancing rainfall and decreasing hail damage. Ice nuclei will be generated by silver iodide produced in the combustion of flares or liquid solutions, and the use of dry ice pellets. Twin-engine aircraft equipped for instrument flight, operating under FAA airworthiness certificates and licensed by the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission will accomplish all seeding.

The southern target area will be Bowman County and the following townships in Slope County: Connor, Hume, Carroll, Cash, Sheets, Mineral Springs, and Cedar Creek. The operations area will include the target area and Woodberry township in Slope County, with no external buffer zones in adjacent North Dakota counties. The northern target area will be McKenzie County. The operations area will include the target area, with no external buffer zones in adjacent North Dakota counties. Seeding operations in the buffer zone are for cloud systems that may affect the target area. No effect is intended for the buffer zone. Operations will be conducted as weather conditions allow from June 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025, with the possibility of extension through October 2, 2025.

All persons who would like to comment in support or opposition of the activities of this project should write the Director, North Dakota Atmospheric Resource Board, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504-5262 or email dlargerud@nd.gov. Comments must be received within 20 days of the last date of publication of this notice.

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(Published March 13 & 20, 2025)

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Unofficial Minutes Subject to Council Review March 10, 2025**

Mayor Jason Lee called a regular meeting of the Sentinel Butte City Council to order March 10, 2025, at 8:11 pm. Present were Mayor Jason Lee, Auditor Faith Van Horn, Alderpersons Denise Dietz and Jennifer Morlock and Guest Gary Howard. Absent was Burt Cook.

City Council Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025, were read and approved as written.

**Department Reports**

Lagoon/Landfill/Streets: Street signs need to be replaced.

Grounds: Nothing new to report.

Water/Sewer: Waiting on new water meters to be replaced.

Buildings: Nothing new to report.

**RESOLUTION FOR POLLING PLACE**

Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota as follows:

- The polling place for the upcoming special election on May 16, 2025, shall be the Sentinel Butte City Hall, located at 20 S. West Street, Sentinel Butte, ND 58654.
- The polling place shall be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. Mountain Time to 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

Jason Lee, Mayor  
City Council  
Attest:  
Faith Van Horn, City Auditor

Denise Dietz moved to approve Resolution for Polling Place, second by Jennifer Morlock. Motion carried.

**Discussion**

- Discussion of Equalization meeting.
- Discussion of petitions.

- Discussion of traffic control devices.
- Discussion of getting a credit/debit card.
- Denise Dietz made motion to purchase additional chairs for the city hall. Jennifer Morlock seconded. Motion passed.

**Bills**

Auditor Wages .....\$840.38

MDU .....\$1,253.13

Faith Van Horn

Reimbursement .....\$198.49

City of Beach .....\$105.50

Olson Service .....\$382.70

RTC Networks .....\$146.00

SW Water Authority ...\$632.79

SW District Health .....\$50.00

GS Publishing .....\$197.98

Mackoff Kellog .....\$1,065.00

SB Waterworks.....\$60.87

Denise Dietz motioned to approve payment of bills. Jennifer Morlock seconded. Motion carried.

Denise Dietz motioned to adjourn meeting. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Faith Van Horn, Auditor  
(Published March 20, 2025)

POSITION OPEN

**SILHA FUNERAL HOME** is hiring for an **administrative assistant** in the **Beach office**. This is a vital support staff position.

**Primary duties include:**

- Answering phone calls
- Taking messages
- Drafting memorial folders
- Producing tribute videos
- Maintaining organized digital & physical filing systems
- Managing accounts receivable
- Keeping public areas of the facility clean

**Expected hours are 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday**

**Preferred experience:**

- Microsoft Office Suite, specifically Outlook & Publisher
- Adobe Acrobat Pro
- Basic photo editing
- Multi-tasking in a varying speed environment

**Job Requirements:**

- Professional attitude & clothing
- Detailed & open communication skills
- Ability to maintain confidentiality at all times
- Ability to compose & edit obituaries
- Typing 40-50 words per minute

**To apply, email a resume to Tyler at [silha@middrivers.com](mailto:silha@middrivers.com).**