

Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING Board of Logan Count Commissioners Napoleon, ND June 10, 2025 (unofficial or subject to approval)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Deputy Auditor Lisa Weigel, Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schumacher moved, seconded by Wald, to approve the agenda with the additions. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the May regular meeting minutes and the minutes of one special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of May and June, vouchers payable for June as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$43,733.49 VSO for \$802.00, E911 for \$425.00, and Highway Dept for \$24,992.47. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached which were authorized for payment by the Board:

- 15058-Local's Convenience Center-official travel.....270.36
- 15059-BEK Communications-phone service for several offices851.24
- 15060-Verizon-5G mobile broad band51.64
- 15061-Visa- Dog food, K9 training & equipment.....526.98
- 15062-Visa- Tactacam & jail transport fuel.....86.37
- 15063-Visa- first aid kits & an annual permit219.93
- 15064-Visa- Cellphone holder for court170.99
- 15065-Stutsman County

- Corrections-custody of prisoners & prescription.....721.22
- 15066-Underground Vaults & Storage-document preservation storage.....219.00
- 15067-Lila Wirt- reimburse for food pantry purchases..308.90
- 15068-Matthew Bender & Co- contract period 8/2025 thru 7/202677.81
- 15069-Dustin Hammond-reimburse internet & training.....396.50
- 15070-Main Street Hardware- weed control for courthouse grounds.....25.99
- 15071-BEK Communications- courthouse security internet191.49
- 15072-Jim Fettig & Sons-snow removal & rock sweeping in April & May160.00
- 15073-Otis Elevator-logistics & fuel impact fee.....125.00
- 15074-Pro Forms-Warrant checks for auditor office231.94
- 15075-ND Association of Counties-Workers Comp premium reconciliation.....1,260.79
- 15076-Napoleon Homestead-Agent office advertising & notices, minutes797.13
- 15077-Advanced Business Methods- base rate & overage168.08
- 15078-Amanda Hayen-mowing & grounds-keeping May 2025381.25
- 15079-Information Technology Department-WAN/VPN/Office 365/Intune.....959.00
- 15080-Barry McCleary-mowing abandoned cemeteries1,750.00
- 15081-Pharmchem-sweat patch analysis.....31.95
- 15082-Logan County Auditor- gravel, repairs & maintenance.....8,276.00
- 15083-Central Dakota Frontier Coop-official travel, bulk fuel & tires4,634.58
- 15084-City of Gackle-water & garbage at Gackle shop.....49.67
- 15085-Saylor Implement-chain & roller.....700.72

- 15086-Valley Plains Equipment-Cool Gard.....43.64
 - 15087-Blanche Schumacher-reimburse mileage210.70
 - 15088-Northside Napa-lamps183.51
 - 15089-Rhonda Ost-mowing Lehr shop150.00
 - 15090-RDO Equipment-repairs, locking pins & window replacement.....5,478.94
 - 15091-City of Lehr-water on empty lot & water, sewer & garbage at Lehr shop.....90.47
 - 15092-Quill Corporation-laptop bag, ink & calculator paper704.33
 - 15093-Double J Manufacturing- thermostat & condenser work1,181.82
 - 15094-Fredonia Coop Oil Co- bulk fuel for Lehr shop & nuts and bolts.....4,189.35
 - 15095-Napoleon Oil Co-agent travel & bulk fuel for Napoleon shop2,451.65
 - 15096-Gackle Coop Oil Co-sheriff travel, tires, fuel & wire.....6,790.93
 - 15097-Pfeifle Chevrolet-oxygen tank67.64
 - 15098-South Central Regional Water District-water at Napoleon shop40.60
 - 15099-Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative-Gackle Shop124.03
 - 15100-KEM Electric-advanced electrical payment.....250.00
 - 15101-NDLTAP- Highway worker training200.00
 - 15102-ND Weed Control Association-2025 membership dues285.00
 - 15103-Emmons County Weed Board-Annual compensation per MOU.....25,000.00
 - 15104-North Dakota Water Education Foundation-2025 Summer Water Tour....30.00
 - 15105-Josh Becker-Reimburse for training65.00
 - 15106-NDSU Extension Services-exhibit tags12.50
- Monthly fund reports and highway worker daily logs were reviewed.

A statement of fees was received from the office of County Recorder for the month of May, reviewed by the board and placed on file.

Committee reports were given.

Schumacher made a motion, seconded by Wald, to request that the Board of Logan County Commissioners authorize the County Treasurer to pay out the Food Pantry Funds to the "Logan County Food Pantry, C/O Lila Wirt", who will be operating under the guidance and oversight of Community Action Region VI, who is fiscally & legally responsible for the operation of the Logan County Food Pantry; to discontinue or terminate the Lease between Trinity Lutheran Church & Logan County; to request that the County Commissioners authorize Logan County Risk Manager to remove the Food Pantry volunteers from the County Workforce Safety & Insurance Volunteer Coverage, as they will henceforth be covered under the Community Action Region VI program policy; and to allow for the dissolution of the Logan County Food Pantry Board. All in favor-motion carried.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, amendment to Burnstad contract, regarding the Class 3 cultural survey, fee is for the survey team to walk the 6 mile long by 250' wide. Flex funding was discussed for the upcoming project, should hear in June or July about the funding. Batsch made a motion to approve the amendment of \$22,500 to the contract, Schumacher seconded. All in favor-motion carried.

Gross Permit update- State was down and took pictures-we will be updated shortly.

Commissioner Schumacher moved, and seconded by Wald, that upon return of the signed and notarized Gravel Lease (agreement) between Logan County, as Lessee, and Patricia McNamee & Bernice Cross, as Owners, the

Board of Logan County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Logan County Auditor's Office to forward payment for all gravel crushed and stockpiled on behalf of Logan County, to those persons in and in the amounts listed in Item No. 3 in Gravel lease dated May 20, 2025 between the above-listed parties in such Gravel Lease. Voting in favor were Commissioners: Wald, Batsch & Schumacher. Motion carried.

New permit format-tabled until July meeting.

Health Insurance Premium increases were discussed, Coroner in lieu of salary, currently gets the 20% employee cost paid for by the County. Commissioner Wald made a motion to give the increase for the coroner insurance premium, at the county's expense. Batsch seconded, all in favor motion carried.

At 2:11pm, Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to adjourn the regular meeting and begin the Tax Equalization Hearing. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Tax Director Trisha Laine reviewed the Homestead and Disabled Veterans Credits, Certificates of Real Estate Exemption applications and any increases already made at previous equalization meetings for the cities, organized and unorganized townships. The city of Napoleon raised their residential value by 7% and a 6% increase in commercial value. and the city of Gackle raised their residential values by 3% to remain within tolerance levels. Laine supplied the Residential Sales Ratio Study for Logan County. Rural residential values were discussed. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to raise the city of Fredonia, city of Lehr & all rural residential values 3%. All voted in favor, motion carried. Commercial values for Logan County were discussed and no changes to commercial values were made at this time. Ag land values were set at 98% at a previous meeting, Wald motioned to approve the 2025 assessment books as presented. Schumacher seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried. At 2:34pm, Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to adjourn the equalization meeting and resume the regular meeting after a ten-minute recess. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Highway worker application received, Discussion held regarding getting another worker for the Napoleon area, and also as a floating position. We have an application on file and now this one, waiting for one more interested person. Interviews will be set up once all three applications are received.

Knife River estimates were discussed regarding paving the parking lot at courthouse and an estimate for the Napoleon shop. More estimates needed before a decision will be made.

Lehr shop propane regulator is outdated and a letter was received with what needs to be done. Deputy Auditor will get that taken care of.

Assistant States Attorney, Grant

Walker spoke about the passed legislation regarding the HB 2180 in regards to public comment policy. Logan County hasn't been in violation, nor does he see it being an issue, since the County does allow public comment, if they call and get an appointment time on the agenda. No policy is needed, in his opinion.

Logan-Emmons Weed Control Agreement was discussed, there was a printing issue with the document, so we will sign a new one and send back to Emmons County for their signatures. Schumacher made a motion to pay the weed board voucher for the annual compensation per the MOU, once agreement has been signed. Batsch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the following building permits: Raphael Brendel -2- 50,000-bushel grain bins, Mark Scherbenske - House & attached garage. Permits to update existing tower sites. All in favor, motion carried.

Dustin Hammond & Josh Becker spoke about some updates in regards to what has been going on in extension. Dustin just completed a babysitting class. June 25-26 4-H Achievement days for Logan County. Josh spoke about a Farm Safety class he asked if that was something in the past, hoping to get it going again here in the future.

A final reminder was given regarding the Six County meeting, tomorrow June 11 in Fessenden.

Estimates for excavator track repairs & West Lake Road chip sealing were both tabled at this time.

Napoleon loader 544G needs a new water pump, Wald motioned to put in a rebuilt water pump, don't rebuild the one in there, put a new rebuilt water pump in, then there is warranty. Batsch seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department, general accounts receivable report, ND Water Education Foundation water tours information, KEM ballots, Dakota Valley ballot, Letter from Lehr City Schumacher stated she will reply to the letter, Orsted tower updates, Badger Wind hearing notice & NDCCA standing committee information. Information was also received regarding an estimate for the Excavator track as well as an estimate for paving West Lake Ave, both estimates were tabled until more estimates could be obtained. Highway worker letter was given out, in response to the audit of the county.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held July 9, 2025, at 1:00pm.

John Wald, Chairperson
Board of Logan
County Commissioners

Attest:
Lisa Weigel
Logan County Deputy Auditor



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