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COLE PAPER INC,	2,239.00
SUPPLIES	
ITD, SERVICES	1,934.40
LEAF, COPIERS	417.83
LR LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER,	
RENT ETC	109,395.52
LR RE-ENTRY CENTER,	
PLACEMENTS	2,850.00
BERGSTROM ELECTRIC INC,	
GENERATOR PYMT	6,042.00
BREMER INS, ADDITION	4.00
DL JOURNAL,	
PUBLICATIONS	141.60
NDTC, INTERNET	40.95
PITNEY BOWES,	
LEASE	954.06
AT & T, CELLPHONES	335.96
RC TREAS,	
JP MORGAN CHGS	12,107.79
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JP MORGAN CHGS	7,299.54
AMAZON, SUPPLIES	1,206.18
AT & T, PHONE CHARGES	975.12
BREMER INS,	
ADDITIONS	1,568.00
DL CARS, SERVICES	658.38
DUKES	
CARWASH, TOKENS	389.35
STUTSMAN CO AUDITOR,	
MENTAL HEALTH SVCS	212.50
NDACo CO SUPT, DUES	100.00
CITY OF DEVILS LAKE,	
STORAGE CONTAINER	1,000.00
EXHAUST PROS, SVCS	178.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC,	
SVCS	390.00
CITY OF DEVILS LAKE,	
UTILITIES	838.40
CARDIO PARTNERS INC, AED	
SUPPLIES	338.20
DEPT OF CORRECTIONS & REHAB, SVCS	150.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS, SVCS	
612.68	
NDACo, DRUG TESTING	228.00
NDTC, PHONE CHARGES	1,550.50
REMARK CONSULTING,	
SVCS	13,600.00
OTTERTAIL, UTILITIES	5,546.67
OTTERTAIL, UTILITIES	46.14
RAMSEY CO AUDITOR	12,155.00
HWY DEPT	
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	1,213.57
THOMPSON'S DL PAINT & GLASS	620.00
ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	12,406.83
KLJ	28,640.00
LEON'S BUILDING CENTER	1,399.55
LEEVERS	56.99
MAC'S HARDWARE	810.32
NEWBY'S ACE HARDWARE	276.96
NAPA	23.57
NDLTAP/UGPTI	100.00
NORTHSTAR AUTO	149.75
CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCTS	130.00
GREATER RAMSEY WATER DIST	162.75
RUNNING SUPPLY INC	1,110.73
SCHWAN OIL CO SIGN SOLUTIONS	3,282.88
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO CAPITAL ONE	752.35
ACCUSOURCE INC	34.99
CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, SVCS	127.56
MDU	58.68
POLAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS	209.38
DL JOURNAL	139.76
NDTC	9.28
NODAK ELECTRIC	49.50
OTTERTAIL POWER	198.95
SCHWAN OIL CO CLOSE CONSTRUCTION INC	19.00
PAYROLL & DEDUCTIONS	732.75
And further that the fees received of the various offices be placed on file as follows:	4,135.08
County	40,424.70
State	
Sheriff	\$3,897.00
Co Recorder	\$5,769.60
Clerk of Court	\$485.00
Roll call was taken and the fol-	

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lowing members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmli & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmli, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the financial reports (monthly to date budgets & liabilities). Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmli & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of discussion on Sidwell & Sheriff Dept relocation. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Sara Laite, Extension Office was present to update the board on Achievement Days June 26-28, 2025 at the Co Fair Grounds; 4-H update and all other activities going on within the office. Chris Jaeger, Emergency Management was present to discuss the situation with the radio antenna in need of repairs that is located on the roof of the courthouse. Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmli to approve the quote from Stone's Mobile, Grand Forks ND in the amount of \$3,754.07 to fix the radio antenna located on the roof of the courthouse. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

John Martinson, Ramsey Co Water Resource District Board updated the board on snag/clear project, Channel A & cattail spraying. Also presented a letter from their Attorney Gibbens Law which gave them clarification to what a snag & clear project is.

Jason Kraft, Ramsey County Highway Superintendent reported on the following:

Update on South Minnewaukan Construction Project – 89th Ave NE June 2nd start date – need the Chairman & Auditor to sign the Contract/Standard Form of Agreement. Motion was made by Commissioner

- 24" culvert on RC#8 in Cato Twp replaced in Sec 26/35 – try to coordinate install at the same time as the other pipe (54" RC Water Board recommendation last month) while equipment is on site – sites are only 1 mile apart – this 24" is same size as the existing pipe poly coated galvanized. Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the purchase of 80ft of 24" culvert for RC#8 from True North Steel costing approximately \$4,237.00. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.
- Terminal Road traffic counts update: will be doing our own counts late summer to get a more accurate count
- Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmli to approve the payment to NDDOT Management Division in the amount of \$12,264.44 for the county share on 2022 CER Flood Projects. Roll

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call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmli & Gessner. Motion carried.

- Motion was made by Commissioner Hodous, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the payment to KLJ in the amount of \$28,640.00 for the design engineering for 2026 overlay projects (Crary Rd, RC#7 by Brocket, RC#4 from RC#8 to State 17 & Wood/Rutten Rd). Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmli & Gessner. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the Standard Form of Agreement between Ramsey County & Close Construction Co for the construction on 89th Ave NE South Minnewaukan Twp with completion on or before September 27, 2025. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.
- Starkweather Shop overhead door opener – install, mileage etc PS Doors \$2,390.00
- New windows ordered from Leons Building Center for DL Shop & crew will install this fall.
- Updates on hiring: still needing to hire someone for Maintenance II Position – going to split Foreman position between 2 in house employees that applied.
- Discussion on a field approach request from Shane Eidsness. Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmli, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to follow the recommendation of Jason Kraft, Highway Superintendent for a field approach on RC#8 and see that it will meet design standards. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.
- Paul Bjornson, KLJ made a request for the commission to make a motion to advertise for construction engineering on DOT Projects with NDDOT.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmli to advertise for construction engineering on DOT Projects with NDDOT. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.
- Maddie Sharpe, LR Public Library Director presented her 2024 Annual Report as required by ND-CC 40-38-04.
- Discussion on the lease for the Abstract Office. Daniel Howell, States Attorney has some finer things to work out on the lease and will have the Building Committee get together and review to present at the next commission meeting.
- Discussion was held on the Home Rule. The first motion dies as the 60 days had past as no one submitted a letter of interest to the Auditor. The county's purpose for wanting home rule is to be more flexible with funding. Also, taxation was discussed.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmli to advertise again for a 5 member Home Rule Committee. Roll call was taken

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and those members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Wilhelmli & Gessner. Those voting "NAY": Commissioner Volk. Motion carried. 9:00 a.m. 2025 County Equalization Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmli, seconded by Commissioner Volk to adjourn as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Tax Equalization. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the values of townships that are contracted with the county for assessors. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve values of townships for townships that contract with their own assessors. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmli, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the inundated land classification per attached list of applications (NDCC 57-02-27-2(6)). All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmli, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the 0% increase to agricultural values for 2025 as the current percentage is 98% which is within the 10% tolerance allowed by the State. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to adjourn as a Board of Tax Equalization & reconvene as Board of County Commission. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion was held on applications received for the HR Position. The position will be opened again and the Auditor is looking into other options as well.

Chairman Gessner discussed the letter to Governor Armstrong. He did meet with Daniel Howell, States Attorney and he gave some recommendations to start off small and invite him to come and visit Ramsey County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmli to approve the letter of transfer in the amount of \$527,927.13 from the 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011 Flood Damage – 2013 1st & 2nd Disasters & SB 2183 Snow Grant to the Highway Tax. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Commissioner Volk wanted to discuss with the board about contracting with Sidwell for soils with the Tax Director Office and GIS training for the Tech Coordinator in her job. Also to end services with Steve Moe & Joe Kramer on July 1, 2025. Sidwell

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is familiar with Tyler Tech so going forward it should just be a matter of importing information for updating.

Motion was made Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmli to contract with Sidwell Company for soils database & GIS training and to end services with Steve Moe & Joe Kramer July 1, 2025. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the relocation of the Sheriff Department as the City of Devils Lake had asked the county to be an interested party in looking at the Western Equipment Finance & Lease building located along Hwy 2.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk that the Sheriff's Department will not be going anywhere and that it will always remain with the jail. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmli & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Frith that an invitation be extended to all to attend the next LEC Meeting on June 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss information about the direction of a new jail. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Sheriff Lang was present to discuss the news of the sanction jurisdiction – No idea how Ramsey County or any ND County made the list – as of today all have been removed – People higher up are working on this.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to adopt the Press Release given by Sheriff Lang in reference to Ramsey County being a sanction jurisdiction. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Visitors/Delegations
Karen Hausmann said that she would like to see representatives from the State visit her flooded area or other areas in Ramsey County so that they can get a good look at what has happened. Announcements
Chairman Gessner adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Chairman, Ramsey County Commission
ATTEST:
Ramsey County Auditor (9:16)

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A Message from Garcia: The Sacred Dance Part 1

The History and Culture of the Spirit Lake Dakota

By Louis Garcia © 9/20/2010

The Sacred Dance (Wakan Wacipi) was a religious ceremony among many tribes including the Dakota. The word “was” is used here because it is defunct among the Dakota at the present time, but is still viable among the Ojibwe, Sac and Fox, Menominee, among others that are and were before removal, located to the east of Dakota territory.

In Dakota religion God (Takuškanškan) is divided into sixteen deities or saints if you will. The oldest one is Inyan (Stone)

as is reported (Riggs 1869:65). No one is in agreement today as to the names of the sixteen. This loss is due to United States Government crack down along with Christian influence, to stamp out Indian religion and bring the Indian into the main stream of white society. The Wakan Wacipi is dedicated to one of these deities. Some say it is the most important – water. Controlling the water is the spirit named Unktehi (The Terrible One) sometimes abbreviated as Unk, so named, as to speak the name of this spirit is forbidden (Neill1872:267) This

Terrible One guards the lower world, the unseen world beneath lakes, and rivers, anywhere water is present. The Untefi resides in the east and its color is yellow, the symbol of the rising sun. Their helpers in this watery world, they call upon turtles, fish, water mammals, water birds, and water plants, anything that lives in or near water as their aids. These Unktehi spirits are a family, male, female, and children. The young foolish children are the most dangerous to man. They like all youth who have not learned to control their power. There are

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many lakes in which these Water Spirits live, namely our own Miniwakan or Sacred Water. The White people named the lake Devils Lake, thinking the Water Spirit was a devil. The lake is sacred because it is the home of these Water Spirits. Opposite the east

is another, the spirit of the west Wakinyan (The Flyer), sometimes translated as the Holy Flyer (Wakan-Kinyan) who guards the upper world, whose color is black, the one who controls fire and fears water. The Flyer's spirit helpers are the birds, and flying insects. The Unktehi and Flyer spirits are opposite each other up and down, east and west. They are enemies of each other. Anyone who lives close to nature will attest to the violence of a thunder storm. It is in these storms, with wind, thunder, and lighting the Unktehi and the Thunderbird battle each other for the control of water

(Eastman and Eastman 1909: 116).

Now the big secret: I am revealing for the first time, I believe, explaining the battle between these two spirits. The secret is the Indians are explaining the hydrological cycle.

The Water Spirits want to keep the water, and the Thunders want to take it away, evaporate it with fire, to be returned to earth as a benefit to man as rain, hail and snow. White authors for years have written about these two spirits as if their battles are a quaint part of Indian lore, not realizing the sophistication of the tale.

(To be continued)

Today in History: September 16, Cherokee Strip Land Run

(AP) - Today is Tuesday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2025. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today in history:
On Sept. 16, 1893, the largest land run in U.S. history occurred as more than 100,000 white settlers rushed to claim overmore than 6 million acres of land in what is now northern Oklahoma.

Also on this date:
In 1810, Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla called on his parishioners to join him in a rebellion against Spanish rule, marking the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence.
In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.
In 1940, Samuel T. Ray-

burn of Texas was first elected speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; he would hold the post for a record 17 years, spanning three separate terms.
In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel

Barber's “Antony and Cleopatra.”
In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford signed a proclamation announcing a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft evaders.
In 1982, the massacre of more than 1,300 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied

Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.
In 2007, O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison; he was

released in 2017.)
In 2013, Aaron Alexis, a former U.S. Navy reservist, went on a shooting rampage inside the Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 people before being fatally shot police.
In 2018, at least 17 people were confirmed dead from Hurricane Florence as catastrophic flooding spread across the Carolinas.

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