Public Notices

Fessenden-Bowdon School Board Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 7:00 a.m.
Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Larson, Erin Hagemeister, Miranda Kittelson, Mychal Neumiller (zoom), Hans Widicker

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Darren Sheggerud, Principal Lindsay Widicker, Business Manager Michelle Johnson, Teacher - Cherry Heinz (zoom), Jayme Loff (zoom)

President Monica Larson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was reviewed. Motion by H Widicker, second by Hagemeister, to approve the minutes for the July 15th Annual meeting and July 31st special meeting as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Kittelson, second by H Widicker, to approve the district bills as corrected. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Kittelson, to approve financial reports as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

No Committee reports. The superintendent report was given. The principal's report was given. The activities director's report was given.

Policy BDA authorizes the board to adopt policies with one reading when the board deems this action necessary. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Neumiller, to adopt the following policy with one reading: GACE - Alternative Methods Of Credit For High School Graduation; ABDB - Artificial Intelligence; FFK - Suspension and Expulsion; FFK-BR - Suspension and Expulsion Regulation; FCAA - Accommodating Students with Allergies; FCAA-AR - General Guidelines for Reducing Risk; ACBD-E4 - Emergency Medication Check-in Form.

Motion by Hagemeister, second by Kittelson, to add policy ABDB - Artificial Intelligence to the Student Handbook. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kittelson, second by Hagemeister, to approve Principal Lindsay Widicker as the representative for the district on the East Central Board. Roll call vote. All voting yes.

Motion carried.

Discussed the request for an approval of a field trip greater than 200 miles out of the district. Motion by Hagemeister, second by H Widicker, to approve the field trip to Theodore Roosevelt Library and Museum in Medora on September 16, 2026 by 8th grade students, teacher, one chaperone and transportation included. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussed Ancillary Salaries for 2025-26 school year. Motion by H Widicker, second by Kittelson, to approve the ancillary staff salaries for 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

An update was given on the 2022-23 Audit.

Discussed students from another school district attending 7th period VoAg class and FFA membership for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion by Kittelson, second by Hagemeister, to approve the students to attend the 7th period class billing the New Rockford school district

$250 per semester per student per school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. An update was given on the Bus Garage.

The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 AM.

Monica Larson, President
Michelle Johnson, Business Manager

District Expenditures Presented on August 12, 2025:

Automatic Payments: ND Workforce Safety & Insurance $3,112.39; North Dakota Telephone Company $262.10; Otter Tail Power Company $2,636.93; Tractor Supply Company $39.99; First International Bank (Cash) $57.50; Magic-Wrighter Inc $333.00; Total: $6,441.91.

Checks: ABM Technology Group $6,414.00; Advanced Business Methods $1,118.43; Blick Art Materials $16.09; Bremer Insurance Agencies Inc $1.00; City of Fessenden $668.49; Cole Ppaers, Inc. $1,161.54; Comfort Inn & Suites-Mandan $198.00; Core Facility Solutions $4,550.00; Core Facility Solutions $1,500.00; Dacotah Paper Company $1,146.16; Dakota Dust-Tex $22.50; Discount School Supply $33.77; East Central Center for Exceptional $2,778.17; Farmers Union Oil Co $1,127.21;FerrellGas $298.63; First International Bank & Trust (Visa) $2,940.77; Foster County Independent $45.00; Harvey Public School District No. $61,464.02; Herald-Press $237.66; High Point Networks $857.10; Houchin Bro Lawn Care $400.00; Houghton Mifflin Company $1,170.31; IState Truck Center $60.68; Lemer's Ace $378.89; Liminex Inc $3,286.53; Menard Minot $564.02; Menards-Jamestown $312.52; Nardini Fire Equipment Co Inc $514.00; ND Council of Educational Leaders $325.00; NDIT-Edutech $20.00; North Dakota Public Insurance Trust $360.00; North Dakota State Library $205.20; Really Good Stuff, Inc $41.03; School Health Corporation $26.44; School Specialty Inc $99.72; Schoolmate $455.00; Gregory Seidel $2,195.22; Software Unlimited, Inc $560.00; Time Management Systems $200.36; Tracy's Market $12.25; YONDR Inc $4,561.25. Total: $102,326.96. Grand Total $108,768.87.

Payroll for August 2025:

Payroll Items $577.00; Payroll Direct Deposit $34,192.37; Automatic Payments $13,864.50; Plus Federal Withholding $9,164.86. Total: $57,798.73.

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Harvey City Council Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
HARVEY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 13th, 2025, 5:30p.m.
City Hall

Note: All motions unanimously passed unless otherwise stated.

Key: M-Motion, MS-Motion Second, VV-Voice Vote, RCV- Roll Call Vote, MC-Motion Carried

The Harvey City Council met at City Hall on Wednesday, August 13th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Dean Klier, Council Members Milo Baltrusch, Donnie Hoepfer, Gil Steedsman, Gary Kennedy, Mike Prom, and Kerry Susag. Also, present were Auditor Karen Nordby, Public Works Director Jamey Weinmann, Police Chief John Foss, Officer Shawn Brien, and Terri Powers.

VISITORS: Shelley Chin, Fire Chief Ryan Schneibel, Scott Arends, Billie Jo Reutter, and Peter Varelas.

Mayor Klier opened the regular Council Meeting.

MINUTES: M by Hoepfer, MS by Susag to approve the minutes of the regular July 9th, 2025, meeting. Upon VV, MC.

CASH REPORT: M by Susag, MS by Steedsman to approve the Auditor's Cash Report as submitted with July revenue of $516,272.77. Upon RCV, MC.

VOUCHERS: M by Susag, MS by Steedsman to approve the vouchers with expenses of Axon Enterprises 960.15, AT&T Mobility 188.88, Bank of ND 71603.20, Black Mountain Software 100, Cherie Heisler 77, City of Harvey 334.06, Coast to Coast Computer Products 799.95, Core & Main 1164.37, Dakotah Paper Co. 272.91, Dakota Supply 128.54, Dale's Radiator & Repair 76, Diamond Vogel 982.50, Double M Sanitation 25325, Eggers Elec. Motor Co. 792.92, ES OPCO USA 9680, Faul Excavating 3367, Galls Inc. 198.81, Greater ND Chamber 600, Harvey Oil Co. 2120.36, Harvey Park District 2162.26, HAV-IT Recycling 1268.50, Hawkins Inc. 2686.37, Herald Press 819.90, High Plains Equip. 237.60, Hinrich's Super Value 1215.04, Information Tech. Dept. 54.95, Jamey Weinmann 25.44, Judy Frueh 86.06, Keller Plumbing Heating & AC 3413.25, Kevin's Landscaping LLC 1600, KHND 200, Kim Johnson 200, Kotaco 2398.02, Lautt's Autobody & Towing 193.42, Leevers Foods 494.40, Little Mart 269.25, Mid-American Research Chemical 192.31, Napa Auto Parts 53.21, ND Dept. of Health/Microbiology 54, NDPHIT 360, NDTC 1524.22, Network Center 1519.50, Nuline Ins. 24750, Nyhus Law Firm 1280, One Call Concepts 36, Ottertail Power Co. 7468.76, Patriot Fire & Safety 2647.06, Paul Bowlinger 20.71, Pomp's Tire Service 711.92, Seth Gleave 30, Spencer Marchand 1968.75, Spencer & Ashley Marchand 290, Top-Notch Outdoor Services 1065, Tractor Supply Co. 79.99, Trifectah Solutions 257.50, Unum Life Ins. 187.21, USDA Rural Development 4475, USPS 338.75, Verendrye Elec. 147, Verizon 239.06, Vestis 278.94, Visa 1670.56, Zions Bank 101378.13, & July Payroll $149,328.84. Upon RCV, MC.

VISITORS: Fire Chief Schneibel informed the Council that there was someone east of Bottineau that could work on the Unit 5 rescue truck, and it will cost $6,096.58 to fix it. M by Prom, MS by Hoepfer to approve the repair. Upon VV, MC. The Council discussed a meeting with the rural fire department to discuss an agreement or a merger between the two departments. They asked to get a list of the trucks that the fire department has in their fleet.

Billie Jo Reutter asked the Council to approve a handicap parking spot on the west corner of 9th Street & Lincoln Ave. M by Susag, MS by Hoepfer to approve. Upon VV, MC. She will have to supply the sign, the paint, and the labor for the spot.

Peter Varelas presented a bid of $1500 to the Council for the purchase of the lot at 512 E Brewster St. to build a patio/garage. M by Baltrusch, MS by Steedsman to approve the sale. Upon VV, MC.

JDA REPORT: N/A

JDA MINUTES: JDA Minutes from the regular June 10th, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review. JDA Minutes from the regular July 8th, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review. JDA Minutes from the regular August 12th, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Foss's report was in the packet for the Council to review. He stated that calls for service were slightly down from last month. Mental health calls continue to occupy a lot of time and manpower. He informed the Council that Officer Brien will be covering three shifts per month.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Director Weinmann's report was in the packet for the Council to review. M by Baltrusch, MS by Kennedy to approve the donation of 8 loads of gravel to the Wells Township & Susag Sand & Gravel to fix 32nd Ave. NE from the landfill entrance to the 25th Street NE intersection. Upon VV, MC with Susag abstaining. M by Steedsman, MS by Baltrusch to approve the purchase of a new motor for the emergency siren in the ballpark for $1200. Upon VV, MC. M by Hoepfer, MS by Prom to approve the purchase of 10 new US flags from Display Sales for Lincoln Ave. Upon VV, MC. M by Kennedy, MS by Hoepfer to approve the purchase of a GS Series Electric Mixer for the ground storage water tank for $9232 from IXOM Watercare Inc. Upon VV, MC. M by Susag, MS by Kennedy to approve the purchase of new tires for the 2019 chevy pickup for $711.92 with Dale's Repair installing them for $76. Upon VV, MC.

AUDITOR REPORT: Nordby's report and the financials were in the packet for the Council to review. M by Baltrusch, MS by Susag to approve the changes to the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program. Upon VV, MC. M by Kennedy, MS by Steedsman to adopt the Public Comment Policy for the City of Harvey. Upon VV, MC. She stated that they will be taking bids for checking and savings accounts. She included some information for the 2026 Harvey All School Reunion. Auditor Nordby informed the Council that the Annual Conference is scheduled for September 17th through the 19th and to let her know if they are interested in attending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARMORY UPDATE: The City of Harvey crew will work on the demolition of the ceiling and carpet when they have time.

ORDINANCE 6.06.02: The consensus of the Council is that we should not make any changes to the ordinance at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: M by Baltrusch, MS by Susag to approve the special event permit for the Lies Cattle Co./Bean Counter Café/Just Good BBQ to block the east side of Lincoln Ave from 9th St. to the end of the Bean Counter Café for their Hawaiian Luau. Upon VV, MC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES: M by Hoepfer, MS by Susag to approve the recommendations made by the BOA. Upon VV, MC.

HARVEY WELLS COUNTY LIBRARY MINUTES: Library minutes from the regular July 16th, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES: M by Kennedy, MS by Steedsman to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendations for rate increases. Upon VV, MC.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES: The committee recommends the council accept the proposed budget as presented by Auditor Nordby. M by Hoepfer, MS by Baltrusch to approve the preliminary budget for 2026 as presented. Upon VV, MC. The preliminary budget is on file in the Auditor's Office.

With no further business, Mayor Klier adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Dean Klier, Mayor
Karen Nordby, Auditor
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Bowdon City Council Meeting Minutes

Proceedings of the
Bowdon City Council
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2025 at 7:00pm

Mayor Widicker called the meeting to order. Alderman Morrow, Alderman Martin, Alderman Fike, and Alderman Hoff were present. Lindsay Widicker, Anne West, Tim Scheer and Tom Schimelfenig were also present. The financials were reviewed. Alderman Hoff motioned to approve the minutes and financials, which Alderman Morrow seconded. The minutes and financials were approved.

Old Business

Tom Schimelfenig presented bills for the work completed on Park Ave. There was a motion to approve payment for the bills, and a second.

An update was provided on late water bills and water that has been turned off.

New Business

Discussion on new public comment. Lindsay will inquire about what parameters other cities are setting for this new section, as provided in SB 2180.

The budget meeting was set for October 6.

There was a motion to adjourn and a second. The meeting was adjourned.

(Publication Date: Sept. 13), 2025

Martin City Council Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDING OF THE
MARTIN CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
Monday, September 8, 2025; 6:30 pm
City Hall

Martin City Council met at City Hall on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Milton Hase. Council members: Cindy Martin and Tina Schmitt. Auditor Shonella Lemer. Absent: Council members Gus Grade, and Travis Monge.

Mayor Hase called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

There were no guests and no public comment about the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

M by Schmitt, MS by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday; September 8, 2025;
Following budget hearing
City Hall

Martin City Council met at City Hall on Monday; September 8, 2025 following the 2026 Budget Hearing.

Present: Mayor Milton Hase, Council members: Cindy Martin, and Tina Schmitt; Auditor Shonella Lemer.

Absent: Gus Grade, and Travis Monge.

Guest: John Sommer.

Mayor Hase called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Sommer was present to state that the three dogs at a recently occupied residence are a nuisance due to their aggressive behavior and barking. Mayor research ordinances. Sommer then left the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes from August 5, 2025 meeting were in council packet. M by Martin, MS by Schmitt to approve minutes as presented. Upon VV, MC.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities for August 2025 were in council packet. M by Martin, MS by Schmitt to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Upon VV, MC.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor reported that dump ground and lagoon have been mowed. Auditor received a bid from Elite Spraying for spraying the dump ground and lagoon, no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS: M by Martin, MS by Schmitt to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget as the 2026 Final Budget. Upon VV, MC. Auditor explained the new Flexible Transportation Fund and it's possible uses. Mayor presented quotes from ND Sewage Pump. M by Martin MS by Schmitt to approve the quotes to replace the control panel and door for the Main Ave. lift station. Upon VV, MC. Auditor read NDCC 44-04-20.1 Public comment period policy, no action taken. Auditor read NDCC 40-06-02 Pledge of Allegiance. This will be added to the agenda beginning in October 2025. Mayor reported on the Landfill workshop he attended.

BILLS: M by Martin, MS by Schmitt to approve the following bills for payment: OTPCO 559.56, CPWD 36.41, Herald-Press 56.10, Shane Hase 55.41, Circle Sanitation 1,011.25, Shonella Lemer 129.99, City of Anamoose 1,250.00, Cindy Martin 120.00, Hase Construction 1,200.00, Kathleen Hase 480.00, Milton Hase 19.94. Upon VV, MC.

M by Schmitt, MS by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Upon VV, MC.

Milton Hase, Mayor
Shonella Lemer, Auditor
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Meeting Notices

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Harvey Public School District will hold a Public Budget Hearing on September 17 at 6 p.m. at the Harvey High School Library.

(Publication Date: Sept. 13, 2025)

HARVEY RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT

The Harvey Rural Ambulance District will have a meeting Sept. 17 at the Harvey Ambulance Bay.

Agenda:
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Public to review mill levy
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Discussion
8 p.m. Regular meeting and vote

Doug Helm
HRAD President
(Publication dates: Sept. 6, 13, 2025)

Hillsdale Township

Hillsdale Township will hold a 2025 Public Budget Meeting as newly required by HB 1176 on Monday, September 15 at the Todd McKinven Farm Shop (2660 24th Ave NE) aat 9:30 a.m.

(Publication date: Sept. 13, 2025)

Public Hearing

The North Dakota Health and Human Services is requesting public comments on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan Amendment. The amendment proposes a 5% increase in the standard of need, which will result in a 5% increase in possible benefit rates for TANF recipients. The current draft plan can be viewed online at www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp/tanf.

A public hearing on this proposed plan amendment will be held by a virtual Teams meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. CT. Individuals can join the meeting using the following information:

- **Join the meeting now**
  Meeting ID: 210 365 643 502 5
  Passcode: Dz2Sf34w
- **Dial in by phone**
  +1 701-328-0950,,895832497# United States, Bismarck
  Phone conference ID: 895 832 497#
- **Join on a video conferencing device**
  Tenant key: teams@join.nd.gov
  Video ID: 113 435 712 2

Comments can also be submitted in writing and must be received by the conclusion of the public hearing on Sept. 18, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by email to applyforhelp@nd.gov.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
relating to ND Oil and Gas Conservation and Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.
North Dakota
Oil and Gas Division
will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.
Oil and Gas Division
8:30 am CDT Mon., Oct. 20, 2025
1000 E Calgary Ave
Bismarck, ND
Dickinson Field Office
1:30 pm MDT Mon., Oct. 20, 2025
926 E Industrial Drive
Dickinson, ND
Bakken Airport Hotel
8:30 am CDT Tue., Oct. 21, 2025
5813 Jefferson Ln
Williston, ND
Minot Field Office
2:00 pm CDT Tue., Oct. 21, 2025
7 Third St SE, Suite 107
Minot, ND

Copies of the proposed rules will be available September 30, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Oil and Gas Division at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0840, or by calling (701) 328-8020. View changes at www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas. Comment in writing by 5pm October 31, 2025. Submit written comments to the Oil and Gas Division (see address above) or oilandgasinfo@nd.gov. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Oil and Gas Division at the above address or phone number by October 6, 2025.

WELLS TOWNSHIP

WELLS TOWNSHIP will hold a 2026 Public Budget meeting as newly required by HB1176 on Monday, September 15, at noon at the Harvey City Hall.

(Publication dates: Sept. 6, 13, 2025)

MANFRED TOWNSHIP
Public Budget Hearing:

There will be a special meeting, September 16 at 7.30 p.m. in the Manfred Museum for the 2026 Budget. Contact Sec./ Treas. for Budget information at 701-341-2001. Supervisor meeting to follow.

(Publication dates: Sept. 6, 13, 2025)

NORWAY LAKE TOWNSHIP
Public Budget Hearing
September 22 at 8:30 p.m.
Richard Lynne's garage
For info call 701-202-6067
(Publication dates: Sept. 6, 13, 2025)

Special Meeting Notice

Germantown Township will hold a special public meeting on Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Bollingberg Seeds office. We will vote on ammending the township's 2026 budget and increase the mill levy from 9.19 mills to 18 mills to qualify for state funding. This would generate an additional $11,510 and be aa 96% increase, which exceeds the tax levy cap of 3%.

Lewis Seibold, Clerk
(Publication dates: Sept. 13, 20, 2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND, ADOPT, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the ND Admin. Code at 5:30pm on October 6, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 825 E. Beaton Drive, West Fargo, ND 58078.

A copy of the proposed rules and/or a regulatory analysis may be requested by writing the NDBVME, PO Box 328, Lisbon, ND 58054 or calling 701-683-4705. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above address until October 16, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at the above telephone number or address at least one week prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Sara Lyons, DVM
NDBVME Executive Director

NORTH DAKOTA STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF BRAND RENEWAL

North Dakota livestock brands will expire on Jan. 1, 2026, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 4.1-73-12. Present brand owners have the right to rerecord their brands. If a brand is allowed to expire, ownership interest of the brand will be lost and the brand may no longer be used.

In August, a renewal notice for each recording was mailed to the address on file in the brand recording office. If you have not received your notice or have questions about renewing a brand, contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or visit www.ndstockmen.org.

Wells County Commissioner Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF
Wells County Commissioner's Meeting
September 4, 2025

The September meeting was called to order by Chairman Dockter at 8:00 AM. Present at the meeting were Stan Buxa, Dennis Dockter, Bryan Lautt, Danny Maxwell, Brian Miller, Brian Argabright, Ivy Brye, Tim Buchwitz, Lucas Buerkley, Fay Fandrich, Lydia Gessele, Amy Lamm, Wells McGiffert, Alex Molander, Emanual Pierce, Cheryl Ryan, Annette Sprague, Warren Strand, Munce Tronsgard, Lee Wentz, and Daniel Stutlien.

The meeting began with a public hearing regarding the transition of the WC Recorder to an appointed position at the conclusion of the term of current Recorder, Carrie Krause, when her term expires 12/31/26. Advantages discussed included the following: Seamless transition within the office, answering every day to the people of WC via the Commission, evaluated daily as opposed to once every four years, employee would follow policies & rules of WC, the working relationship with fellow employees, fiscal advantages and controls, apolitical position, lack of qualified people either reluctant to run or seeking elected office, and the details of the job are not well known. The only disadvantage discussed would be that this position would then not be directly elected by the people. Brian Argabright spoke in opposition as this would take away the independence of this position. Amy Lamm spoke regarding the qualifications of this and any other position in county government. Lydia Gessele spoke about the right of people to elect a person to do this job. The Commission has decided they would wait a month to receive further input from the public.

SB (M), DM (S) to approve the minutes from the August Meeting. Unanimously carried.

Employee timesheets were reviewed by the commissioners.

SB (M), BL (S) to approve the bills as presented. Unanimously carried.

The current WC Balance Sheet was reviewed and discussed. Also, the Auditor shared current county investments as well as Commission controlled WC funds. DM (M), BL (S) to approve the Balance Sheet. Unanimously carried.

BM (M), DM (S) to approve Laura Muscha, Treasurer, and Daniel Stutlien, Auditor, to purchase or cash out CD's and investments on behalf of WC. Unanimously carried.

Correspondence from ND Game & Fish regarding the 2025-26 Fall Wild Turkey Proclamation was shared, as well as a letter from FEMA regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and WC's implementation of the new floodplain management measures. The Commission was also provided with the latest issue of "Pipeline Awareness." WC has the Alliance, Cenex, and Pembina Cochin Pipelines running underground.

Commission Portfolios were discussed.

Under the new Public Comments portion of the meeting, no individuals were signed up to address the Commission.

Tim Buchwitz wished to address the Commission regarding the Hamberg Slough project and the in-slope on one area of the road. Chairman Dockter was already apprised of the situation and it is being dealt with.

Joseph Carlblom of Vision Zero North Dakota met with the Commission to share information on this statewide initiative. Carlblom introduced himself and held a Q & A with the Commission as the Vision Zero initiative is designed to end deaths on the states' roads. Carlblom regards his role as proactive, as opposed to reactive, as Vision Zero is primarily for outreach and education to eliminate dangers and dangerous activities on ND's highways and roads.

Warren Strand of the WC JDA sat down with the Commission to apprise them on matters related to the JDA. The organization is about attracting new business to the county by way of grants and no or low interest loans. Strand shared a few of the successes of the organization and stated that there have not been many recent requests. They're role is to assist new or existing business and to enhance the communities of WC, not to replace the local banks. JDA applications can be obtained from Sherrie Lien.

New WC Extension Agent, Ciera Kotaska, was introduced to the Commission. Kotaska spoke about her first two months on the job and getting to know both her role and the people in WC. Crop project monitoring, weather events, insects and diseases, as well as working with 4-H youth are just a few areas highlighted by Kotaska.

Wells McGiffert, on behalf of PRC Wind, shared updates regarding the status of the Flickertail Wind Project in Eddy and Wells Counties. McGiffert spoke of outreach and open houses recently held in both New Rockford and Fessenden at which they shared maps and received feedback from local patrons. A finalized layout is nearing completion after which PRC will be going to townships and the counties in preparation for permitting. McGiffert projected permitting is still likely a few months away.

WC Road Foreman, Brent Keller, met with the Commission to discuss matters of his Dept. Keller discussed the completion of the Hamberg Slough Project and some in-slope work that will still need to be completed for safety reasons. Chip sealing work is slated for the next month, followed by some fall ditch mowing. The state shed has been prepped for return to the State of ND if an agreement cannot be reached to continue the lease with WC. Keller discussed a mower replacement need for the fairground area. Keller discussed personnel and the lack of applicants for open positions. A couple of retired former employees who came back part-time for summer work have stated an interest in continuing this arrangement into the winter as-needed by WC. The Commission asked Keller about the results of truck regulatory enforcement in WC in the past several months.

WC patron Lydia Gessele addressed the Commission on subject of Public Trust. Gessele addressed specifically Commissioner Oaths of Office from the 2020 election and, in absence of those, theft of office and the illegitimacy of everything that was has been done in the interim. Gessele claims this to be a violation of the law.

WC Auditor Daniel Stutlien provided fresh copies of the budget to the Commission stating there was a slight alteration in total valuation of WC. All told, the valuation of the county sits at $48,514,173, down $24 from August. Stutlien entertained questions from the Commission. WC will hold their public hearing on the budget Tuesday, October 7th, at 8:00 AM in the KTL Building in conjunction with the October meeting of the WC Commission.

Stutlien presented and discussed the NDPHIT health insurance rates for '26. Rates for the WC employee group increased by 9.1% for '26.

The Commission then discussed the merits of meeting with various political sub-divisions similar to their effort to sit down with townships in the Summer of '24. The Commission would like to continue and/or grow this opportunity to meet with all political subs in the future.

The Commission was introduced to a new Property Fraud Alert system now available to all property owners free-of-charge in Wells County. This initiative, born out of the ND Recorders Information Network, allows all parcel owners to sign up electronically to be notified if any document is recorded effecting their property. Every property owner in WC should want to get registered for this before fraud strikes. Questions should be referred to the WC Recorder's Office.

The Commission considered contracted winter snow removal on county properties including the Courthouse, KTL, and Festival Hall as needed. Kelby Houchin has indicated interest to continue in this capacity in this early AM only. DM (M), BL (S) to hire Houchin for winter AM snow removal as needed at $100/hr. for WC properties. Unanimously carried.

The next Six-County Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9th, in Foster Co (note location flip with Emmons Co.). Commissioners were surveyed for topics. Public hearings was one subject mentioned.

The next WC Departments meeting will be held Thursday, September 18th, at 12:30 PM in the KTL.

NDACo's Tour of Counties will be coming to WC Thursday, September 25th, at 2:00 PM. Finally, NDACo's State Convention will be held October 26th-28th in Bismarck.

The next regular meeting of the WC Commission will be held Tuesday, October 7th, at 8:00 AM in the KTL Building. The meeting will begin with the '26 WC Budget Hearing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

The following Fees and Receipts were approved and ordered filed: Clerk of Court $390.00; Recorder $0.00; Sheriff $902.50; Misc. $12,603.84.

On motion, the following bills were ordered paid: (Gross wages, when listed): #Direct Deposit Payroll, General (1000) $103,774.86; #Direct Deposit Payroll, Road (2001) $44,924.14; #Direct Deposit Payroll, 911 (2003) $1,308.55; #Direct Deposit Payroll, County Agent (2005) $3,194.47; #Direct Deposit Payroll, Social Welfare (2007) $68,144.96; #ACH BC/BS Insurance $57,196.05; #ACH NDPERS Retirement $32,227.72.

25-Sep General: ; Wells County Treasurer, Central Supplies $391.01; Pitney Bowes, Postage meter supplies $39.00; Wells County Treasurer, Telephone $358.64; NDTC, Telephone $640.26; Fessenden City, Countywide Utilities $383.59; Otter Tail, Countywide Utilities $1,183.03; Central City H2O+, Countywide Utilities $46.50; Wells County Treasurer, Bank Charges $92.20; Wells County Treasurer, Courthouse & KTL Maintenance $44.99; Dakota Dust-Tex, Courthouse & KTL Maintenance $214.76; Tracys Market, Courthouse & KTL Maintenance $40.99; BW Electric, Courthouse & KTL Maintenance $308.29; MARC, Courthouse & KTL Maintenance $391.99; Foster County Independent, Legals $11.84; Benson County Farmers Press, Legal Publications $56.00; Herald Press, Legal Publications $131.96; Software Innovations, Technology $2,500.00; Wells County Treasurer, Technology $218.96; HP INC., Technology $1,616.52; ITD, Technology $1,469.95; NDACo Resources Group, Technology $57.00; NDTC, Technology $100.78; Advanced Business Methods, Technology $49.33; Tom's Home Furnishings, Chair $509.15; Wells County Treasurer, Ink supplies/Maint. Contracts $32.89; ND State Treasurer, Marriage Licenses $70.00; Carla Johnson, Travel/Mileage $116.90; Wells County Treasurer, Dues/Registration Fees $45.00; Jamestown Communications, Dues/Registration Fees $100.00; Wells County Treasurer, Training -($580.00); Wells County Treasurer, Travel/Mileage/Veh.Maint. $827.22; Ward Hilger, Travel/Mileage/Veh.Maint. $144.84; Kotaco Fuel & Propane, Travel/Mileage/Veh.Maint. $103.09; Wells County Treasurer, Uniforms $467.34; Wells County Treasurer, Misc. $159.52; Wells County Treasurer, Physicals $154.48; Central Dakota Family Physicians, Physicals $141.00; Wells County Treasurer, Telephone $113.83; NDTC, Telephone $58.02; Otter Tail, Utilities $45.37; Fessenden City, Festival Hall/Fair Utilities $313.82; Otter Tail, Festival Hall/Fair Utilities $707.32; TOTAL: $13,879.36.

HB 1066: Knife River Materials, HB 1066 $79,112.95; Wold Engineering, HB 1066 $4,746.78; KLJ Engineering, LLC, HB 1066 $14,453.78; Susag Sand & Gravel, HB 1066 $5,465.31; TOTAL: $103,778.82.

Jail & Transp.: HACTC, Jail & Transport Medication $2,091.16; HACTC, Jail & Transport Prison Board $8,835.00; TOTAL: $10,926.16.

Co. Agent: Leaf, Copier Lease & Maint. $235.91; NDTC, Telephone $123.36; Ciera Kotaska, Travel/Mileage $618.80; Otter Tail, Utilities $45.10; TOTAL: $1,023.17.

Social Services: Wells County Treasurer, Client Support $116.95; Wells County Treasurer, Fuel/Foster Care $141.00; Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden, Fuel/Foster Care $44.00; Wells County Treasurer, Meals/Foster Care $46.31; Wells County Treasurer, Fuel/Child Protect. Serv. $72.30; Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden, Fuel/Child Protect. Serv. $105.88; Lamp LLC, Contracted Services $2.74; Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden, Family Social Worker/Fuel $143.41; CenDak Cooperative-New Rockford, Family Social Worker/Fuel $32.26; Kreiter Autoworks, Inc., Vehicles $120.75; Wells County Treasurer, Meals/Foster Care $24.83; Little Mart, In Home Care/Fuel $93.00; Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden, In Home Care/Fuel $297.61; Patriot Fuels, In Home Care/Fuel $191.54; Farmers Union Oil-Fessenden, Vehicles $93.00; Opdahl Body Shop, Vehicles $75.00; Dales Radiator & Repair, Vehicles $73.00; Patriot Fuels, Vehicles $10.00; Wells County Treasurer, Contracted Services $100.00; 4th Corporation, Contracted Services $140.00; Advanced Business Methods, Contracted Services $350.52; Leaf, Contracted Services $0.00; Wells County Treasurer, Telephone $579.37; Dakota Central, Telephone $170.69; NDTC, Telephone $562.48; Wells County Treasurer, Vehicles $105.00; CenDak Cooperative-New Rockford, Vehicles $76.43; Central City H20+, Zone Admin Support/Misc $187.50; ITD, Zone Admin Support/IT Other $112.22; NDACo Resources Group, Zone Admin Support/IT Other $1,020.00; Wells County Treasurer, Zone Admin Supp./Office Materials $127.80; Foster County Independent, Subscriptions & Memberships $78.00; TOTAL: $5,293.59.

Weed Control: Donna Rau, Salary - Employee $220.87; Fram Township, Noxious Weed/Leafy Spurge/Cost Sharing $500.00; TOTAL: $720.87.

Hwy Tax: Harvey Oil Co., Fuel $7,904.39; Power Plan, Machinery Repairs & Supplies $4,122.38; Gooseneck Implement, Machinery Repairs & Supplies $385.27; Wells County Treasurer, Supplies $118.27; Tracys Market, Supplies $38.39; Lemer's ACE & Rental, Supplies $359.99; Kimball Midwest, Supplies $1,177.44; Linde Gas & Equipment, Supplies $145.90; NDTC, Telephone $145.18; Wells County Treasurer, Utilities $99.76; Fessenden City, Utilities $152.41; Sykeston City, Utilities $49.00; Northern Plains Electric, Utilities $599.62; Otter Tail, Utilities $290.00; Harvey City, Utilities $133.40; Cathay City, Utilities $95.00; Central Plains Water, Utilities $175.83; TOTAL: $15,992.23.

Capital Projects: NDDOT, Capital Projects $689.19.

24-7: Wells County Treasurer, Pharm Chem. $81.90; Office Of Attorney General, Scram Fees $35.00; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Screenings $80.14; TOTAL: $197.04.

Grand Total: $152,500.43.

Attest:
Daniel W. Stutlien
Wells County Auditor
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