

GRANT COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

**Regular Meeting
October 15, 2025**

Chairman Zenker called the October 15, 2025 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Public present:

Commissioner Hochhalter moved to approve agenda, seconded by Meyer. All present voting aye; agenda approved.

Moved by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve October 1, 2025 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Old business:
New business:

Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$54,879.87. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Bills approved.

A&S Country Market 104.34
Amanda Dahners 138.60
Bobcat of Mandan268.80
Burleigh-Morton Detention Center2,200.00
Butler Machinery Inc .. 1,048.14
City of Carson370.19
City of Elgin46.80
Eido Printing1,248.00
Elgin True Value85.88
Farm & Home Supply ... 191.84
Farstad Oil Inc24,069.41
Gas & Gears LLC85.70
HA Thompson & Sons ..879.00
Hertz Brothers Inc 136.35
Hotsy Equipment Company81.00
I-State Truck Center 12.76
Jared Fischer103.60
Johnsen Trailer Sales Inc546.45
Lind Gas & Equipment39.60
Matthew Bender & Co Inc362.96
Napa Auto Parts New Salem8,654.55
Office of the Adjutant General 11,978.41
Tessa Osterbauer265.17
Jacqueline Steinmetz ...246.00
Ulrich Manufacturing281.48
Uniform Center 186.48
Vanguard Appraisals Inc650.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services598.36

Treasurer report was reviewed and accepted.

Tessa Osterbauer and Amanda Dahner, Grant County NDSU Extension Agents presented the quarterly report.

Commissioner Meyer will look into the North Dakota Department of Transportation informing on Special Road Fund projects application for the 2026 and 2027 construction years having an application deadline of November 30, 2025.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve Game Site Authorization for American Legion Post #69 for Calcutta(s) from December 1 to 31, 2025 at the Bachmeier Ranch 5130 78 St SW, Carson ND 58529. Roll call vote - Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Shannon Wangsvick said there is no development being done on the south side near Schatz division by the TCJJDA.

The TCJJDA does traffic counts and believes the traffic attributable to the cabins and trailers has decreased in the Schatz point area.

Jason Albert, Planning and Zoning Administrator requested a change in time and date for hearing scheduled for plat of Schatz 3rd Subdivision, scheduled for November 19th, 2025. Motion rescinded by Hochhalter and seconded by Zenker. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Zenker to schedule hearing for December 3 at 11:00 MT. Roll call vote - Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – nay, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Variance request from IIG for a compound within the state ROW. The county set back is 200 ft. The state is ROW is 100 ft. The county Planning & Zoning Board has recommended approval. Motion to approve variance made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Daniel Devitt thinks that the Sheriff Department should be fully staffed and be able to provide services. He would like to have the Sheriff Department be restructured.

Jared Fischer and Jason Albert presented responses for request for proposals to replace courthouse windows and roofing. C & H Glass recommended replacing the broken glass for a cost of \$4,663.00. They recommended contacting companies who specialize in glazing/caulking to provide proposal on such work. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to have C & H Glass replace the broken window. Roll call vote - Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Two proposals were received for roofing project. It was recommended the have plumber work on roof drain prior to having roofing done. Fischer will contact local plumbers to complete work.

Jackie Steinmetz presented the appeal from the State Board of Equalization. Steinmetz found several properties that have been improved but no building permits have been applied for or approved with Grant County. Steinmetz asked for temporary help in her office until the end of 2025. Individual would only be in office when Steinmetz is in the office. Decision was tabled by Board.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve beer and liquor license for Hammer Down for North Shore Concessions and Lake Tschida Welcome Center, Section 13 in Township 136 North, Range 89 West, from January 1 to December 31, 2026. All in favor voting aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 11:44 a.m. FYI: next scheduled meetings will be November 5 and 19, 2025.

/s/Alton Zenker
Alton Zenker, Chairman
/s/Sara Meier
Sara Meier, Auditor
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PASTOR’S NOTES

Pastor Paul Ferrie,
Grace Reformed Church of the Lord Jesus

Study of Colossians, continued

In order to resume our study in Colossians 3:7 today, we need to see the context from verses 5 and 6: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.” We have considered this list of sins that believers are commanded to put away, along with the consequence of God’s wrath that will result upon those who refuse to repent and bow to God’s Word. Now we see in verse 7 Paul’s comment about the Colossians: “in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.” The sins listed in verse 5 characterized the Colossians in their pre-Christian days. “Walk” is the verb Paul customarily uses to describe one’s way of life and conduct. It shows a pattern that characterizes a life.

There are some frightening passages in the Bible which seem to say that if a person commits certain sins, he or she will perish. For instance, we read in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” Yet, note what Paul goes on to say in verse 11: “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

It is important to note that there is a difference between committing sins and walking in sins. We must never go light on sin or excuse it. Yet we can be comforted that believers have been forgiven because they are trusting in the perfect payment which Christ provided for His people. But what if a believer falls back into a sin mentioned in these lists? Is that one no longer saved? All believers sin, and some believers fall back into such sins as mentioned. But there is a difference between pursuing a life of sin, as the Colossian and Corinthian believers did before their

conversion, and falling into sin while seeking to grow as a Christian and depart from all sin. The person who should be alarmed is the one who claims to be a Christian but who has no concern about sin in his or her life. One who says it’s okay to sin because the blood of Christ has washed it away is demonstrating that he or she is probably NOT saved. For while it is true that the blood of Christ will wash away every sin the true believer ever commits, at the same time, the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of true believers, making them hate sin and want to get rid of it. Surely the person who has been born again and come to love the Lord Jesus Christ will find it more and more repulsive to keep committing the very things for which Christ had to die.

If a true believer does try to live in sin, he or she is going to be a miserable person because the Holy Spirit will keep convicting and driving that one to repentance. This is the difference between an unbeliever and a backslidden Christian. An unbeliever can carelessly go on in sin, whereas the backslidden believer cannot because the Holy Spirit will not let him be comfortable in sin. Friends, it is unimaginably better to live life on this earth as a believer, even with the ongoing uncomfortable working of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, than to live estranged from God and spend eternity under His wrath. Have you placed your trust in Christ alone to make you right with God?



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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS UTILIZATION COMMISSION, ANIMAL HEALTH, DAIRY, EGGS, ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION, PESTICIDES, AND POULTRY BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Animal Health will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10:00 AM on December 17, 2025, at the 6th floor conference room in the State Capitol in Bismarck.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Department of Agriculture or calling 701-328-4764. Also, written comments may be submitted to North Dakota Department of Agriculture Attn: Rules Coordinator, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 602 Bismarck, ND 58505-0020 until December 30, 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 Department of Agriculture at the above telephone number or address at least three days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 7th day of November 2025.

Doug Goehring
Agriculture Commissioner

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 75-03-44 CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC CERTIFICATION

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-03-44 relating to the certified community behavioral health clinic process and operations including eligibility, application and certification process, and services and treatment requirements at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2025.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2025.

**HETTINGER COUNTY
LAND FOR SALE**

Kent and Roxy Featherstone are selling one quarter of agricultural and hunting land located just north of Burt, ND.

NE¼ of 31-134-91, Hettinger County

Request a bid packet with additional information from Crane & Merriman, PC, P.O. Box 99, Mott, ND 58646, (701) 824-2591, amy@crane-merriman.com. Deadline to submit written bids is 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 33-39-01 LODGING ESTABLISHMENT SANITATION STANDARDS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-39-01, Lodging Establishment Sanitation Standards, relating to definitions, general requirements, personnel, ice and ice dispensing, guest rooms, utensil and equipment warewashing, single-service and single-use articles, beds and linen, housekeeping and laundry facilities, water recreation facilities, submission of plans, fire safety, food establishment license requirements, toilets, poisonous or toxic materials, pests, grounds maintenance, and imminent health hazards at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

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Dated this 7th day of November, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing is scheduled with the County Planning & Zoning Board and the Grant County Commissioners at **11:00 am MT on Wednesday, December 3, 2025** in the Courtroom on the second floor of the Grant County Courthouse.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments from the public on the application received from land owners, Jason and Jenny Schatz, for zoning change from Agricultural to Residential. The request involves PID# 05659600 which is the area planned for the Schatz Third Subdivision. The Schatz's property is described as:

Section 15, Township 136, Range 089, TRACT B (SWNE, PART of W½NWNE, S½SENE) 54.45 acres.

Any questions, please contact Floodplain, Planning & Zoning Director, Jason Albert at 701-460-9124 or email albertjason@nd.gov.

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