

# Public Notice

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
KIDDER COUNTY,  
STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA  
March 14, 2025  
10:00am**

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, March 14, 2025 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen, Nicholas Friez and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present. Also Present: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Dan P. Mittleider, Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering

Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering gave an estimate on the CP-2223(025) Tappen Mill & Overlay project of \$1,595,000.00. Discussion held. Schoenhard said the county did receive HB1066 (Prairie Dog Bill) money today for \$1,039,519.55. Rivinius said they applied for the SRF (special road fund) also. Funding was discussed.

Dronen made the motion to accept final plans and move to bid on project CP 2223(025) Tappen Mill & Overlay project with a bid opening date of April 11, 2025 at 10:30am in the Commissioners room, seconded by Friez, discussion held on the south approach, and side streets, call for vote: Guthmiller, Aye, Dronen, Aye, Friez, Aye, motion carried.

Mittleider gave an update on the Crystal Springs Watershed Project. Mittleider questioned Mike Gunsch with Huston Engineering if Kidder County's culvert system would handle the amount of water that would be released at the last Watershed meeting.

Discussion held on the amount of water that would be released, where the water would go, and if the culverts downstream would handle the amount of water. Mittleider recommended the Commission write a letter to Stutsman County and to Stutsman County Water Resource Board about the County's concerns. Discussion was held on irrigation to control the water levels and US Fish & Wildlife needing the water to make better water for the wildlife. Mittleider did find out the railroad are not at their maximum footprint for the railroad tracks.

Discussion held. Mittleider and Rivinius left the meeting.

Wayne Kamoni came to the meeting regarding a plat for Round Lake Retreat. Discussion was held on the road, lot size, sewer systems, setbacks and a covenant for the subdivision. Dronen made a motion to approve the Round Lake Retreat Plat, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on Kamoni forming a covenant for the Round Lake Retreat, call for vote: all in favor, aye, opposed, none, plat approved.

Minutes for the regular February 14th, 2025 Commission meeting and February 26, 2025 phone conference special meeting were reviewed. Friez moved to accept the minutes. Dronen seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

The agenda was reviewed. Friez moved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0 motion passed.

Discussion was held on a rock n' roll packer, blade lacking horsepower and saving hours on the Robinson blade till new one arrives.

Sheriff Vannatta joined the meeting. EM Loren Lang was called to the meeting. Discussion was held on a USDA grant for a blade. Lang contacted the USDA and funds are not available at this time. Lang stated we need to have a quote ready to go, USDA grants has to sign off on the purchase if funds become available.

Lang talked about a notification tool for the county and said the emergency managers page on Facebook is up and running again. Road Crew will need to send Lang a notification of which road would be under construction then he can add it to the EM page.

Discussion was held on putting an ad in the Steele Ozone to alert people about the emergency managers page for notifications. Friez asked about grants coming up. Hazard Mitigation reimbursement funds were discussed. Lang left the meeting.

Sheriff Vannatta handed in his reports. Discussion was held on hiring a deputy outside of the county and offering part time positions, cross deputizing and wages. Vannatta left the meeting.

NDSU Extension Agent Monica Fitterer joined the meeting. Fitterer finished her performance review. Fitterer told the Commission her administrative assistant Lorrie Craven took a new position with the Kidder Council on Aging as the director for the Seniors Center. Discussion was held on a new position NDSU has which is a combination of a 4-H program assistant and administration assistant. Discussion was held on the County Agents budget and MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NDSU and the county for this position. Friez made the motion to change the County Agent Administrative position to 4-H Program Assistant / Administrative Assistant position, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Fitterer left the meeting.

Township Officer Association meeting will be March 19th at 2:30pm. Friez will attend.

Discussion was held on county charge accounts.Recess for lunch 12:00pm

Resume from lunch 1:05pm, present: Guthmiller, Dronen, Friez, Schoenhard and Sheriff Vannatta.

Regular meeting was recessed at 1:00pm to the old Steele County Shop for a possible remodel. Discussion was held on remodeling the existing shop for a Sheriff's garage. Regular meeting resumed at the Kidder County Courthouse Commissioners room at 1:50pm. Quote from Beaver Creek Builders for a remodel was reviewed. Commission had questions on the quote. A call was placed to Jason Craig Beaver Creek Builders.

Kidder County Sportsman's Association Raffle application was reviewed. Friez made a motion to approve the Kidder County Sportsman's Raffle, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Monthly State Aid was reviewed. Friez made a motion to transfer \$20,000.00 to the County Equip / Vehicle Fund and 22,000.00 into the Building Improvement Fund, seconded by Dronen, discussion held, call for vote: all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Spring Crack Seal was discussed. Dronen will check the roads and contact Astech.

Road Crew summer hours were discussed. Summer hours 4-10's will start on March 17th. Discussion was held on shop monthly reports and pulling shoulders. Used V plows were discussed.

Jason Craig Beaver Creek Builders call into the meeting. Discussion was held on the remodel. The Commissioners and Beaver Creek Builders will get together on Monday March 17th at 4:00pm at the old County Shop.

Discussion was held on the Butler motor graders customer seminar.

Steele Shop Expedition was discussed. Dronen will check into.

Discussion was held on the Crystal Springs Watershed project letter. Schoenhard will send.

Summer road projects, graveling and roads were discussed.

March bills were reviewed.

Courthouse Payroll:  
Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Control, Back the Blue Grant. . . . . \$45,473.98  
Less WH 3,538.07, SS 3,589.25, State Tax WH 140.36, Wage WH 413.00

Insurance 455.88, Deferred Compensation 2,325.00, FSA 100.00 . . . . \$34,912.42

Commissioner Approved Payroll:  
General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Co. Library: . . . . . \$38,899.84

Less WH 2,633.39, SS 3,064.28, State Tax 69.54, Insurance 481.89, Deferred Compensation 1,550.00, . . . . . \$31,100.74

ND Post Bard.....25.00  
Choice Financial.....14,694.83  
Susanna Ongstad.....75.00  
ND Dept Environmental Quality 210.00  
Verizon.....425.76  
Cardmember Services.....100.00  
Bowermans Insurance.....48.00  
WEX Bank.....246.90  
Dustin Bauer.....18,500.00  
NDDOT.....10.00  
South Central Water.....43.00  
Cenex Fleet Fueling.....629.47  
Barbara J Steinke.....25.20  
BEK Communications.....928.01  
ITD.....888.75

Marlins Convenience Store .....245.95  
Matthew Bender & Co Inc.....67.29  
Menards.....164.55  
NRG.....531.00  
NRG.....3,345.72  
Northwest Tire .....1,046.96  
Steele Ozone.....749.68  
The Emblem Authority .....444.00  
Uniform Center.....2,740.18  
United Printing/The Printers .....291.50  
US Postal Service.....316.00  
WEX Health.....70.00  
City of Steele.....310.20  
Farmers & Merchants.....303.36  
MDU .....2,382.06  
Advance Business Methods .....255.92  
Lorrie Craven.....8.55  
Monica Fitterer.....495.75  
Creative Products Source.....411.82  
Burleigh-Morton Detention.....200.00  
Stutsman Co Corrections .....100.00  
Advance Business Methods .....177.84  
Annie Craven.....572.09  
BEK Communications.....160.70  
City of Steele.....92.16  
DEMCO .....184.65  
Ingram .....496.98  
MDU .....186.81  
Quill .....51.99  
Shipley Electric.....146.99  
Steele Ozone.....40.00  
Garrett Pfaff.....150.00  
Kenny Fischer.....9.80  
Kevin Price .....25.20  
Mike Kelly .....16.80  
Pat Leier .....39.20  
Ron Martin .....63.00  
Butler .....450.00  
Dan P Mittleider .....827.10  
Farmers Union Oil - Pettibone.....8.97  
Guthmiller Earthmoving Inc.....15,000.00  
KEM Electric.....587.79  
Mac's Hardware.....71.94  
Magrum Excavating.....250.00  
Marlins Convenience Store .....46.26  
Northern Plains Electric.....86.67  
RDO Equip.....4,309.24  
Steele Grocery.....45.73  
Strom Sanitation.....273.00  
Tappen Farm Supply .....68.24  
Tappen Oil Company .....625.32  
Tim Olson .....300.00  
Steele Auto Body .....427.13  
Garrett Pfaff.....20.00  
Derrick Hanson.....20.00  
Jay Dukart .....20.00  
Kenny HA Pfaff .....20.00  
Friez made the motion to approve the March bills. Seconded by Guthmiller. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$3,826.30 February, 2025. County Sheriff: \$290.40 February, 2025.

Ambulance district was discussed. Discussion was held on RDO warranty for the Steele motor grader and pulling shoulders.

4:35pm Regular Commission meeting recessed till Monday March 17th at the Steele County Shop at 4:00pm.

Resumed Commission meeting 4:00pm Steele County Shop. Present Darrell Guthmiller, Tim Dronen, Nick Friez, Jean Schoenhard, Sheriff Barry Vannatta, Jason Craig, Caden Craig Beaver Creek Builders.

Discussion and questions were asked concerning the remodel of the existing county shop.

Discussion held on building new vs. remodeling the shop. Craig will do a quote for a new build. J. Craig and C. Craig left the meeting.

Tracey Kramlich with RDO contacted Guthmiller about the cost of a warranty for the Steele JD blade that the warranty will be going off in August 2025. Cost would be \$9,500.00. Oil samples would have to be taken. Discussion held. Friez made a motion to take the warranty for Steele shop JD motor grader at \$9,500.00, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, motion carried.

Discussion was held on pulling shoulders on the Robinson Road.

With no further business before the board Friez made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm, March 17, 2025 seconded by Dronen.

Read and approved this 11th day of April 2025.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller,  
Chairman Board of  
County Commissioners  
/s/ Jean Schoenhard  
County Auditor

**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE,  
NORTH DAKOTA  
March 27, 2025**

Present: Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Timothy "Charlie" Dronen, Nicholas Friez, Auditor Jean Schoenhard.

Chairman Commissioner Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Subject:  
Kidder County Burn Ban  
Tuck Pointing Repair

Discussion was held on setting up a Burn Ban for the county due to the dry conditions. The Governor's burn restriction was discussed. Dronen made a motion to put a burn restriction on for Kidder County, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Schoenhard will get the information to Emergency Manager Loren Lang.

Tuck Pointing repairs for the courthouse. Schoenhard received a second quote for a company that does masonry repairs. Discussion held on the masonry repairs that needs to be done on the courthouse. Friez made a motion to approve the quote from Elite Seamless Gutters LLC for tuck pointing masonry repairs to the courthouse, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Guthmiller adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm

Read and approved this 11th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller  
Chairman Board of  
County Commissioners  
/s/ Jean Schoenhard  
County Auditor

**Probate No.: 22-2025-PR-00003  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
ELMER J. HARPOLE,  
DECEASED.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(Informal Probate)**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR  
KIDDER COUNTY, STATE OF  
NORTH DAKOTA NOTICE IS**

**HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. Pursuant to Section 30.1-19-01, N.D.C.C., all persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims shall be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Richard Harpole, personal representative of the Estate of Elmer J. Harpole, c/o Bliss Law Firm, LLC, 6652 223rd St. NE, McKenzie, ND 58572, or filed with the court.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2025.

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/s/ David R. Bliss  
**David R. Bliss (I.D. # 04729)**

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST  
FOR BIDS STANDING HAY ON  
RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94  
AND INTERSTATE 29**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right of way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2025 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in five district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, "Bids for Standing Hay", and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

Deadlines:

•Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 5, 2025.

•Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 5, 2025.

NDDOT district offices:  
•Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950

•Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103-1198 Ph: (701) 239-8900

•Grand Forks: P.O. Box 13077, 1951 North Washington, Grand Forks, ND 58208-3077 Ph: (701) 787-6500

•Valley City: 1524 8th Avenue Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800

•Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500



## Area Church Schedules

**STEELE CHURCHES:**

**St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church –** Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church–**Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist Church –** Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

**DAWSON CHURCHES:**

**Dawson Lutheran Church –** Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

**TAPPEN CHURCHES:**

**St. Paul's Catholic Church –** Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 7:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am

**St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod) –** Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch.72 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m. Sundays. **Tappen Cornerstone Church –** Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:**

**Faith Evangelical Church -** Rev. Mike Kraemer, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00 a.m.

**MEDINA CHURCHES:**

**St. Mary's Catholic –** Father Peter Sharpe. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday,7:00 p.m.; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

**Grace Emmanuel United Church.** Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

**DRISCOLL CHURCHES:**

**Grace Lutheran Church -** Pastors; Mark Narum and Martha HarriSon Worship service - 9:30 a.m.; Church Council - Meets qarterly;Communion - 2nd and 4th Sundays .

**TUTTLE CHURCHES:**

**English Lutheran Church –** Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 a.m.; Communion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and Festival Days;

**Tuttle Community Church –** Sunday School 10:00 a m, Worship service,10:30 a.m.

**ROBINSON CHURCHES:**

**Bethany Lutheran Church –** Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**PETTIBONE CHURCHES:**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church 104 Main St. N Pettibone.** Pastor Robert Hill- Second and Fourth Sundays 11:00 a.m

**Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth.** - Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, First &Third Sundays, 11:00am

**STREETER CHURCHES:**

**Hope Ebenezer Church** - Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

**STERLING CHURCHES:**

**United Methodist** - Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45

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– Mark Twain