

Hettinger County proceedings

MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS April 8, 2026

Chairman Todd Lutz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with roll call of commissioners with Devan Laufer and Tom Geerts attending. Also attending were Jeri Schmidt, Auditor; Cameo Frieze, Deputy Auditor.

Geerts moved to approve the minutes from the commissioners' meeting on March 11, 2026, with the correction of not removing Jeri Schmidt from the bank accounts. It was seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried. Laufer moved to approve the agenda with one addition, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

Laufer made a motion to approve the following vouchers, Geerts seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. These bills are included below:

17049 AT&T Mobility \$783.64; 17060 A West Security \$420.00; 17061 Andrew S. Marquart \$198.00; 17062 Brosz Engineering, Inc. \$13,182.50; 17063 Butler Machinery Co. \$29.49; 17064 Cameo Frieze \$14.00; 17065 Capfirst Equipment Finance, Inc. \$69,067.06; 17066 City of Mott \$246.75; 17067 Consolidated \$942.53; 17068 Corey Warner \$3,598.15; 17069 Dakota Business Solutions \$640.99; 17070 Eido Printing \$952.00; 17071 Everspinger Inn \$220.00; 17072 Fitterer Sales \$106.06; 17073 Frieze Auto Parts, Inc. \$497.59; 17074 GS Publishing \$565.61; 17075 Heather Fischer \$231.67; 17076 HR Collaborative \$200.00; 17077 Information Technology Dept. \$954.25; 17078 Jeri Schmidt \$11.83; 17079 Lomco Inc \$3,040.29; 17080 M. D. U. \$3,400.93; 17081 Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm \$715.00; 17082 Marc \$745.64; 17083 Marco \$634.79; 17084 Mikaela Klein \$14.00; 17085 Mott Equity Exchange \$415.18; 17086 ND Clerk's Association \$100.00; 17087 NDSU \$34.50; 17088 North Central International, LLC \$6,570.06; 17089 North Dakota One Call \$4.50; 17090 Office of The Adjutant General \$12,984.69; 17091 Oien Grocery \$112.67; 17092 Ok Tire Stores \$189.74; 17093 Pifer's Auction & Realty \$25,000.00; 17094 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. \$723.27; 17095 Quill Corporation \$159.96; 17096 Regent Oil Co \$250.00; 17097 Slope Electric Coop \$260.29; 17098 Southwest Diesel & Repair \$492.73; 17099 Southwest Water Authority \$65.79; 17100 Stelter Repair Inc \$121.81; 17101 SW Multi-Co. Correction Center \$900.00; 17102 The Sidwell Company \$6,331.30; 17103 Todd Lutz \$54.38; 17104 Township of Kern \$4,480.00; 17105 Truenorth Steel \$40,226.16; 17106 Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. \$1,520.00; 17107 Visa \$428.75; 17108 Westlie Motor Company \$71.77; 17109 Cenex Fleet Fueling \$2,195.50; 17110 Electronic Communications Inc \$20,151.50; 17111 GS Publishing \$43.26; 17112 Information Technology Dept. \$310.35; 17113 Office of Attorney General \$160.00; 17114 Stryker Sales, LLC \$6.77; 17115 Visa \$674.68.

Geerts moved to approve voiding check #16904 for \$680 and reissuing the check as the vendor never received the check. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried. Each of the commissioners reported on their other boards or committees they are on. Geerts moved to approve the conditional use permit for the Jon and Melissa Carlson feedlot as recommended by the Zoning Board. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried. The commissioners agreed to get 21 radiator covers made for the courthouse which will finish the ARPA funds. Sheriff Warner and Chief Deputy Pippenger gave the report from the Sheriff's office. Kyle DeMark provided his report and plans to purchase a com-

puter for the security camera with grant funds. Cathy Ebert gave her report as Tax Director.

Laufer moved to accept the Indian Creek Dam Road Project in Alden Township funded by the NDDOT. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The commissioners agreed to have Core Facility Solutions offer a free evaluation for the courthouse building.

The bid from H.A. Thompson for rebuilding steam traps in the building was reviewed and recommended to add it to the 2027 budget.

Geerts moved to accept the bid from Stelter's Repair to replace the handrails to the outdoor stairs of the courthouse. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Laufer moved to pay Ben Auch in installments as Weed Officer 50% at the May meeting, 25% at the July meeting and 25% at the September meeting as recommended by the Weed Board. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Laufer moved to sell the extra door that is not needed for the courthouse. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Laufer moved to hold the 2026 elections from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and at the same locations (New England Memorial Hall, Regent Enchanted Castle and the Mott Armory) and the same inspectors, if available, as last election. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Laufer moved to approve Cameo Frieze as Auditor and Jeri Schmidt as Deputy Auditor/Treasurer starting May 1. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Geerts moved to approve Josh Anderson as a road crew employee for Hettinger County. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Heather Fischer, Extension Agent, discussed the need for an assistant in her office. Laufer moved to approve 32 hours per week with benefits for Stephanie Hibberd as the Extension Administrative Assistant for the months of April and May as the budget needs to be analyzed to determine the fate of the position for the rest of 2026. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed a lot in west Mott that is now the county's due to delinquent taxes. Laufer moved to let Lot 3, 4, 5 on Block 3 in West Mott to go back to the city. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The custodial contract was discussed and tabled until next month after the Commissioners gather some numbers for windows and waxing.

Geerts moved to remove Stephanie Hibberd from the bank accounts. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Lutz requested to attend the Roosevelt Custer Region 8 meeting.

Eric from Brosz Engineering updated the Commissioners on all the projects status.

With no further information to discuss, Geerts moved to adjourn the meeting. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

ATTEST
Cameo Frieze, deputy auditor
Todd Lutz, Chairman

MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS May 13, 2026

Chairman Todd Lutz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with roll call of commissioners with Devan Laufer and Tom Geerts attending. Also attending was Cameo Frieze, Auditor.

Laufer moved to approve the minutes from the Commission-

ers' meeting on April 8, 2026. It was seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried. Geerts moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Geerts made a motion to approve the following vouchers including the voiding check #16904. Laufer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. These bills are included below:

17116 Cardinal Insurance Agency \$38,290.00; 17117 AT&T Mobility \$783.50; 17130 A West Security \$1,025.00; 17131 Braun Distributing \$28.85; 17132 Brosz Engineering, Inc. \$6,450.00; 17133 Butler Machinery Co. \$17.93; 17134 Cardinal Insurance Agency \$279.00; 17135 City of Mott \$266.81; 17136 Consolidated \$969.99; 17137 Corey Warner \$11,473.15; 17138 Dakota Dust-Tex \$410.00; 17139 Election Systems & Software \$7,809.54; 17140 Fitterer Sales \$45,493.30; 17141 Frieze Auto Parts, Inc. \$167.61; 17142 GS Publishing \$1,115.54; 17143 Heather Fischer \$280.66; 17144 Hi-Acres \$150.00; 17145 Information Technology Dept. \$927.60; 17146 John Deere Financial \$6,642.71; 17147 Kern Spraying LLC \$12,283.00; 17148 M. D. U. \$2,170.01; 17149 Marco \$215.83; 17150 Mikaela Klein \$213.66; 17151 Mott Equity Exchange \$1,466.54; 17152 ND Assoc. Of Counties \$63.00; 17153 ND State Treasurer \$307.06; 17154 NDDOT - Dickinson District \$3,900.00; 17155 NDSSA \$400.00; 17156 NDSU \$47.00; 17157 NDSU Extension Service \$6,750.02; 17158 Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc. \$31,180.25; 17159 Oien Grocery \$18.48; 17160 Ok Tire Stores \$1,198.70; 17161 Olsons Carpet & Furniture \$11,300.00; 17162 Presort Plus \$1,753.21; 17163 RDO Equipment Co \$626.27; 17164 Robin Ulrich \$239.96; 17165 Slope Electric Coop \$223.66; 17166 Southwest Diesel & Repair \$2,091.96; 17167 Southwest Water Authority \$69.69; 17168 Stutsman County Auditor's Office \$287.50; 17169 SW Multi-Co. Correction Center \$2,585.00; 17170 Taylor Print Impressions \$40.75; 17171 Terry Kirschmann \$270.00; 17172 The Hub Convenience Stores \$1,629.49; 17173 Todd Lutz \$83.00; 17174 U.S. Postal Service (Quadient-Poc) \$2,000.00; 17175 Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. \$1,050.00; 17176 Visa \$494.82; 17177 AT&T Mobility \$783.50; 17178 Axon Enterprise, Inc. \$3,927.00; 17179 Balco Uniform \$204.99; 17180 Cenex Fleet Fueling \$2,195.50; 17181 Dash Medical Gloves \$87.03; 17182 Hero Industries, Inc \$793.75; 17183 Hettinger County Sheriff \$36.74; 17184 Information Technology Dept. \$310.35; 17185 Motorola Solutions, Inc. \$4,062.42; 17186 Office of Attorney General \$300.00; 17187 The Hub Convenience Stores \$671.54; 17188 Visa \$3,721.27; 17189 West River Veterinary Clinic, PC \$941.84; 17190 Wolf Body & Glass \$95.00; 17191 Yondr \$313.43.

Heather Mack is looking at her options of keeping an Extension Administrative Assistant for the rest of the year and next year. Laufer moved to keep her current Extension Administrative Assistant at 32 hours until

the end of July and have the Commissioners visit with her at the July meeting. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Sheriff Warner, Kyle DeMark, Cathy Ebert and Elliott Finck all gave their reports from their offices.

The Commissioners received C. Warner's letter discontinuing his custodial duties. They discussed options and decided to open it up for bids for custodial, groundskeeping and snow removal separately. Geerts moved to allow Lutz to approve job duties for the ad. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Laufer moved to accept the bid from JB Windows to clean the windows once this year. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The City of Mott declined the lots in West Mott that the County wanted to give them. These lots will be added to the foreclosure tax sale later this year.

Geerts moved to approve Scott Monke on the Hettinger County Water Resource Board. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Andrea Bowman was present to update the Commissioners on Roosevelt Custer.

The bids for a new phone system from Consolidated were discussed since the current phones are not being updated/ supported anymore. The Commissioners tabled it and suggested to have NRG look at the bids.

The updates of the Wastewater Treatment System regulations were distributed as there was a comment period.

There are two structures of the county's that need to have the value updated for insurance purposes. Laufer moved to update the values of the structures as recommended by Cardinal Insurance with a \$20 increase to the county. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Geerts discussed being proactive with zoning for data centers. He will take it to a Zoning Meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to dispose of the broken chairs that were in the Commissioners' room.

Geerts moved to approve the road mileage certification for the townships. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the pledges at the Commercial Bank of Mott.

There was a grain bin permit approved.

The Commissioners ran through the process for hiring a Deputy Auditor/Treasurer. Frieze will put the Sunrise Youth Bureau request for funds in the 2027 budget.

Geerts moved to hire Dustin Clarke on the road crew. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

With no further information to discuss, Geerts moved to adjourn the meeting. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

ATTEST
Cameo Frieze, deputy auditor
Todd Lutz, Chairman

Sheriff's report

The Hettinger County Sheriff's Office activity for May includes 48 calls for service in Mott, 70 in New England, 24 in Regent and 91 in Hettinger County.

Investigations include:

County

- May 1 – Assist other agency
- May 3 – Assist other agency
- May 4 – Reckless driving
- May 8 – Criminal trespass
- May 8 – All other larceny - theft
- May 14 – Assist other agency
- May 17 – Animal neglect
- May 25 – Juvenile
- May 27 – Assist other agency
- May 30 – Assist other agency
- May 31 – Destruction/damage/vandalism of property/criminal mischief

Mott

- May 8 – Suspicious person/vehicle/activity
- May 9 – Juvenile
- May 9 – Criminal trespass
- May 9 – Destruction/damage/vandalism of property/criminal mischief
- May 23 – Aggravated assault
- May 25 – Hit-and-run accident
- May 26 – Hit-and-run accident

New England

- May 8 – Juvenile
- May 9 – Terrorizing
- May 11 – Sexual assault
- May 12 – Criminal warrants
- May 16 – Harassment
- May 16 – Juvenile
- May 18 – Destruction/damage/vandalism of property/criminal mischief
- May 19 – Deviant sexual act
- May 22 – Juvenile
- May 22 – Hit-and-run accident
- May 25 – Harassing phone call/letter/electronic communication
- May 27 – Juvenile
- May 31 – Criminal trespass
- May 31 – Harassment

Regent

- May 2 – Drug/narcotic violations
- May 2 – Fleeing on foot
- May 6 – Burglary/breaking and entering
- May 19 – Death notification
- May 19 – Death notification
- May 24 – Harassing phone call/letter/electronic communication
- May 29 – Criminal warrants
- May 30 – Disorderly conduct
- May 31 – Harassment

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. CHAPTER 75-02-13 FAMILY PAID CAREGIVER PROGRAM

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 75-02-13 relating to definitions, application and eligibility, and administration at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol. The proposed changes are effective June 29, 2026, as interim final rules under North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-03(2)(c) to avoid a delay in implementing an appropriations measure (section 2 of 2025 Senate Bill No. 2305); the rules are required for the Department of Health and Human Services to comply with the opinion and order of the Supreme Court for the State of North Dakota in *Ferderer v. North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services*, 2026 ND 81, 34 N.W.3d 168 (N.D. 2026).

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zone 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, August 24, 2026.

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 29th day of June, 2026.

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