MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 9, 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, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor; and Cameo Frieze, Auditor/Treasurer.

Geerts moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried. Laufer moved to approve the minutes from the Commissioners Meeting on August 5, 2026. It was seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners gave their reports from their respective boards they serve on.

Geerts made a motion to approve the following vouchers for both the sheriff and county bills. Laufer seconded the motion. Roll Call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. These bills are included below:

17382 AT&T Mobility $784.06; 17383 Cenex Fleet Fueling $2,026.21; 17384 Eido Printing $72.00; 17385 Information Technology Dept. $1,237.95; 17386 MDU $1,700.99; 17387 Marco $920.46; 17388 Mott Equity Exchange $3,324.25; 17389 Oien Grocery $241.50; 17390 Pharmchem Inc. $95.85; 17391 Robert & Jocie Wiesinger $210,000.00; 17392 SW Multi-Co. Correction Center $7,938.00; 17393 U.S. Postal Service (Quadient-Poc) $1,500.00; 17394 Visa $737.67; 17395 West River Veterinary Clinic, PC $312.00; 17396 Mckenzie County Sheriff $100.00; 17397 The Title Team $7.85; 17407 Bernard & Dawne Donner $14.72; 17408 Brian & Kimberly Herold $5.86; 17409 Hemar Pooler $34.56; 17410 Gordon & Debra Bader $42.41; 17411 Aiden Frieze $975.00; 17412 Butler Machinery Co. $95.98; 17413 Cardinal Insurance Agency $410.00; 17414 Cathy Ebert $212.68; 17415 Cedar Creek Services $1,837.50; 17416 City of Mott $285.05; 17417 Consolidated $960.42; 17418 Dakota Dust-Tex $422.20; 17419 Dakota West Inspection Services $2,927.50; 17420 Eido Printing $308.75; 17421 F-M Forklift Sales & Service Inc $23,900.00; 17422 Fitterer Sales $42,587.46; 17423 Frieze Auto Parts Inc. $452.17; 17424 GS Publishing $1,468.77; 17425 Heather Fischer $30.13; 17426 Information Technology Dept. $954.25; 17427 Kern Spraying LLC $4,375.00; 17428 Kone $8,649.80; 17429 Lawson Products Inc. $832.55; 17430 Logan Nisly $257.09; 17431 LS Lawn Service LLC $594.00; 17432 MDU $1,396.55; 17433 Marc $400.21; 17434 Marco $209.56; 17435 Mikaela Klein $14.00; 17436 Mott Equity Exchange $973.11; 17437 NDSU Extension Pesticide Program $125.00; 17438 North Central International LLC $296.45; 17439 Oien Grocery $32.16; 17440 Presort Plus $1,820.64; 17441 PV Business Solutions $298.50; 17442 Quill Corporation $219.71; 17443 RDO Equipment Co. $596.96; 17444 Robin Ulrich $91.20; 17445 Slope Electric Cooperative $2,152.80; 17446 Southwest Diesel & Repair $394.30; 17447 Southwest Water Authority $69.24; 17448 Stephanie Hibberd $22.40; 17449 SW Multi-Co. Correction Center $5,637.80; 17450 Tom Geerts $91.20; 17451 Tyler Technologies Inc. $7,226.41; 17452 Visa $649.82; 17453 Cenex Fleet Fueling $2,193.49; 17454 Grafix Shoppe $290.00; 17455 Information Technology Dept. $283.70; 17456 Jordan Malchose $12.99; 17457 Lexipol LLC $3,279.84; 17458 Office of Attorney General $310.00; 17459 Pharmchem Inc. $95.85; 17460 Sax Motor Co. $681.20; 17461 The Hub Convenience Stores $2,158.20; 17462 Visa $194.52; 17463 West River Veterinary Clinic, PC $2,453.64.

Laufer moved to follow state rate of76 cents/mile retroactive to July 1. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Geerts installed the new window at the Social Service building and some new cranks for the windows.

Frieze explained the water getting into the basement. She will get some experts in to assess the issue.

The NDACo Convention was discussed.

The North Plains Connector project was discussed and documents reviewed.

Cathy Ebert and Sheriff Sarah Warner gave their reports.

Geerts moved to approve the same polling locations and appoint the same inspectors for the general election as the county had in the primary election and if there are any opening spots for election workers, the Auditor/Treasurer can appoint. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Due to the Veterans holiday on November 11, the Commissioner meeting will be held on November 10.

The Commissioners discussed the Alden Cemetery Road request, the inquiry on closing a section line between Black Butte and Indian Creek townships, and a grain bin variance.

Geerts moved to remove all those on the bank signature cards in the Mott, Regent and New England banks that no longer work at Hettinger County and add M. Klein, T. Reich and C. Frieze. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Eric Urness discussed all the ongoing projects in Hettinger County.

Lutz recessed the meeting at 10:30 am for a scheduled job interview for the Road Crew.

Lutz reconvened the meeting at 11:03 am for the Budget Hearing for the county/unorganized townships and to complete the Commissioner meeting.

Rob Larson discussed updating the minutes on the web-

site/paper, hiring out graveling projects, the sheriff budget and informing the public on resolutions that are proposed by the Commissioners. A Luithle discussed his taxes in Hettinger County compared to other counties.

The Commissioners reviewed the budget. Geerts moved to approve the 2027 budget for Hettinger County. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Finck gave his report. Laufer moved to hire JE parttime until December. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Laufer moved to adjourn. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.

ATTEST
Cameo Frieze, AUDITOR
Todd Lutz, CHAIRMAN

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