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**August 5, 2026
Regular Meeting
Slope County Commission**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairman Ouradnik with Commissioners Sonsalla and Teske present.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Kirby Baier, Slope County Superintendent, met with the Commissioners to give updates on the Marmarth School. They are still trying to fill a teaching position and think they may be able to get a teacher out of the Philippines but not until October. Also discussed was the Sunset Youth Bureau and their classes at the school. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to include \$1250 for the Sunrise Youth Bureau in the 2027 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Cindy Ornsbey, Slope County Clerk of Court and Recorder, met with the commissioners to request having Erika as a signer on the Clerk of Court checking account. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve adding Erika Stanley as a signer to the Clerk of Court checking account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Son-

salla and passed with all in favor.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, met with the commissioners to present the July investments and bank statements.

Elise Ruggles, Slope County Extension Agent, met with the commissioners to go over her 2027 budget request. Also discussed were the current drought conditions and reporting them either through the Condition Monitoring Observer Reports website or by contacting Elise.

Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, met with the commissioners to go over his 2027 budget request. Also presented were gravel requests from Crawford Township and Carroll Township. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to have the county donate the requested gravel to Crawford Township and Carroll Township with the townships covering all trucking costs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor. Also discussed was a potential haul road agreement with North Plains Connector.

Joan Lorge, Slope County Tax Director and Weed Control Officer, met with the commissioners to go over both her 2027 office budget request and the 2027 weed control budget request.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, met with the commissioners to discuss her 2027 budget request.

Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center representatives, Darianne and Kayla, met with the commissioners to request consideration in the upcoming budget. Commissioner Ouradnik presented a motion to allocate \$500 from the 2027 budget for the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center in addition to the Victim Witness funds already allocated to them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Sonsalla gave an update on happenings at Southwest Multi-County Correction Center where 3 people resigned on Friday.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 12:40 with all commissioners present.

The afternoon was spent reviewing the remainder of the 2027 budget requests. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to donate \$500 to the Slope Farmer's Fair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to sign the agreement with North Dakota Emergency Services for continued 911 services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and

passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Ouradnik presented a motion to provide \$11,290 to New England Public School from the Bankhead Jones funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to provide funds from the Bankhead Jones payment to the townships with Federal lands based on the average per acre value of their individual townships times the number of Federal acres in the township times the 2025 individual township mill levy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor to pay the following vouchers subject to any withholding taxes: 566.82 Advanced Business Methods; 133.89 Bowman Ace Hardware; 492.96 Bowman Auto Parts Co; 3817.05 Dickinson Public Library; 19.95 easyDNS Technologies Inc; 1330.59 Edward H Schwartz Construction Inc; 10.32 John Deere Financial; 15.84 Lynelle Jacobson; 509.80 Mid-American Research Chemical; 880.00 Municipal Shale V, LLC; 7874.94 NDSU Extension Service; 1000.00 NEV Psychological Consulting PLLC; 3.00 North Dakota One Call; 20351.50 Nutrien Ag Solutions; 3894.66 Office of the Adjutant General; 74.00 Pump Systems; 705.50 RDO Equipment Co; 1322.98 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 500.00 Slope Farmers Fair; 1474.34 Southwest Water Authority; 491.41 The Badlands Patriot LLC; 409.07 Two Tired Garage LLC; 110.00 West River Health Services; 1500.00 Western Dakota Energy Association; 22792.56 Westlie Motor Company; 14.98 Woodley Construction Supply Inc; 130854.50 Z

& S Dust Control; 916.95 Boss Office Products; 415.89 Consolidated Telcom; 807.80 Information Technology Department; 3015.33 ProPoint Cooperative; 265057.32 Payroll

Having no further business, the meet-

ing was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.
Scott Ouradnik, Chairman
Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor