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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
BOWMAN COUNTY,
BOWMAN, NORTH DAKOTA**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 2026, with the following present: Pine Abrahamson, Rick Braaten, Josh Buchmann, Jerid Janikowski and Nathan Miller. Chairman Braaten called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Guests present: Pastor Corey Jenkins and Brad Mosher. Present by phone: John-Paul Baric and Charlie White from Aurum Capital Ventures. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Father Greg Hilzendegeger shared a prayer.

Braaten asked for corrections or additions to the agenda. Abrahamson moved to approve the agenda. Miller seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

The following October 6, 2026, vouchers were approved by a motion made by Janikowski, with Miller seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

September Payroll \$226,625.92
41731 Quadiant Finance \$4,000.00
41732 First International Bank & Trust

\$2,420.34
41733 John Deere Financial \$406.90
41734 MCI \$74.23
41735 Midcontinent \$119.19
41736 Montana Dakota Utilities \$2,761.66
41737 Quadiant Leasing \$1,079.88
41738 AccuSource HR \$68.89
41739 Advanced Business Methods \$506.51
41740 Alacia Coates \$105.00
41741 Andrew Weiss \$105.00
41742 Austin Visser \$500.00
41743 Boss Office Products \$642.86
41744 Bowman Ace Hardware \$143.92

41745 Bowman Co. Development Corp \$5,371.57
41746 Bowman Co. Housing Authority \$1,196.00
41747 Bowman County Public School \$603.84
41748 Brosz Engineering \$82,667.80
41749 Consolidated \$44,769.84
41750 Creative Planning \$233.84
41751 Dean Pearson \$105.00
41752 Donald Conant \$105.00
41753 Double EE Services \$25.00
41754 ES&S \$2,488.12
41755 Jodi Freier \$105.00
41756 Josh Hetland \$105.00
41757 Karla Germann \$105.00
41758 Kevin Hilton \$500.00
41759 Lisa Abrahamson \$105.00
41760 Little Missouri Law Office \$1,250.00
41761 Mark or Robyn Amundson \$121.69
41762 Melvin Miller Construction \$2,500.00
41763 Mindy Schumacher \$105.00
41764 National Association of Counties \$450.00
41765 Next Door Pizza \$331.14
41766 North Central International \$23.70
41767 ND State Treasurer \$219.96
41768 NDSU \$82.00
41769 Northern Improvement \$5,937.92
41770 NW Tire \$941.27
41771 Nutrien Ag Solutions \$14,812.60
41772 Penny Nester \$105.00
41773 Prairie Mountain Electric \$159.15
41774 Randy's Welding \$1,344.94
41775 RELX Inc \$194.00
41776 Rodney Schaaf \$889.00
41777 Southwest Healthcare \$39.00
41778 State Tax Commissioner \$935.55
41779 SWMCCC \$10,272.00
41780 Tom Nordberg \$105.00
41781 Uniform Center \$89.99
41782 West Plains Inc \$3,041.16
Bowman County Emergency Manager, Dean Pearson gave an overview of the emergency management exercise that

took place in Amidon. Discussion was held on the current fire emergency burn restriction. The restrictions will stay in effect.

Janikowski moved to approve the September 15, 2026, minutes with Miller seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Abrahamson moved to approve the September 2026 Month-End Bureau of Land Management Report, with Buchmann seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Bowman County Treasurer, Sydnee Kidd, met to present the August 2026 Treasurer's Daily Cash Settlement/ Bank Reconciliation Report. Buchmann moved to approve the report, Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Buchmann moved to transfer \$200,000 from the BLM Fund to the Building Fund on an annual basis effective immediately. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Miller moved to approve the September 2026 Recorder and Sheriff Fee Collection Reports. Buchmann seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Janikowski moved to approve the Reimbursement Agreement Concerning Third-Party Monitoring of Post-Construction Road Restoration with Bowman Wind, LLC. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. At 9:50 AM Chairman Braaten called the Public Hearing to order to receive public comments on the 2027 Unorganized Townships Budget. Guests present: Brad Mosher, Bowman County State's Attorney, Andrew Weiss. Buchmann made a motion to approve the 2027 Final Budget, as presented, with Abrahamson seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

At 10:10 AM Chairman Braaten called the Public Hearing to order to receive public comments on the 2027 Budget.

Guests present: Brad Mosher, Dave Anderson, State's Attorney Weiss, Chris Johnson, Don Conant, Kris Schwab. Discussion was held on the estimated county mill levies. Janikowski made a motion to approve the 2027 Final Budget, as presented, with Abrahamson seconding the motion. Roll call vote: Janikowski, no; Abrahamson, no; Buchmann, no; Miller, yes; Braaten, no. Motion failed. Abrahamson moved to approve the budget with the amount of the State's Attorney budget changing to \$94,688. Buchmann seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Abrahamson, yes; Buchmann, yes; Janikowski, yes; Miller, no; Braaten, no. Motion carried.

Don Conant, Bowman County Maintenance Manager and Kris Schwab, Core Facility Solutions met to discuss Phase 2 of the HVAC and generator project. Janikowski moved to approve a change order up to \$2,250,000 with funds coming from BLM. Abrahamson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the following real estate that has been forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes. Bowman County has taken tax deeds to such property and will offer for sale at public auction on November 17, 2026. A public hearing will be held on October 20, 2026 at 10 AM for any objections to the stated minimum bid price from the City of Bowman.

Janikowski made a motion to establish the following minimum sale price, with Miller seconding the motion. A roll call

vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried. City of Bowman, North Dakota, Northwest Estates Addition, Block 2, Lot 25: Minimum Sale Price: \$3,500.

Abrahamson made a motion to establish the following minimum sale price, with Buchmann seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried. City of Bowman, North Dakota, Northwest Estates Addition, Block 2: Lot 26: Minimum Sale Price: \$1,500.

Craig Peterson, Mastec, and Chris Johnson, Bowman Wind, LLC. met to discuss the post construction road restoration project. Present via phone: Lukas Geissbuehler, Bowman Wind, LLC. Bowman County Highway Superintendent, Shane Biggs, and Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, met to discuss road projects. Doerr presented pay application #4 from Wilson Construction of \$165,522.60 for the Anderson Cut-Across Project. Doerr also presented pay application #8 from Wilson Construction of \$110,626.10 for the Old Hwy 12 Phase 2 Project.

Discussion was held on the proposed data center moratorium resolution. JohnPaul Baric, Aurum Capitol Ventures spoke via phone. Janikowski invited Aurum Capitol Ventures to apply for a conditional use permit. The commission referred the moratorium back to the Bowman County Planning and Zoning Board.

Abrahamson moved to appoint Nicole Njos as the Bowman County State Fair Delegate. Buchmann seconded the

motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

At 2:40 PM Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, with Janikowski seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Rick Braaten, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
 ATTEST: Mindy Schumacher, Bowman County Auditor

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The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following amendment No. 1 to the 2026-27 deer hunting proclamation.

As of Oct. 19, 2026, the harvest of antlerless white-tailed deer in deer units 3C, 3E1, 3E2 and 3F2 shall be prohibited. This restriction includes all license types (youth, muzzle loader, deer gun, deer bow and gratis). However, this does not include the south Bismarck/Mandan portion of the special deer-bow herd reduction season.

Additionally, a total of 350 antlerless white-tailed deer licenses in units 3E1, 3E2 and 3F2 are being withdrawn for the 2026-27 deer hunting season.

A complete 2026-27 proclamation along with amendment No. 1 is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.