

Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Logan County
Commissioners
Napoleon, ND
February 11, 2026
(unofficial or subject
to approval)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker, and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schumacher moved, seconded by Batsch, to approve the agenda with the addition of ATV update and Badger Wind field access approaches. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the January regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of January and February, vouchers payable for February as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$45,810.12 VSO for \$822.00, E911 for \$425.00, Agent for \$2,940.00, and Highway Dept for \$16,498.33 All voted in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached which were authorized for payment by the Board:

16112-ND Dept of
Emergency Services
deobligation of
FEMA funds.....\$51,307.66
16113-Butler Machinery,
coolant leak repair & engine
and transmission work..15,441.70
16114-RDO Equipment
windowpane for 772GP
grader.....546.38
16115-ND Dept of
Emergency Services
deobligation of FEMA
funds.....65,305.03
16116-Blanche Schumacher,
reimburse mileage.....95.70
16117-Logan County Auditor,
snow removal on FTM &
FAS roads.....3,700.00
16118-Martell's Carquest, fuel
filters, clamps, tubing, batteries
& spark plugs.....368.89
16119-Saylor Implement,
oil filter.....92.36
16120-City of Lehr, water on
empty lot & water, sewer &
garbage at Lehr shop93.73
16121-Martell's True Value,
A/C foam.....7.49
16122-Napoleon Oil Co.,
agent travel & gas for
Napoleon shop91.92
16123-Northside Napa,
oil & clutch brake167.53
16124-Josh Becker,
reimburse 2 gas fills.....39.65
16125-Rebeca Hulme,
reimburse registration
cost & meals.....48.00
16126-E & H Communi-
cations, Ashley Tribune
subscription55.00
16127-Fireside Office Sup-
plies, paper towels, office
supplies126.87
16128-ND Association of
Counties, annual drug &
alcohol testing fees.....1,058.40
16129-Napoleon Homestead,
newspaper subscription &
printing minutes.....431.31
16130-Farmers Union Insur-
ance, Inland marine insur-
ance premium.....9,998.00
16131-Farmers Union Insur-
ance, Auto Insurance pre-
mium.....21,227.00
16132-North Dakota One
Call 4 calls.....6.00
16133-Farmers Union Insur-
ance, General Liability Insur-
ance premium.....7,649.00
16134-South Central
Regional Water Dist.,
water at Napoleon shop.....44.60
16135-Allied Energy, LP
Heating, Lehr shop604.81
16136-City of Gackle, water

& garbage at Gackle
shop.....40.50
16137-ND Dept of Emer-
gency Services, deobligation
of FEMA funds.....12,080.72
16138-Main Street Hardware,
extension cord, batteries,
spray paint, chain201.03
16139-ND Dept of Emer-
gency Services, deobligation
of FEMA funds.....9,332.17
16140-ND Dept of Emer-
gency Services, deobligation
of FEMA funds.....553.63
16141-ND Dept of Emer-
gency Services, deobligation
of FEMA funds.....4,746.28
16142-Ecolab, pest control
Napoleon shop150.00
16143-Ecolab, pest control
Lehr shop.....150.00
16144-Lehr Economic
Development, 2026 Storage
rent800.00
16145-Avid Hawk, website
setup & development.....400.00
16146-MDU, Courthouse
electricity.....1,505.55
16147-Dakota Valley Electric
Coop, Gackle shop
electricity.....374.74
16148-KEM Electric,.....250.00
16149-KLJ Engineering
engineering services for
Burnstad road project ...12,325.00
16150-KLJ Engineering,
engineering services for
Blue Ball Twp project.....2,625.00
16151-Quill Corporation,
labels72.96
16152-Pfeifle Chevrolet
alignment on sheriff pickup
unit 4381.....159.50
16153-Central Dakota Frontier
Coop, official travel & bulk
fuel.....2,766.32
16154-Dustin Hammond,
reimburse residential
internet February 202696.50
16155-Information Technology
Dept., WAN/VPN/
Office 365/Adobe.....1,089.20
16156-Visa, headset for
recorder's office.....119.99
16157-Computer Express,
monthly service contract
January 2026 & Office
365.....900.00
16158-Zimmerman Law,
Printing 2025 1099s.....185.00
16159-Advanced Business
Methods, base rate &
overage.....257.82
16160-ND Association of
Counties, Special Operations
fund county share.....200.00
16161-Quill corporation,
office supplies.....124.73
16162-NDEMA, Emergency
Manager 2026 dues.....50.00
16163-ND Sheriff's &
Deputies Association,
2026 dues.....400.00
16164-Central Dakota Six
County Organization,
2026 membership dues.....280.00
16165-Visa, postage for
evidence10.19
16166-Verizon, 5G mobile
broadband54.01
16167-BEK Communications,
EOC TV & Internet.....122.25
16168-Local's Convenience
Center, sheriff & agent
travel.....185.63
16169-BEK Communications,
phone service for several
offices837.92
16170-Gackle Coop Oil
Co., sheriff travel, gas
& shop supplies690.65
16171-ESRI, annual
subscription950.00

The monthly fund report, high-
way worker logs, and statements
of fees were reviewed.

Committee reports were given.
Batsch shared that Central Valley
Heath's audit had been completed
and one of the findings was that
unauthorized overtime was paid
out and they are looking into fraud.

Sean Kelly, KLJ Engineering,
addressed the Board to provide
funding updates and report on the
progress of county projects. He re-
ported that funding is not likely to
be provided early for the Burnstad
Road Project and is still on track
for 2028. Mr. Kelly provided a
preliminary engineering contract
for repairing the "Turner" bridge.
Schumacher motioned, seconded

by Wald, to authorize the Chair-
man's signature on the contract.
All in favor, motion carried. Kelly
also provided updates on the proj-
ect in Blue Ball Township and will
update the Board on what will be
required for right of way acquisition
at a later date.

Recorder/Clerk of Court, Laura
Henry, informed the Board that her
email had been hacked and that
Jamie Nelson, Computer Express,
was able to get the situation re-
solved in about two days. Nelson
suggested that the county should
have multifactor identification
when staff log onto their computers
in the morning and that it could be
provided with no cost to the county.
The Board agreed to the addition
of the extra protection for the work-
stations.

The removal of the fuel tank con-
tainment shed on the courthouse
grounds was discussed. It was
agreed upon that the ground most
likely will not be freezing any hard-
er and the ground is just going to
have to incur some damage while
it is being removed.

Approval of updates to the em-
ployee handbook was tabled to the
next regular meeting to allow more
time for the Board to go through it.
Schumacher suggested Kristian-
sen contact NDACo and NDIRF to
see if they have HR staff that could
go through it as well.

Schumacher motioned, second-
ed by Batsch, to amend Article 12,
Amendment (01) of the Floodplain
Management ordinance and here-
by adopt floodplain regulations
designed to promote public health,
safety and general welfare of its
citizenry and to also appoint Jody
Kristiansen as the current Logan
County Floodplain Administrator.
All in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher provided an update
on the asbestos status of the old
Lehr shop and the former Sperling
Service Station. As there was no
asbestos present in the old shop
building, Wald motioned, second
by Schumacher, to have Commis-
sioner Batsch contact the Lehr fire
department to see if they would be
interested in using it for a drill. All in
favor, motion carried.

An abatement hearing for a
homestead credit was held at
2:15pm for parcels 07079000 and
07076010 for tax year 2025. Wald
motioned, seconded by Batsch, to
approve the abatements. All voted
in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher requested Walker
advise the county regarding a per-
mit from Bartlett West to install bur-
ied PCV pipeline on private prop-
erty. Walker suggested they submit
a utility permit and the county charge
\$250 for the application fee, stating
he felt it didn't fall under the indus-
trial permitting parameters.

Schumacher motioned, second-
ed by Batsch, to purchase a used
Summers Rock Picker form Ardell
Ivanov in the amount of \$8,000. All
voted in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Schumacher re-
ported she received a response
from Finn Township regarding the
letter sent by the Board last month.
She reported that the township
agreed to allow the highway work-
ers to provide road maintenance
and snow removal on a more regu-
lar basis. The township was unsure
how they would go about complet-
ing the requested road repairs. The
Board suggested the township ap-
ply for grant funding. No response
was received from Gutschmidt
Township.

Kristiansen shared she received
a call from Travis Jensen request-
ing assurance that he could still
make section line improvements at
his own expense so he could ac-
cess his land without any permits.
The Board affirmed that he could
make the improvements at his ex-
pense, with no permit, as long as
he stays within the county right of
way for the section line.

Commissioner Batsch shared
that the ATV has been cleaned up
and is now at the Lehr shop.

Schumacher shared that Aman-
da Coletti, Orsted, got back to her
and confirmed that wind tower field

access approaches can be left in-
tact.

Three public comment cards
were submitted, as per the coun-
ty's policy. Paulette Jacobson ad-
dressed the Board via phone ex-
pressing safety concerns regard-
ing the wind towers and requested
the Board revise its ordinances
and extend the setbacks for wind
towers and to treat all housing the
same and not differentiate between
a primary residence or an unoc-
cupied residence. Tim Rath ad-
dressed the Board with a request
to amend the setbacks for wind
towers in the zoning ordinances
to three miles from any primary or
secondary residence and two miles
from the residence of a participat-
ing landowner. He also submitted a
petition for zoning amendment with
the same request. Frank Braun ad-
dressed the Board with a request
to gravel a three-mile stretch on
27th Ave SE. He stated it was a
minimum maintenance road and
has only had spot graveling done
over the last 50 years.

The Board agreed to look into
zoning amendments and suggest-
ed the group of taxpayers present
at the meeting could meet with the
Board to provide feedback before
the next meeting.

Risk manager, Lisa Weigel, met
with the Board to inform them of
the requirement of highway super-
visors to take a course on reason-
able suspicion and that a mem-
bership in the NDACE would be
required to complete the course.
Wald motioned, seconded by
Batsch, to approve the \$50 mem-
bership fee. All in favor, motion
carried. Wald agreed to take the
course.

Batsch motioned, seconded by
Schumacher, to approve the fol-
lowing building permits: Shanon
Erbele – calf shelter; Brooks Beck-
er – shophouse building. All voted
in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, sec-
onded by Batsch, to authorize the
Chairman's signature on an agree-
ment with Avid Hawk to update the
county's website for ADA compli-
ance and continued maintenance
at a monthly cost of \$145. All in
favor, motion carried.

Schumacher shared that she
feels the county needs to adopt
data center, solar and possibly
battery storage ordinances. The
Board agreed. Walker suggested
the Board not be in such a rush
to amend the wind tower setbacks
and to take their time and complete
the zoning amendments at one
time instead of individually. The
Board agreed.

Batsch motioned, seconded by
Wald, to enter into a funding agree-
ment for the 2027-2029 biennium
to receive reimbursement for pro-

viding clerk of court services. All in
favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, second-
ed by Wald, to appoint Barbara
Opp to the South Country Human
Services Board for a three-year
term that would end 12/31/2028.
All in favor, motion carried.

Roads in Sealy Township were
not discussed. The item was put on
the agenda to allow Frank Braun
the opportunity to speak.

Informative materials were hand-
ed out that included the accounts
receivable report for the highway
department, general accounts re-
ceivable report and information
from NDACo regarding tractor
leasing.

Schumacher shared a FEMA re-
port regarding de-obligated funds,
a possible section line safety con-
cern, a memo she would like dis-
tributed to all county offices and a
bridge inspection summary.

Schumacher stated she was
approached by a taxpayer want-
ing to know who was responsible
for appointing the economic de-
velopment coordinator in Logan
County and that two people have
expressed interest in the position.
Wald thought the JDA Executive
Board was responsible for the ap-
pointment, but will check into it.

Kristiansen requested clarifica-
tion on the overtime issues with
Central Valley Health because Kris-
tiansen has reminded the Board
that the policy book states the
highway workers and their supervi-
sors are supposed to be signing off
on the highway worker time sheets
and all overtime is supposed to
signed off on individually as well
and, even after several attempts
by Kristiansen to get everyone
to follow the policy – it is not be-
ing done. Kristiansen's concern is
that the highway worker's overtime
would be considered "unapproved"
if the commissioners don't sign off
on it and had concerns that the
county could end up in the same
situation. Batsch clarified that the
person doing payroll for CVHD
paid themselves unapproved over-
time and the Board agreed that
even if they don't sign off on the
highway workers' timesheets, they
would not accuse Kristiansen of
paying out unapproved overtime.

With no further business, the
meeting was adjourned at 4:11pm.

The next regular meeting of
the Board of Logan County Com-
missioners will be held March 11,
2026, at 1pm.

John Wald, Chairperson
Board of Logan County
Commissioners

Attest:
Jody Kristiansen
Logan County Auditor



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