

ADAMS COUNTY Commission Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA MARCH 10, 2026

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session with the following present: Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel, and Steven West.

Chairman Dustin Laufer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 17, 2026. MINUTES: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, second by Commissioner West by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Commissioner West moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Pagel and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

OFFICE FEES: Fees collected by county officers were paid to the Auditor/Treasurer for Road and Bridge \$40,778.29 & Recorder \$1,708.70.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 14th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. as the next meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Pagel moved to re-appoint Lynn Heath to the Adams County Airport Authority Board and Tyler Campbell to the Adams County Planning and Zoning Board second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER POSITION: Two applicants, both with Veterans Preference, were available for interview time. Chris Upton was in attendance and spoke briefly on his submitted application for the position. Mr. Upton shared background as a Veteran and his several years of service in the Navy. The Commission thanked Mr. Upton for coming in for the introduction. Frank Fetting and Laci Coates met with the Commission. Ms. Coates was introduced to the Commission as an applicant for the Veteran Officer Position. Ms. Coates shared information on herself and her background as she is also the Veteran Service Officer in Bowman and Slope Counties. Ms. Coates explained if she was given the opportunity, the classes and certifications would be at a shared cost with Slope and Bowman County. Discussion continued on the two qualified candidates. The Commission evaluated both candidates, and decided to offer the position to Chris Upton. Commissioner West moved to offer the position to Christopher Upton, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The two other candidates will be notified.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS - FIRST READING: Adams County Tax Director/Zoning Administrator, Katie Roseland explained all sections of flood plain management have been removed from county zoning to eliminate the County of any obligation for managing flood plain. The option is still available to join the NFIP if so wished. Commissioner West spoke with several insurance agents and explained that there has been no interest from customers for NFIP coverage. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the first reading of the amended Zoning, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

FLOOD PLAIN STATE CERTIFICATION: The Commission was in favor of certifying to the NFIP the wishes for flood plain management activities at this time with the letter drafted by Adams County Tax Director. Zoning Administrator, Katie Roseland, State's Attorney, Aaron Rosland requested the letter withdrawing from flood plain management should be sent only after the second reading and final passage. Mr. Roseland explained that the cities of Bucyrus, Reeder, and Haynes should not fall under the county as they are incorporated cities. The Cities should also be in charge of their own zoning and not under the county umbrella. The City of Bucyrus and the City of Hettinger do

not practice zoning under the county, as they have their own rules and practices. The Cities of Reeder and Haynes along with all Organized Townships should either have their own zoning or an agreement giving powers to the county for zoning administration.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Only one construction engineering bid was submitted for the bridge replacement/removal project. The bridge replacement will be in Duck Creek; the bridge removal will be at the south edge of Haynes City. Brosz Engineering was the only bid to review, Josh Stuchl was present to give the interview presentation. The three Commissioners, Road Superintendent Justin Blade and Auditor Krista Faller completed the interview with Mr. Stuchl. Mr. Stuchl explained if Brosz Engineering is selected, the County can have as much input as wanted during the project. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve Brosz Engineering to provide the engineering services for the project, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

BROSZ ENGINEERING: Josh Stuchl provided updates on projects for the upcoming season. Schmaltz bridge is planned to start in June. Country Club Road is still not completed, and 1% retainage money is still be held. Martin Construction plans to come back and fix the issues, they are requesting extra funds for re-mobilization, the Commission was not in favor of paying extra for this, as the geogrid should not have been exposed. Mr. Stuchl will work with the contractor on this cost. Mr. Stuchl presented letters on the Cemetery Road chip sealed project for certifications previously approved. Letters were also presented for the Overhead Road project, also already approved. The letters were signed by Commission Chair, Dustin Laufer. A request letter to the State for the change to a CMC route on 11th Ave North was signed by Commission Chair, Dustin Laufer.

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission to provide updates from his department. Discussion was had with Todd Fink on potential gravel work this summer. Mr. Fink questioned if there was contract work needed for grading 5th Ave N, as he understood this might be the case stemming from the Township Forum. The Commission discussed there was not an actual road they were discussing but they were more open to contractor services in general. The 5th Ave N project is funded by a grant, so more than likely will be put out on bids, Mr. Fink would like to have access to bid on this, as he would be interested. Mr. Blade discussed the status on the CDL's, both himself and Forrest Forthun have appointments in March and April for testing. Fredrick Forthun has maintained his CDL permit through September and plans to take more time and have his license completed before the lapse of the permit. Fredrick originally provided a two-week notice as he was not able to achieve the CDL by the timeline set by the Commission but revoked the notice with an extension for the timeline. Commissioner Laufer shared his frustration and disappointment in the abilities and slack when trying to achieve the CDL licenses. The Commissioners as a whole commended the department on getting work completed, as several roads have been lacking for years. Discussion was had on the need for hot mix, and trying to utilize hot mix over cold mix, as it lasts longer. Mr. Blade will research potential suppliers of hot mix, starting by contacting Bowman and Slope Counties. Discussion was had on Unorganized Road Certifications; the only change Mr. Blade would like to change would be for 6 miles in Jordan Twp and Cedar Butte Twp. Commissioner West moved to approve the certified miles in the Unorganized Townships as recommended by Road Superintendent Blade, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Discussion was had on road ditch mowing, and where there is need. Equipment bids will be opened during next month's meeting.

CDL AGREEMENT: The agreement was reviewed, but no costs were provided in the agreement to include for the reimbursement. The Commission reviewed costs incurred by the County. Driver testing including hours for training and trainer hours, truck use and time and vehicle use to obtain the CDL was estimated at \$3,000.00. Commissioner West moved to approve the CDL agreement at a cost of \$3k and a 2-year timeframe, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION: No person from the public was present.

CLERK OF COURT BANK ACCT AUTHORIZATION: Commissioner Pagel moved to authorize Sheri Uecker, Adams County Recorder/Clerk of Court, to the bank account at Dakota Western Bank and give her authorization for any future changes while in her position, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

AGREEMENT - EVERBRIDGE IPAWS REVERSE 911 PROGRAM: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the Everbridge for IPAWS services with no rate change for 2026, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

EMERGENCY-FIRE RESTRICTION DECLARATION: The Commission reviewed the resolution for fire emergency and burn restrictions prepared by Emergency Manager, Michele Gaylord. Commissioner West discussed the last year's declaration should not have terminated. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve and adopt the declaration of fire emergency and burn restrictions for Adams County as follows, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Adams County Fire Emergency and Burn Restriction Declaration
Whereas, Adams County, North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and
Whereas, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and
Whereas, Adams County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments, and
Whereas, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well being, and safety of the citizens in Adams County; and
Whereas, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Adams County resources; and
Whereas, Adams County wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Adams County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME RATING and/or a RED FLAG WARNING has been issued for Adams County, North Dakota, effectively immediately until rescinded.

ELECTION MANAGEMENT - JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Agreements were drafted for all four cities (Bucyrus, Haynes, Hettinger, and Reeder) and the Hettinger School for the administration of the 2026 Primary Election. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the joint powers agreements, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

EOC NEW DOOR QUOTE: a quote from Viking Glass out of Dickinson ND was reviewed for the replacement of the EOC door, the total including materials and labor was \$7,200.00.

BNSF DISCUSSION: Commissioner West discussed continued complaints from citizens on the blocked crossings and danger of continued blocked access with Highway 8 South. Commissioner Laufer discussed possibly working with Brosz Engineering on any options. The

Commission discussed having a disapproval letter to BNSF in regards to blocked crossings and signed by representatives from the City and County and emergency services. Several complaints of loss on the economy were also discussed. Commissioner Laufer will work with State's Attorney on drafting a letter.

BILLS: Commissioner West moved to approve paying the following monthly bills, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

- HR Collaborative \$150.00
- Melling & Roseland Law \$883.90
- Dakota Dust-Tex Inc. ... \$309.32
- Johnson Controls Building Solutions, LLC \$5,750.00
- Everspring Suites - Bismarck \$110.00
- Wex Health, Inc \$49.00;
- GS Publishing \$383.40
- Quadient Finance USA Inc. \$1,976.49
- Computer Express ... \$2,800.00
- Marco Technologies LLC \$495.12
- Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center \$420.00
- AT&T Mobility \$502.44
- Erickson Heating & Air \$450.00
- Lenslock Inc. \$137.24
- Balco Uniform Co. Inc. \$796.00
- Cenex Fleet Fueling ... \$676.31
- NDEMA \$50.00
- ND Township Officers Association \$2,200.00
- Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$213.55
- SW Grain - Hettinger \$1,752.08
- Southwest Water Authority \$79.37
- Midwest Door of Dickinson, Inc. \$820.30
- Eido Printing \$192.00
- Northwest Tire, Inc. ... \$1,211.76
- Auto Value Hettinger \$211.95
- Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative \$77.97
- Backyard Mechanics .. \$334.00
- Laufer Vermeer \$1,166.92
- Normont Equipment Co. \$361.73
- Northern Auto & Diesel \$1,153.15
- North Central International LLC \$152.97
- Stippich, Inc \$57.59
- Rocket Express Delivery, LLC \$20.00
- ND Association Co & Tribal Veterans Service Officers \$170.00
- Aspen Lenning \$1,172.43
- Hettinger Chamber of Commerce \$50.00
- Dacotah Banks, Inc \$666.95
- Center Point Publishing \$183.38
- Gumdrop Books \$154.43
- Adams County Treasurer \$477.54
- ND State Treasurer \$6,765.92
- Consolidated Communications \$1,102.12
- Hettinger City \$220.94

- Information Technology Dept \$1,023.40
- J.P. Morgan Chase Bank \$2,134.83
- Montana Dakota Utilities \$5,506.66
- Runnings Supply, Inc \$396.70
- Salamander Technologies, LLC \$720.00
- Slope Electric Cooperative \$177.62
- Verizon Wireless \$85.14

February Payroll \$77,534.31
Commissioner Pagel moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner West, Chairman Laufer declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
/s/Dustin Laufer
Dustin Laufer, Chairman
/s/Krista Faller
Krista Faller,
Auditor/Treasurer
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CITY OF REEDER Council Proceedings

PROCEEDS OF THE REEDER CITY COUNCIL Official Proceedings of the Reeder City Council "Subject to the Councils Review and Revision" Reeder North Dakota

April 13, 2026

The Reeder City Council met at the Reeder Community Center for their regularly scheduled city meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wes Schwarzwalter. Council members were Dennis Munro, Colten Larson, Dayne Green, Barney Nichols, Don the maintenance man, and Jen Pratt our water lady.

Dayne made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dennis, Motion carried. Colten made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Barney, Motion carried.

Jen gave a water bill report, Don gave a maintenance report, wanting to send out letters to people who have ignored their last letters for cleaning up their yards or property.

Colten made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from enter-

prise to Hwy fund, seconded by Dayne, Motion carried.

- #12209 \$1059.80, #1221 - Wages \$461.75, #12194 - Wages \$184.70, #12,195 - Consolidated \$191.48, #12213 - SWWA \$2,435.49, #12214 - MDU \$560.41, #12215 - Dept of Health \$27.00, #12216 - WR INS \$1,475.00, 12217 - Scranton Equity \$445.05, #12218 - Coca Cola \$85.60, #12219 - Rocket Express \$1,336.00, #12203 - Rocket Express, \$20.00.

The next Reeder City Council meeting will be held May 11, 2026.

Colten motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Barney, meeting adjourned.

The Equalization meeting was held at 7:45 p.m., there was no one present from the public, Katie and Aaron Roseland were present, Katie was there representing the tax equalization.

Dayne made a motion to accept the true value of \$6,292,228, seconded by Dennis. Motion carried.

/s/Wes Schwarzwalter
West Schwarzwalter, Mayor
/s/Char Larson
Char Larson, City Auditor
Published April 23, 2026

CITY OF HETTINGER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Hettinger Armory Property Manager

The City of Hettinger is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to provide custodial and property management services for the Hettinger Armory and fitness center located in Hettinger, ND. The selected contractor will be responsible for the professional oversight, operation and custodial needs of the Armory and fitness center to ensure that it remains safe, clean, welcoming, and accessible to the public. Proposal submission forms are available at the courthouse auditor's office.

PROPOSALS DUE: May 12, 5:00 p.m.

SUBMIT VIA EMAIL TO: kfaller@nd.gov

or in person at the courthouse auditor's office.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT

THE CITY OF HETTINGER 701-567-4363

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SECTION 00100 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given, that separate sealed bids for the construction of Adams County Unorganized Township Road Graveling Project will be received by the Adams County Commission, Hettinger, North Dakota at the office Adams County Auditor, 602 Adams Avenue, Hettinger, North Dakota until 1:15 p.m., local time on Monday, May 11, 2026, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of: Reshaping Roadway, Gravel Surfacing & Incidentals on 5th Ave NW, 9th Ave NW, and 11th St NE.

The complete set of Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications, is on file with the Owner at the County Auditor's Office in Adams County Courthouse and the office of Brosz Engineering, Inc. 109 S Main Street, Bowman, ND 58623. Digital Contract Documents are also available from QuestCDN and can be accessed from the Brosz Engineering website at www.broszeng.com under the "Bid Information" page. The cost for downloaded (electronic) plans is \$20. The official Plan Holders list can be viewed for the project on the QuestCDN website. Only electronic plan holders downloaded via QuestCDN will receive addendum notifications. Contractors using any other means for obtaining plans and specifications must periodically check the QuestCDN website for any addenda.

The Adams County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and waive any defects therein.

Disabled persons needing assistance, please contact the County Auditor at least 72 hours before the services are required. For more information or for complaints about ADA compliance, call 701-567-4363.

Dated at Hettinger, North Dakota 16th Day of April, 2026.

/s/ Krista Faller
Adams County Auditor
Hettinger, North Dakota