

Brand new bingo in Mayville

From left, Luther Elness, Keith Williams, Butch Aamold, Maynard Gunderson, Richard Peterson and Maria Smukalla show off new bingo cards and a new bingo machine donated to Luther Memorial Home. A fundraising campaign received monetary gifts from the Mayville American Legion Post 8, VFW Post 4221, the Sons of the American Legion, Gate City Bank, Jeff Strand, Marion Baker, Ricky Hanson, Dave Moehler, Keith Williams and Richard Peterson. An extra \$270 raised was used to purchase an extra set of bingo balls and more bingo cards. Minda Strand and Sonya Sherva also aided the effort.

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Legal Notice

TRAILL COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2026

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on January 6th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Nesvig, and Young in person and Commissioner Amb attending online. Commissioner Elliott was not present.

On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the agenda.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young and carried approve the minutes of December 16th, 2025.

On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to appoint Kurt Elliott, Chairman for 2026.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to appoint Ken Nesvig, Vice-Chairman for 2026.

COMMISSION PORTFOLIOS: On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen and carried to appoint the following Commissioners to the 2026 portfolios:

(a) Courthouse: Thomas Eblen
(b) Sheriff/Jail: Kurt Elliott
(c) Road: Les Amb
(d) VSO: Larry Young
(e) EDC: Kurt Elliott/Ken Nesvig
(f) Housing Authority: Young
On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to follow the ND State OMB rates for mileage for 2026, set at \$.725 for personal vehicle mileage.

COUNTY PAYABLES: On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the regular bills presented for payment and the Auditor's warrants as follows: 111206, ADVANCED BUSINESS, \$143.57; 111222, Mary Remore, \$180.00; 111207, ALLIANCE BUSINESS, \$125.00; 111223, MENARDS, \$611.43; 111917, AMB, LESLIE, \$342.30; 111224, ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, \$7,452.92; 111208, BRENNANS GARAGE LLC, \$400.00; ACH, ND PUBLIC HEALTH INS TRUST, \$116,628.31; 111209, CASS COUNTY FINANCE, \$4,716.31; ACH, NDPERS, \$68,602.82; 111210, CHICAGO POWER PLAN, \$1,551.99; 111225, NODAK ELECTRIC COOP, \$226.50; 111211, CODE 4 SERVICES INC, \$11,585.88; 111226, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC, \$6.00; 111212, DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK, \$2,000.00; 111227, PAULS HOMETOWN REPAIR, \$78.25; 111213, EC REGIONAL WATER, \$400.40; ACH, PAYROLL, \$327,793.56; ACH, FEDERAL TAX, \$113,880.47; 111198, PEPPERBALL, \$7,295.00; 111214, FINLEY MOTORS, INC., \$602.72; 111228, POLAR COMMUNICATIONS, \$7.40; 111215, GALLS, \$90.95; 111229, Razor Tracking, \$575.00; 111216, GRAND FORKS COUNTY, \$4,307.46; 111230, REMARK TECH CONSULTING, \$900.00; 111217, HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL, \$1,231.99; 111199, SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, LLC, \$20,000.00; 111218, JOHN DEERE CREDIT, \$640.66; 111200, STEELE COUNTY, \$43,153.21; 111219, KRB GRAVEL LTD, \$24,940.00; 111196, TRAILL COUNTY TREASURER, \$5,724.23; 111220, LAKE REGION LAW ENFORC, \$810.00; 111232, TURNING WRENCHES LLC, \$118.00; 111221, LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, \$1,261.41; 111201, YOUNG, LARRY, \$478.30.

On motion of Young, seconded by Eblen, and carried, with Eblen, Young, and Amb yea and Nesvig nay, to appoint Nesvig to the AVHSZ Board for a three-year term.

A letter was received from the State Historical Society regarding the removal of the Ellingson Farm District from the National Register of Historic Places. Comments concerning the proposed removal may be submitted by January 30, 2026.

Commissioners received a letter from the Department of Agriculture regarding the 2026 North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner's Weed Forum, to be held in Bismarck on January 6, 2026. Traill County weed officers are required to attend.

The AVHSZ Board meeting schedule for 2026 was received. No action was required by the Commission.

Reminder of offices up for election in 2026 was provided. No action was required by the Commission. Ben Gates, DES Assistant, requested the Commission sign a letter of support for Sanford to assist with a grant for Traill County to obtain a CAD system. Steve Hunt, Sheriff, provided additional explanation regarding the benefits expected from the CAD system. On motion by Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to authorize Nesvig to sign the letter of support.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, and Matt Lange, KLJ Engineer, conducted a bid opening. Action was tabled until the next meeting to allow Martin time to review the bids. Martin presented an encroachment permit request for Les Amb located off County Road 19. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to sign the permit. Martin also inquired about radios for his department. Discussion was tabled with the Commissioners requesting that he return with information identifying potential funding sources for the radios. Lange presented an annual agreement for professional services from KLJ. On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to allow Nesvig to sign the agreement with KLJ. Lange also updated the commission on various projects.

HILLSBORO AIRPORT AUTHORITY: Devon Cote and Kyle Klapper requested that the Board postpone the possessory interest tax on the hangars to allow the owners additional time, as they were not aware the tax had been applied. Kayla Knudson, Tax Director, advised Cote that applications for tax exemptions or abatements must first be reviewed by the Township Board before being submitted to the County for final approval. Cote and Knudson will follow up regarding the next steps.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m. to meet again on January 20th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Heather Hovey, Auditor
Ken Nesvig, Vice-Chair

TRAILL COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026

The Traill County Commissioners came to order on January 20th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Eblen, Elliott, Nesvig, and Young in person and Commissioner Amb attending online.

Additions or deletions to the agenda: Discussion on Home Rule and a statement from Commissioner Young.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Young and carried to approve the agenda.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried approve the minutes of January 6th, 2026.

On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Eblen and carried to approve a letter to be sent to Troy Hefta on his property questions.

On motion of Eblen, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve an indemnity bond for Wold Johnson, P.C. in the amount of \$2,520.00.

Commissioners received a letter from Garrison Diversion regarding grant application opportunities. Nesvig asked the board if they want to consider applying for the bathrooms in Belmont Park. The Commissioners would like Ben Gates, Assistant DES, look into the grant and come back to the board.

COUNTY PAYABLES: On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the regular bills presented for payment and the Auditor's warrants as follows: 111235, ADVANCED BUSINESS, \$440.11; 111278, ND ASSOCI OF COUNTIES, \$11,153.00; 111236, BLOCK ONE OFFICES LLC, \$2,460.00; 111279, ND ATTORNEY GENERAL, \$949.00; 111256, BRAND, ALISON MARY, \$35.73; 111280, ND BLUE CROSS SHIELD, \$7,891.30; 111257, BRENNANS GARAGE LLC, \$590.00; 111244, ND COUNTY AUDITORS ASSOC, \$3,400.00; 111258, BUTLER MACHINERY CO., \$300.00; 111245, ND DEPT OF TRANSP, \$3,976.26; 111259, BUXTON CITY AUDITOR, \$229.00; 111281, ND STATE RADIO COMM, \$766.00; 111260, BUXTON FARMERS UNION, \$1,594.62; 111282, ND STATES ATTORNEY ASSOC, \$175.00; 111261, COLE PAPER INC., \$2,051.00; ACH, NDPERS, \$2,194.08; 111237, CUSTOMER ACCOUNT SVS, \$119.00; 111283, NDSU EXTENSION, \$6,166.48; 111233, DAKOTA HERITAGE BANK, \$20,156.44; 111246, NILSON BRAND LAW, \$1,500.00; 111238, DAKOTA NATURAL GAS, \$4,900.53; 111284, NODAK ELECTRIC COOP, \$245.49; 111239, EAST CENTRAL REG WATER, \$48.40; 111285, PORTLAND FARMERS UNION, \$1,619.10; 111263, EMMA LOLIYA, \$59.45; 111286, RDO TRUCK CENTER, \$5,904.28; 111240, FAMILY HEALTHCARE CTR, \$829.50; 111247, RECORD KEEPERS LLC, \$27.50; 111264, FLACK JACKET, \$339.75; 111248, REMARK TECH CONSULTING, \$86,843.11; 111265, FREEBERG, ERIKA LEIGH, \$80.71; 111288, SANDOMO PLUMBING, \$666.46; 111234, GOOSE RIVER BANK, \$51,620.14; 111249, SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, LLC, \$14,020.00; 111266, GF ASSOC REALTORS, \$250.00; 111250, SEREH SAMBOU, \$70.00; 111241, HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL, \$1,926.79; 111251, SORUM OIL COMPANY, \$1,483.52; 111242, HP INC., \$2,019.00; 111252, STONES SECURITY SYSTEMS, \$396.00; 111243, INFORMATION TECH DEPT, \$4,794.55; ACH, TAX COLLECTIONS-DECEMBER, \$53,186.55; 111268, ISHIATU KROMAH, \$59.45; ACH, TAX COLLECTIONS-PREP JAN, \$3,380,928.41; 111269, JACOBSON, KIMBERLY, \$185.00; 111290, TOOL WAREHOUSE INC, \$62.45; ACH, JPMORGAN CHASE, \$23,199.32; 111291, TOWN & COUNTY COOP, \$168.50; 111270, KLJ ENGINEERING LLC, \$47,840.66; 111253, TRAILL COUNTY TREASURER, \$10,222.38; 111271, LINDE GAS EQUIPMENT, \$1,014.92; 111292, TRAILL COUNTY WATER, \$40,000.00; 111272, MARIA ARGUETA, \$172.70; 111293, VALLEY BUS COACHES

LLC, \$2,625.00; 111273, MAYPORT HARDWARE HANK, \$8.79; 111294, VANESSA BURR, \$7.02; 111274, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL, \$220.00; 111295, WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER, \$647.66; 111275, MILLERS ELECTRICAL SVS, \$195.00; 111254, WEX, \$52.50; 111276, NAPA, \$248.75; 111296, WRIGHT IMPLEMENT, \$529.90; 111277, NAPA CENTRAL, \$171.55; 111297, XCEL ENERGY, \$145.65.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Corwyn Martin, Road Superintendent, addressed the Board on several matters. He presented the motor grader bids for reconsideration and, due to the cost of the equipment, requested approval to pursue a financing option through Butler that would spread payments over a three-year period. On motion of Amb, seconded by Nesvig, and carried, the Board approved the financing option. Martin also requested approval to purchase 14 mobile radios and 3 handheld radios for department trucks using ARPA funds. On motion of Nesvig, seconded by Young, and carried, the Board approved the purchase. An update was provided on the flex funding for the removal of Bridge 232, which has been approved. Updates on other projects remain pending, awaiting responses from the State.

HOME RULE: Following discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of a Home Rule Charter, a motion was made by Nesvig, seconded by Eblen, and carried to proceed with the process.

TAX DIRECTOR: Kayla Knudson, Tax Director, presented an abatement request for approval for the Anchor Elevator in Hatton, which experienced a fire in November. On motion of Young, seconded by Nesvig and carried to approve the abatement. A contract with Vanguard for a new module was presented to the Board. Charlie Stock, State's Attorney, reviewed the contract and advised that it was appropriate to proceed. On motion by Eblen, seconded by Young, and carried to approve the contract to be signed. Knudson provided a brief update on the Dufner case, which was dismissed by the court.

COMMISSION: Larry Young, Commissioner, requested that the Auditor's Office provide all employees with a summary of their total compensation received from the County, including wages and benefits.

SHERIFF: Steve Hunt, Sheriff, introduced a member of the drug task force who spoke about the benefits of participating in the task force. Sheriff Hunt also noted that he is considering adding a K-9 unit to the department in the future.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. to meet again on February 3rd, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Heather Hovey, Auditor
Kurt Elliott, Commission Chair

Legal Notice

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations from amendment No. 1 of the 2025-2026 small game, waterfowl, and furbearer proclamation. The 2026 spring light goose conservation order will be in effect Feb. 21 - May 10, 2026. Only light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese. There will be no daily or

possession limit on light geese during the conservation order. Apply online at gf.nd.gov. A complete proclamation along with amendment No. 1 that contains regulations for the 2026 spring light goose conservation order is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

Legal Notice

IN DISTRICT COURT,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF TRAILL, EAST
CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
In the Matter of the Petition for Name Change of **BONNIE JEAN FISHER.**
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition in the above-entitled matter will be filed with the Clerk of District Court for Traill County, North Dakota, requesting an Order changing the name of Bonnie Jean Fisher to Bonnie Jean Knutson.

2. Pursuant to N.D.C.C. 32-28-02, thirty days previous notice of the intended application must be given in the official newspaper printed in this county. You are hereby notified that

thirty days after publication, petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of Bonnie Jean Fisher to Bonnie Jean Knutson. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.

Bonnie Jean Fisher
407 Arnold Ave.
Portland, ND 58274

Published January 16, 2026

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 23341
Project No(s): NH-9-999(477)
Length: 0

Type: BOX CULVERT JOINT REPAIRS, SPALL REPAIRS, WINGWALL REPLACEMENT, SCOUR REPAIR
County(s): TRAILL, DICKEY, & LAMORE Cos
Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - STATEWIDE

Job No.: 24795
Project No(s): HES-8-999(063)
Length: 0

Type: RANSOM, RICHLAND, & SARGENT Cos
Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - FARGO DISTRICT

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, February 27, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT

building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>. NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:
Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation

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Feb. 9 - Boys basketball vs. Thompson (HEC), 7:15 p.m.

The Beehive, Abra Auto Body, Jeremie Larson - Seed Sales
Feb. 12 - Boys basketball vs. Park River/Fordville-Lankin (CV), 7:15 p.m.

AgCountry FCS, Nodak Insurance Company, Centrol, KRJB/YourLiveEvent, GK Cotton Farms, Midwest Pest Control, Heartland Hearing Professionals
Feb. 13 - Boys/Girls basketball vs. Ada-Borup (HEC), 5:45/7:15 p.m.

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