

Public Notice

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE,
NORTH DAKOTA April 10, 2026
9:00am**

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, April 10, 2026 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen, Nicholas Friez and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present. Also Present: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Emergency Manager Loren Lang, Sheriff Barry Vannatta, Sharon Tecca.

Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 9:00am Public Comment: None at this time.

Lang discussed tornado shelters and BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) Program Grant. Discussion held.

Jason Steidl and Carrie Truax joined the meeting.

Minutes of March 13, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Guthmiller moved to accept the minutes. Friez seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

The agenda was reviewed. Friez moved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0 motion passed.

Sheriff Vannatta handed in his reports.

Tecca gave a report on Load Pass. Russell Terry gave a presentation on Text My Gov via Zoom for Alerts and Notifications to residences of Kidder County. Discussion held on county wide notifications before and after an event and the types of notifications.

Discussion was held on tornado shelters. Friez made a motion to pursue the BRIC Grant funding with a 25% cost share for tornado shelters, seconded by Dronen, discussion held on funding, electricity, lighting, call for vote: roll call: Guthmiller, aye, Dronen, aye, Friez, aye motion carried.

Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering and Justin DeWitz KC Water Resource Board joined the meeting.

Sheriff Vannatta and Tecca left the meeting.

Rivinius has the contracts ready for Peace, Bunker and Valley for Townships Flexiable Transportation Funding. Discussion was held on the contracts and MOA's from townships.

Dronen made a motion to approve the MOA's for Bunker, Stewart, Valley, Tanner, Peace, Northwest Townships, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye opposed, none, motion carried.

Lang contacted the townships for the MOA's he doesn't have yet.

Guthmiller made a motion to approve Preliminary and Construction engineering contract for Bunker Township project number FXTA-0022(58) and FXTA-0022(59), seconded by Dronen, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Dronen made a motion to approve Preliminary and Construction engineering contract for Peace Township project number FXTA-0022(62) and FXTA-0022(63), seconded by Friez, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Friez made a motion to approve Preliminary and Construction engineering contract for Valley Township project number FXTA-0022(066), seconded by Dronen, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Mike Gunsch Houston Engineering called into the meeting via telephone concerning Long Lake Refuge. Having a Crystal Springs Steering Committee meeting to let them know about Long Lake Refuge. Gunsch left the meeting. Discussion was held on complaints, water, sending a letter, bridges, long lake easements. DeWitz left the meeting.

Discussion was held riprap. Rivinius and Lang left the meeting. NDSU Extension report was handed out and reviewed.

Steele Amvets gaming permit for was reviewed. Friez made a motion to approve the Steele Amvets gaming permit for Lakeside Bar & Grill, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Kidder County Sportsman's Association raffle permit was reviewed. Dronen made a motion to approve the raffle permit for the Kidder County Sportsman's Association, seconded by Friez, discussion none, call for vote all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Truax left the meeting.

April bills were reviewed. Discussion held on Tires, Northern Crane Bill, State Radio Fees, bearings and chains. Courthouse Payroll:

Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board
\$40,655.65
Less WH 3,285.68, SS 3,195.34,

ND St. Tax WH 127.75,
Insurance 536.69, Deferred Compensation 2,075.00, FSA 100.00
\$31,335.19

Commissioner Approved Payroll:
General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Co. Library, Kidder Road:
\$59,664.45
Less WH 4,592.24, SS 4,655.86,
ND St. Tax 146.31,
Insurance 491.47, Deferred Compensation 1,600.00,
\$48,178.57

David Schmidt	15,000.00
Law Enforcement Systems Inc.	330.00
Steidl Electric	5,300.00
Choice Financial	14,694.83
WEX Bank	351.35
US Postal Service	156.00
Verizon	429.73
Cardmember Services	1,748.19
BEK Communications	928.12
Darwin's Plumbing & Boilers	442.00
Electronic Communications	611.00
ITD	1,133.50
Loren Lang	130.50
Marlins Convenience Store	787.10
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc.	165.85
Office of Adjutant General	120.00
Quill	398.89
Schlecht & Schulz Const.	5,500.00
Software Innovations	10,800.00
Uniform Center	1,836.98
WEX Health	70.00
Advance Business Systems	125.70
City of Steele	314.78
James D'Andrea	1,135.00
MDU	1,971.77
Stutsman Co Corrections	4,200.00
The Medicine Shop	11.72
Anne Craven	243.34
Barnes & Noble	264.93
BEK Communications	193.82
City of Steele	93.34
DEMCO	2,060.43
Ingram Library Services	2,250.62
MDU	191.88
Stewart Blotter	160.00
Janet Schauer	43.94
Judy Landenberger	72.50
Serna Schmidt	34.80
Office of Adjutant General	12,414.72
Arena Welding	1,053.77
Derrick Hanson	58.37
Dewald Tire Sales & Service	410.00
Farmers Union Oil Co Pettibone	5,868.10
KEM Electric	851.79
Macs Hardware	207.02
Marlins Convenience Store	554.51
Menards Supplies	137.53
Northern Crane & Equip.	2,433.35
Northern Plains Electric	124.60
RDO Equipment	11,042.52
South Central Water	41.85
Tappen Farm Supply	1,006.54
Tappen Oil Company	6,249.12
US Postal Service	58.00
Zimmerman's Manufacturing	75.00
Cenex Fleet Fueling	252.79
Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$5,254.00 March 2026.	

Dronen made the motion to approve the April bills. Seconded by Friez. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

Schoenhard gave an election update. Schoenhard contacted Pat Zimmerman and Donna Morrison have agreed to be the election inspectors for the election. Dronen made a motion to appoint Pat Zimmerman and Donna Morrison election inspectors and approves the county auditor to fill any vacancies that may exist for the 2026 Primary and General Elections, seconded by Friez, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

The candidates are: Commissioners: Darrell Guthmiller and Tim "Charlie" Dronen, Auditor: Jean Schoenhard, Treasurer: Vickie Murray, Recorder: Barbara J. Steinke, Sheriff: Barry Vannatta, Roberto Cantu, Nick Friez, States Attorney: No one petitioned for the position. Discussion held.

Absentee Ballot Applications will be sent out the week of April 20th. Annual county fund transfers for E9-11 fund and County Equipment / Vehicle Fund were discussed. Discussion was held on State Radio fees and the E-911 Fund. Consensus of the board is to wait on the E911 Fund transfer till the end of the year due to the amount of the State Radio Fees.

State Aid Monthly Transfer was reviewed. Guthmiller made the motion to transfer 100% of the Monthly State Aid to Kidder Road Fund, seconded by Friez, discussion held on the Kidder Road fund, building projects and lighting projects, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Recess for lunch 11:45am
Resume from lunch 1:05pm. Present: Guthmiller, Dronen, Friez, Schoenhard, Nathan Woods and Greg Little H&H Enterprises.

Greg Little introduced himself and Nathan Woods, Little is the field operations manager for the Coffee Cup Fuel Stop. Coffee Cup would like a variance on the 150ft setback for the Tire Shop to expand 2 more bays, this is a recommendation from TA Express and be in compliance with TA Express. Discussion was held on the 150 ft setback,

right of way, design of the shop, new jobs, parking, flow of traffic and the load dock in county right of way. Friez made a motion to grant the variance of 50ft, seconded by Dronen, discussion on signage, loading dock and speed limit, motion on table, no decision made at this time. Little and Woods left the table.

Neil Fanta joined the meeting regarding Hwy 10 off of the Hwy 3 intersection in Dawson. Discussion was held on dust control agent, fixing the corner and Fanta maintaining the road past the Dawson Body Shop to his property. Discussion was held. Fanta will take care of that portion of the road. Fanta left the meeting.

Coffee Cup variance discussion continued. Commission called and talked with Wold Engineering concerning easement and right of way. Left message.

Dronen reported that ASTECH hasn't gotten back to him. Discussion held. Dronen will check on other companies.

Guthmiller said he received a call from Jamie Pfaff concerning putting a barrier on his lot in Tappen. Discussion held and it is the feeling of the board it would be a city issue not county.

Discussion held on the Sheriff Deputy position.

Greg Little and Chris Heinz called into the meeting. Discussion held on 100 foot easement that is county right of way, building size, loading dock in county right of way.

Friez rescinded the previous motion to grant the variance of 50ft

Friez made a motion to grant a variance to Coffee Cup, Heinz property for an exception to the 150ft setback to a 100ft setback from the center of Hwy 10 for the expansion of the TA Tire Shop, seconded by Dronen, roll call vote: Guthmiller, aye, Dronen, aye, Friez, aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Barry Vannatta joined the meeting and Stutsman County is giving away an MVP vehicle thru Dakota Surplus Property and Kidder has filed the paper work for the vehicle.

Discussion was held on monthly blade performance, extended warranty on the oldest blade with no warranty and gravel after pulling shoulders.

Discussion was held on vacant positions.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm.

Read and approved this 8th day of May 2025.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller,
Chairman Board of County
Commissioners
/s/ Jean Schoenhard
County Auditor

**Kidder County Public School
School Board Minutes
May 13, 2026**

The Kidder County School Board met in regular session at Kidder Steele School May 13, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. Board members in attendance were Kip Haadem, Shawn Nix, Jeff Schmidt, Hoyt Wagner, Jason Braun, Paula Moch, and Justin Olson. Also attending were Rick Diegel, Ryan Larson, Mike Wachter, and Sonya Larson.

Chairman Shawn Nix called the Meeting to order.

Jeff Schmidt moved and Justin Olson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion approved.

Kip Haadem moved and Paula Moch seconded to approve the April board minutes. All ayes, motion approved.

Kip Haadem moved and Justin Olson seconded to approve the May bills. All ayes, motion approved
Kidder County School District #1 Board Report - For Newspaper Vendor Name, Amount, checking
GENERAL FUND
AFLAC DENTAL AND VISION.....

.....	1,663.01
AFLAC	2,752.00
APTEGY	5,827.50
COLE PAPERS INC.	732.19
COUNTRYSIDE DESIGNS & SIGNS...	165.00
ECKROTH MUSIC CO.	54.59
FARMERS & MERCHANTS OIL CO.	2,931.41
FIRST UNUM LIFE INS.	1,794.39
I STATE TRUCK CENTER	2,058.38
MAD MOVES	200.00
MAGIC - WRIGHTER INC.	34.95
MDU	2,247.79
NDPHIT	40,575.47
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC
.....	532.66
POPP BINDING & LAMINATING INC. .	351.91
SCHMIEG, BETH	269.59
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC	6,200.00
STEELE OZONE	35.46
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
.....	448.00
TRIPLE P RENTALS LLC	287.50
VESTIS	698.04
Fund Total:	\$69,859.84
FOOD SERVICE	
BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC	779.60
DAWSON FAITH FARMS	112.00
KEMPS LLC	2,969.49

NoDAK MEATS	498.82
RUSS DAVIS WHOLESALE INC.
.....	1,817.11
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA	5,884.08
US FOODS INC.	13,514.36
Fund Total:	\$25,575.46

BUILDING FUND
ATX TURF LLC.....5,840.00
BADLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL .575.00
DAKOTA FENCE.....2,200.00
Fund Total:.....\$8,615.00

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
BUFFALO CITY RUNNING CLUB.....
.....150.00
DAKOTA INFLATABLES.....700.00
ELIZABETH STREET PHOTOGRAPHY.....1,300.00
ELLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL.....200.00
FESSENDEN HIGH SCHOOL .250.00
GRANDMA D'S.....185.50
HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL200.00
JASPER, TAYDEN25.00
KRAMLICH, ALEA300.00
KRIEGER, MARCHEL567.70
LUKES, LANCE262.35
NAPOLEON BASKETBALL BOOSTERS300.00
PFAFF, BREANAH300.00
SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.....150.00
UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL.....
.....200.00
UPCYCLED LIFE500.00
ZERR, TREV489.20
ZIMMERMAN, TAYLOR300.00
Fund Total:.....\$6,379.75

Jeff Schmidt moved and Jason Braun seconded to approve the finance report. All ayes, motion approved.

Elementary Principal and Athletic Director Ryan Larson gave his report.
High School Principal Michael Wachter gave his report.

OLD BUSINESS:
The updated Public Fitness Center Access contract was presented. It was suggested to take off the following options: Staff Member child 18+ and Law Enforcement. Justin Olson moved and Jason Braun seconded to approve the contract with the two amendments made. All ayes, motion approved. It was board consensus to push approved contract out to students as soon as possible and table public access approval to the next meeting.

Mr. Diegel updated the board on the Active Shooting Drill taking place on May 20th.
Discussion took place on the plan for Senior Graduation. Shawn Nix will help present diplomas.

Administration updated the board on the 2026-2027 staffing plans.

NEW BUSINESS:
The Negotiations Committee presented Ancillary Staff and Superintendent salary increase recommendations. Jason Braun moved and Jeff Schmidt seconded to approve the recommended raises. All ayes, motion approved.

Mr. Diegel gave a legislative update.
The June board meeting was set for Monday, June 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
With no further business, meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Shawn Nix,
President
/s/ Sonya Larson,
Business Manager

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Area Church Schedules

STEELE CHURCHES:

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

DAWSON CHURCHES:

Dawson Lutheran Church
Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

TAPPEN CHURCHES:

St. Paul's Catholic Church
Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 7:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod)
Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch. 26 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m. Sundays

Tappen Cornerstone Church
Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:

Faith Evangelical Church
Rev.Mike Kraemer,Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 am.; Worship service, 11:00 am.

MEDINA CHURCHES:

St. Mary's Catholic
Father Peter Sharpe. 2nd and 3rd Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; 4th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1st and 5th Sunday, 11:00 am.
Grace Emmanuel United Church.
Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 am.

TUTTLE CHURCHES:

English Lutheran Church
Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 am.; Communion, 3rd Sunday and Festival Days;
Tuttle Community Church
Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am .

ROBINSON CHURCHES:

Bethany Lutheran Church
Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, 9:30 am.

PETTIBONE CHURCHES:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
104 Main St. N. Pettibone. Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays 11:00 am
Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth
Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service 1st. & 3rd Sundays 11:00 am.

STREETER CHURCHES:

Hope Ebenezer Church
Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10:30 am., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9:15 am.

STERLING CHURCHES:

United Methodist
Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 am.; Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45