

Public Notice

	Total	105	20	9	5	49	5	17
Agriculture Commissioner	Vern Thompson	104	20	8	5	48	6	17
	write-in - scattered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	104	20	8	5	48	6	17
Public Service Commissioner	John M Pederson	103	18	8	5	49	6	17
	write-in - scattered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	103	18	8	5	49	6	17
Public Service Commissioner Unexpired 2-Year Term	Scot Kesh	105	20	9	5	48	6	17
	write-in - scattered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	105	20	9	5	48	6	17
Tax Commissioner	Mark Nelson	104	20	9	4	49	5	17
	write-in - scattered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	104	20	9	4	49	5	17

KIDDER COUNTY NONPARTISAN ABSTRACT OF VOTES NORTH DAKOTA PRIMARY ELECTION - JUNE 09, 2026

	Total	221401 - Tuttle	221402 - Robinson	221403 - Pettibone	221404 - Steele	221405 - Dawson	221406 - Tappen	
Superintendent of Public Instruction Unexpired 2-Year Term	Levi Bachmeier	378	22	31	22	184	40	79
	Tracy Layne Foss	160	16	11	15	70	16	32
	Charles Tuttle	189	22	12	4	74	25	52
	write-in - scattered	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Total	728	60	54	41	329	81	163
Justice of the Supreme Court	Ariston E Johnson	170	15	12	13	72	33	25
	Jerod Tufte	614	50	43	33	286	54	148
	write-in - scattered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	784	65	55	46	358	87	173
Justice of the Supreme Court Unexpired 8-Year Term	Douglas A Bahr	681	52	45	41	305	79	159
	write-in - scattered	3	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Total	684	52	46	41	305	80	160
Southeast Judge of the District Court No. 1 Unexpired 4-Year Term	James T Shockman	661	50	45	40	295	77	154
	write-in - scattered	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
	Total	664	50	46	40	295	77	156
County Commissioner Kidder	Tim Dronen	469	37	39	22	221	55	95
	Eric Fischer	239	18	17	11	128	28	37
	Darrell Guthmiller	477	49	46	37	195	58	92
	Dan P Mittleider	332	24	11	18	145	34	100
	write-in - scattered	7	0	0	0	3	0	4
	Total	1,524	128	113	88	692	175	328
County Auditor Kidder	Jean Schoenhard	733	62	47	44	328	80	172
	write-in - scattered	13	0	2	0	4	5	2
	Total	746	62	49	44	332	85	174
County State's Attorney Kidder	write-in - Eric Hetland	8				7	1	
	write-in - Theresa Kellington	4				4		
	write-in - scattered	39	1	2	1	21	5	9
	Total	51	1	2	1	32	6	9
County Recorder Kidder	Barbara J Steinke	764	61	51	46	349	84	173
	write-in - scattered	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	766	61	51	46	349	85	174
County Treasurer Kidder	Vickie Murray	764	65	51	44	348	80	176

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA May 8, 2026 9:00am

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, May 8, 2026 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.

Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

9:00am Public Comment: No comment at this time.

Minutes of April 10, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Friez moved to accept the minutes. Dronen seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote. Correction for the March 13, 2026 minutes: should read Rick Stark replaces Pat Leier on the Kidder County Water Resource Board.

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

Sharon Tecca came to the meet-

ing and gave a Load Pass update. Discussion was held on permits, axle limits and township forms. Tecca left the meeting.

Commissioner Dronen gave an update on crack sealing.

Election Report: 362 ballots were sent out on May 7, 2026. Discussion was held on election workers.

Schoenhard told the Commission Sandra Dewald will be working one day a week in the Auditor's Office.

Sheriff Barry Vannatta came to the meeting. He handed in his reports. Discussion was held on MRAP vehicle. Vannatta left the meeting.

Alerts and notifications were discussed. Emergency Manager Loren Lang joined the meeting. He reported he checked into Everbridge for notifications. Discussion held.

Lang told the board he has been working on the Active Shooter project. Discussion held.

Burn ban was discussed. Friez made a motion to issue a conditional burn ban for Kidder County and to follow the state fire danger rating, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Lang will update the declaration for the burn ban. Lang left County received opioid settlement funds; discussion held. Friez made the motion to transfer the Opioid

Settlement Funds to the Kidder County District Health Unit per House Bill 1447, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Monthly State Aid Distribution was reviewed. Guthmiller made a motion to transfer 100% of the monthly State Aid Distribution Funds to Kidder Road from the General Fund, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on various funds, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Zoning and Planning recommendation to approve the Mariner Gravel Pit was reviewed and discussed. Friez made the motion to accept the Planning and Zoning recommendation for the Mariner Gravel Pit, seconded by Dronen, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Zoning and Planning board members Ray Munson, Doug Landenberger and Jon Dekrey board terms have expired. Dronen made a motion to reappoint Munson, Landenberger and Dekrey to the Zoning and Planning Board for a 4-year term, seconded by Friez, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Zoning Manual update; cost of conditional use permits and Lake developments.

Recess for lunch 12:00 pm
Resume from lunch 1:20pm all

Commissioners and Schoenhard present.

Road restrictions were discussed. Road restrictions will be lifted Monday May 11, 2026.

Seasonal workers pay was discussed. Friez made the motion to raise the seasonal workers and election workers pay to \$18.00 per hour, seconded by Dronen, discussion held on raising the pay from \$15.00 to \$18.00 to keep the county hourly salary competitive, roll call vote: Guthmiller, aye, Dronen, aye, Friez, aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on NDLTAP Learning portal and training.

Discussion was held on Fly Ash for roads and boils in the roads

Discussion was held on no personal vehicles in shops, no unauthorized parking, road crew overtime, NDLTAP pulling shoulders class, grade pro's, and the condition of roads.

Warranty on the oldest blade that will expire in July was discussed. Price quotes and stingers on blades were also discussed. Friez will contact Cat for a trade in price for the oldest blade.

May bills were reviewed.

Courthouse Payroll:

Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board \$41,015.65
Less WH 3,292.88, SS 3,222.88, ND St. Tax WH 127.75,
Insurance 536.69, Deferred Compensation 2,075.00, FSA 100.00 \$31,660.45
Commissioner Approved Payroll:
General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Kidder Road, VSO, Library: \$54,393.94
Less WH 3,792.24, SS 4,256.49, ND St. Tax 65.31,
Insurance 491.47 Deferred Compensation 1,650.00, Wage WH 735.67: \$43,402.76

Choice Financial 14,694.83
WEX Bank 607.38
Cenex Fleet Fueling 252.79
ITD 1,122.85
Verizon 429.59
Advance Business Systems 156.45
BEK Communications 929.62
Clare Heinze 197.81
Countryside Design & Signs 75.00
Darwin's Plumbing & Boilers 58.00
Election Systems & Software, Inc. 2,097.97
Farmers & Merchants 31.90
Farmers Union Oil Co - Pettibone 12.02
Fireside Office Solutions 17.30
Interstate All Battery Center 23.65
ITD 253.00
ITD 880.50
Loren Lang 222.05
Marlins Convenience Store 786.49
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc. 96.81
Menards 199.42
Modern Marketing 409.53
ND Surplus Property 20.00
ND Assoc of Counties 207.42
NRG-NDACO Resources Group 1,662.86
Taylor Print & Visual Impressions 432.31
Uniform Center 341.98
WEX Health 70.00
US Postal Service 143.80
City of Steele 313.24
Farmers & Merchants Oil Co. 12,300.89
James D'Andrea 312.50
Menards 143.28
MDU 1,590.00
Knife River 116.10
Centre, Inc. 1,500.00
Stutsman County Corrections 2,999.48
Anne Craven 125.77
BEK 133.82
City of Steele 93.34
City of Steele 100.00
Ingram Library Services 1,628.24
Janet Schauer 43.94
Judy Landenberger 36.25
MDU 141.57
Steele Area Betterment Group 30.00
Serena Schmidt 34.80
Hayward Electric 4,450.00
Brian Bartlett 869.95
Monica Fitterer 46.93
NDSU Extension Service 6,936.73
Sandra Dewald 13.12
Butler Machinery Co. 1,122.90
Derrick Hanson 117.72
Farmers Union Oil Co - Pettibone 6,721.02
KEM Electric 550.29
Marlins Convenience Store 283.84
Midwest Doors 631.00
Newman Signs 431.22
Northern Plains Electric 102.89
RDO Equipment 2,109.46
South Central Water 43.08
Tappen Farm Supply 186.92
Tappen Oil Company 6,934.80
Timothy C. Dronen 361.75
Titan Machinery-Bismarck 1,296.00
NDSU 25.00

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

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$7,468.00 April, 2026.

Discussion held on Ambulance EMS District Annexation. Discussion was also held on the Senior Center.

34th Ave SE north of Robinson was discussed. Emergency Manager Loren Lang joined the meeting. Discus-

sion was held on left over FEMA funds and the rules for mitigation. Discussion was held on closed out FEMA projects and the remaining funds, getting rock was also discussed. The County received FEMA funds from the June 2025 storm. FEMA approved 50% mitigation funds on top of the damage dollar that was applied for. Discussion held.

Discussion was held on the BRIC grant and adding sirens and stand by generators. Sirens and generators need to have local matching funds, discussion held.

Discussion was held on road work, FEMA funds and disguising between work completed and work to be done. Lang left the meeting

Discussion was held on the Bakken East pipeline.

Lang rejoined the meeting and discussed FEMA projects from the June 25, 2025 storm and went over papers on projects with the board. Lang left the meeting.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm.

Read and approved this 5th day of June 2025.

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

Swedish Meatball Bake

Description
MEATBALLS:
1 lb. ground beef
½ cup breadcrumbs
1 large egg, beaten
½ onion, grated
¼ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. garlic powder
1 sp. kosher salt
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper

2 T. olive oil
CASSEROLE:
1 cup beef broth
1 pint heavy cream
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
2½ cups small/medium shell noodles or other egg noodles*
Salt and pepper, to taste
Fresh parsley, chopped

Instructions
Mix together the beef, bread-crumbs, egg, onion, nutmeg, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Scoop mixture out in 1½ tablespoons and roll into balls.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown meatballs on all sides. Remove to a plate. (They'll finish cooking in the oven.)

While meatballs cook, boil a large pot of salted water and cook noodles for 2 minutes less than package instructions.

In the skillet the meatballs were seared in, add broth, heavy cream and Worcestershire sauce, scraping any stuck-on bits on the bottom. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer until slightly thicker, about 10 minutes, and remove from heat.

Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. Add pasta to dish and nestle meatballs into noodles. Pour sauce evenly over the top. Bake at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Let set 5 minutes before serving with chopped parsley.

Notes
*TEST KITCHEN NOTE:
Depending on the noodle you use, this amount may need to be adjusted, as heavier noodles yield more volume once cooked. We used a 12-ounce package of extra wide egg noodles, which yielded a balanced meat-to-noodle ratio in the casserole.