

Dickey County Commission Minutes

**Commissioner Meeting
March 5, 2024**

Chair Jerry Walsh called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Commissioners Brandon Carlson, Kacey Holm were also present, with Marke Roberts also present via electronic means. Auditor Sheppard was also present. The media was not present. Also recited was the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of Court Andi Schimke, Health District employees Allyssa Moch and Abby Gibbs, and Sheriff's office personnel.

Additions to the Agenda

- Grant program with Department of Commerce on removal of dilapi dated structures
- List of projects included in the flex fund program and the possible eligibility of cities
- Polling locations
- Financial institutions for 2024-2025
- Veterans Service Officer

Commissioner John Hokana joined the meeting at 8:35. Resident Cindy Bagley joined the meeting at 8:40.

Hokana made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20th meeting with corrections. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to approve the vouchers, as presented. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the current salary schedule. Holm presented two hand-outs, comparing the current schedule to a proposed method, extending the steps on the scale by an additional five years. The Commission agrees that the number of steps should increase, but questioning if thirteen steps was more appropriate or not is the question. Discussion also included the amount of health insurance

premium that the county currently pays. Sheppard will put together a comparison of positions for the next Commission meeting, comparing Dickey County to other counties of like size. Sheppard stated that the current information NDACo has would be 2023 data so the cost of living for 2024 would have to factored in when comparing counties.

Sherriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 9:34. Discussion followed concerning the possible purchase of land across from the Weed Board building to place a storage building for the Sheriff's office, along with the highway department and the Health District. The shell of the building on the property has 16-foot sidewalls, and 10-foot on center rafters. The current building size is 66x110.

Estes discussed the salaries of the two current deputies and the problem of hiring more deputies. Estes is requesting an increase for the two deputies, to hopefully keep them employed at Dickey County. After a discussion, Carlson made a motion to increase the two sheriff deputies' salaries by one step on the salary scale, starting at the next pay period. Hokana seconded. Roll call was Carlson yes; Hokana yes; Holm no; Roberts no; Walsh yes. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to sign the Barnes County Corrections agreement, for housing of prisoners at \$100 per day per inmate. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Tax Director Don Flaherty joined the meeting at 10:10 to schedule the county tax equalization meeting. As done in the past, the meeting will be set for 1:00 pm on June 6th.

The Commission requested that Administrative Assistant Amy Mitteldeier explore the grant from the Department of Commerce on tear down of dilapidated structures.

Walsh reported to the Commission his approval of an additional 20 hours of training for Veterans Service Officer Jean Haakenson. Walsh told Haakenson if she needed more hours, that she should come to the Commission to request more.

States Attorney Kim Radermacher joined the meeting at 10:30.

The Commission discussed the completed performance reviews. The next date for completion of performance reviews was set for December 15th. Sheppard will send an e-mail requesting feedback from supervisors on changes they suggest for the forms.

Sheppard discussed polling locations for the Primary and General elections. Sheppard will send an offer of \$250 rent to Growing Small Towns in Oakes and the Robert Bernhagen Event Center in Ellendale for their consideration. The polling locations will be set at the March 19th meeting.

Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting at 10:45. Lematta is requesting to set the depositories for 2024 & 2025, as required by North Dakota Century Code. Lematta is requesting all financial institutions in Dickey County for approval. Holm made a motion to approve the list of depositories for 2024, which are BankNorth of Oakes, Starion Bank of Oakes and Ellendale, Choice Financial of Ellendale, First Community Credit Union of Oakes, and Dakota Plains Credit Union of Ellendale. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Bagley presented information she had collected for the new storage building specifications. Bagley stated the construction costs should be under \$200,000, which would not have to go through the bidding process. The Commission stated that a decision as to the location and size of the building will need to be decided before pricing can be discussed.

Sheppard presented the liquor license application from the Oakes Golf Course for 2024. Holm made a motion to approve the application. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Charlie Russell and Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen

joined the meeting at 11:00.

The meeting went into recess from 11:05 to 11:13.

Hagen presented a utility permit from OtterTail Power Company to bury power lines adjacent to the right-of-way along County Road #3 in section 28-131-59. Hokana made a motion to approve and sign the permit. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Roberts requested information concerning the road projects by funding sources, for clarification. Sheppard will check with KLJ engineer Bryan Tykwinski to verify the list. Roberts asked if the flex funding program is available for cities, as well. Sheppard will verify and if applicable, forward to the city of Oakes.

Russell requested a motion to sign a resolution on a burn ban in Dickey County, same as the resolution in years past. Holm made the motion to sign the resolution. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the quotes received for the Livestock Planning Grant. Holm made a motion to accept the quote from the First District Association of Local Governments in the amount of \$21,000, which was the recommendation of South-Central Regional Council's staff Tracy Redlin. Funding for this quote is through a grant received from the Department of Agriculture. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

The remaining portion of the grant will cover a portion of the cost of developing a comprehensive plan through South Central Regional Council.

Discussion followed concerning the lot northwest of the courthouse that the county owns. The legal description is Lot 12, Block 31 1st Addition, Ellendale. Based on the need for housing in the city, Holm made a motion to sell the property on bid with the right to refuse any-and-all bids, and to allow for oral bidding for the top three bidders after the bid opening. The Commissioners wish the county could use the space, but the lot is not the right size for a storage building. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented a quote from House of Glass to repair the window in the north entrance of the Courthouse, in the amount of \$667.63. Holm made a motion to accept the bid. Carson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the performance reviews received from all department heads. Roberts made a motion to accept the reviews and to place them on file in the Auditor's Office. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:13.

(March 28, 2024)

GUELPH NEWS... by Rose Sell

Nondenominational services are held every Sunday at the Guelph Community Church at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating. A great way to spend Easter.

As we experience the 'Ides of March' the Blizzard of '66 comes to mind. This lasted at least three days, but at least it was forecasted to a degree. The scope of this blizzard covered all of North Dakota and surrounding states. In Guelph, Miss Oliason asked the students to write of their experiences during this blizzard. That compilation of stories can be found at Guelph.

Everyone has a story. Our story took place in Wheaton,

MN. We took our nine mo. old son, Randy, to see my Uncle Al and Aunt Cora. We'd put the antenna up on our car so we could find it in the yard two days later. Uncle Al and Rod walked across the field to get milk from a farmer; got disoriented on the way back but ran into Uncle Al's quonset on the edge of their farm and felt their way back to the house. God has always been guiding our lives.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"Faith to me is having absolute certainty that God is in control of my life and that He has my best interests at heart."

- Dan Ellis

Extension Connection: NDSU to you

NDSU Extension to host babysitting clinic

Dickey County will host a FREE Babysitting Clinic on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Ellendale Nazarene Church. Contact your local extension office at 701-349-8323 for more information and to register your child.

Many useful topics will be covered during the day by Extension Agent, Danielle Dinger. Topics covered will include The Business of Babysitting, Child Development, Basic First Aid, Food and Nutrition, Safety and Entertainment. "A babysitter's first priority is safety, so this will be stressed heavily during this clinic. Guest speakers from the Ellendale Ambulance, Ellendale Fire Department and the Ellendale Police Department will be on hand to answer any questions pertaining to safety in the Dickey County area," says Danielle Dinger.

A parent panel would be an awesome addition to this program to provide some real-life insights into the world of babysitting. Interested parents are encouraged to reach out to Danielle with the NDSU Extension office. Consider bringing your child as well for hands on learning and a chance to meet perspective sitters. At the end the day, the babysitters' knowledge will be tested and certificates of completion handed out.

The day will be full of useful life



Danielle Dinger, Extension Agent/Family and Community Wellness

skills and fun. If you are interested in your child preparing for baby-sitting and learning the following skills, please contact our office to register.

Familiarize youth with the responsibilities of babysitting

Provide youth with the information necessary to become responsible babysitters

Teach the skills needed to become capable babysitters

Help to develop the confidence needed to handle situations that they encounter when they babysit

Assist youth to develop a positive attitude about the care of children

Limited spots available, youth should be 12 years of age. Youth who are eleven years old are encouraged to register as well.

PORT EMMA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Port Emma Township annual meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Guelph School.

Marty Visto, Clerk
(March 28 & April 4, 2024)

Grand Valley Township

Grand Valley Township will have thier spring meeting at 9am on April 3, 2024 at Bruce and Deanne Reinkes.

Justina Zundel, Treasurer/Clerk
(March 28, 2024)

Yorktown Township

Yorktown Township, Dickey County, North Dakota Excess Mill levy special election scheduled for April 3, 2024 is postponed until further notice.

Mike Beethe
Township Clerk
(March 21, 2023)

South Country Human Service Zone in Ellendale is hiring for a Direct Care Associate II. This position works with elderly in their homes. Great benefits, health insurance, retirement and life insurance provided. CNA preferred, but not required.

Apply online at <http://www.hhs.nd.gov/careers>

Contact Michelle Masset at 701-254-4502 with questions.

Position closes 4/3/2024

5 Rules of Grant Writing:

- 1) Develop idea with your team or your employer.
- 2) Research grant funders.
- 3) Create a grant proposal draft.
- 4) Develop a budget and timeline.
- 5) Request review of your proposal from a lay person(s).
- 6) Finalize and submit.

NDSU Extension - Dickey County will host a **Beginners Guide to Grant Writing** workshop

Save the Date
When: 2-day workshop
April 8th & 15th, 2024
afternoons

Where: Ellendale American Legion Event Center
Ellendale, ND

Limited space available; pre-registration required, fee.

JOIN US

NDSU EXTENSION

Call with questions or to get registered by 3/28/24.
349-8323

Valley Township

Valley Township board of tax equalization will be held at 9:00am to 9:30am on April 1, 2024

At 9:35am on April 1, 2024, the egular spring meeting will be held to conduct any business brought before the board. both meetings will be held the home of the clerk.

Dale Radermacher
Valley Township Clerk / Treasurer
(March 21 & 28, 2024)

Dickey County Senior Menu

Ellendale: 349-4513
Oakes: 742-8509

Friday: Cook's Choice.
Monday: Turkey a la king, biscuit, vegetable blend, apple-sauce.
Tuesday: Stuffed cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, apricots.
Wednesday: Baked cod with garlic butter, lemon dill orzo, peas, fruited jello.
Thursday: Chicken kiev, o'brien potatoes, carrots, peach crisp.

Dickey County Public Transportation

Handicapped Accessible Vehicles

Ellendale:
Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Oakes:
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

To Aberdeen:
The third (3) Monday of each month

If you need a ride, call:
742-3509

The McIntosh County Bus goes through Ellendale on their way to Aberdeen the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you would like to catch a ride call: 701-731-0072

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA

APRIL 2, 2024 • 9:00 am

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88435823141?pwd=TTRVTW5MYVhaWmoybmNuVzZTME1yQT09> and a password of Commiss or dial 1-301-715-8592 and enter Meeting ID# 884 3582 3141 and use the password of 3945036

8:00 Park Board Meeting
9:00 Commission Meeting Called To Order
Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
Additions or Revisions to the Agenda
Approve Minutes & Vouchers

9:30 Personnel Time
9:45 Water Board Update
10:00 McIntosh County Resolution
10:30 Building Specifications and Location
10:45 County Flag
11:00 Highway Department
Gravel Hauling Bid Opening

-OTHER BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD
-ADJOURNMENT

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE ITEMS ON THE DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AT 349-3249 BEFORE 9:00 AM MONDAY, ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

To request an auxilliary aid or service please contact the Dickey County Title VI Coordinator at 349-3249 (ext.111) at least 5 business days before the scheduled meeting.

SUDOKU

No. 692 Easy

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7		9		6		
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3			4			2
6 9		1				
		7		1		5
	8	5			4	
9	5					3

Previous solution - Very Hard

6	4	3	2	5	1	9	7	8
1	2	5	7	8	9	4	3	6
8	7	9	3	6	4	1	5	2
9	8	6	4	7	3	5	2	1
4	3	1	5	9	2	6	8	7
2	5	7	8	1	6	3	4	9
7	1	8	9	4	5	2	6	3
5	6	2	1	3	8	7	9	4
3	9	4	6	2	7	8	1	5

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

For many strategies, hints and tips, visit www.sudokuwiki.org

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.