

Crosby City Council Minutes

UNAPPROVED
CROSBY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 1, 2025
7 p.m.

Members Present:
Mayor: James Jacobs
Council Members: Marzell Trussell, Jerry King & Don Wolf
Doug Anderson (Via Teams)
Members Absent:
Council Member: Brian Lund and Scott Sova
Others Present:
Alexa Kruger, Christine Keller, Josh Feil, Zachary Mike Dehn, Paul Sannes, Alexander Coe, Austin Coates, Avonlea Brown, Isaac Bangura and Seymour Jordan
Microsoft Teams: Mark Montoya and Kyle Montoya
Mayor James Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review/Approve Agenda:
Council Member King approved the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Review/Approve Minutes of Last Regular Meeting:
Council Member Trussell made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell and King. Nays: none. Abstained: Council Member Anderson.

Financial Statements:
Council Member King made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Rural Residential Ordinance Hearing:
a. Citizen Comments-None
Citizen Comments:
It was discussed whos' responsibility it is to put a culvert out at the Southridge Acres properties. Council stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility.
Carol Williams: Not Present.
Sheriff's Department:
a. Sheriff Deputy Mike Dehn was available to present last month's stats. Deputy Dehn also asked Council about thinking about getting median lines painted on the main roads so they can enforce traffic violations.
Moore Engineering:
a. TAP Project Update
a. Project complete.
b. 2025 Street Project Update
a. Project construction complete
b. Final Payment in January
c. Engineering Budget
c. Pavement Maintenance Project for 2026
a. Council to decide to apply for BND Infrastructure Loan
i. Council Member King made a motion to approve Moore Engineering to apply for the BND Infrastructure Loan.
ii. Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
b. Design status update
d. Sewer Rehab Project for 2026
a. Design status update
e. General Engineering Task Order
a.\$15,000 budget in 2025, \$4,700 spent through November
JDA:
Isaac Bangura was present.
Crosby Chamber Extension
a. Council Member King made a motion to approve an extension for the Crosby Chamber on their 2025 spirit fund enhancement grant until July 1st, 2026.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
Park Board: Not present.
Public Works: Paul Sannes and

Austin Coates were present to update Council on maintenance and projects.

Old Business:
1. Tree Ordinance 309
a. Tree Board-Jonathon Kauhako, Ben Nygaard
b. By Council consensus this will be tabled until the January 5th, 2026 Council Meeting to hopefully generate more interest in filling all five spots.
c. By Council consensus the Auditor can keep advertising to generate interest.
d. Member Wolf, Trussell, Lund, King and Sova. Nays: none.
2. Nuisance Properties (2026)
a. Letters have been served.
3. Farm Lease
a. Accepted 3 year contract
4. Rural Residential Ordinance-1st Reading
a. Council Member Trussell made a motion approving the 1st reading of the Rural Residential Ordinance as presented.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member King and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
5. Water Shut Offs
a. By Council consensus a resolution will be drafted by the City's attorney for the January 5th, 2026 Council meeting for review.
6. BEK Letter
a. By Council consensus the BEK letter can be published with the addition of a definition of mediation.

New Business:
1. Stop/Yield Sign-1st St. SW
a. By Council consensus two stop signs will be put up at the intersection of 6th Ave. SW and 1st St. SW.
2. Ordinance 351
a. Tabled until the January 5th, 2026 Council meeting.
3. Motion to approve First State Bank & Trust, BNC Bank and Bank of Tioga for the 2026 depositories for the City of Crosby Fund.
a. Council Member King made a motion approving First State Bank & Trust, BNC Bank and Bank of Tioga for the 2026 depositories for the City of Crosby Fund.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
4. Motion to approve the City Auditor to invest City of Crosby funds as they become available.
a. Council Member Trussell made a motion to approve the City Auditor to invest City of Crosby funds as they become available.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
5. Motion to name Brad Johnson Insurance as the City of Crosby's 2026 agent of record.
a. Council Member King made a motion approving Brad Johnson Insurance as the City of Crosby's 2026 agent of record.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
6. Motion allowing the City Auditor to pay the 2026 MDU, NCC, Verizon, Williams Rural Water District and Burke Divide bills as they come due.
a. Council Member Trussell made a motion allowing the City Auditor to pay the 2026 MDU, NCC, Verizon, Williams Rural Water District and Burke Divide bills as they come due.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none. Abstained. Council Member King.
7. Motion setting the 2026 City of Crosby's mileage reimbursement at per diem to state's guidelines.
a. Council Member King made a motion to approve setting the 2026 City of Crosby's mileage reimbursement at per diem to the state's

guidelines.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
8. Motion to approve the City of Crosby closing transfers for 2025 to 2026.
a. Council Member King made a motion to approve the City of Crosby closing transfers for 2025 to 2026.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
9. Raises/Bonuses
a.Council Member Trussell made a motion to raise Christine Keller, Paul Sannes and Alexa Kruger by \$2/hour, Austin Coates by \$1/hour and reevaluate when he has completed a year of employment, Greg Forthun by \$1/hour and to leave bonuses the same as last year (\$1,200 Crosby bucks for full time and \$900 Crosby bucks for part time.)
b. Motion seconded by Council Member King and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.
10. Beer/Wine Licenses
a. Council Member King made a motion to approve the 2026 beer and wine licenses for Joey, Self Serve, The Bypass Bar and Grill and The Moose Lodge as presented.
b. Motion seconded by Council Member King and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Building Permits: None
Bills as presented:
Council Member Trussell made a motion to approve bills as presented.
Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Advanced Business Methods	198.22
AE2S	3,722.25
	2,042.55
	1,680.00
Auto Value	290.28
	73.40
	28.94
	20.98
	92.99
	73.97
Circle Sanitation	20,052.78
Civic Plus	2,495.00
Colonial Research	
Chemical Corp.	3,299.46
Core & Main	334.15
Dakota Electric	
Construction Co. Inc.	527.60
Divide County Auditor	20,833.33
Divide County	
Road Department	65.00
Jacobs Hardware	743.00
Jerry's Transfer Service	24.00
Jordan Law Office	1,500.00
Mid-American	
Research Chemical	4,962.79
Moore Engineering Inc.	3,412.50
	150.00
	3,262.50
NAPA	328.47
ND Chemistry Lab	736.66
One Call Concepts	4.50
Simonson & Oien	
Trucking Inc.	1,368.40
Sorum's Westland	3,236.97
Sundhagen	
Sand & Gravel, Inc.	5,292.50
T & T Transport	225.00
The Journal	926.68
Throntveit Cleaning	350.00
Vestis	198.17
VISA	748.15
TOTAL	75,677.64

With no other business
Council Member King made a motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Trussell, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m..

Alexa Kruger
City Auditor
James Jacobs
Mayor

City of Crosby

PO Box 67 Crosby ND 58730

November 3, 2025

Re: BEK v. City of Crosby

CITIZENS OF CROSBY:

During the litigation with BEK, the City has entered a number of executive sessions and has been rather tight-lipped regarding the litigation, this was for a number of reasons. First and foremost, if it was going to trial, it was imperative to limit the exposure to the citizens of Crosby. If too many citizens were aware of the details of the litigation, it would make a stronger argument for BEK to try this case in a different county than Divide County. The City felt that it was in the City's best interest if it was going to trial, to attempt to have the trial held in Divide County. If enough people know too much about the details of the case the Court would order the trial be held in a different county. Additionally, if the members of the City Council discussed the BEK litigation with anyone, it could make those people that the City Council members and/or the Mayor discussed the matter with, witnesses in the case as well.

Originally, BEK was looking to recover over \$2,000,000.00 from the City of Crosby. The City entered into mediation with BEK to try and resolve the matter. Mediation is where both parties meet and a mediator works with each party to see if there is a number both parties can agree to in order to resolve the matter. Ultimately, the City settled for \$406,250.00. The City believes based upon the advice from the attorney provided by NDIRF, that if the City was to go to trial and not be successful, the damages could have been potentially double that amount. The City believes that this was the most cost-effective way to resolve this other than bringing it to a trial and letting jury decide where a jury could have found the City liable in excess of \$2,000,000.00. Any amount that a jury would have found would have been required to be paid by the City as there is no coverage that the City has to offset some of those costs. If the City would not have had the amount of the judgment, the City would have been forced to assess all the citizens in the City of Crosby to make up that difference.

The City of Crosby is not happy with the result, but nevertheless, the City believes it made the best decision it could for the citizens of Crosby as a whole based upon the circumstances.

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Divide County Commission Minutes

APPROVED
DIVIDE COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2025
8 a.m.

The Board of Divide County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present, Chairman Isaac Jacob presiding with Ms. Avonlea Brown, Journalist in attendance.

Minutes from November 6, 2025, the meeting was read and approved and noted a few corrections.

Correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.

Board met with the following elected officials and department heads (Bryan Haugenoe-Chrissy Running-Carol Williams-Shari Bublitiz-Maria Kroschus-Gayle Jastrzebski) to discuss county technology concerns. Board reviewed the quote from NRG and compared it to Pro It. After discussion board and elected officials and department heads agreed to stay with Pro It.

Shari Bublitiz, 911/Zoning/DES, met with the board to inform them that Code Red Alert System has been hacked and she is working with the agency on what to do in the interim.

Christina Running, Clerk of Court/Recorder, met with the board to inform them that she will be losing an employee in the clerk's office and requested permission to advertise to fill this open position. After discussion board agreed to let her advertise.

Bryan Haugenoe, Road Superintendent, met with the board to inform them that the dust control invoice has been adjusted for the over spraying. Mr. Haugenoe mentioned that they are done mowing and mentioned that they did go over on the tractor leases. He further mentioned that the program will go on next year but is unsure how many tractors we will get. Mr. Haugenoe presented a quote for a tractor. Board decided to wait to see until we knew how many tractors we would get, but also asked Mr. Haugenoe if he would find a used one at a good price to let them know. Chairman Jacobs asked if he ever talked to NDACO about a program to lease blades. Mr. Haugenoe said no. Mr. Haugenoe mentioned that he would like to get a different sign truck, because the current one the person driving needs a CDL, so he is also looking at auctions for this. Mr. Haugenoe mentioned that they are finishing up graveling and would like to start stockpiling at

Jacobsons. The board authorized this. Chairman Jacobs asked when they were going back to regular hours. Mr. Haugenoe mentioned next week November 24, 2025.

Ms. Rose DeMint and Marshall Nelson, Janitors, met with the board to inform them that the sink in the nurse's office needs to be fixed and that she has contacted the plumber.

Chairman Jacobs signed acknowledgement that the county received check from Topaz Energy Resources in the amount of \$14,088.00 for the oil lease.

Chairman and Auditor signed the following County Deed to Private Individuals:

Barry Inman
34000071360000
Crosby City Original L9 Blk 17
34000071810000
Crosby City Holmes 1st L1 Blk 1
34000072020000
Crosby City Holmes 1st L7-8 Blk 2
34000072830000
Crosby City Hendrickson 2nd L10 N1/2 L1 Blk 2
34000072850000
Crosby City Hendrickson 2nd L12 Blk 2

Ronald Olson
36000065370000
Noonan City L9 Blk 9

Chairman and Auditor signed the following County Deeds:

Brittain Thorne
34000072910000
Crosby City Hendrickson 3rd L1 Blk 2
David Wolter
34000075550000
Crosby City Westlawn 1st L10 Blk 4
Sadik Arslanovic
34000075551000
Crosby City Westlawn 1st L11 Blk 4
34000074650000
Crosby City Herings 2nd E1/2 L12 Blk 4
Shane & Lisa Dohmstrieich
34000077060000
Crosby City Aud Lot 6
34000077905000
Crosby City Aud Lot 70
Laramie Gilbertson
34000077510000
Crosby City Aud Lot 34A

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to enter into the police contract with Crosby City in the amount of \$250,000.00 for 2026. All present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Commission-

er Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to keep the Divide County Courthouse as the polling location and 4 election precincts with mail/absentee voting for the 2026 elections. All present voted in favor.

The following bills on motion made and approved were placed in line for payment:

Williston Tire Center	\$2,623.66
Williams County Sheriff	\$2,849.72
Vestis	\$384.69
Travis Binde	\$1,250.30
Sorums	\$40,615.16
Sheridan Electric Coop Inc	\$371.46
Shari Bublitiz	\$127.40
RTC Networks	\$238.00
Rose Deep Cleaning	\$7,105.00
Red Rock Ford	\$991.40
Radar Shop	\$384.00
Pro It LLC Minot	\$795.00
Petty Cash Recorder	\$52.75
Northwest Septic Service	\$250.00
Northwest	
Communications Coop	\$44.50
North Dakota 911 Assn	\$100.00
North Country/Mercantile And Equipment	\$2,395.00
New Century Ag	\$4,497.98
Nehring Law Office	\$175.00
ND States Atty Assoc	\$400.00
ND Assn Counties	\$270.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	\$7,400.46
Micromarketing	\$605.15
Lindsey Grocery	\$4.99
Journal Publishing Inc	\$454.03
John Deere Financial C	\$25,138.77
Jerrys Transfer Service	\$414.00
Jamie Vandal	\$1,440.00
Jacobs Hardware Hank	\$387.78
Information	
Technology Dept	\$1,335.50
IDI	\$75.00
Ha Thompson Sons	\$3,752.35
First State Bank And	\$2,447.20
Dustbusters Inc	\$218,823.43
Divide County Treasurer	\$1,060.00
Crosby City	\$710.47
Central Square Company	\$173.74
Cenex Fleet Fueling	\$60.82
Burke Divide Electric	\$64.56
Auto Value Crosby	\$70.97
ATT Mobile	\$745.57
Advanced First Aid Inc	\$1,564.00
Total	\$332,649.81

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. to reconvene December 2, 2025.

Gayle Jastrzebski
County Auditor/Treasurer
Isaac Jacobs, Chairman,
Board Divide County
Commissioner

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00140
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
NORTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DIVIDE,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Lyle G. Windfaldet
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Robert Windfaldet, Personal Representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 506, Crosby, ND 58730, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 1st, day of December, 2025.

/s/ Robert Windfaldet
Robert Windfaldet
Personal Representative

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00138
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
William C. Lunde
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE OF HEARING
TO ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to NDCC 30.1-03-01, that Heather M. Kawamura on behalf of the above estate, has filed her Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of a Personal Representative with the above Court.

Hearing upon said petition will be held in the Divide County Courthouse, Crosby, North Dakota on the 9th day of January, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. CT.

Dated this 2nd, day of December, 2025.

/s/ Heather M. Kawamura
Heather M. Kawamura, Petitioner

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