



The Napoleon School CAHOOTS groups helped rake and bag leaves throughout the community last Friday. This group helped rake in the Napoleon City Park, (l-r): front: Dalles Leier and Amelia Johnson; back: Brandi Weigel, Hayden Gross, Breckan Schaffner and Lincoln Piatz.



Rielee Lang, Zayne Gross and Waylon Laine were part of a NPS CAHOOTS group who helped with the community service project to rake and bag leaves last Friday.

Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Logan County Commissioners
Napoleon, ND
October 8, 2025
(unofficial or subject to approval)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker, and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Wald moved, seconded by Batsch, to approve the agenda with the addition of contracted gravel hauling. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the September regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of September and October, vouchers payable for October as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$43,692.81 VSO for \$802.00, E911 for \$425.00, Agent for \$2,283.08 and Highway Dept for \$28,952.74. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached which were authorized for payment by the Board:

15568-Barry McCleary, mowing abandoned cemeteries...1,750.00
15569-Bek Communications, monthly phone service.....841.43
15570-Bek Communications, EOC tv/internet.....76.09
15571-Computer Express, cameras, service contract, idrive, transfer printer.... 11,001.35
15572-Computer Express, camera installation jury room, commissioner room4,885.00
15573-Dustin Hammond residential internet service reimbursement.....96.50
15574-Fireside Office Solutions notepads.....22.99
15575-ITD-office 365, VPN149.20
15576-ITD - WAN, office 365, adobe Acrobat.....946.60
15577-Jamestown Community Corrections, case 24-2024-CR-00046460.29
15578-Locals' Convenience Center, gas183.00
15579-Matthew Bender & Co., 25 supplemental pkg &

index362.96
15580-MDU, monthly electrical service497.74
15581-Napoleon Homestead, printing & publishing579.67
15582-Rough Rider Industries, signs136.98
15583-Stutsman County Corrections, prisoner custody500.00
15584-Quill Corporation, planner.....14.99
15585-Verizon Wireless, mobile hot spot54.01
15586-The Medicine Shoppe, prisoner medicine41.22
15587-VISA, shooter bag ...137.38
15588-VISA, filters, ink223.89
15589-VISA, dog food, travel expenses327.44
15590-VISA, gravel pit camera service, holster185.95
15591-Blanche Schumacher, mileage reimbursement.....222.60
15592-Central Dakota Frontier Coop, gas, grease, tires.....2,556.80
15593-City of Lehr, water, sewer, garbage.....90.49
15594-Dakota Valley Electric Coop, electrical service250.00
15595-Double J Manufacturing, black freightliner repairs.....1,156.63
15596-Fredonia Coop Oil, diesel3,631.50
15597-Gackle Coop Oil, gas, oil change, diesel, supplies3,409.95
15598-Istate Truck Center, black semi repairs.....145.26
15599-Johnsen Trailer Sales, single hole equalizer, hardware.....454.12
15600-Logan County Auditor, September farm to market expense7,053.00
15601-Martell's CarQuest, tools & boxes, grease, oil, black ice.....5,710.45
15602-Martell's True Value wet/dry vac, spray paint.....66.48
15603-Napoleon Oil, gas, diesel, oil, lube, filter2,486.73
15604-North Central International, window crank kit, freight.....59.94
15605-Pfeifle Chevrolet-Buick, oxygen67.77
15606-RDO Equipment, Kenworth A/C repair396.79
15607-Sayler Implement, rake guard224.48
15608-South Central Regional Water District water40.00
15609-Epsilon Sigma Phi, dues.....75.00
15610-Josh Becker, conference fee reimbursement.....50.00
15611-Napoleon Homestead,

advertising80.00
15612-Tri County News, subscription40.00
15613-Department of Emergency Services, QTR 3 lets, line fees.....8,196.82
Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, updated the Board on the Burnstad Road Project. The Flex Funding application has been submitted. Wald requested she look into moving the timeline up to begin construction in 2027, as the condition of the road is worsening. DeWitt provided information regarding fences within the county of right of way that may be impacted once construction begins.

Chairman Wald shared he will meet with Gross Cattle and the DEQ soon regarding their pending permit and that he has made arrangements to have the concrete under the propane containment shed chiseled apart.

Performance bonds were discussed with no action taken.

Commissioner Schumacher reported all previously approved gravel leases had been fully executed and recorded.

Schumacher shared her research and guidance from Walker indicating landowners are responsible for all mowing, weed, and tree removal in all county rights of way.

A variance hearing was held at 2pm for a request by Intermountain Infrastructure Group to install 2 12'x36' prefabricated equipment shelters inside a chain link fence 77' from the centerline of 78th St SE that would lie within the county set back. The Board spoke with Lynda McClung and requested that the shelters be installed at least 100' from the centerline and 50' from all other lot lines. McClung agreed to the requested change.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the variance with the stipulation that the shelters be a minimum of 100' from the centerline of the road and 50' from all other lot lines. All in favor, motion carried.

The State Historical Society followed up with the Board on the A/C relocation project and encouraged the Board to apply for more grant funding in the future.

Daniel Schwartz, Nexus Planning & Consulting, gave grant updates and submitted two MOUs for Board review. Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to enter into grant writing MOUs with Gackle Fire and the City of Lehr. All in favor, motion carried.

Highway worker hours and pay were discussed. Several workers

are currently over their budgeted hours for this point in time. Wald requested a worksheet showing what had been budgeted and what had been paid to date. Kristiansen explained that a good portion of the overage is employees choosing to work on paid holidays and still putting in at least 40 hours of work for the week, using 48 hours of sick and/or vacation per week and some excess overtime.

Schumacher stated highway workers had always been allowed 48 hours on a holiday week, etc., and indicated that Kristiansen hadn't budgeted appropriately, stating she should have budgeted 2,080 hours for each worker as regular time pay and 310 hours of overtime per year for each full-time worker. Kristiansen tried to explain that was exactly how the budget was calculated and that 2,080 hours of regular time per year doesn't allow for any weeks at 48 hours, let alone 11.5 to account for all the paid holidays currently in the handbook. Wald agreed Kristiansen had budgeted as the Board requested. Kristiansen stated that many of the time sheets show the employees working the holiday, getting holiday pay, and overtime in the same week.

Schumacher stated working the holiday should never be paid as overtime. Kristiansen stated that any hours actually worked in a week over 40 hours have to be paid as overtime, and that as far as she knew, the county was not exempt from any labor laws. Walker stated the comment was correct and the county is not exempt from labor laws. Those weeks that this occurred, the employee was paid for 48 hours of regular time and anything above and beyond was paid as overtime. Schumacher said she and Kristiansen would have to sit down and go over the numbers together, because she felt budgeting for 2080 regular hours included an additional 8 hours of regular pay for the 11.5 holidays.

Discussion was held regarding vehicles and equipment that are being taken home and not returned to the shops at the end of the work day. The Board agreed all equipment/vehicles will be returned to county shops at the end of all shifts. Equipment may, at times, be left on the worksite.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the following permits: Verizon Wireless - update antennas & related equipment, Intermountain Infrastructure Group - 2 12'x36' equipment shelters with the amendment: 100' from center

line of road and 50' from all lot lines, and Zenker Farms - 150'x84' cold storage shed. All in favor, motion carried.

2026 meeting dates were agreed upon.

The Board designated Megan Berger and John Wald as State Fair Delegates.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher to approve two quotes from Computer Express totaling \$4,110.95 to replace a switch, set up a wireless network and install a device to upload the server to an idrive then to store in the cloud.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to sign an MOU with the Secretary of State for election equipment maintenance and storage. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the properties acquired by the tax deed process and set the minimum sale price for each parcel.

A request was received from the NDDOT to inspect rail crossings. Schumacher volunteered to complete the process and return the information to the DOT.

Schumacher shared a request from Bitz Feed Lot to install a culvert beneath 68th St SE between sections 7 and 8 in Starkey Township, at their own expense. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the request. All in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve a student work study request in the auditor and treasurer's office. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board will finalize all county-wide levies at 1pm October 16, 2025, in the meeting room of the courthouse.

The Board agreed to look into contracted gravel hauling.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department, general accounts receivable report, and NDACo County Tour

Information, a letter from the City of Gackle, LATCF close out confirmation and water conference information.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held November 12, 2025, at 1pm.

John Wald, Chairperson
Board of Logan County Commissioners

Attest:
Jody Kristiansen
Logan County Auditor