

# Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Logan  
County Commissioners  
Napoleon, ND  
December 10, 2025  
(unofficial or  
subject to approval)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:03pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald via Zoom. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker via phone, and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schumacher moved, seconded by Batsch, to approve the agenda with the addition of vendor payment and tow straps. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of November and December, vouchers payable for December as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$43,957.01 VSO for \$802.00, E911 for \$425.00, Agent for \$2,800.00, Back the Blue for \$10,476.68, General Estate Tax for \$5,610.00 and Highway Dept for \$28,259.12. 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:

15809-JHL Truck Service—2002 Freightliner rear end repairs .....5,309.35  
15810-NDAAEA—2026 ANR agent dues .....75.00  
15811-Dustin Hammond—reimburse for 2 conference hotels, meals & miles.....690.80  
15812-Nutrien Ag Solutions—Plateau .....2,150.00  
15813-Darrell Bitz—chemical cost share .....1,248.00  
15814-Todd Buchholz—chemical cost share.....1,470.16  
15815-James Fandrich—chemical cost share.....979.20

15816-Travis Finck—chemical cost share.....1,336.76  
15817-Robert Hammond—chemical cost share.....500.00  
15818-James Leier—chemical cost share.....199.97  
15819-Jayson Rath—chemical cost share768.00  
15820-Gerald Rattei—chemical cost share.....500.00  
15821-Randy Ruff—chemical cost share.....2,457.60  
15822-Cora Stickel—chemical cost share.....1,185.60  
15823-Jon Stock—chemical cost share.....88.22  
15824-Scott Vetter—chemical cost share.....500.00  
15825-Victor J Wald—chemical cost share.....747.71  
15826-Billy Buchholz—chemical cost share.....422.40  
15827-Dennis Erbele—chemical cost share.....3,381.60  
15828-Howard Leier—chemical cost share.....681.12  
15829-Delane Scherbenske—chemical cost share.....192.00  
15830-Terry Vetter—chemical cost share.....380.67  
15831-Nexus Planning & Consulting—2025 mileage .....1,495.90  
15832-Stock Growers Bank—November ACH Fees.....20.84  
15833-BEK—EOC TV & Internet .....122.25  
15834-BEK—Phone service for several offices .....821.45  
15835-Eide Bailly—Extended Warranty .....619.00  
15836-Uniform center--deputy uniform pants.....294.97  
15837-Visa—Fedex fees for return of evidence.....53.84  
15838-Visa—notary renewal fee.....36.00  
15839-JM Autobody—Mirror replacement on unit 4383 ..344.00  
15840-Information Technology Dept-WAN/VPN/Office 365/Adobe Pro .....1,089.20  
15841-Computer Express—Monthly contract fees & equipment .....5,410.95  
15842-Napoleon Homestead—printing minutes, notices & notary stamp .....330.16  
15843-Quill Corporation—batteries, paperclips, planner & tax forms .....139.54  
15844-Advanced Business

Methods—base rate & Overage .....135.87  
15845-Menard's—ice scrapers and wiper blades .....38.95  
15846-Ost Body & Paint—Unit 4382 Rear camera work .....500.00  
15847-The Radar Shop—Radar recertifications.....256.00  
15848-Fairfield Hotel—Tax director annual conference hotel.....110.00  
15849-Verizon—5G mobile broadband .....54.01  
15850-Dakota Valley Electric Coop—advanced electrical payment Gackle shop .....250.00  
15851-Northside Napa—bracket kit, poly tandem, duct tape & electrical tape.....573.03  
15852-Visa—tactacam at gravel pits .....37.00  
15853-Dewald Tire Sales & Service—replace Lehr blade tires & repair Napoleon blade tire .....2,009.90  
15854-Gackle Coop Oil Co—sheriff travel, bulk fuel for Gackle shop & battery line.....4,622.94  
15855-O.K. Tire Store—Unit 4382 tires & blade tires .....5,838.08  
15856-Locals' Convenience Center—official travel .....133.05  
15857-Logan County Auditor—farm to market & federal aid road maintenance .....21,749.00  
15858-Napoleon Oil Co—Sheriff travel & bulk fuel for Napoleon shop .....3,451.87  
15859-Martell's Carquest—oil, starting fluid & bearings .....182.39  
15860-Sayler Implement—V belt & grease .....213.35  
15861-Fredonia Coop Oil Co—bulk fuel for Lehr shop.....3,504.13  
15862-City of Lehr—water on empty Lehr lot & water, sewer & garbage Lehr shop .....93.78  
15863-South Central Regional Water Dist—water at Napoleon shop.....40.60  
15864-Butler Machinery—Filters & Oil .....1,051.24  
15865-KLJ Engineering—engineering services through November 30,2025.....2,465.00  
15866-Allied Energy—LP Heating fuel Gackle & Lehr shops.....1,139.72  
15867-Central Dakota Frontier Coop—official travel, tires, tire repair & tank lease.....3,154.86  
15868-City of Gackle—water & garbage at Gackle shop.....41.31  
15869-Blanche Schumacher—mileage reimbursement.....270.20  
15870-Terracon Consultants—gravel sample for Miller pit .....190.00  
15871-Berg's 24HR Towing & Crane Service—towing blade .....3,795.00  
15872-Wyatt Entzi—2025 mowing abandoned cemeteries .....700.00

The monthly fund report, highway worker logs, and statements of fees were reviewed.

Committee reports were given.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, updated the Board on the progress of the Burnstad Road Project and submitted paperwork to approve surveying the Buchholz & Miller pits. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the Chair's signature on the documents. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor Kristiansen reported no change in the status of the Gross Cattle permit.

Chairman Wald shared that once the ground freezes harder, Gross Concrete will break up the propane containment shed so it can be removed.

The Board discussed performance bonds and agreed to require performance bonds for gravel crushing and to discontinue

performance bonds for bulk fuel and LP for the county shops. With the discontinuation of performance bonds for fuel & LP, the Board instructed Kristiansen to obtain and award bids every time a shop notifies her that they need their bulk tanks filled.

Kristiansen informed the Board of a call from a tax payer stating they read in the Homestead that county equipment was not supposed to be at employee residences and felt the need to inform her that three pieces of equipment were sitting at one highway worker's home. Chairman Wald shared that at least two of the three had been removed and the third would be shortly, if it wasn't already.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to return all full time highway workers to 40 hours per week beginning December 7, 2025, unless needed for emergency snow removal services, that any hours worked in excess of forty hours must be pre-authorized by the district road overseer for that area by the signing/initialing of the employee's timesheet by that commissioner and that temporary employees can only work those days/hours when called by a commissioner. All in favor, motion carried.

Batsch asked if the intent was that they would need to call a temporary worker every day if they were needed for more than one day – the Board agreed that was the intent.

Daniel Schwartz, Nexus Planning & Consulting, shared an overview of all grants and where they stand as far as completion, informed the Board that his degree suits the roles of economic development and submitted his new contract for the 2026 calendar year for emergency management services. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to enter into the agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Schumacher suggested the road between sections 11 and 14 in Blue Ball Township be rerouted. ASA Walker advised the Board to have the county's engineers perform a survey.

No one was present for public comment.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to make no changes to the previously set voting precincts, to set the official polling center as the Logan County Courthouse, to set voting hours from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, and to continue to be a vote in person and vote by mail county. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Risk Manager Lisa Weigel met with the Board to address concerns regarding county equipment that left the roadway.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the following end of year transfers: \$47,620.00 from county general to patrol car replacement, \$15,415.43 from county general to courthouse vehicle replacement, \$30,000.00 from county general to county agent, \$40,000.00 from capital projects to Blue Ball project, \$285.00 from county general to homeland security, \$350,000.00 from county general to courthouse building, \$5,000.00 from county general to E911 and \$690.73 from farm to market to unorganized road. All in favor, motion carried.

After reviewing budgets for calendar year 2026 and noting that Load Pass fee revenue was much more than anticipated, Chairman Wald, seconded by Commissioner Batsch, moved to amend the 2026 Load Pass budget and add the following expense line items: \$60,000.00 for Gackle shop cement, \$20,000.00 for Lehr shop cement, \$30,000.00 for Napoleon shop cement and \$50,000.00 for graveling expenses. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve a bill from Berg's Towing that came in during the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by

Schumacher, to approve the purchase of 6 blade tires at \$1,563.10 per tire. All in voted in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to allow commissioners, highway workers, county officials and department heads to approve up to \$1,500.00 for road/equipment related expenses and \$500.00 for all other expenses without prior approval from the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Wald moved, seconded by Batsch, to authorize the Chair's signature on the South Central Dakota Regional Council Joint Exercise Governmental Powers agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Batsch motioned, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher to approve the following permits: Napoleon Country Club – retail beer & liquor license and a 92'x12' cart shed, Charles Fetting – mining & crushing gravel and Scott Vetter – 120'x60' pole building. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher moved, seconded by Batsch, that in the event an application for gaming permit to conduct a meat raffle is received from the Napoleon Country Club in December and prior to the next regular or special meeting, to authorize the Commission Chair and County Auditor to issue the permit after checking and ensuring that all necessary information is accurate and the fee for the permit has been received. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed options for paying vendors who don't want to wait for the next regular meeting to be paid. Schumacher will contact other counties and see what they do.

Batsch moved, seconded by Schumacher, to purchase a tow rope at a cost of \$1,200 to \$1,500 from Riggings & Tools in Bismarck. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Recorder/Clerk of Court Laura Henry submitted a Court Facilities Grant request for approval by the Board. Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to authorize the Chair's signature on the request. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Auditor Lisa Weigel requested the Board give county employees the Friday after Christmas off. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to allow employees to have the day off but they must use a vacation or personal day. All in favor, motion carried.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department, general accounts receivable report, a reminder that the 6 county meeting was scheduled for December 11, 2025, at 10am and information regarding a PSC meeting for Badger Wind. Kristiansen also submitted revisions for the employee handbook.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held January 14, 2026, at 1pm.

John Wald, Chairperson  
Board of  
Logan County Commissioners  
Attest:

Jody Kristiansen  
Logan County Auditor



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