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Vangaard software is now installed in the County and the City of Cooperstown computers. Morris requested that the Commission keep in mind for budgeting that notifications will need to be mailed to county residents. Morris said the state is now requiring that farm-exempt residences also have an assessment value, even if not a taxable value on the tax statement. Morris said that the state wants to know how many dollars are being exempted. The responsibility of collecting those values will fall on the townships, but if not done, the County is ultimately responsible for providing the information. An assessment notice will go out in March for all parcels, and equalization meetings are held in April. Morris said her contract expires next month, so they need to meet regarding that as well. The Commission and she will meet about her contract at 4:30 p.m. at the next regular meeting on Oct. 6.

Next to address the board was Paul Bjornson with KLJ Engineering. Bjornson reported on the County Road 26 - Hannaford project. He said the curbing was in, and they were working on sidewalks and driveways. One design change was an ADA ramp to the street on the west edge of the post office building. He said that the railroad has always had wide open access from their lot, with no curbing or sidewalks. The curbing might need to be taken out if the railroad is not agreeable to the suggested 16’ driveway coming out of the lot. Bjornson reported that he submitted the flexible

transportation funds applications for two projects. For County Road 2, the “Red Willow Road,” the project estimate is for \$1.429 million. The project includes widening of the road, aggregate shoulders, and consideration of 3,100 feet through slough areas. Safety concerns were mentioned, noting that shoulder widening is the primary project goal. For County Road 8, the project would include a 12 ft shoulder, gravel and pavement through the grade raises, a mile of widening - for consistency, and replacing two culverts because they would end up being too short. The project estimate is \$2.3 million. Both projects have been submitted for 100% funding. Project selection will take place over the next couple of months, and the County should hear by the end of the year. Funding wouldn’t be distributed until 2026, so the projects wouldn’t start until 2027 at the earliest. If the projects don’t get funded, then they will automatically get submitted into the Prairie Dog funding round for consideration.

When discussing projects, County Road Superintendent Wayne Oien said he has been asked about the bridge by the Ueland Dam. It was said that it is sinking more and more. Oien said an excavator was not big enough to remove it; they would likely need a crane. Commissioner Averill suggested that the County get a quote on using a crane to get it out of there before it falls into the river. Oien will make contacts, maybe with a bridge contractor as well.

Oien also mentioned that the motor grader contracts are up, and he has cancelled the payments, but has to get the equipment back to Moorhead. The cost to return each grader was quoted at \$1,200. Commissioner Alfson suggested giving Oien the authority to get them returned after searching out options. Zorn said \$6/mile is the going rate, but because the load would not be oversized, \$5/mile might be a more fair rate. Alfson made a motion to allow Oien to find the best solution to send them back. Zorn seconded the motion, and all voted ‘aye,’ so the motion passed.

Alfson mentioned that some Historical Society members thought it might be helpful for the Griggs County Fair Board and Historical Society to have a conversation with the Commission as a mediator to help get the two organizations to a unified vision of use of the grounds for the Griggs County Fair. Tranby mentioned that he is on the board of the Historical Society and suggested inviting both groups this winter to a Commission meeting. Alfson asked if the County has an interest in the Griggs County Fair. State’s Attorney Jayme Tenneson said that it is a separate government subdivision. Auditor Larson said the Griggs County Historical Society currently receives funding of 1/4 of a mil, and the Griggs County Fair receives 3/4 of a mil.

Auditor Larson asked that the Commission approve a “Memorandum of Understanding,” as presented by the Secretary of the State’s Office. Larson explained that the

State bought the election equipment, but the County agrees to keep it secure. The State pays the maintenance. Zorn made a motion to approve the memorandum, and Averill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The health insurance agenda item was tabled.

Averill suggested in future business that the County consider changing the lights in the courthouse building to LED lights. Auditor Larson said there are about 100 bulbs left to use. Averill said that there are incentives, paying up to 50% to change out lighting to LED, and that it would save the County on electricity over time. Zorn said he would like to see the reimbursement amounts prior to doing a project. Averill suggested that the project include both the County shop and the courthouse building. The Commission members requested an estimate of cost, reimbursement amounts, savings on the electric bill, etc.

There was a motion to adjourn by Zorn, which was seconded by Averill. The motion passed. The next meeting is on Oct. 6 at 4:30 p.m., with the budget meeting following at 6 p.m.

(This article is a summary of the Sept. 22 Griggs County Commission meeting. To hear the entirety of the meeting, go online to griggscountynd.gov/meetings/Commission.)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Hannaford City Council
Hannaford City Council met in regular session, September 9, 2025 with the following present: Debra Dahl, Connie Eslinger, Donna Hankins, Brad Guler, Becky Muncy, Dave Hook, Mike Eslinger, Brandon Palm, Debi Bommersbach and Ed Everson.
MSC to approve the minutes: Eslinger, Guler.
Bills:
Payroll.....1779.09
Ottertail Power Co616.39
BEK.....107.07
Mash Agscape1200.00
Postage94.73
Sanitation Specialties.....1940.00
Governing Board50.00

New Century Press.....43.26
ND One Call10.50
Maguire Iron.....3418.33
Dakota Rural Water.....1934.61
Blue Water Consulting.....2406.72
Bakkegard & Schell, Inc. 328.95
ND Dept. of Health54.00
Insure Forward3855.00
ND Sewage & Lift.....525.00
Northern Plains Petroleum 183.81
Newman Signs39.94
Susan Goplen.....3511.00
The City will be raising Garbage Rates \$1.50, January 1.
MSC to pay the bills: Hankins, Eslinger.
MSC to insure the property on the Baseball Field: Hankins, Eslinger.

MSC to pay Sewer Maintenance: Eslinger, Guler.
Meeting was adjourned
Hannaford Cleanup Day will be Monday, September 22, 2025.
Next Regular Meeting is October 6, 2025 7 PM at Hannaford City Hall
“CITY OF HANNAFORD IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER”
Debra Dahl, Mayor
Ed Everson
City Auditor
GCC October 10, 2025 356227
Hannaford City Council
Hannaford City Council met in regular session, October 6, 2025 with the following present: Debra Dahl, Donna Hankins, Brad Guler,

Becky Muncy, Roger Rondestvedt, Dave Hook and Ed Everson.
MSC to approve the minutes: Hankins, Rondestvedt
Bills:
Payroll.....1474.34
Ottertail Power Co694.49
BEK.....107.27
NAPA110.90
Postage94.80
Sanitation Specialties.....1872.00
Governing Board130.00
Menard’s11.40
Reimbursed200.00
Maguire Iron.....3418.33
Dakota Rural Water2111.59
Insure Forward37.00
Northern Plains Petroleum 48.84
The City will be raising Garbage

Rates \$1.50, January 1.
MSC to pay the bills: Rondestvedt, Hankins.
Meeting was adjourned
SNOW REMOVAL BIDS WILL NOW BE ACCEPTED AT CITY HALL
Next Regular Meeting is November 3, 2025 7 PM at Hannaford City Hall
“CITY OF HANNAFORD IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER”
Debra Dahl, Mayor
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City Auditor
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ROADSIDE WEED AND GRASS MOWING NOTICE
Pursuant to NDCC 63-05-01. “It is the duty of landowners or operators with land adjoining regularly traveled county and township highways, as designated by the township board of supervisors in organized townships, the board of county commissioners in unorganized townships, and the board of county commissioners in the case of county highways, to cut all weeds and grasses along the regularly traveled highways adjoining their lands, including weeds and grasses growing within the public right of way bordering the highways and their lands. The cutting shall be completed not later than October 15th, as prescribed by the board of county commissioners.”
The maximum stubble height shall be 4 inches and the width of cut shall be a minimum of 14 foot swath where possible. The roadsides on all county and township roads shall be mowed. Haying of the grasses within rights of way is permitted, but all stored hay shall be removed by November first of each year.
“FAILURE TO CUT WEEDS AND GRASSES-EXPENSES LEVIED AS TAXES AGAINST LAND.” If the landowner or operator fails to cut the weeds and grasses along the designated highways or roads as provided in this chapter, the board of township supervisors or the board of county commissioners, as the case may be, may cause the weeds and grasses to be cut and actual expense of cutting shall be certified to the county auditor, all the excess shall be charged against the land of the landowners and shall become part of the taxes to

be levied against the land for the ensuing year and shall be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes are collected, and placed to the credit of the respective subdivisions entitled thereto NDCC 63-05-03.
Pursuant to authority vested in the above notice, the Board of County Commissioners and Township Supervisors of Griggs County, North Dakota hereby designate October fifteenth as the deadline for completion of weed cutting. Be it further adopted that it will be policy of the county not to plow snow on roads where weeds have not been cut, due to the increased costs of operations.
Wayne F. Oien
Griggs County Road Superintendent
GCC, October 3, October 10, 2025 356231

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRIGGS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA Probate No. 3502

In the Matter of the Estate of Karen S. Johnson, 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 Sarah S. Rooney, personal representative of the estate, at 3502 Chisholm Trail, Bismarck, ND 58503, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2025.

/s/ Sarah S. Rooney,
Personal Representative
3502 Chisholm Trail,
Bismarck, ND 58503

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GCC September 26, 2025, October 3, 2025, October 10, 2025 356242

CurrentPeriod	Fund	Fund Descr	Begin Mth	MTD Debit	MTD Credit	CurrentBalance	BalSht Descr
September 2025	100	GENERAL FUND	\$242,539.35	\$23,926.34	\$36,424.80	\$230,040.89	Cash in Bank
September 2025	201	HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION FUND	\$141,148.19	\$18,734.39	\$18,481.16	\$141,401.42	Cash in Bank
September 2025	203	CITY SPECIAL ASSESS. FUND	(\$15,013.97)	\$433.22	\$0.00	(\$14,580.75)	Cash in Bank
September 2025	204	SALES TAX FUND	\$405,700.29	\$9,574.51	\$0.00	\$415,274.80	Cash in Bank
September 2025	204	SALES TAX FUND	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	CD s (Long Term)
September 2025	206	EMERGENCY FUND	\$8,956.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,956.66	Cash in Bank
September 2025	211	AMBULANCE FUND	\$691,774.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$691,774.44	CD s (Long Term)
September 2025	211	AMBULANCE FUND	\$386,013.93	\$17,258.59	\$22,833.70	\$380,438.82	Cash in Bank
September 2025	212	LEGACY EARNINGS HWY DIST	\$27,976.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,976.17	Cash in Bank
September 2025	214	VISITOR PROMOTION FUND	\$2,983.80	\$145.56	\$500.00	\$2,629.36	Cash in Bank
September 2025	303	SEWER WATER SINKING FUND	\$445,354.90	\$13,044.60	\$0.00	\$458,399.50	Cash in Bank
September 2025	305	RESERVE FUND	\$88,491.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,491.16	Cash in Bank
September 2025	400	MUN INFRASTRUCTURE/PRAIRIE DOG	\$287,342.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287,342.25	Cash in Bank
September 2025	507	FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$30,902.87	\$751.95	\$0.00	\$31,654.82	Cash in Bank
September 2025	508	96-1 STREET IMPROVE ASSESSMENT	\$360,759.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360,759.30	Cash in Bank
September 2025	509	STREET IMPROVEMENT 2011-2	\$76,053.04	\$4,689.15	\$0.00	\$80,742.19	Cash in Bank
September 2025	510	STREET IMPROVEMENT 2020-1	\$506,546.36	\$3,558.99	\$0.00	\$510,105.35	Cash in Bank
September 2025	601	WATER FUND	\$734,105.93	\$25,162.48	\$31,208.41	\$728,060.00	Cash in Bank
September 2025	602	SEWER FUND	(\$24,494.85)	\$4,911.59	\$4,344.20	(\$23,927.46)	Cash in Bank
September 2025	603	GARBAGE FUND	\$11,399.83	\$6,944.55	\$6,700.00	\$11,644.38	Cash in Bank
September 2025	604	INERT LANDFILL FUND	\$53,927.74	\$1,422.33	\$4,333.14	\$51,016.93	Cash in Bank
September 2025	605	STREET LIGHT FUND	\$16,663.60	\$1,682.40	\$1,841.92	\$16,504.08	Cash in Bank
September 2025	608	MOSQUITO CONTROL FUND	\$53,156.63	\$1,682.36	\$3,807.50	\$51,031.49	Cash in Bank
September 2025	703	PARK DISTRICT FUND	\$3,021.67	\$2,452.64	\$3,021.67	\$2,452.64	Cash in Bank
September 2025	704	GRIGGS CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND	(\$4,776.61)	\$140.77	\$127.31	(\$4,763.15)	Cash in Bank
September 2025	705	AIRPORT FUND	(\$3,411.86)	\$100.55	\$90.93	(\$3,402.24)	Cash in Bank

Fund 400 Municipal Infrastructure/Prairie Dog Uses: WTP; Wastewater treatment plants; Sewer & water lines, including lift stations and pumping systems; Water storage systems, including dams, water tanks, and water towers; Storm water infrastructure, inclu

Fund 508 96-1 Street Improvement Assessment: These funds can be moved into the general fund or left here. To be used, they would first need to be moved to the general fund.

Fund 507 Flexible Transportation Fund: The potential for these funds is broader than the Municipal Infrastructure Funds and it can be used for new, replacement, or maintenance and repair of infrastructure
GCC, October 10, 2025 356209