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# Adams County

Commission Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY,

NORTH DAKOTA JUNE 10TH, 2025 The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session with the following present: Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel, and Steven West

Chairman Dustin Laufer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am MAY 14, 2025, MINUTES: Commissioner West moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Laufer; and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

AGENDA: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried

OFFICE FEES: Fees collected by county officers were paid to the Auditor/Treasurer for Road and Bridge \$58,907.45 and Re-corder \$1,684.60. NEXT MEETING DATE: July

8th, 2025, at 8:00 am as the next regular meeting date.

RESIGNATION: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the resignation of Deputy Marsh, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed. Com-missioner West discussed the Prairie Dog funding and how it is receipted. The Auditor will work on each fund and how the receipt was completed.

RUSSELL DOE: met with the Commission to discuss road needs on 13th St. NWTwo other gentlemen, Wally Pettengill and Wayne Thompson, also came along to discuss needs on 15th Ave, NW as grading has not been completed in the last year or two and is deteriorating. Discussion was had on gravel and grading needs within Lemmon Township. The Commission discussed the turn around and the equipment issues. Mr. Doe discussed a need for grading and a culvert on a minimum maintenance road as well, he was willing to pay for the work. The Commission will have Road Superintendent Blade contact Mr. . Doe for clarification.

ROOSEVELT CUSTER BILL-ING: request for an advertising campaign, the Commission understood that the advertising project was part of their higher membership dues, but it was actually a complete new charge for membership in the advertising part. Roosevelt Custer had already completed the advertisement, but is requesting funding to help alleviate the costs. Commissioner West moved to approve the actual costs of \$3,300.00, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote: motion carried. It was discussed to over-expend the line item for Roosevelt Custer dues and memberships for the payment

ADAMS COUNTY LIBRARY COMPUTER PURCHASE: a Commissioner Laufer discussed ADA needs in the Human Service office as well as bathroom ADA needs in the whole building. Ms. Ellig discussed what steps should be taken to apply. Mr. West requested information on grant writing opportunities for townships, Ms. Ellig explained this was a newer part of their office and not fully equipped for a higher number of requests. Commissioner West discussed that Adams County voted to pay the \$3,300.00 for the tourism campaign. ADAMS COUNTY ROAD SU-

PERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission along with Kenny Messer and Grant Miller on a low water crossing by Haynes. The crossing needs work, as when there is water running, the planks just float, as they are not properly secured. Commissioner West explained the NDDOT flex funding would be a great grant to apply for. Road Superintendent Justin Blade, continued with his appointment. Mr. Blade discussed a conversation with the Extension department to have the Extension Office Assistant who was willing to help part-time at the County shop. No overtime would be needed, as Ms. Boke was willing to complete the extra work during her down time. The Commission was happy to hear this and encouraged the rela-tionship. Mr. Blade shared updates from his department and the continued road work, especially the clean-up of roadwork after the last rain. The Commission discussed items and con-versation needs with Russell Doe stemming from the earlier agenda appointment conversation. Other road needs within the county were discussed. Discussion was had on the timeline and needs for the three employees to obtain the required CDL. Mr. Blade discussed he is working on coming up with equipment that can be sold on bids and should have the list ready soon. Commissioner Pagel has been researching options on overhauling the engine in the broke down truck.

BROSZ ENGINEERING: Billy Doerr and Lucas Doerr met with the Commission; Billy explained that Lucas will start coming to the monthly meeting to get exposure to the county projects. The pre-construction meeting was held a couple weeks ago, the schedule for the upcoming projects was to start with the Black and Blue Road mid-July. The schedule was shared on the process planned. The plan is to have the Black and Blue Road project completion by the end of July. Country Club Road will be broken into phases with the first phase to start in August. The Black and Blue Road project has a reimbursement from flex funding; Billy had a funding request for this. The county is furnishing the gravel for the project, estimated at \$64k, this is also reimbursable, but a breakdown of cost will need to be provided to NDDOT to have the actual cost reimbursed. Justin Blade will research the costs associated with the gravel costs. Discussion was had on the sub-contractors for the projects. Discussion was had on the route the trucks will be taking for hauling gravel, as the Commission was not in favor of using the chip sealed Cemetery Road. Billy Doerr explained the city will be starting the chip seal to Airport Road probably the end of June and will be approximately a three-day project. The cost to the County was estimated to be about \$40k for their portion. The Schmaltz/Haynes bridge project is scheduled to be bid this December with construction in 2026. An environmental study for the core permit needs to be signed to get started. Commissioner West moved to approve the environmental document to get the project started, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Billy shared information on services provided by Brosz Engineering and encouraged the Commission to discuss upcoming projects and funding coming available for different projects. SHERIFF FISHER: Met with the Commission on a bill from SW Correctional Center as we were billed for a jailing expense that

should have been billed to Mckenzie County. The Commission was good with Sheriff Fisher billing the County. Sheriff Fisher discussed happenings in his department. PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION:

No public was present ADÁMS COUNTY STATE'S AT-

TORNEY: Aaron Roseland met briefly with the Commission to give updates from his department and offer answers to any questions. Discussion was had on the 3% cap with budgeting and election timeline restrictions on entities. Mr. Roseland discussed his concern about the 3% cap and the effect it will have in the years to come. Mr. Roseland is also concerned about why the State should be dictating the Commission budget and fiscal responsibility.

BILLS: Commissioner Pagel moved the following bills to be paid, Second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

#93553 Roseland & Melling Law \$193.28; #93554 Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm \$325.00; #93555 Everspring Suites – Bismarck \$198.00; #93556 Sheri Uecker \$210.00; #93557 The Current Connection \$117.87; #93558 Katie Roseland \$55.00; #93559 Computer Express \$1,999.98; #93560 Dakota Dust-Tex Inc. \$286.20; #93561 Drolc Elec-tric \$151.55; #93562 Rolling Sprinklers \$115.00; Plains #93563 Wex Health, Inc \$47.25; #93564 West River Insurance Agency \$213.00; #93565 Quadient Finance USA Inc \$55.07; #93566 Marco Technologies LLC \$334.83; #93567 Benjamin \$970.60; #93568 Jona-Boyll than Piehl \$374.00; #93569 Blue Shield Tactical Systems \$700.00; #93570 AT & T Mo-bility \$982.58; #93571 Uniform Center \$107.89; #93572 Cenex Fleet Fueling \$1,941.87; #93573 Grafix Shoppe \$710.00; #93574 Office of Attorney General – 1250 \$310.00; #93575 ND Association of Counties \$250.00; #93576 Galls Inc \$268.51; #93577 Eden K9 Consulting & Training Corp \$174.00; #93578 Fibt Att: Credit Dept \$825.72:

#93579 Roosevelt Custer Regional Council \$3,300.00; #93580 Pat Buckmier \$175.00; #93581 odd \_\_\_\_\_ #93582 Bros∠ Inc \$4,740.00; Christman Todd \$1,800.00; Engineering, Inc \$4,740.00; #93583 Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$197.85; #93584 Southwest Water Authority \$77.63; #93585 Bobcat of Dickinson \$644.99; #93586 Laufer Vermeer \$264.64; #93587 RDO Equipment \$110.63; #93588 Rocket Express Delivery LLC \$20.00; #93589 Stippich Inc \$15.50; #93590 West Plains Inc \$3.90; #93591 USPS Postmaster \$154.00; #93592 Kennedy's Fresh Foods \$58.40; #93593 B & C Plumbing & Heating \$1,105.50; #93594 Capital One \$94.59; #93595 Hettinger Pool \$140.00; #93596 Baker & Taylor \$130.71; #93597 Center Point Publishing \$179.03; #93598 J.P. Morgan Chase Bank \$301.82; #93599 Adams County Treasurer \$230.70; #93600 Auto Value Hettinger \$293.80; #93601 Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative \$653.80; #93602 Consolidated Communications \$1.301.23: #93603 GS Publishing \$606.90; #93604 Hettinger City #93605 Information Technology Dept \$1,062.25; #93606 Aspen Lenning \$328.48; #93607 Montana Dakota Utilities \$2,270.07; #93608 ND State Treasurer \$125.39; #93609 Runnings Supply, Inc \$664.82; #93610 Slope Electric Cooperative \$159.92; #93611 Verizon Wireless \$85.08: #93612 New Vision Security Systems \$120.00; May Payroll \$79,741.46 2025 EQUALIZATION HEAR-ING: This being the advertised date and time for County equalization hearing, Commissioner Chair. Dustin Laufer, opened the hearing at 1 pm. CITIES City of Bucyrus a.City Equalization Held on 4/9/2025 b.\$129.242 AGRICULTURAL c.\$77,002 COMMERCIAL d.\$720,058 RESIDENTIAL e.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE \$926,302

OF TAXABLE VALUE h.0 DISABLED VETERANS CREDITS

No person was in attendance. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the total true and full values for City of Bucyrus second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried

City of Haynes

a.City Equalization Held on 4/3/2025

b.\$74,477 AGRICULTURAL c.\$310,108 COMMERCIAL

d.\$711,883 RESIDENTIAL e.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE

\$1.096.468 f.TAXABLE VALUE: \$51,267

g.9 PARCELS WITH A HOME-STEAD CREDIT totaling \$7,037 of taxable value.

h.0 DISABLED VETERANS CREDITS

No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values for City of Haynes second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. City of Hettinger

a. Ćity Equalization Held on 4/9/2025

i.12 notices of increase sent out b.\$ 0 AGRICULTURAL

c.\$ 18,040,021 COMMERCIAL d.\$ 51,245,441 RESIDENTIAL e.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE

\$ 69,281,062 f.TAXABLE VALUE: \$ 3,207,838 g.104 PARCELS WITH A HOMESTEAD CREDIT totaling \$288,996 of taxable value. h.13 DISABLED VETERANS CREDITS totaling \$46,763 of

taxable value No person was in attendance. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the total true and full

values for City of Hettinger second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried

## City of Reeder

a.City Equalization scheduled on 4/8/2025, but Board failed to meet at scheduled date, and no citizens were present either a 2 notices of increases sent out b.\$95,141 AGRICULTURAL c.\$1,603,583 COMMERCIAL d.\$4,593,504 RESIDENTIAL e.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE \$6.292.228 f.TAXABLE VALUE: \$291,637

g.35 PARCELS WITH A HOME-CREDIT totaling TEAD \$47,273 of taxable value

h.6 PARCELS WITH A DIS-ABLED VETERANS CREDITS totaling \$6,072 of taxable value. No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values for City of Reeder second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried

ORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS

Beisigl Board failed to meet at scheduled date, no citizens were present a.\$ 9,299,703 AGRICULTURAL b.\$ 0 COMMERCIAL

c.\$ 0 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE: \$ 9,299,703

e.No homestead credits

f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the total true and full values for Beisigl Township second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

f.1 parcel with disabled veterans Bucvrus Township Board quo credit totaling \$4,562 of taxable

approve the total true and full values

for Cedar Township second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried Chandler

a.\$ 8,909,058 AGRICULTURAL b.\$ 0 COMMERCIAL

c.\$ 132,606 RESIDENTIAL

d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE: \$ 9,041,664

e.No homestead credits

f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values

for Chandler Township second by Commissioner Pagel by unanimous vote; motion carried. Clermont Board failed to appear at scheduled

time, no citizens were present a.\$ 7,947,038 AGRICULTURAL

b.\$ 59,522 COMMERCIAL

c.\$ 309,838 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE:

\$ 8,316,398

e.No homestead credits f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance.

Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the total true and full values for Clermont Township second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote;

motion carried. **Darling Springs** 

meeting was held April 2, 2025 a.\$ 8,204,820 AGRICULTURAL b.\$ 0 COMMERCIAL

c.\$ 411,704 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE:

\$ 8,616,524

e No homestead credits

f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values for Darling Springs Township second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Duck Creek

Meeting was April 19,2025 a.\$ 9,475,709 AGRICULTURAL

b.\$ 665,000 COMMERCIAL c.\$ 872,698 RESIDENTIAL

d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE:

\$ 11.013.407 e.1 homestead credit totaling \$847 of taxable value

f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the total true and full values for Duck Creek Township second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Gilstrap

Meeting was held April 14, 2025 a.\$ 9,277,973 AGRICULTURAL

b.\$ 0 COMMERCIAL

c.\$ 65,148 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE:

\$ 9,343,121 e.No homestead credits

f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values for Gilstrap Township second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Hettinger Township Board was not present for the scheduled meeting a.\$ 7,411,029 AGRICULTURAL

b.\$ 1,552,577 COMMERCIAL c.\$ 9,820,513 RESIDENTIAL

d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE: \$ 18,784,119 e 19 homestead credits totaling

\$62,931 of taxable value

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quote from Smart Computers & Consulting in the amount of \$1,068 was reviewed for the purchase of a Lenovo Thinkcentre computer. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the purchase, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Discussion was had on the employees at the road department still not obtaining the CDL as instructed to do. Mr. West shared his concern about having the employees continuously traveling to take the test with all the road work needs and questioned having them wait until winter months. Discussion was also had on the employees having to complete the required CDL on their own time

ROOSEVELT CUSTER RE-GIONAL COUNCIL: Shannon Ellig met with the Commission to share updates on Roosevelt Custer and the resources the Council has for the counties. The Wide-Open Wonder campaign was discussed. Ms. Ellig shared future projects and plans with Roosevelt Custer as well.

f.TAXABLE VALUE: \$42,702 g.HOMESTEAD CREDIT: 10 PARCELS TOTALING \$7,587

rum was not present and no citizen were present

a.\$ 9,300,615 AGRICULTURAL b.\$ 8,958,708 COMMERCIAL c.\$ 1,304,966 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE: \$ 19,564,289

e.No homestead credits

f.8 parcels with disabled veterans credits totaling \$22,500 of taxable value

No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values

#### for Bucvrus

Township second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

#### Cedar

a.\$ 8,896,347 AGRICULTURAL b.\$ 49,384 COMMERCIAL c.\$ 212,212 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE: \$ 9,157,943

e.1 parcel with homestead credit totaling \$4,500 of taxable value f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance Commissioner Pagel moved to

value

No person was in attendance. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the total true and full values

for Hettinger Township second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Lightning Creek Unaware of a meeting a.\$ 9,070,335 AGRICULTURAL b.\$ 0 COMMERCIAL c.\$ 101,124 RESIDENTIAL d.TOTAL TRUE & FULL VALUE: \$ 9.171.459

e.No homestead credits f.No disabled veterans credits No person was in attendance. Commissioner West moved to approve the total true and full values

for Lightning Creek Township second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

### Maine

Meeting held April 1, 2025 a.\$ 8,504,550 AGRICULTURAL

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