

Public Notice

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA
October 10, 2025
10:00 am

9:00am: Present: Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Nick Friez, Weed Control Board Mike Kelly Chairman, Kenny Fischer, Ron Martin, Weed Officer Kevin Price.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion was held on the 2026 Weed Control budget. Discussion was also held on equipment costs, spray truck issues, spraying, contract spraying, and spraying trees. Trees are not considered noxious weeds. Commissioner Tim Dronen joined the meeting. Trees in CRP was also discussed. Emergency Manager Loren Lang joined the meeting. Discussion was held on controlling weeds, getting extra help, spraying for NDDOT along state roads and needing extra approval from NDDOT for going over the allotted NDDOT budget. Discussion was also held on getting a second sprayer for the size of the county and the amount of spraying that needs to be done. Discussion was held on lowering the amount of the equipment line item and increasing the salary line item for a second sprayer. Discussion was held on commercial license and applicator license, employee training and license cost. Discussion held was also held on having a sprayer on the north end of the county and one on the south end of the county to cover the whole county. Trees in the right of way was discussed along with getting water for the sprayer at the county shops. Kelly, Fischer and Price left the meeting at 10:00am.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, October 10, 2025 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen, Nicholas Friez and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present. Also Present: Loren Lang Emergency Manager, Ron Martin Petersville Township, Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press.

Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Public Comment time: Ron Martin with Petersville Township discussed using the spinners on the blades and digging up rock on the road. Ridges on both sides of the road, spinner mow boards and straight mow boards were discussed. Guttering on the roads and hours were also discussed. Martin left the meeting.

2026 budget was discussed. Reductions were made.

Minutes of September 19, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Freiz moved to accept the minutes. Guthmiller seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

The agenda was reviewed. Dronen moved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Friez. Vote 3-0 motion passed.

Flexible Transportation Funding was discussed. Guthmiller called Wold Engineering concerning the Flex Funding.

Lang discussed pictures for FEMA road projects and needing before and after pictures for mitigation and required documentation. Lang left the meeting.

Road Crew winter hours were discussed. Winter hours will begin the first Monday, November 5th.

Carrie Truax and Jason Steidl joined the meeting.

State Fair Delagate was discussed. Sheriff Barry Vannatta joined the meeting. Vannatta handed in his reports and discussion held on the garage project. Sheriff Vannatta left the meeting.

NDSU Extension Agent Monica Fitterer joined the meeting regarding her quarterly report.

4-H Achievement Days went well. Fitterer is working with the Lego

League and has been checking on apple tree issues. Discussion was held on the upcoming fall 4-H banquet.

Discussion was held on the State Fair Delegate. Guthmiller made the motion to appoint Tim Dronen as the State Fair Delegate for Kidder County, seconded by Friez, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Fitterer said Sandra Dewald will be starting October 22nd as the new Admin/4-H Program Assistant. Fitterer left the meeting.

Kidder County Council on Aging profit and loss report was reviewed. Senior Services Director Lorrie Craven was called to answer some questions. Craven joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the 2024 report from Burleigh County Adult Resources Center. Discussion was held on profit & loss statements for previous years and nutrition and transit. Commission thanked Craven for coming to the meeting. Craven left the meeting.

ND Counties with Rail letter was discussed.

Recess for lunch 12:10pm

Resume from lunch 1:00pm. Commissioners Guthmiller, Dronen, Friez, Auditor Schoenhard present.

Delinquent Tax Foreclosure property for 2022 taxes was reviewed. Discussion was held on the property and amount of taxes owed.

Friez made the motion to set the sale price at \$4,613.88 for Lots 19 thru 24; Block 6 Original Plat - Tuttle City and the Appraisal Hearing will be November 14, 2025 at 1:00pm and the Foreclosure Tax Sale will be November 18, 2025, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, oppose, none, motion carried.

Monthly State Aid was reviewed and discussed. Guthmiller made the motion to leave the September State Aid in the General Fund, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

October bills were reviewed.

Courthouse Payroll:
Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board \$39,730.65
. Less WH 3,365.37, SS 3,130.75, ND St. Tax WH 130.05, Insurance 455.88, Deferred Compensation 2,075.00, FSA 100.00 \$30,437.60

Commissioner Approved Payroll:
General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, VSO, Co. Library: \$50,583.56
. Less WH 3,609.19, SS 3,976.46, ND St. Tax 85.47, Insurance 491.47, Deferred Compensation 1,800.00: \$40,620.97

Menards..... 31.98
Verizon..... 529.66
South Central Water District..... 40.60
Anne Craven..... 32.83
Barry Vannatta..... 50.00
BEK 927.76
Cenex Fleet Fueling 527.29
Chance Schaffner 900.00
Kidder County Ambulance..... 959.38
NDITD..... 1,085.55
Marlins Convenience Store 138.65
Matthew Bender & Co 504.60
Menards..... 195.37
National Assoc. of Counties..... 450.00
ND States Attorneys Assoc. 400.00
NRG 1,672.86
Office of Adjutant General 120.00
Pro Forms..... 410.73
Quill 65.77
Wilhelm Chev..... 116.21
WEX Health..... 70.00
Advanced Business Methods 11.24
City of Steele 318.47
Farmers & Merchants Oil Co.... 436.44
MDU 1,182.69
Steele Ozone 973.01
Beaver Creek Builders..... 18,300.00
Tappen Farm Supply 255.95
Anne Craven..... 331.53
Anne Craven..... 320.88
BEK Communications..... 175.86
City of Steele 92.16
Darwins Plumbing..... 150.00
Ingram Library Services..... 2,152.30
MDU 172.71
Centre, Inc..... 1,500.00
Stutsman Co Corrections 100.00
Monica Fitterer..... 407.33
All Pest Control..... 19,257.00
Tuttle Farmers Elevator 100.48
Northern Crane & Equip 817.87
Office of Adjutant General ... 11,331.03
Tyler Tech 350.56
Dennis Morlock..... 4,800.00
Triple M Services..... 7,200.00
Dewald Tire Sales & Service 300.00
Farmers & Merchants Oil Co 3,101.81
Farmers Union Oil - Pettibone 2,320.13
KEM Electric..... 103.94
North Central Rental..... 1,275.12
Marlins Convenience Store 467.61
RDO Equipment 4,487.64
Tappen Oil Company 1,364.08
Northern Plains Electric Coop 50.49
ShIPLEY Electric 349.22
Tappen Farm Supply 445.74
Triple M Services..... 32,724.00

Bonnie Fettig 1,847.00
Dennis Morlock..... 3,780.00

Friez made the motion to approve the October bills. Seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$2,390.00 September 2025.

Load Pass was discussed for overweight permits. Will bring more information.

NDACo and NDCCA County Tour will be October 15, 2025.

The NDACo Fall Conference will be held October 26th thru October 28th in Bismarck. Discussion held on the tour and conference.

V-Plow adapter for the Robinson shop blade was discussed. Falls doesn't make the adapter anymore. Friez made a motion to trade the old V-Plow for a new V-plow, seconded by Dronen, discussion as held on the adapter, trading out the V-plow, call for vote: all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. V-plow was ordered.

Trees in ditches was discussed.

Discussion was held on funding for tornado shelters.

Transfer of funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Kidder Road fund was reviewed and signed.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:15pm.

Read and approved this 14th day of November 2025.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

/s/ Jean Schoenhard,
County Auditor

December 2025 City Council MeetingMinutes of the City Council of Steele, North Dakota Held on December 8, 2025 In the Steele Community Building

Mayor Jon Harter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Jon Harter, Stuart Blotter, Jorey Kartes, Luke Reski, Jason Rutledge,

Josh Rode, Bob Anderson

Also Present: Leigh Nolan, Wendlin Rohrich, Norm Fries, April Rutledge

Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the agenda - Motion Carried

Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Josh Rode to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025, regular meeting – Motion Carried

Petition for street closure was tabled till the January meeting.

City employees reported on the water plant, new valves that were installed, purchasing of the tree pile, and equipment.

Wendlin Rohrich presented the police report.

Mary Rohrich presented the Community Coordinator report. A \$ 5,000.00 grant for upgrades to the restrooms at the Community Center was received.

Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Josh Rode to purchase a booster pack - Motion Carried

Motion by Josh Rode, seconded by Bob Anderson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 122 (trees) – Roll Call

Vote: Josh Rode yes, Luke Reski yes, Bob Anderson yes, Stuart Blotter yes, Jorey Kartes yes, Jason Rutledge yes – Motion Carried

Payment for Moore Engineering was denied. AJ Tuck will be invited to attend the January meeting.

Upgrades to heating thermostats at the Community Center was discussed.

Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Luke Reski to approve a gaming permit for the Steele Volunteer Fire District – Motion Carried

Motion by Bob Anderson, seconded by Josh Rode to approve liquor licenses for the AmVets, Depot, and Steele Grocery, a beer/wine license for H & H Enterprises, and beer licenses for the AmVets, Depot, and Steele Grocery – Motion Carried.

Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the financial report – Motion Carried.

Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Luke Reski to approve a transfer of up to \$ 20,000.00 from the sewer fund to the general fund – Motion Carried

Motion by Josh Rode, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve a 5% raise for Leigh Nolan, Jason Grzadzieleski, and Wendlin Rohrich, along with other increases: truck drivers to \$ 26.50/hr, custodial \$ 26.75/hr, judge \$ 300.00/month – Motion Carried

*Motion by Josh Rode, seconded by Stuart Blotter to approve \$ 1,500.00 bonuses for employees of street, water, police, and city office (employees can take the bonus in December or January), Back the Blue payment (provided by the state) of \$ 2,819.55 will be paid to Wendlin Rohrich – Motion Carried

Next meeting on January 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Motion by Josh Rode, seconded by Bob Anderson to adjourn – Motion Carried

Checks 16449-16487

General Fund
KEM.....\$ 196.94
MDU\$ 1,753.84
Salaries Less Deductions ...\$ 8,563.71
Verizon.....\$ 84.56
Hetland Law Office\$ 387.00
Information Technology\$ 18.50
ADI Supply.....\$ 18.31
Blue 360 Media\$ 90.95
Ecolab.....\$ 98.39
Karen Brandt\$ 44.48
Choice Bank\$ 8,000.00

Water Department
MDU\$ 1,763.44
Hawkins\$ 4,054.24
Salaries Less Deductions\$ 5,862.17
ND One Call\$ 17.40
DSG\$ 10,174.51
ND Dept of Health\$ 292.08
Highmark Dirtworks\$ 3,700.00
Bank of ND\$ 7,457.68
Cole Papers.....\$ 1,538.60
Northland Boring.....\$ 700.00

Sewer Department
MDU\$ 123.36

Garbage Department
Myron Strom.....\$ 17,083.42
Gary Magstadt.....\$ 333.33

Street Department
Salaries Less Deductions ...\$ 7,004.41
Visa/Northland\$ 478.48
Lang's Lawn Care.....\$ 1,000.00
Steele Farmers Elevator.....\$ 100.00
Countryside Designs\$ 69.99
Strom Sewer.....\$ 160.00
Sanitation Products\$ 827.92
Sayler Excavating.....\$ 1,396.00

Sales Tax Department
MDU\$ 11.09

/s/ Jon Harter
Mayor
/s/ Norm Fries
City Auditor

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We are once again in the midst of the NewsMatch campaign. If we can raise \$15,000 in November and December, national funders have pledged to match that amount.

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Area Church Schedules

STEELE CHURCHES:
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 25th Christmas Day 9:00 a.m

Trinity Lutheran Church
Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

DAWSON CHURCHES:
Dawson Lutheran Church
Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

TAPPEN CHURCHES:
St. Paul's Catholic Church
Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 4:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve. 4:00 p.m

St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod)
Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch. 26 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m. Sundays
Tappen Cornerstone Church
Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:
Faith Evangelical Church
Rev.Mike Kraemer,Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00 a.m.

MEDINA CHURCHES:
St. Mary's Catholic
Father Peter Sharpe. 2nd and 3rd Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; 4th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1st and 5th Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 25th Christmas Day 11:00 a.m

Grace Emmanuel United Church.
Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

TUTTLE CHURCHES:
English Lutheran Church
Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 a.m.; Communion, 3rd Sunday and Festival Days;
Tuttle Community Church
Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am .

ROBINSON CHURCHES:
Bethany Lutheran Church
Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.

PETTIBONE CHURCHES:
Our Savior's Luthaan Church
104 Main St. N. Pettibone. Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays 8:30 am
Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth
Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service 1st. & 3rd Sundays 8:30 am.
STREETER CHURCHES:
Hope Ebenezer Church
Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

STERLING CHURCHES:
United Methodist
Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45

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