

# Public Notice

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE,  
NORTH DAKOTA  
November 14, 2025  
10:00am**

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, November 14, 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: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering, Joelle Vanderlinden Load Pass, Sheriff Barry Vannatta. Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Rivinius came to the table. Discussion was held on the updated Kidder County Road Summary and went over the history of the county roads. Flexible Transportation Funding was discussed. Discussion was held on SRF (Special Road Funding) to see what the county would like to submit for a funding project. Discussion was held on the 5 miles south of Tappen at about \$250,000.00 at an 80/20 split and could also submit for graveling.

Discussion was also held on the Dawson Road. The board agreed to submit the SRF Grant for 5 miles of chip seal for Tappen south road.

Joelle Vanderlinden with Road Pass an overweight permitting program joined the table. Vanderlinden gave a presentation. Vanderlinden stated if the county would sign up there is no fee for townships to sign up. Dronen made a motion to join Load Pass Permitting System for Kidder County, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on who will approve the permits, permits will be per unit, training. Call for a vote: all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Load Pass will need a map for 80,000lbs and road names. Vanderlinden left the meeting. Rivinius left the meeting. Discussion was held on who will approve the permits. Guthmiller made a motion to assign the Auditor, Treasurer and Sheriff to approve the permits, seconded by Dronen, Discussion was held on having the Auditor, Treasurer and Sheriff approving the permits. Treasurer Vickie Murray was asked to the meeting and was asked if she would help approve permits, she agreed, Murray left the meeting call for a vote: all in favor to have the Auditor, Treasurer and Sheriff approve the Load Pass permits, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Treasurer left the meeting.

Sheriff Vannatta handed in his reports and gave an update on the garage project. Vannatta left the meeting.

Discussion was held on a part time weed sprayer.

Minutes of October 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Friez moved to accept the minutes. Dronen seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

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

States Attorney Eric Hetland joined the meeting. Discussion was held on a letter received from Adam Parker concerning the Ambulance District. Discussion was also held on the Council of Aging packet the county received.

Recess for lunch 12:20pm  
Resume from lunch 1:00pm all Commissioners present, Auditor Schoenhard present.

Monthly State Aid was reviewed and discussed. Dronen made a motion to retain \$20,000.00 in the General Fund and transfer \$25,873.00 to the Building Improvement Fund, seconded by Friez, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Upcoming Six County Regional Commissioners December 11, 2025 in Linton, meeting was discussed.

Prairie Meadows temporary liquor license transfers from the Ivory House to the Prairie Meadows Event Center were discussed. Friez made the motion to approve the six liquor license transfers from the Ivory House to the Prairie Meadows Event Center, seconded by Dronen, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Update was given on the Kidder County Township Officers meeting.

Centre Community Service Contract was reviewed and discussed. Friez made the motion to approve the 2026 contract, seconded by Dronen, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

1:00pm Foreclosure Property Appraisal hearing: no one attending the hearing.

Thanksgiving closure will be November 28th and 29th. Christmas closure will be December 24th closing at noon and closed on December 25th . The board also agreed to close on Friday December 26th.

2026 Commissioner meeting dates were discussed. The board agreed the meetings will be on the 2nd Friday of the month starting at 9:00am.

The mandatory CEG/WSI meeting was discussed.

Discussion was held on graveling. November 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 Com-	
pen-sation 2,075.00, FSA 100.00 .....	
... \$30,473.60	
Commissioner Approved Payroll:	
General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co.	
Agent, VSO, Co. Library: .....	
.. \$46,944.47	
Less WH 2,802.18, SS 3,698.08,	
ND St. Tax 5.99,	
Insurance 491.47, Deferred Com-	
pen-sation 1,800.00, .....	
... \$38,146.75	
Choice Financial .....	19,622.22
Susanna Ongstad .....	75.00
WEX Bank .....	325.68
Verizon .....	432.01
Cardmember Services .....	2,195.35
South Central Water District .....	42.40
Steele Auto Body .....	727.00
Advanced Business Methods .....	823.39
BEK .....	928.12
Electronic Communications .....	190.00
Everspring Inn .....	660.00
Extra Packaging LLC .....	79.64
NDITD .....	1,085.55
Marlins Convenience Store .....	178.51
National Assoc. of Counties .....	1,260.00
Strom Sanitation .....	942.00
Wex Health .....	70.00
City of Steele .....	310.20
Farmers & Merchants Oil Co .....	
.....	3,051.70
Master Fire & Safety .....	930.98
MDU .....	1,166.10
Beaver Creek Builders .....	5,200.00
Farmers & Merchants Oil Co .....	22.98
Highmark Dirtworks .....	250.00
Tappen Farm Supply .....	185.07
Advanced Business Methods .....	113.14
Anne Craven .....	483.04
Beaver Creek Builders .....	15,650.00
Bek Communications .....	175.90
City of Steele .....	92.16
DEMCO .....	3.68
Ingram Library Services .....	1,160.96
MDU .....	15.29
Quill .....	187.31
Creative Product Source .....	539.68
NDSU Extension Service .....	5,780.63
ND Assoc. of Ag Agents .....	75.00
ND Assoc of 4-H Youth Workers .....	100.00
Monica Fitterer .....	1,157.30
Sandra Dewald .....	64.91
Kidder County Fair Assoc. .....	225.00
Tuttle Farmers Elevator .....	125.75
Hoffer Landscaping .....	10,611.07
RJ Dirt Worx .....	1,109.70
Arena Welding & Manufacturing .....	8.13
Butler .....	570.00
City of Robinson .....	360.00
Farmers Union Oil - Pettibone .....	
.....	3,560.63
General Equip & Supplies .....	1,618.50
Hoffer Landscaping .....	10,134.42
Josh Jensen .....	150.00
KEM Electric .....	297.67
Marlins Convenience Store .....	669.23
Northern Plains Electric Coop .....	107.89
RDO Equipment .....	4,826.14
Saylor Excavating & Gravel .....	32,908.75
Strom Sanitation .....	409.50
Tappen Farm Supply .....	184.35

Tappen Oil Company .....3,797.62  
Tappen Oil & Tire Company.....  
.....1,314.42  
Triple M Services.....1,032.00  
Choice Financial .....19,622.22  
WEX Bank .....248.55

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

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$2,655.50  
October 2025. County Sheriff: \$332.60  
September 2025, \$477.80 October 2025.

Discussion as held on road maintenance, mowing ditches, and harrows. Incident trailer was discussed. Update the old Emergency trailer to make an operational command center. Board agreed to update the old emergency trailer for and operational command center in case of an emergency. Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press joined the meeting.

Waterboard and Stutsman County Water update: Stutsman County relieved all of the waterboard members. Kidder County Commission would like to see the Kidder County Waterboard increased to five members instead of three members. Discussion was held.

States Attorney Eric Hetland, Ken Rensch Goldstar Solutions LLC and Attorney Adam Parker with Werfel, Moore & Kelly Law Group joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on 35th St SE joining Stutsman County and Kidder County. Snow removal, maintaining, and charging for services were discussed.

Lorrie Craven, Kathy Fallgatter and Mona Thompson joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on the county selling culverts.

Ken Rensch and Adam Parker joined the table. Discussion was held on the Kidder County Ambulance Service and Ambulance EMS District financials. Discussion was also held on write-offs, accounts receivables, services vs write off differences and billing services. In the future services and district may get rolled into one district. Parker discussed the ambulance service nonprofit statis, who was elected to the board in the 90's, 2016 election to increase to 10 mills, moving forward with the district and service and the possibility of rolling the service into the district if the two boards agree. Burleigh County tax dollars were discussed and the notice of increasing to 15 mills. Parker said the possibility of the two entities becoming one and then the ambulance service would dissolve the nonprofit to the district, if both boards agree to the merger to become one. Rensch told the Commission he does a lot of budgets for ambulances. Discussion was held on payment of tax dollars and the 15 mills that was requested by the Kidder County ambulance. Rensch, Parker, Fallgatter, Craven and Thompson left the meeting.

Dennis Agnew and Trisha Fossem Agnew met with the Commission regarding developing Tract 17-4 with shop condos. They have applied for conditional use permit with the zoning & planning board due to the living quarters in the shops. Discussion was held on the approach into the property and the project. Agnew's left the meeting.

With no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm

Read and approved this 12th day of December 2025.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
/s/ Jean Schoenhard,  
County Auditor

## STATEMENT OF CLAIM OF MINERAL INTERESTS

Under the provisions of Chapter 38-18.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned does have, own and claim to be the owner of an undivided interest in and to the oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, coal, clay, sand and gravel, uranium and other minerals of any kind and nature, unless otherwise noted, underlying the real estate described below in Kidder County, North Dakota.

Township 137N-R74W  
Section 31: NW/4

FURTHER, that the undersigned desires to preserve such interest as reflected in the office of the County Recorder of said County, and do not intend to abandon the same. The name and address of the owner is:

Stacey Leier Gluck, Trustee of the Stacey Leier Gluck Family Land Trust  
5676 Longs Peak St.  
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