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ATTENTION EMMONS COUNTY SOYBEAN PRODUCERS: CAST YOUR BALLOT NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL ELECTION

The ND Soybean Council’s election for your County Representative will take place by mail ballot in March 2026. In March, newly elected county representatives will select a board member of the ND Soybean Council.

On or about February 17, 2026, the ND Soybean Council will mail each soybean grower of record in the county an election ballot. For your vote to count, ballots must be filed with the County Extension Agent of the above-named county. The ballot can be hand delivered or mailed to the agent. For your vote to count, the County Extension Agent must receive the ballot by March 5, 2026, or your mailed-in ballot must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2026. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your Emmons County Extension Agent at 701-254-4811 or the ND Soybean Council at 701-566-9300 to obtain one.

A producer is defined as: “any person that plants or causes to be planted a soybean crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with intent that upon maturity, the crop will be harvested; will have met the requirements of the above stated during the next available growing season or has met these requirements during the immediately preceding growing season. The term does not include an organic producer that has been exempted from the payment of assessments in accordance with federal law.”

(02-12-2026)

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is given that on March 10, 2026, an election will be held for the purpose of electing two members of the board of directors for the Horsehead Irrigation District. The election will be held by mail ballot. Notice is further given that any elector desiring to have the elector’s name appear on the ballot must file a request in writing with the secretary of the district, Larry Umber, Jr. 9300 Hwy 1804, Linton, ND 58552, by February 18, 2026.

(02-12-2026)

NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emmons County Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. at the Emmons County Courthouse (auditorium), Linton, ND to consider the application for a conditional use permit submitted by Cavendish Farms, Inc. to construct, operate, or maintain the following: The Linton Sea View Farm (SVF) storage project will create a new storage facility three miles South and three miles West of Linton, North Dakota. The new storage facility will consist of constructing four 5 million pound environmentally controlled warehouses, two fan houses, and a permanent truck scale on recently acquired undeveloped land adjacent to Linton SVF farmland. The project will include construction of one mile of roadway from the proposed storage site to 84th Street S.E. Project location primary site: 22 acres in southwest corner of SE4 of Section 26, Township 132, Range 77 (potato storage buildings, septic system). Secondary site: truck scale & scale house in southeast corner of SW4 of Section 26, Township 132, Range 77. Roadway to be constructed from primary site to 84th St. SE. Parcel

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No(s): 28000003906000(bldgs.), 28000003905000(scale) in a zoned agricultural district.

Marlys Ohlhauser
Secretary Emmons County Planning and Zoning Commission
(02-12-2026)(02-19-2026)

NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emmons County Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. at the Emmons County Courthouse (auditorium), Linton, ND to consider the application for a conditional use permit submitted by Network Connex for IIG to construct, operate, or maintain the following: Install new fenced gravel compound, (2) new prefabricated equipment shelters, (2) new generators, (1) new CT rated meter with test switch and 400A fused disconnect, new conduit and conductors for power to factory installed ATS and panels in shelters. The project location is Lots 3-4 & S2 SW4 Less PAR #44, Section 2, Township 132, Range 77, parcel #28-0000-03807-000, in a zoned agricultural district.

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Secretary Emmons County Planning and Zoning Commission
(02-12-2026)(02-19-2026)

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2026

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, called the reorganizational meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present.

Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, opened nominations for the 2026 Chairman. Commissioner Vander Vorst nominated Commissioner Materi. Commissioner Gartner nominated Commissioner Miller. The Commission voted by paper ballot and Commissioner Materi, receiving the highest number of votes, was declared Chairman for 2026.

Chairman Materi opened nominations for the 2026 Vice Chairman. Commissioner Gartner nominated

Commissioner Miller. Commissioner Miller nominated Commissioner Gartner. The Commission voted by paper ballot and Commissioner Miller, receiving the highest number of votes, was declared Vice Chairman for 2026.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025 regular meeting and the December 17, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum noted that the City of Hazelton is doing a pavement project and the county should consider paving the township road by Missouri Valley Ag while the paving company is in town, or just reduce that road back to gravel.

Old and Unfinished Business:
Commissioner Magrum motioned to

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approve the request from the Emmons County Weed Board for increasing the board members pay by \$50.00 per meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Brief discussion was held regarding the merger for the Linton City Municipal Airport and how the board is structured. The Board is waiting for a meeting to be planned.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to sell the 2013 Ford Explorer “out on bids”. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on amending the county’s haul road agreement to include a daily rate fee.

Budget clarity was given that the new salary structure plan that was adopted is still keeping the county in line with the 3% cap requirement.

New Business:
Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint the following officers for a one-year term effective January 1, 2026:
Director of Tax Equalization – Christina Seppanen
VA Officer – Brad Huber
Risk Manager – Marlys Ohlhauser
911 Coordinator – Gary Sanders
Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Joey Kalberer, Tim Weber and John Deboer to the Emmons County Water Resource Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Gary Griffin to the Emmons County Public Health Board for a five-year term effective August 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”:

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Andy Hulm to the Emmons County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”:

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to appoint James Vander Vorst to the South Country Human Service Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”:

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Corbley Ogren to the Emmons County Committee Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”:

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned authorizing the Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the County Deeds conveying the county’s interest in tax deed property as follows:

City of Linton – The West Fifty Feet (W 50’) of Lot Twelve (12), Block Six (6), Seeman’s First Addition to Linton, Emmons County, North Dakota.

City of Hazelton – Lot Twelve (12), Block Three (3), Roop’s First Addition to Hazelton, Emmons County, North Dakota.

City of Hazelton – East Ten Foot (10”) strip of the South One-Half (S ½) of Lot Eleven (11) and All of Lot Twelve (12), Block Eight (8), Original Town of Hazelton, Emmons County, North Dakota.

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

VA Officer, Brad Huber, appeared and gave his quarterly report. Presented was an image of a rotating wall mount for the Veterans pictures in the courthouse auditorium.

Acacia Stuckle and Nancy Deis, Extension Agents, provided a quarterly narrative report.

Commissioner Miller volunteered to be assigned the portfolio for the Emmons County Extension Agents, and will participate in their performance reviews.

Russell Lawlor, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update on activities for the county road department. The Strasburg County Shop project is coming

along. The department is performing general equipment maintenance on the blades and trucks and installing a quick coupler on the excavator. They are also going to be working on a few rip rap projects.

The agenda included an opportunity for an individual in attendance to provide public comment pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2180.

Director of Tax Equalization, Christina Seppanen, presented the 2026 agricultural land valuations provided by the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department of the North Dakota State University. NDSU calculated the statewide average values per acre with the following results:

Cropland \$868.78
Non-cropland \$149.37
All agricultural land \$644.22
Emmons County’s average value per acre for the year 2026 is as follows:
Cropland \$883.33
Non-cropland \$151.69
All agricultural land \$643.71
North Dakota Century Code ruling requires County’s to be within a tolerance level of 90% - 100% on their agricultural land values determined by the North Dakota State University Agricultural Economics Department.

Christina Seppanen recommended a 97% tolerance level as previous increases are moving the county closer to the state average. After discussion, Commissioner Magrum motion to maintain a 96% tolerance level, decreasing the average value per acre by .62%. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Clark Roth appeared and stated that he’s circulating a petition to annex property out of the City of Braddock into the county which included a couple of homes on Lots 2-4, Block 3, Betzers Addition Braddock and Lots 7-8, Block 3, Betzers V. Add Lots 5-6, Block 4 & All Blocks 5-7 Betzer’s vacated addition, Braddock, Section 27, Township 136, Range 75, and asked the Commissioners if they would consider signing the petition.

After discussion the Commission concluded that they would not sign the petition.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to amend the 2025 appropriations in the county road and bridge fund by \$4,273.52, Flex funding by \$307,425.77, State Revenue by \$40,441.02, County Vehicle by \$3,512.72 and the auditorium fund by \$49,640.20. seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0014-00804-000 for tax year 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Jack McCrory to construct a grain bin on tract of land in the N 2/3 of the NW ¼, East of Highway and West of RR Less Tract, Section 20, Township 132, Range 76 contingent upon approval by Josh Odden that the setbacks are following zoning ordinances.

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0008-00582-000 for tax year 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

As advertised, at 5:30 P.M., a public hearing was held to receive public comment and direction on proposed Resolution 25-12-01 to adopt amended conditional use permit process and form, and to dissolve industrial conditional use permit.

Chairman Materi opened the public hearing asking for public comment.

Mandy Olson commented that her only issue with the resolution is that any entrepreneurship or small business type that’s going to need a conditional use permit would need the \$500,000 surety bond that’s now required, and the 3% total cost of the project application fee may not be affordable.

David Moch recommended that the

resolution include surveying, that all projects are required to be surveyed according to state law. Commissioner Miller suggested that surveying be done prior to applying for a permit.

Kevin Bernhardt questioned if the \$750.00 application fee applies to building permits and approaches, where the Commission made clear that this fee would only apply to projects needing a conditional use permit.

Holly Will suggested that the fee structure should read non-refundable.

Following the public hearing, Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the amended Resolution 25-12-01 and the amended application for the Conditional Use Permit with the amendment that the county requires 10% cost of construction bond requirement in place of the \$500,000, and the amendments that all fees made to the county are non-refundable under the fee structure. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”:

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – \$108,529.61
Highway Tax - \$65,456.32

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

50726 MDU Utilities.....141.19
50760 Acme Tools, Inc. Tools.....324.79
50761 Advanced Business Methods Extension Copier Contract.....367.37
50762 Appert Land Enterprise Tools and Supplies.....3,130.00
50763 Baker Township Road Maintenance.....203.93
50764 Balco Uniform, Inc. Uniforms and Accessories.....145.01
50765 Beastron Oil Co. Propane.....5,611.49
50766 Braaten Law Firm Legal Services.....320.00
50767 Burleigh Morton Detention Center Prisoner Billing.....4,300.00
50768 Butler Machinery Co. Parts/Labor.....4,706.29
50769 Central Dakota Frontier Coop Batteries/Gas.....332.49
50770 CHS, Inc. Propane.....828.30
50771 Circle H. Lumber Material.....1,750.69
50772 Cole Papers, Inc. Supplies.....205.33
50773 Custom Truck Accessories Tool Box/Wheel Harness.....1,212.85
50774 Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. Service.....223.20
50775 Dakota Dynamics HR Contract.....400.00
50776 Dockter’s Blacksmith Service.....289.11
50777 Emmons County Record Publishing and Envelopes.....1,039.92
50778 Emmons County Treasurer Supplies.....49.09
50779 Emmons County Treasurer Specials on Strasburg County Shop.....756.12
50780 Fed Ex Service.....39.89
50781 Fireside Office Products Supplies.....93.05
50782 Harry Petrie Library Contribution.....2,500.00
50783 Jack’s Electric & Trenching Service.....201.18
50784 Jerome Distributing, Inc. Water Refills.....99.50
50785 Jochim Construction Labor.....8,627.77
50786 Johnson, Steven & Francine Easement.....1,000.00
50787 Keller’s Hardware Supplies.....984.83
50788 Lewis & Clark Regional Dev. Dues.....5,359.79
50789 Lexipol, LLC Manuals.....5,744.56
50790 Linton Auto Parts Parts.....677.64
50791 Magrum Excavating & Plumbing Service.....375.00
50792 Martin Oil Co. Gas.....3,848.83
50793 Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. ND Century Code Updates.....174.61
50794 MDU Utilities.....2,435.23
50795 Mosset Welding, LLC Metal.....45.36
50796 Mudge, Travis Easement.....760.00
50797 NACO Dues.....450.00
50798 ND911 Association Dues..100.00
50799 ND County Auditor’s & Treasurer’s Dues.....400.00
50800 ND County Commissioners Assoc. Dues.....1,775.00
50801 NDACO Resources Group IT Support.....2,456.00
50802 New Vision Security, LLC Fire Alarm Monitor.....330.00
50803 Nodak True Value Parts/Supplies.....771.99