

Hettinger County Commission proceedings

APPROVED MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS December 10, 2025

Chairman Tom Geerts called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. with roll call of commissioners with Todd Lutz and Devan Laufer attending. Also attending, Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Lutz motioned to approve the minutes from the two November meetings, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried. Lutz motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried.

Each of the commissioners reported on their other boards or committees they are on.

Laufer made a motion to approve the following vouchers, Lutz seconding the motion. Roll Call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. These bills are included below:

16794 Brosz Engineering, Inc. \$955.00; 16795 Butler Machinery Co. \$380.00; 16796 City of Mott \$209.25; 16797 Consolidated \$1,000.09; 16798 Corey Warner \$12,265.74; 16799 Crane & Merriman, P.C. \$115.70; 16800 Dakota Dust-Tex \$317.35; 16801 Dakota West Inspection Services \$2,723.75; 16802 Department of Transportation \$1,158.50; 16803 Eido Printing \$1,089.00;

16804 Elliott Finck \$224.97; 16805 Frieze Auto Parts, Inc. \$106.67; 16806 GS Publishing \$333.73; 16807 H.A. Thompson & Sons \$4,235.58; 16808 Heather Fischer \$16.64; 16809 Information Technology Dept. \$927.60; 16810 International Asso. Of Assessing Officer \$255.00; 16811 Janine Wangsvick \$585.40; 16812 Lawson Products Inc \$1,505.92; 16813 Logan Nisly \$146.99; 16814 M.D. U. \$3,084.48; 16815 Marco \$176.49; 16816 Mason Friedt \$400.00; 16817 Mott Equity Exchange \$1,009.38; 16818 Sheila Steiner \$111.70; 16819 Slope Electric Coop \$251.29; 16820 Southwest Diesel & Repair \$297.20; 16821 Southwest Grain \$363.28; 16822 Southwest Water Authority \$56.62; 16823 Stein's, Inc. \$253.17; 16824 SW Multi-Co. Correction Center \$46,169.60; 16825 The Sidwell Company \$325.00; 16826 Todd Lutz \$35.00; 16827 U.S. Postal Service (Quadien-Poc) \$2,500.00; 16828 Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. \$7,690.00; 16829 Visa \$1,850.01; 16830 AT&T Mobility \$783.71; 16831 Cenex Fleet Fueling \$1,367.95; 16832 Dan Porter Motors \$127.51; 16833 Information Technology Dept. \$321.00; 16834 ND 911 Association \$100.00; 16835 NDACO Resources Group \$85.00; 16836 Office of Attor-

ney General \$300.00; 16837 The Hub Convenience Stores \$694.92; 16838 Visa \$2,882.47; 16839 West River Veterinary Clinic, P.C. \$130.00; 16840 Axon Enterprise, Inc. \$63,202.35.

Cathy Ebert, Tax Director, Heather Fischer, County Agent, Kyle DeMark, Emergency Manager and Sheriff Warner met with the commissioners to give their monthly reports.

DeMark, Emergency Manager, presented the commissioners with **Hettinger County Amendment to Floodplain Ordinance to: Section 1.0 Statutory Authorization, The Board of Commissioners of Hettinger County, North Dakota** does hereby amend its floodplain management ordinance as follows: **1.1 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION** The Legislature of the State of North Dakota has in North Dakota Century Code, Chapters 40-05, 11-11 and 58-06, delegated responsibility to local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry. Lutz motioned to approve the 1st reading, 2nd by Laufer. Roll call followed with all in favor, motion carried.

DeMark also presented the Fire Emergency & Burn Restrictions Rescind for Hettinger County. Laufer made the mo-

tion to rescind, seconded by Lutz. All in favor, motion carried.

Sheriff Warner discussed that she has funds available to pay the balance off this year for the security cameras. Laufer motioned to approve the payment when the payoff amount is received, seconded by Lutz. All in favor, motion carried.

The board looked into the holiday schedule for the county staff to put into the employee manual. Laufer made the motion to approve the following: If the 4th of July or Christmas (December 25th) falls on a Thursday, the following Friday shall also be observed as a holiday. If Christmas (December 25th) falls on a Tuesday, the preceding Monday will also be observed as a holiday. This motion also includes that the day after Thanksgiving, which is a Friday, is a half day, (as offices close at noon) and staff may use vacation which may cause the courthouse to be closed the day after Thanksgiving. Elected officials must know ahead of time so that the public is aware. This motion was seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his monthly report. Finck reported that after reviewing his budget left for the year, he would like to pay off the balance owed on the 2022 motor grader and the 2020 semi-truck

amending his 2025 Budget. Laufer motioned to approve, seconded by Lutz. All in favor, motion carried.

Finck also would like to move the amount paid in the gravel crushing fund to the Prairie Dog fund, which would also amend his 2025 budget. Lutz made the motion to approve, seconded by Laufer. All in favor motion carried.

The commissioners reorganized for the next year. Laufer

motioned to appoint Lutz as Chairperson, seconded by Geerts. All voted aye, motion carried. Lutz motioned to appoint Laufer as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Geerts. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further information to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:
Jeri G. Schmidt, AUDITOR
Tom Geerts, CHAIRMAN
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ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STATUTES AND ADOPTION OF NFPA 70 2026 EDITION NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to North Dakota Administrative Code Title 24.1 at:

1929 N Washington St #A-1
Bismarck, N.D.
Wed, February 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. CT

A copy of the proposed rules and amendments may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Electrical Board, PO Box 7335, Bismarck, ND 58507 or by calling 701-328-9522. Written comments may be submitted to this address until March 9, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special assistance, please contact NDSEB at the above telephone number or address at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2026.
/s/ James Schmidt
Executive Dir. of NDSEB