

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, Pc \$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 (Quadiant-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 Attorney General \$300.00; 16837 The Hub Convenience Stores \$694.92; 16838 Visa \$2,882.47; 16839 West River Veterinary Clinic, Pc \$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 it 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 motion 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
Published 1/22/26

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MOTT CITY COUNCIL
January 12, 2026
Preliminary**

The Council met for their monthly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026. Present were Mayor Mosbrucker, Council members Steiner, Treichel, J. Messmer, K. Messmer, and Johnson. Wangsvick joined via Zoom. Superintendent Brian Steinke, Luann Dart, Grant Dockter, Randy Reich and Sheriff Warner were also present. All motions are carried, unless otherwise stated.

Treichel moved and J. Messmer seconded the approval of the December 2025 City Council Minutes.

Johnson moved and Treichel seconded the police report for December. There were 22 calls for service, zero 9-1-1 calls and investigations included: Child neglect & abuse, domestic dispute, and helping out another agency twice. The City asked if the Sheriff to tag cars to get them off the street.

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything they wanted to discuss other than what is on the agenda. Randy Reich wanted it noted for the record that he believes that Churches should have been exempt from Special Assessments. The Mayor informed him that if someone from the churches had voiced that concern at the public hearings about the Special Assessments, they would have taken it under advisement, unfortunately no one came to those public hearings.

Grant from Moore Engineering stopped in to share that the Emergency Water Main replacement was done except for the Final Pay Application. The Water Meter Replacement project is also done except for a couple of details, and also release the retainage. Steiner moved and Wangsvick seconded approval of Tand's Application for Payment #3.

The City has a couple of CDs that mature in January. Wangsvick moved and K. Messmer seconded the following directions: CD 2000633 for \$294,857.38 will be rolled into a 91 day CD so it is available to pay for the Street Loan payment due on 5/1/26. CD 2000634 with a balance of \$289,665.27 will be rolled into a 60 month CD.

NDIRF sent a report to the City regarding the coverage on our current buildings. Our Armory is currently insured for a \$2.9 million. NDIRF suggests that the current cost to replace would be \$3.1 million and suggests we raise our coverage

to that. The Gallery is currently insured for \$1.2 million and suggests raising that to \$1.6 million. On the other side we have 3 lift station buildings that are over insured because of below ground equipment, but the NDIRF will not insure the equipment that is below ground, so those amounts were dropped to cover the cost of building replacement only. The net effect was an increase of \$400 per year. J.Messmer moved and Treichel seconded following the changes the NDIRF presented.

K. Messmer moved and Steiner seconded naming the Commercial Bank of Mott as the City's depositor.

J. Messmer moved and Johnson seconded the first reading of required FEMA updates to the Flood Plan Management Ordinance. The ordinance is 10 pages long and there were no changes to fees or fines. All changes detailed new guidelines for building in approved flood plain regions.

The sewer lagoon pump has been rebuilt and reinstalled in the lift station. Treichel moved and Johnson seconded the approval to buy a welder for \$1500.00

Dave Adams resigned and his last day was December 26th. J. Messmer moved and K. Messmer seconded placing an advertisement for a part-time (up to 30 hours weekly) city worker. The ad will be placed in the Eido and The Hettinger County Herald.

K. Messmer moved and Treichel seconded a sports pool permit for the Class of 2027 parents.

J. Messmer moved and Treichel seconded the approval of the bills as presented:

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Preliminary**

The amount of \$25,597.23 in salaries and deductions were paid as authorized; #41926 M&O Sanitation \$4640.00; #41927 Visa \$1890.18; #41928 Linda Lindeman \$112.50; #41931 Arntson, Steward, and Wegner \$6570.73; #41932 Cardinal Insurance \$421.00; #41933 Consolidated Telcom \$224.14; #41934 Dakota Dust-Tex \$89.40; #41935 Dakota Pump & Control \$3262.00; #41936 Dan's HVAC \$274.0; #41937 Dave Adams \$1883.96; #41938 DMC Wear Parts \$2384.00; #41939 Fisher Sand & Gravel \$694.84; #41940 Fitterer Sales \$461.76; #41941 Frieze Auto Parts \$160.95; #41942 Hi-Acres \$2000.00; #41943 Integrity Enterprises \$4108.64; #41944 KAT & Company \$750.00; #41945 Kerry Mosbrucker \$140.00; #41946 Linde Gas & Equipment \$224.95; #41947 M&O Sanitation \$3882.60; #41948 MDU \$6178.50; #41949 Mid America Research Co \$2205.77; #41950 Moore Engineering \$22,498.30; #41951 Mott Armory \$640.00; #41952 Mott Equity Exchange \$146.12; #41953 Mott Lions Club \$70.00; #41954 Mott Park District \$19206.99; #41955 ND One Call \$3.00; #41956 Playhouse Theater \$4000.00; #41957 RDO \$809.36; #41958 SW Water Authority \$8,267.91; #41959 Stelter Repair \$406.64; #41960 SW Dist Health \$50.00; #41961 Tand Construction \$385,035.46; #41962 WSI \$1784.17.

Steiner moved and Johnson seconded going into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue.

J. Messmer moved and Steiner seconded adjourning the Executive Session with no action to be taken at this time.

J. Messmer moved to adjourn the meeting and Johnson seconded.

ATTEST:
Pamela Steinke, Auditor
Troy Mosbrucker, Mayor

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MOTT ZONING BOARD
January 12, 2026
Preliminary**

The Board met for their monthly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026. Present were Board members Steiner, Treichel, J. Messmer, K. Messmer and Johnson. Wangsvick joined via Zoom. Troy Mosbrucker was also present. All motions are carried, unless otherwise stated.

K. Messmer called the meeting to order.

J. Messmer moved and Treichel seconded the approval of the December 2025 minutes.

Treichel moved and Johnson seconded the approval of the following building permits: (J. and K. Messmer both abstained).

Shelby Miller – Garage Move

J. Messmer moved and Treichel seconded adjourning the meeting.

ATTEST:
Pamela Steinke, Auditor
Mick Wangsvick, President
Published 1/22 /26

**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

ATTENTION

BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Hettinger County will take place on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 5:30 PM (MT) at the Mott Armory, 507 Brown Ave, in Mott, ND. Elections will be in conjunction with the Hettinger County Crop/Livestock Improvement annual meeting.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to play 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.