

Hettinger County proceedings

MEETING OF HETTINGER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS March 11, 2026

Chairman Todd Lutz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with roll call of commissioners with Devan Laufer and Tom Geerts attending. Also attending, Jeri Schmidt, Auditor; Cameo Frieze, Deputy Auditor; and Elliott Finck, Road Supervisor.

Geerts motioned to approve the minutes from the regular commissioners meeting on February 11, 2026, and the special commissioner meeting on February 27, 2026, seconded by Laufer. All in favor, motion carried. Laufer moved to approve the agenda with two changes, seconded by Geerts. 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, Geerts seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. These bills are included below:

16986 Dana Solley \$111.27; 16987 NDEMA \$50.00; 16988 Bismarck Holiday Inn Express & Suites \$110.00; 16989 Brosz Engineering, Inc. \$13,805.00; 16990 Butler Machinery Co. \$3,175.42; 16991 Cameo

Frieze \$36.00; 16992 Cathy Ebert \$206.12; 16993 City of Mott \$246.75; 16994 Commercial Bank of Mott \$20.00; 16995 Consolidated \$958.78; 16996 Corey Warner \$3,598.15; 16997 Dakota Business Solutions \$39.00; 16998 Dakota Dust-Tex \$252.75; 16999 Eido Printing \$64.00; 17000 Elliott Finck \$359.96; 17001 Fitterer Oil \$645.46; 17002 Frieze Auto Parts, Inc. \$1,814.21; 17003 GS Publishing \$338.69; 17004 H.A. Thompson & Sons \$3,000.00; 17005 Heather Fischer \$16.67; 17006 Hettinger County \$33.73; 17007 Information Technology Dept. \$954.25; 17008 Jess Kouba \$1,254.00; 17009 K.B. Jewelers \$26.90; 17010 Kerry Schorsch \$1,332.00; 17011 Lawson Products Inc \$1,567.68; 17012 Logan Nisly \$139.96; 17013 M. D. U. \$3,891.81; 17014 Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm \$812.50; 17015 Marco \$389.24; 17016 Melissa Hatlestad \$1,332.00; 17017 Mikaela Klein \$36.00; 17018 Mott Equity Exchange \$617.51; 17019 Mott-Regent School \$45.32; 17020 ND Assoc. of Counties \$144.00; 17021 ND Weed Control Association \$285.00; 17022 NDTOA \$600.00; 17023 North Central International, LLC \$2,210.74; 17024 North Dakota Mathcounts \$30.00; 17025

Oien Grocery \$81.79; 17026 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc \$593.16; 17027 Quill Corporation \$69.99; 17028 Rough Rider Industries \$1,264.40; 17029 Sheila Steiner \$57.74; 17030 Slope Electric Coop \$298.12; 17031 Southwest Water Authority \$61.24; 17032 Stein's, Inc. \$641.66; 17033 Stelter Repair Inc \$2,374.64; 17034 SW Multi-Co. Correction Center \$580.00; 17035 Taylor Print Impressions \$400.00; 17036 Taylor Zentner \$400.00; 17037 Todd Lutz \$36.25; 17038 Tyler Technologies, Inc. \$390.92; 17039 Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. \$1,100.00; 17040 Visa \$272.23; 17041 Applied Concepts Inc \$19,158.00; 17042 Cenex Fleet Fueling \$1,311.20; 17043 Information Technology Dept. \$310.35; 17044 Office of Attorney General \$195.00; 17045 Sarah Warner \$2,283.80; 17046 Stryker Sales, LLC \$486.75; 17047 The Hub Convenience Stores \$358.35; 17048 Visa \$1,377.3

Geerts moved to transfer funds for the three unorganized townships of \$300/township for assessor fees and the blading agreements of \$4,320 for Odesa, \$3,120 for Indian Creek and \$3,680 for Alden Township. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

ried. Geerts moved for Hettinger County to sign a Quit Claim Deed of approximately 16 acres of land in Indian Creek Township (SE ¼ 27-134-95) to Bryan and Jill Doe. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed the Sales Tax Committee meeting from March 10. Laufer moved to sign the resolution proposing a .5% (1/2 cent) increase to sales tax on the ballot in June. Geerts seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

The office came up with a way to figure the current state rate mileage in the software. Laufer moved to amend the motion last month to keep the state rate mileage at \$.725. All were in favor and motion carried.

The Commissioners felt that five members on the Weed Board are enough unless things change down the road.

Geerts moved to remove Terry Kirschmann and add Cameo Frieze to the bank accounts. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

James DeMark, Hettinger County Floodplain Manager, presented a new ordinance to the Hettinger County Commis-

sioners for its second reading. Laufer moved to approve the second reading of the new Floodplain Ordinance. Geerts seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. James also reviewed the new burn ban. Geerts moved to approve the Hettinger County's Fire Emergency & Burn Restriction Declaration. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Sarah Warner, Sherrif, and Kennedy Pippenger, Chief Dep-

uty Sheriff, updated the Commissioners with their report. Cathy Ebert, Tax Director, also gave her report to the Commissioners. Elliot Finck, Road Supervisor, gave his report too.

With no further information to discuss, Geerts moved to adjourn the meeting. Laufer seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

ATTEST  
Cameo Frieze, deputy auditor  
Todd Lutz, chairman

**RE-ELECT**  
**Representative**  
**Karen Rohr**  
**June 9, 2026 - District 31**  
*paid for by Friends of Karen Rohr*  
4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

**INSURANCE ABSTRACTS** Insurance companies doing business in North Dakota are required by law to publish the annual Abstract of Statement indicating the company's assets, liabilities and the amount of business conducted in the state.

60183  
**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
of the  
S.U.S.A Life Insurance Company  
In the state of Arizona

Total Assets	10560886941
Total Liabilities	9413218164
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	0
Preferred Capital Stock	3511000
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	0
Contributed Surplus	1217903731
Unassigned Funds	-73745955
Total Capital and	1147668776
Surplus	0
Total Liabilities, Capital	0
And Surplus	10560886940

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums	46580
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	57797
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Paid	0

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**  
I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL).  
**JON GODFREAD**  
Commissioner of Insurance  
**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,  
**NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD,** Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.  
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Commissioner of Insurance  
Published 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 2026

91626  
**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
of the  
New England Life Insurance Company  
In the state of Massachusetts

Total Assets	8240187354
Total Liabilities	7987642314
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2500000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	0
Contributed Surplus	2000000
Unassigned Funds	248045040
Total Capital and	252545040
Surplus	0
Total Liabilities, Capital	0
And Surplus	8240187354

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums	30833
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	58642
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Paid	0

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28304  
**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
of the  
Federated Service Insurance Company  
In the state of MN

Total Assets	775,711,798
Total Liabilities	367,284,267
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	0
Contributed Surplus	69,500,000
Unassigned funds	335,427,531
(surplus)	0
Total Capital and	408,427,531
Surplus	0
Total Liabilities, Capital	0
And Surplus	775,711,798

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Direct Premiums	0
Earned	4,477,593
Total Direct Losses	0
Incurred	2,539,215
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Incurred	0

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91596  
**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
of the  
New York Life Insurance & Annuity Corporation  
In the state of Delaware

Total Assets	223,469,248,298
Total Liabilities	214,857,615,152
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	25,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	0
Contributed Surplus	4,457,575,310
Unassigned Funds	3,587,538,776
Total Capital and	8,611,633,146
Surplus	0
Total Liabilities, Capital	0
And Surplus	223,469,248,298

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums	64,954,452
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	56,001,164
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	104,240
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	47,023
Paid	0

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60739  
**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
of the  
American National Insurance Company  
In the state of Texas

Total Assets	42,952,573,323
Total Liabilities	40,424,104,598
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	5,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	0
Contributed Surplus	1,270,836,651
Unassigned Funds	1,252,632,074
Total Capital and	2,528,468,725
Surplus	0
Total Liabilities, Capital	0
And Surplus	42,952,573,323

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums	122,514,831
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	74,917,998
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	186,174
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	571,260
Paid	0

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93262  
**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**  
of the  
Penn Insurance And Annuity Company  
In the state of DE

Total Assets	17,129,886,159
Total Liabilities	15,930,454,384
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	30,983,809
Common Capital Stock	2,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and	0
Contributed Surplus	779,661,694
Unassigned Funds	386,286,272
Total Capital and	1,199,431,775
Surplus	0
Total Liabilities, Capital	0
And Surplus	17,129,886,159

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Life and Annuity Premiums	1,735,742
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	0
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Paid	0

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