

DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING, JUNE 16, 2026

Commissioner Meeting June 16, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioners Jerry Walsh, John Hokana, Marke Roberts, and Brandon Carlson were also present. States Attorney Kim Radermacher, and Auditor Sheppard were also present, along with Applied Digital representative Emma Perrotti who was present via electronic means. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda

Trees in the right-of-way and clean up/removal of trees when cut down

Omitted Tax Hearing

Concern with road project – Highway 11 and 87th Ave

Zoning Ordinance

Hokana made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2nd and June 4th with corrections. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to approve the financials from May 2026. Walsh seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed a quote from Rapid Response on the air conditioning unit at the Human Services Zone building. A decision was made to get additional quotes on the project from other providers as well.

Recorder Kelly Schmidt joined the meeting at 9:30. Schmidt had questions concerning recording of documents that may be affected by new zoning ordinances that were just passed by the Commission. Discussion pursued on how those document recordings should be managed. A decision was made that the Land Use Administrator, States Attorney, and the Recorder will work together to decide on such documents. If any of the three are concerned about

it, the document will need to be brought to the Zoning Board for their review. Radermacher and Schmidt will work together to add this wording on the Recorder's website.

South Central Dakota Regional Council (SCDRC) representatives Jennifer Schultes and Traci Redlin joined the meeting at 9:54.

The meeting went into recess at 10:05 and returned at 10:07. Tax Director Don Flaherty joined the meeting.

Redlin presented materials that explained what SCDRC does and how it aids communities and counties. The county has paid the annual fees, and that allows the local cities to also get assistance from SCDRC. The information also included the usage of the local area political subdivisions. One area within Dickey County was the assistance given for the grant received for the new Ellendale Ambulance building. Hokana requested a list of other county projects in the state of North Dakota.

Schultes presented the newly updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by the Federal government to be updated every 5 years. Schultes contacts all cities in the county to update the information. Errors in the report were given to Schultes who stated they will get updated. A resolution needs to be passed adopting the plan. Roberts made a motion to adopt the plan with grammatical and name changes that were noted in the meeting. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to open the omitted tax hearing at 10:30. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty presented five parcels that will need to be added to the tax rolls for 2026. These changes are related to information received after equalization but should have been included at the time. One property in the city of Monango has 2025 tax due as well as the current tax

year because the original deed was not recorded. Due to the error of the purchaser, there will be no 30-to-60-day grace period on the interest and penalty for the 2025 taxes due. All five parcels will be included in the tax rolls for 2026. Hokana made a motion to approve all five parcels as presented. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to close the hearing. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen, KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski, and resident Brad Retzlaff joined the meeting at 10:49. Resident Pam Cook joined via electronic means.

Hagen gave an update on the fuel pump replacement. Hagen will get updated pricing from the contractor on repairs if repairing the pump is an option.

Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 10:55.

Carlson asked Hagen about how the trees that are pulled out of the right of way by the county and who needs to clean those up after that is done. The county has pulled the trees but has left the trees in the ditch. A decision was made to continue to leave the trees in the ditch but send a letter to the landowners stating it is their responsibility for the removal of the trees. If the trees are not taken care of, a personal letter to the landowner should be sent.

Tykwinski updated the Commission on the 87th Avenue and Highway 11 project. Phase 1 should be done in the first part of August.

Tykwinski stated the preconstruction meeting will be next week for the box culvert on 86th Street north of Oakes and the project will start mid-August. The township will be invited to the preconstruction meeting so that they are aware of the project.

The County Road #12 project will be bid in November. Because of the delay in the project being completed, the state

has agreed to pay any increase in project costs.

Retzlaff stated that they had not been notified by the state or the county concerning the expansion of Highway 11 for the bypass lane installed in the state right of way close to their house during the current road project. Retzlaff and Cook were not contacted before the project started. Retzlaff has the issue of getting their big equipment out on the road and could be dragging the belly of the truck on the road because of the change in the slope. Suggestions have been made by Retzlaff and Cook but nothing has changed. Holm stated that the Commission was under the understanding that all affected parties had been contacted. Carlson suggested the possibility of putting an approach on 87th Street and a road into Retzlaff's yard to assist with the issue. A permit would be required from Ellendale Township. Tykwinski stated that a culvert would have to be put in place. Holm requested that they consider this as an option and to let the county know what they decided. Tykwinski stated they would not be completing that section until mid-August, so they had time to consider options. A meeting

of Commissioner Walsh, ND DOT representative Nathan Haaland, and Tykwinski will meet with Retzlaff and Cook. The Commission will want an update on any decisions made.

Estes informed the Commission that Administrative Assistant Colleen Rithmiller will be retiring October 1st. Sheppard will work with Estes to get the job posted and in the newspaper. This will allow for a month of training before Rithmiller leaves.

Oakes Ambulance paramedics Curt Halmrast and Mike Sandy were at the meeting via electronic means. Sheppard had forwarded an e-mail and a letter received from Halmrast and Sandy concerning the comment in the minutes that a discussion occurred in the Commission meeting concerning joining the 911 dispatch of Richland County instead of State Radio, which was not listed on the

agenda for that meeting. Holm stated that it was an update from the 5-County meeting and that the Commission was not at a point where a decision could be made at that time. If it were to be looked at, all parties would be involved in the discussion, and it will be included on the agenda.

Sheppard requested a motion to authorize Holm to sign the township road mileage report that is due July 1st. Carlson made a motion to authorize Holm to sign the report. Roberts seconded. Motion carried. Hokana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50.

Salaries

208,843.65	
Cities, Townships, Schools	53,682.68
Human Services	895.54
Code 4 Services INC	9,486.42
Cole Paper	805.63
Election Systems & Software INC	1,091.00
Fed Ex	75.11
House of glass Inc	495.00
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	637.42
Kinzler Kasie	189.00
Linn County Sheriff office	43.86
Linn County Sheriff office	42.86
Lorena's Cleaning Service	450.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	90.09
ND Dept. of Environmental Quality	330.00
Overpayment Refund	2,880.91
Oakes Truck and Trailer	545.99
Sign Solutions	11,271.83
Hepper's	104.04
Gemar Justin	10.15
Hansen Stephen	116.00
John Quandt	14.50
Moore Engineering INC	2,998.00
AT&T Mobility	830.78
Dickey County Hwy Dept	2,201.31
KLJ Engineering LLC	20,686.03
North Central International LLC	163,844.37
Text My Gov INC.	4,500.00
Community Volunteer EMS Of LaMoure	66.22
Kulm Ambulance Corps	76.94
Edgeley Ambulance Service	55.83
Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	754.03
Ellendale City	1,045.22
Oakes City	213.30
Garrison Diversion	642.32
James River Soil Conservation	763.77

Ellendale Fire	594.08
Oakes Fire	415.88
Dickey County Senior Citizens	494.22
Dickey County Historical	123.57
ND State Treasurer	264.26
Dickey County Treasurer	800.00
ND Public Emp Ret.	55,182.80
ND Public Emp Ret.	485.82
ND Public Emp Ret.	9,474.20
ND Public Emp Ret.	458.72
ND Public Emp Ret.	56.76
ND Public Emp Ret.	138.04
Aflac	2,391.56
ND Public Emp Ret.	1,910.18
ND Public Emp Ret.	746.00
Wex Health INC	7,281.95
ND Public Emp Ret.	712.18
ND Child Support Division	508.50
Wex Health INC	75.32
Advanced Business Methods	238.26
Arcasearch LLC	1,360.00
Balco Uniform	48.00
Dickey County 4-H Council	5,000.00
Dickey County Hwy Dept	1,151.13
Dickey County Hwy Dept	23.82
Election Systems & Software INC	1,644.98
Ellendale True Value	93.51
Farmers Union Oil Co	177.44
Geffrog Designs	1,300.00
Henningsen Paul	179.99
Information Technology Dept	1,817.95
Inman Irrigation	1,197.31
J & M Printing	250.67
Miller Gage	40.01
Napa Central	272.79
Postmaster Ellendale	558.00
Q&N Corporation	2,226.05
Rapid Response Plumbing Heating & Air	215.00
Vestis	168.13
Wald Lori	88.20
Agtegra Oakes	4,013.03
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	196.00
Ecolab Pest Elimination Division	103.49
Economy Oil Co	2,643.36
Ellendale True Value	247.39
Lorena's Cleaning Service	400.00
Mertz Const & Supply	60.48
Napa Central	1,386.45
ND Association of Counties	126.00
Oakes Truck & Trailer	10,535.98
Ottertail Power Company	78.01

Praska's Hardware Hank	24.47	Dickey County Hwy Dept	670.49	ND Public Emp Ret.	712.18
Sign Solutions	548.40	Dickey Rural Networks	1,403.35	Delta Dental Plan of MN	2,305.84
Southeast Water Users	50.88	Ellendale City Auditor	683.22	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	386.32
Vestis	204.96	Farmers Union Oil Co	4,612.73	ND Child Support Division	375.00
Vistos Carquest	49.99	KLJ Engineering LLC	36,612.22	ND Child Support Division	508.50
Office of Attorney General	310.00	Montana Dakota Utilities	164.22	James Valley Regional Lodge	66.34
Pharmchem INC	671.52	Election Workers	2,515.36	Dylan or Meagan Stearns	762.60
Chads Electric INC	6,947.10	Election Workers	208.49		
Stutsman Correctional Center	3,200.00	Election Workers	1,992.68	Respectfully Submitted	
Amazon Capital Service	614.48	Human Services	3,240.68	Kacey Holm, Chairman	
Ellendale Grocery	16.42	Hansen Judy	114.47	Wanda Sheppard, Auditor	
North Dakota State University	86.00	Moore Engineering INC	301.00		
Q&N Corporation	149.25	JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	3,261.64	(July 23, 2026)	
Dickey County Leader	22.50	ND Public Emp Ret.	26,549.93		
Ellendale True Value	189.52	ND Public Emp Ret.	3,526.26		
Farmers Union Oil Co	135.49	ND Public Emp Ret.	1,910.18		
Nutrien AG Solutions	12,280.00	ND Public Emp Ret.	746.00		
Valley Plains Equipment	44.52	ND Public Emp Ret.	90.39		
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	137.00	Wex Health INC	1,423.62		