

Cavalier County Commission Proceedings

On May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session. Stanley Dick was not present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Austin Lafrenz called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows: Lafrenz asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Shane Gallagher; motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greg Goodman; motion carried. Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor; Sheldon Romfo, Road Foreman; and Jeff Daley, KIJ, met with the commissioners to review current road projects. Bids were reviewed for the County 55 Gorge project, as well as the chip seal projects. Shane Gallagher made a motion to accept the low bid in the amount of \$1,652,000 from Knife River for the County 55 Gorge project, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. The County 55 gorge project will be 19.07% county funded, with the remainder paid by ND DOT. Greg Goodman made a motion to accept the low bid in the amount of \$1,700,715 from Morris Sealcoat for the chip seal projects, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. Shane Gallagher made a motion to approve the contract for construction engineering with KIJ for the seal coat projects with a cost estimate of \$93,500, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. The chip seal projects are 100% county funded. Greg Goodman made a motion to re-designate the remainder of the Capital Improvement Fund for the seal coat projects once the final payment for the 2025 overlay project is made, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. The commissioners interviewed Jeff Daley, KIJ, for the County 55 Gorge project - CERP-1006(080) PCN 24083. Based on the scoring from the interview, Nick Moser made a motion to hire KIJ for the project, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the updated Road Maintenance Agreement with Ramsey County for major projects on the county line, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried. A culvert request from Ron Schill for a culvert on County 23 between Section 12 in Dresden Township and Section 7 in Mt. Carmel Township. Shane Gallagher made a motion to approve the request, contingent on Schill paying the cost of the culvert and the cost to install the culvert, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to approve a culvert request from Loma City between Sections 35 and 36, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to approve a culvert request from South Dresden Township between Sections 30 and 31, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried. Shane Gallagher made a motion to approve a culvert request from South Dresden Township between Section 31 in South Dresden Township and Section 6 in Waterloo Township, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried. Johnston also stated there were large culverts needing to be replaced in both the Starkweather Coulee Drain (Banner Township) and East Snowflake Drain (Minto Township). The cost replacing the culverts would be 60% Water Board and 40%

County, with the Water Board taking the lead on the projects being the culverts are in their drains. Sheldon Romfo discussed the 2024 CAT motor graders were supposed to have reversible fans based on the specs when they were bid. Romfo stated he would be working with Butler on the issue. Nick Moser suggested using the new Road Groomer on the road to the Mt. Carmel Dam rec area. Nick Moser made a motion to appoint Caitlin Krekiau to the Public Health District Board following Michelle Schommer's retirement from the board, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. Steph Welsh, Public Health, presented the Youth for Change Summit booklet that had been compiled from the event at the Langdon Area High School, which focused on tobacco prevention education. Welsh explained that puzzle pieces were created by each student during the event and the completed puzzle is now on display in the hallway outside the Public Health office at the courthouse. Welsh also presented ideas for a Rural Healthcare Grant application which included the courthouse as a possible indoor walking space and location for a screening kiosk. The commissioners were in full support of the grant application proposal.

Cindy Stremick, Treasurer, met with the commissioners to discuss the Special County Highway CD that will mature this month. Nick Moser made a motion to cash the CD and deposit the interest into County General, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried. Austin Lafrenz discussed the Emergency Fire Danger Proclamation that was signed last week. Lafrenz stated that it would have to be renewed each year. It was decided to put it on the agenda each March to be approved so it is in place if/when it is needed. Nick Moser updated the commission on proposed updates to the Cavalier County Planning & Zoning Regulations at the last board meeting. It was decided that a joint meeting of the Commission and Planning & Zoning Board would be scheduled to discuss changes needing to be made to the regulations, some which were a result of new legislation. Greg Goodman made a motion, seconded by Nick Moser to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE CENTER | \$2,817.75 | GRANT PASS THRU•T R WAIND INSURANCE AGENCY | \$55,964.00 | GEN/VSO/WEED•ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT | \$138,777.00 | HEALTH INS•ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT | \$1,131.68 | LIFE INS•ND STATE TREASURER | \$4,235.82 | FEES•ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | \$448.49 | WORKERS COMP•TERRI JOHNSON | \$250.00 | STATE'S ATTY•FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$244.00 | MAINT•COMPUTER EXPRESS | \$3,145.99 | TX DIR/MISC•MATTHEW-BENDER & CO. INC. | \$278.86 | GEN•WEST PAYMENT CENTER | \$370.78 | STATE'S ATTY•ANITA BEAUCHAMP | \$37.78 | CLERK•COURTNEY CLOUSE | \$375.00 | TX DIR•ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | \$2,099.72 | ELECT•DOCU SHRED INC. | \$66.58 | MISC•WALLACEBURG BOOKBINDING & MFG CO LTD | \$202.80 | AUD•PAUL HENDERSON | \$45.00 | ZONING BOARD•LAWRENCE HEN-

- RY | \$45.00 | ZONING BOARD•NICK MOSER | \$45.00 | ZONING BOARD•AUSTIN LAFREZ | \$45.00 | ZONING BOARD•SHANE PETERSON | \$45.00 | ZONING BOARD•ELSIE MAGNUS | \$45.00 | ZONING BOARD•ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$530.42 | GEN•SANFORD HEALTH OCC MED CLINIC | \$105.00 | GEN•LANGDON HARDWARE & RENTAL | \$462.10 | GEN/R&B•VERIZON WIRELESS | \$104.46 | R&B/WEED•FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$3,832.70 | SHERIFF•UNIFORM CENTER | \$1,385.00 | SHERIFF•COMPUTER EXPRESS | \$575.00 | SHERIFF•BALCO UNIFORM CO. INC. | \$30.17 | SHERIFF•ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$210.34 | SHERIFF•D & B MOTORS, INC. | \$870.44 | SHERIFF•CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC. | \$551.65 | SHERIFF•ATLANTIS GLOBAL LLC | \$64.00 | SHERIFF•H.E. EVERSON | \$30.24 | R&B•AUTO VALUE OF LANGDON | \$122.32 | R&B•DMC WEAR PARTS LLC | \$5,411.00 | R&B•DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | \$1,216.23 | PRAIRIE DOG•DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | \$2,499.23 | PRAIRIE DOG•DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | \$7,540.45 | R&B•MIKKELSEN BROS CONST CO INC | \$2,483.70 | R&B•CLOSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. | \$275.00 | R&B•MAC'S HARDWARE | \$354.38 | R&B•RUNNING SUPPLY INC | \$136.49 | R&B•BUTLER MACHINERY CO. | \$787.40 | R&B•RAZOR TRACKING, INC. | \$325.00 | R&B•NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER | \$55.00 | R&B•JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | \$10.32 | R&B•SIGN IT | \$185.00 | R&B•FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$250.20 | VSO•KATIE HENRY | \$688.25 | NDSU EXT. •HOLIDAY INN FARGO | \$220.00 | NDSU EXT. •LAHNI STACHLER | \$1,026.90 | NDSU EXT. •BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$26.85 | NDSU EXT. •SPORTYS | \$272.00 | NDSU EXT. •JANE HAYEN | \$579.90 | NDSU EXT. •JOSHUA SHORT | \$1,799.72 | WEED•MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$117.79 | WEED•OTTER TAIL POWER CO | \$54.46 | WEED•MIKKELSEN BROS CONST CO INC | \$100.00 | WEED•VESTIS | \$142.80 | NVHSZ•BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$218.22 | NVHSZ•SPECIALIZED SITTERS | \$1,100.00 | NVHSZ•MADSYN ZAHRADKA PETERSON | \$1,020.00 | NVHSZ•ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$522.14 | NVHSZ•SCHUMACHER & SONS | \$30.00 | NVHSZ•BIRCHWOOD | \$118.56 | NVHSZ•DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE CENTER | \$21,000.00 | NVHSZ•WALSH CO SHERIFFS OFFICE | \$15.00 | NVHSZ•HP INC | \$256.41 | NVHSZ•RORY JOHNSON | \$600.00 | NVHSZ•MIKES REPAIR, INC | \$246.52 | NVHSZ•PARKVIEW PROPERTIES/PIP | \$800.00 | NVHSZ•TRACY TAYLOR | \$1,000.00 | NVHSZ•ERLING'S OIL, INC. | \$3,340.56 | R&B•CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC. | \$1,380.00 | R&B•SAMSON ELECTRIC LTD. | \$4,802.20 | MAINT•STEPHANIE BATA | \$71.04 | TX DIR•COURTNEY CLOUSE | \$483.25 | TX DIR•ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | \$843.50 | ELECT•ECOLAB INC. | \$270.90 | MAINT•ANITA BEAUCHAMP | \$830.05 | CLERK•ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | \$4,636.79 | ELECT•QUADIANT FINANCE USA, INC | \$4,000.00 | MISC•DACOTAH PAPER CO. | \$476.25 | MAINT•LANGDON FIRE EQUIP-

- MENT | \$165.00 | MAINT•NDSAA | \$400.00 | STATE'S ATTY•ANGELO MONDRAGON | \$358.15 | STATE'S ATTY•MONDRAGON LAW OFFICE | \$127.40 | STATE'S ATTY•MONDRAGON LAW OFFICE | \$79.99 | STATE'S ATTY•ANGELO MONDRAGON | \$220.00 | STATE'S ATTY•CRYSTAL LOWERY | \$50.75 | CLERK•PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$29.48 | CLERK•BORDERLAND PRESS, INC. | \$1,215.74 | GEN/R&B•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$1,738.85 | GEN/R&B•VSO•OTTER TAIL POWER CO | \$2,876.16 | GEN/R&B•LANGDON CITY | \$501.26 | GEN/R&B•INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | \$6,321.17 | GEN/E-911•MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$980.70 | GEN/R&B•AT&T MOBILITY | \$1,486.79 | SHERIFF•PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$44.95 | DISP•BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$50.49 | SHERIFF•CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC. | \$3,389.85 | SHERIFF•JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | \$1,433.38 | GEN/SHERIFF K-9•KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | \$22,073.52 | PRAIRIE DOG/R&B•UGPTI/NDLTAP | \$50.00 | R&B•WALHALLA COOP OIL CO. | \$98.83 | R&B•FARMERS UNION OIL DEVILS LAKE | \$670.97 | R&B•FARMERS UNION OIL CO | \$4,608.78 | R&B•FINEST AUTO BODY & GLASS, LLC | \$250.00 | R&B•CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP. | \$480.78 | R&B•RICHARD'S WELDING, INC. | \$342.80 | R&B•ERLING'S OIL,

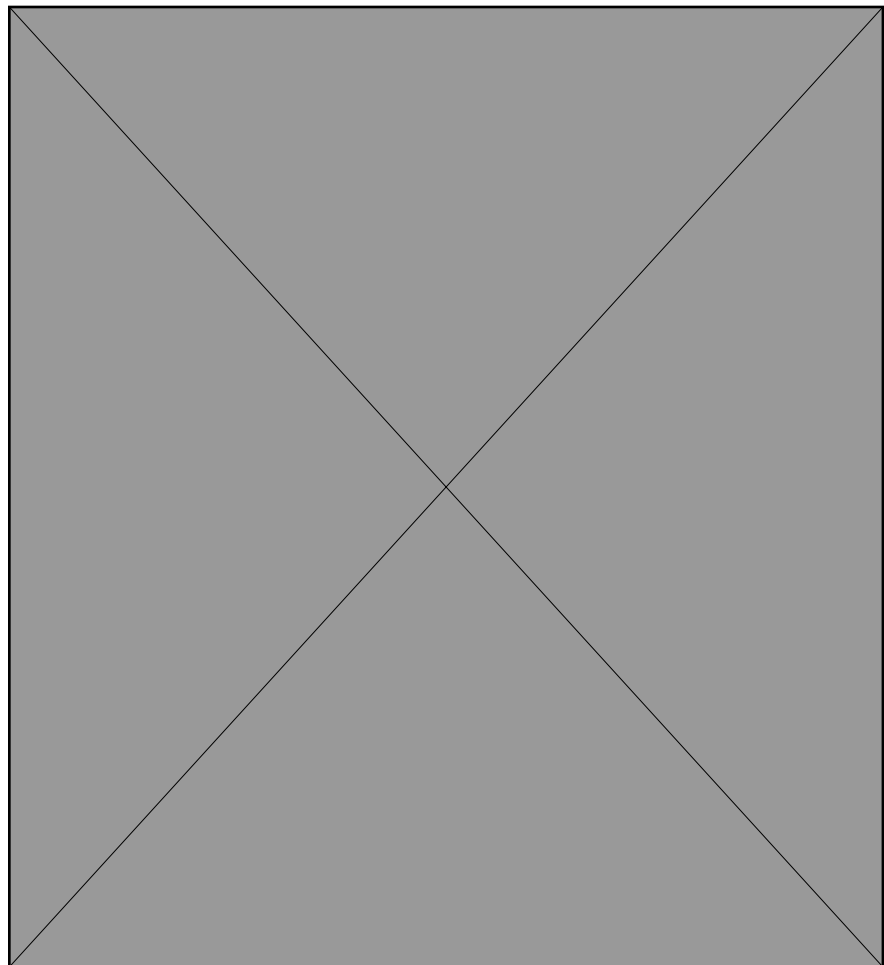
- INC. | \$517.98 | R&B•BORDERLAND PRESS, INC. | \$373.80 | R&B•VERIZON WIRELESS | \$39.53 | EMG MGR•BUSINESS ESSENTIALS | \$87.75 | EMG MGR•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$85.49 | E-911•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$58.64 | EMG MGR•UNITED COMMUNICATIONS | \$62.31 | NDSU EXT. •ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS | \$224.12 | NDSU EXT. •MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$76.70 | WEED•LANGDON CITY | \$117.00 | SS•MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES | \$91.74 | SS•OTTER TAIL POWER CO | \$163.19 | SS•VERIZON WIRELESS | \$1,267.53 | NVHSZ•CONNIE KASTE | \$94.00 | NVHSZ•THE JACOB CENTER | \$1,500.00 | NVHSZ•NVHSZ | \$50.00 | NVHSZ•BJORNSON OIL CO | \$90.00 | NVHSZ•INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | \$79.20 | NVHSZ•WALSH COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT | \$323.32 | NVHSZ•NORTHALE OIL INC | \$60.00 | NVHSZ•PREMIUM WATERS, INC. | \$52.45 | NVHSZ•HP INC | \$769.23 | NVHSZ•AUSTIN FUNERAL HOME | \$3,500.00 | NVHSZ•NICOLE RUST | \$146.45 | NVHSZ•MINNKOTA | \$50.40 | NVHSZ

At 10:45 a.m., Greg Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nick Moser; motion carried. Cavalier County, North Dakota
Austin Lafrenz - Chairman
Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor

Black bear makes surprise visit to Osnabrock



A black bear strolls through a residential yard in Osnabrock on June 9. Residents reported multiple sightings of the bear as it wandered through the community before moving on. Submitted photo



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Dated this 4th day of June, 2026.
Jeanne Prom, Executive Director