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**June 3, 2026
Regular Meeting
Slope County Commission**

The meeting called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Chairman Ouradnik with Commissioners Sonsalla and Teske present.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor to approve the following vouchers subject to all withholding taxes: 16400.00 Baker Metal & Recycling; 9.99 Bowman Ace Hardware; 2902.14 Butler Machinery Company; 2750.00 Deere Credit Inc; 604.00 Double EE Service, Inc; 1524.95 Election Systems & Software; 352.53 John Deere Financial; 150.00 Melling & Roseland Law, PC; 448.94 S & T Custom Plumbing; 1049.44 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 231.19 Southwest Water Authority; 678.68 The Badlands Patriot LLC; 4300.00 Viking Glass of ND Inc; 78.97 Boss Office Products; 87.97 Bowman Sales & Service Inc; 416.21 Consolidated Telcom; 3094.34 ProPoint Cooperative; 443.13 Staples Advantage; 11510.33 Tyler Technologies Inc.; 257180.99 Payroll.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, presented the investment reports for May.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the Fire and Rescue Contract with Bowman Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, met with the commissioners

to present quotes from Steve Beylund Construction, Wilson Construction, and Edward H Schwartz Construction for a small regrade project in Slope Center Township. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to award the project to Edward H Schwartz Construction as they had the lowest quote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor. Also presented were quotes to remove the flower beds from around the building and replace them with stamped concrete. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the quote from Estaban's Concrete for \$36,000 which was the low bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Andrea Bowman, Roosevelt Custer Regional Council, met with the commissioner to give an update on council activities. Corrections for the Wide Open Wonder magazine can be sent to Andrea Bowman at Roosevelt Custer Regional Council. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to donate \$4,000 to Roosevelt Custer Regional Council for 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

The commission meeting was recessed and the Unorganized Township Equalization meeting was called to order. Present were Commissioners Mike Teske, Scott Ouradnik, and Mike H Sonsalla, Slope County Tax Director Joan Lorge, and Colleen Germann. To

stay in compliance with the State, the land values have been decreased by \$13.98 per acre. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to accept the values for the unorganized townships as presented by Joan Lorge, Slope County Tax Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor. Having no further business, the Unorganized Township Equalization meeting was adjourned.

The County Equalization meeting was called to order with Commissioners Ouradnik, Sonsalla, and Teske present. Also present were Slope County Tax Director Joan Lorge, Colleen Germann, and Nathan Miller. Discussion was held on the decreased value per acre required to stay in compliance with the State of North Dakota. There will need to be a re-evaluation of small farmsteads that are no longer part of the farm land. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the values as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Sherry Adams, Southwestern District Health Unit, presented the budget for 2027 for the health unit and invited the commissioners to attend the meeting on August 5th to finalize the budget.

Discussion was held on advertising for a full-time position in the Auditor's office since no one filed to run for the position. Discussion was held on a conditional use permit application filed by Brice Stegner. He wishes to build a 24 foot by 34 foot non-ag building on ag land. There were no drawings to scale received with the application. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the permit contingent upon the receipt of actual to-scale drawings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ouradnik and passed with all in favor.

Lynelle Jacobson, Slope Farmers Fair, met with the commissioners to request a raffle permit for the fair due to gaming regulation changes. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the raffle permit for the Slope Farmers Fair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Scott Ouradnik, Chairman
Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor