

BILLINGS COUNTY COMMISSION Proceedings

BILLINGS COUNTY COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 3, 2026 Location: Billings County Courthouse, Medora, ND

Commissioners in attendance: Dean Rodne, James Haag, Commissioner Absent: Steven Klym

Others in attendance: Marcia Kessel, Katie Dillman, Kyle Michels, Ken Vein, Chris Blackwell, Dale Frieze, Kyle Shockley, Gayle Cox, Stacey Swanson, Andrew Krebs, Pat Redmond.

CALL TO ORDER:
Chairman Rodne called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION: Rodne moved to approve the Minutes of February 5 regular and February 17, 2026 special meeting. Haag seconded. All voted aye.

MOTION: Haag moved to approve agenda with additions of, Department of Trust Lands easements, NDDOT resolution (guardrail project), NDIT Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for temporary siren/radio equipment, and a Scoria lease. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

Emergency Manager Kyle Shockley presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) — Temporary Siren/Radio Site: county to provide power and mounting; equipment temporary through September 30 with operational testing by May 15.

MOTION: Rodne moved to approve the SIRN Site MOU. Haag seconded. All voted aye.

Clerk of Court Funding Agreement (2027–29 biennium):

Commission directed Auditor Kessel to notify the Supreme Court of the county's intent to accept state funding; formal funding paperwork will return to the Commission for signature when received.

Weed Superintendent Report:

Katie Dillman updated the board, New pickup purchased for 2026 season; seasonal hires made; working on weed control plan revisions with the Presidential Library.

EMS Report:
Ambulance Director Kyle Michels presented his monthly report, participation in Rural Health Transformation Project and application for Community Paramedic Grant noted, EMS billing rates were presented for approval.

MOTION: Haag moved to approve the increased rates for EMS as presented. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

Road & Bridge Reports:

Gayle Cox from Brosz Engineering provided a report. Billings County did not receive State Flexible Transportation funding for the shared use path from Sully Creek to Bully Pulpit entrance but are applying for TAP program. Medora to Sully Creek shared use path will be bid in May. Estimated construction paid by county \$636,000.

Highway Superintendent Pat Redmond presented his monthly report noting Kenworth truck deliveries OSHA training completed. Discussion was had on amending equipment line item to purchase additional equipment and replace earlier.

Resolution Awarding HSIP Guardrail Project: NDDOT bid project

MOTION: Rodne moved to approve NDDOT Resolution for HSIP project to 3-D Specialties. Haag seconded. All voted aye.

Scoria Lease
MOTION: Haag moved to approve the Obritsch scoria lease. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

States Attorney Report:
States Attorney Jared Gietzen working on handbook regarding drug testing, overtime and snow days for next month presentation.

County Auditor/Treasurer Report:
Auditor/Treasurer Marcia

Kessel provided treasurer cash reports and fiveyear summaries of expenditures and revenues; pledge report and related financial items presented.

Youtube/Recordings Discussion:

Rodne questioned using youtube to post the commission meetings recordings. Auditor Kessel and Swanson explained it is the medium for providing the recordings of the county commission meetings to public who request. The board will review and discuss at next meeting.

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Alcohol License:

Chris Blackwell from TRPL presented the application. Full application tabled; Commission expressed willingness to consider a restricted approval limited to building, porch, and patio areas pending additional documentation and coordination with the sheriff.

Tax & Zoning Director Report/ARW's:

Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Swanson provided information for next meeting on Floodplain Management Ordinance.

MOTION: ARW Application (Fiber Installation): Rodne moved to approve ARW Application 2026-3 RTC along Chateau Road. Haag seconded. All voted aye.

Pledge Report Resolution 2026-13 and Department of Trust Lands Easements:

MOTION: Rodne moved to approve the Pledge report 2026-13. Haag seconded. All voted aye.

MOTION: Haag moved to approve two easements for the Department of Trust Lands. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

Bid Opening — Tim Armbrust Gravel/Crushing Bid Opening:
Fisher Sand & Gravel - \$352,150.40; Weirich Construction - \$359,750.00; Knopik Pit Management \$377,750.00.

MOTION: Rodne moved to Award to the low bidder Fisher Sand & Gravel \$352,150.40 the Armbrust Pit contingent upon KLJ approving the mathematics. Haag seconded. All voted aye.

The following Claims were

approved:	
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ND	5,507.20
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIRE SYSTEM	1,429.60
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	8,370.83
ND STATE TREASURER	9,532.58
BILLINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC	2,694.17
BILLINGS COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	50,390.29
BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	572,613.98
CONSOLIDATED TELCOM	1,031.07
FARMERS UNION OIL CO - BEACH	10,072.02
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	2,128.25
MEDORA, CITY OF	11,911.56
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	226,300.00
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOP INC	5,006.05
RTC NETWORKS	864.45
SOUTHWESTERN DIST HEALTH UNIT	34,472.46
VISA	287.05
WEST DAKOTA OIL INC	1,018.45
WEX HEALTH INC	24.50
N.D. P.E.R.S.	10,120.00
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIRE SYSTEM	59,698.26
NDFOP STATE LODGE TREASURER	54.00
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC HEALTH INS TRUST	110,500.64
STATE DISPERSEMENT UNIT	2,862.60
WEX HEALTH, INC.	1,689.59
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ND	5,677.00
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIRE SYSTEM	1,244.52
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	102.07
ARMBRUST CODY	75.00
ARMBRUST MARY LOU	125.75
BOSS OFFICE PRODUCTS	2,271.21
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	464.66
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	396.20
CERTIFIED POWER INC	22.35
CHARBONNEAU CAR CENTER	53,002.00
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DAK INSURANCE	1,489.00
DAKOTA COMMERCIAL RUGS	236.50
DELL MARKETING LP	319.42
DICKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	4,016.49
ECOLAB PEST ELIM DIV	379.22
FASTENAL COMPANY	806.43
GEORGE'S TIRE LTD	2,750.00
GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	320.15
HESTEKIN NPR/IC JENNIFER	600.00
J AND J OPERATING LLC	661.37
J P STEEL & SUPPLY INC	354.60
JAMES OIL WELL SERVICE INC	2,084.30
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	5,812.97
KUBIK BOGNER RIDL & SELINGER PLLP	12,000.00
MAC'S HARDWARE	47.63
MENARDS DICKINSON	118.93
METRO-BILLING SERVICES	250.00
MGM RURAL SANITATION LLC	442.97
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	158.28
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	73.00
ND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE	140.00
ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	34.50
O'ROURKE JADEN	104.00
PREMIER SPECIALTY VEHICLES INC	1,662.96
PUMP SYSTEMS INC	14,598.80
QUALIFICATION TARGETS INC	205.30
RAY'S AUTO ELECTRIC INC	261.21
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	557.73
RODNE, DEAN	75.00
RUDY'S LOCK & KEY	5.00
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	1,386.17
SMITH PORSBORG SCHWEIGERT ARMSTRONG	1,887.50
SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY	486.45
SYMINOW RODNEY	96.75
T-MOBILE	1,493.20
TALLEY INC	999.98
TESSCO TECHNOLOGIES,	

INC	107.56
THERAPY SOLUTIONS	125.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	753.74
TW ENTERPRISES CRITICAL POWER+	467.50
UNIFORM CENTER	825.92
VERIZON WIRELESS	365.27
VESTIS	588.65
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	1,654.56
WEST DAKOTA OIL INC	1,824.00
WESTERN CHOICE COOPERATIVE	45,258.21
WESTLIE MOTOR CO	28,923.39
ZOLL MEDICAL CORP	936.00
BILLINGS COUNTY CLERK OF COURT	55.17
BILLINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC	2,575.97
BILLINGS COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	60,637.53
BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	575,187.00
FARMERS UNION OIL CO - BEACH	10,337.20
MEDORA, CITY OF	41,445.57
ND STATE TREASURER	9,586.23
SOUTHWESTERN DIST HEALTH UNIT	32,667.44
WEST DAKOTA OIL INC	51.08

The board approved the revenue vouchers for the month of February: Recorder \$2,925.20; Zoning \$1,800.00; Court \$100.00; EMS \$30,797.83; Sheriff \$55.00.

Revenues for materials and/or services rendered in February: Tory Polensky \$523.50, WEED SPRAYING: Mary Ellen Logan \$769.98

Revenues for the month of February: Road & Bridge permits \$5,756.39; Highway Distribution \$17,978.89; Oil & Gas Production Tax \$374,343.43; Royalties \$20,899.68; Unorganized Oil & Gas Production Tax \$24,956.23; Interest \$59,999.21; State Aid Distribution \$38,684.11; ND Treasurer Flex \$1,780.29; Beer & Liquor License 800.00; 24/7 \$1,100.00.

Payroll in the following amounts was approved for February: General Fund \$249,681.76; Road and Bridge Fund \$138,214.56; Weed Fund \$14,461.40.

Adjournment:
MOTION: Haag moved to adjourn at 11:27am. Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

/s/ Dean Rodne
Dean Rodne, Chairman
/s/ Marcia Kessel
Marcia Kessel, Auditor
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2026 BOBBY KUBAS PIT CRUSHING & STOCKPILING SCORIA SE1/4 SEC 35, T141N, R98W BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Sealed bids will be received by Billings County, at the office of the Billings County Auditor, 495 4th Street, PO Box 168, Medora, North Dakota, 58645, until 11:00 AM MT, May 5th, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the construction of Crushing and Stockpiling Scoria and incidental items in and for said Billings County, as is more fully described and set forth in the project manual therefore, which are now on file in the office of the Billings County Auditor.

Bids shall be upon cash payment on the following estimated quantities and types of work: 1 LSUM CONTRACT BOND; 1 LSUM STRIP & STOCKPILE TOPSOIL & OVERBURDEN; 85,000 CY CRUSH & STOCKPILE SCORIA; 1 LSUM RECLAIM PIT SITE; 1 LSUM MOBILIZATION

**The contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following:
Billings County Auditor, 495 4th St, Medora, North Dakota
KLJ, 677 27th Ave E, Dickinson, North Dakota**

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.kljeng.com "Projects for Bid" or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$22 by inputting Quest Project #10152859 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Please contact us at 701-483-1284 if you have any questions.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five per cent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 43-07-07 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code.
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The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items. A single contract will be awarded for the work. All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided; plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. The work covered by the bidder
2. The name of the bidder
3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal.
4. Acknowledgement of the Addenda.

No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. The work on the improvement will be completed by March 26th, 2027.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids or a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Owner.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of \$900 per day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2026
BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
s/Marcia Kessel
Billings County Auditor

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