

Public Notice

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE June 2, 2026 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairperson Dave Gehrtz. Present were Commissioner James F. Allmaras, Commissioner Glenda Collier, State's Attorney Ashley Lies, Auditor Bobbie Indergaard, Kristy O'Connor with Tax Equalization, and Amy Wobbema with the New Rockford Transcript.

Chairperson Dave Gehrtz began the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an update regarding Lake Region Health Unit. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the May 8, 2026, May 22, 2026, May 26, 2026 and May 28, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the April Financials and Expenditures and Revenue Budgets. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the April Monthly Statement from the Treasurer's Office and the May Financials and Expenditures and Revenue Budgets. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the May 2026 bills. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Glenda Collier Yes vote, James F. Allmaras Yes vote, and Dave Gehrtz Yes vote. Motion carries.

MAY BILLS:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including Historical Society, Eddy Co. Water Res, Eddy Co. Council on Aging, Garrison Diversion, ECSCD, State Treasurer, City of NR, NR City Park District, City of Shyenenne, NR-S School, Midkota School, Warwick School, Carrington School, Dak. Prairie School, Tolna Fire Protect Dist, Warwick Fire Dist, NR Rural Fire Dist, Two Rivers Ambulance, McHenry Ambulance, CASNR, Paradise Township, Cherry Lake Township, Columbia Township, Pleasant Prairie Twp, Superior Township, Rosefield Township, Colvin Township, Lake Washington Twp, Tiffany Township, Sheldon Township, New Rockford Twp, Munster Township, Freeborn Township, Eddy Township, Hillsdale Township, Bush Township, Gates Township, Grandfield Township, Advanced Bus. Methods, Benson Co. Sheriffs Dept.

Table listing various items and their amounts, including Cash & Carry Lumber, CenDak Cooperative, Cenex Fleetcard, Central Plains Water Dist, City of Shyenenne, Dakota Dust-Tex, Dauenhauer Diesel, Do It Best Hardware, Election Systems & Software, Electro Watchman, Miller's Fresh Foods, MDU, NR Utility Services, Newman Signs, Northern Plains Electric, Otter Tail Power Co, Pitney Bowes Bank, Quill, RDO Equipment, Rough Rider Industries, Steins, Stone's Mobile Radio, TAO Interactive, Taylor Print Impressions, Transcript Publishing, Ashley Lies, Carrie Nichols, Josh Ziebart, Linderman Const, Napa Auto Parts, ND DOT, Nodak Electric Coop, North Central Planning Council, NDTC, Office of Attorney Gen, Otter Tail Power Co, Otter Tail Power Co, Pitney Bowes Bank, Rockin Fitness, Rosefield Township, Advanced Bus. Methods, Afiac, Ameritas, AT&T Mobility, Carrington Motor, Central City H2O+, Central Plains Water Dist, Chad Clelland, Colepapers, Colonial Life, Donna Young, Elan Financial Services, Election Systems & Software, Esc. Fed Tax Pay, ELRI, Kelly Stafford, Leaf, Miller's Fresh Foods, MDU, NDPEPS, NDPEPS, NDPEPS, Office of the Adjutant General, Quill, The Sidwell Company, Payroll, Public Comments: No Public Comments.

State's Attorney Lies provided an update on the sixty grievances received to the ordinance changes. Five testified and only approximately one addressed an issue with the ordinance process, the rest did not address any ordinance amendments.

State's Attorney Lies advised on issues with residents misusing Courthouse property. Election room has been entered during public meetings, so we have purchased a baby gate to advise no entry. State's Attorney's desk is being used with papers being moved and garbage being left behind. A hat was left behind from a prior public meeting, and the owner tried to gain access while the State's Attorney was in a confidential meeting. Door

was locked and they proceeded to try to have employees gain access. Going forward all items left behind will be turned into the Sheriffs office. Also, there are not supposed to be any liquids in the Court Room. There was coffee spilled and no one was told to get it cleaned up resulting in a huge stain. When entering the Courtroom trash is being left behind so the problem is growing with disrespect to property.

Lisa Thompson, Eddy County Emergency Manager, updated on the discussion of the equipment to activate sirens. Recommendation was to go with Federal Signal's lower bid which the yearly fee covers the update, maintenance, and repairs of the equipment with complete install being late summer. Todd is working on a way to set the current sirens off manually or by a phone call because otherwise they have to climb the pole to set it off. Todd thinks it is just a programing in the box and will be working on that.

Lisa gave an update on Text My Gov and requested approval to move forward on the contract now to migrate to the system for 2027. Contract is \$3,375 for the first year with all set up included and \$2,250 after that. Glenda Collier made a motion to go with Text My Gov. and James F. Allmaras seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lisa Thompson also updated on the Communication building regarding applying for the Burke Grant. Eddy County was denied due to the grant being better suited for hazard mitigation rather than brick. No grants out there at this time. In the meantime, the cooling system needs to be serviced as it has been a number of years. Jamie F. Allmaras made the motion to service the cooling system. Glenda Collier seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was conversation regarding Highway 15 that is not a county road but in Eddy County where two motorcycle accidents have happened in the last 48 hours. Concerns of marking the spot and wanted to confirm that the spot has been marked or flagged. It was stated DOT has been out there patching the road.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent provided an update that the estimate for the Brantford mill and blend was about \$750,000. Todd thought it was best to be posted on Quest for loads and post in the paper for 2 weeks for the bid opening. Bid opening is set for June 26th, Friday at 9am.

Todd advised that Klumph Bridge is still hung up with State Historical Society and he is trying to make progress.

The electrical on the West side, those poles will be moved in June as it is a high voltage transmission and in the clear zone.

Commissioner Gehrtz called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Meeting was turned over to Tax Director Kristy O'Connor. O'Connor presented the comparison of the assessments for the different classes of real property for 2026 and 2025 and the increases or decreases. The sales ratio for residential properties for 2025 is set at 91.3% and for commercial properties it is set at 93.1%. The State Board of Equalization requires a level of tolerance between 90 and 100 percent of True and Full Value (market value). Upon the equity of appraisals between properties

and the valuation including new construction, revaluation, exemptions, and credits the current market value ratio for residential property is at 93.2% and 93.7% for commercial. With a 2.5% decrease to ag land values overall based on the numbers collected from NDSU, the sales ratio is at 99.7%. Ag land is based on the production formula from NDSU. Production data, cost of production index, and CAP rate are the biggest influencer in that equation. The utilities have not been determined yet; they are determined by the state in July. O'Connor then spoke about the Homestead credit, Veteran's credit, and the Primary Residence credit. A motion to approve the county report as presented was made by James F. Allmaras, seconded by Glenda Collier. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to accept the changes made to the zoning ordinance amendments made on March 10th, 2026. James F. Allmaras affirmed the motion. Those voting in favor were James F. Allmaras and Dave Gehrtz. Glenda Collier rescinded. Motion carries.

Tabled item of Zoning request from Colvin and Cherry Lake: State's Attorney Ashley Lies advised County would need to give their zoning back to them. They would have to go through the requirements of having a comprehensive plan and ordinances. Glenda Collier moved to give it back. Jamie seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion to move Becki Schumacher's salary to Treasurer but stay at Step 7 with the additional 5% PRC. James F. Allmaras made a motion to accept. Glenda Collier seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson, Dave Gehrtz voted Yes, Vice Chairperson James F. Allmaras voted Yes, and Commissioner Glenda Collier voted Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve Eddy County Rod & Gun Club Gaming Site Authorization. Glenda seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to grant Buck It's a Special Permit for Hopfauf/Wetzel Wedding. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to remove Kathy Anderson from Bank Forward & CCU accounts. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve County Employee Salary Budget -Next Step and COLA (2.8% 2026). Glenda Collier seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of an Employee Barbecue that the Commissioners cover all expenses. The date was set for July 15th at 4:30 /

5:00 with the location to be determined at a later date.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve Election Staff rates. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Discussed personnel issues at Lake Region Public Health. Commissioner James F. Allmaras will follow up with them on the progress and advise at the next meeting.

Glenda checked in with Julie with the Veteran's office and advised she will be attending the Commissioner meeting in July.

Announcements: none. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be July 7, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.

Dave Gehrtz, Commission Chair, Bobbie Indergaard, County Auditor Published July 13, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE JUNE 4, 2026 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM. by Chairperson Dave Gehrtz. Present were Commissioner James F. Allmaras, Commissioner Glenda Collier, State's Attorney Ashley Lies, Auditor Bobbie Indergaard, Special Assistant State's Attorney Patrick Waters, and Nathan Price with the New Rockford Transcript.

State's Attorney Lies read Opening Statement on Special Meetings.

State's Attorney Lies requested a motion for an Executive Session on Attorney Consultation for Reasonably Predictable Litigation Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1. A motion to approve was made by James F. Allmaras, Seconded by Dave Gehrtz. Roll call vote: James F. Allmaras yes vote, Dave Gehrtz yes vote, and Glenda Collier yes vote. Motion carries.

Executive Session was called to order at 8:08 AM. Present were Auditor Bobbie Indergaard, Commissioner James F. Allmaras, Chairperson Dave Gehrtz, Commissioner Glenda Collier, State's Attorney Ashley Lies, and Special Assistant State's Attorney Patrick Waters. Chairperson Dave Gehrtz made a request for all phones be removed from the table. Discussion proceeded. The public was then called back into the room. The Executive Session was recorded and was closed at 9:25 A.M.

9:25 A.M. Special Meeting reopened.

Wells McGiffert discussed the PRC Development agreement on the Wind Energy Facility Per-

mit request. Mr. Water discussed with the Commissioner regarding guidance on their responsibility when making those decisions and/or approvals. Wells McGiffert updated the commissioner that New Rockford Township signed the development agreement and Grandfield has not.

Commissioner Glenda Collier questioned the decommission approach which McGiffert stated was the state standard requirements in addition with craning down the turbines and blades which is not a standard state requirement. Financial security is also required at the state level with an additional security bond for local matters. It was confirmed the setback limits were one mile and height discussion being no higher than 650ft which is FAA requirements. Lighting on the towers was discussed to minimize them being on with having to follow FAA Standards Federally and Statewide.

Commissioner Collier questioned the process of clean up if damage happened to the towers and confirmed Flickertail would be responsible with insurance coverage.

Motion to accept the PRC Development Agreement by Commissioner James F. Allmaras. Seconded by Chairperson Dave Gehrtz. Roll call vote: James F. Allmaras yes vote, Dave Gehrtz yes vote, and Glenda Collier yes vote. Motion carries.

Wells McGiffert stated the next step for Flickertail would be to reapply for the Permit.

Discussion and/or Action on Joint Powers Agreement between Eddy County and New Rockford Township.

Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to accept New Rockford Township's Joint Powers Agreement due to they went forward with entering the agreement and has been discussed in prior meetings. Chairperson Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dave Gehrtz yes vote, Glenda Collier no vote, and James F. Allmaras yes vote. Motion carries.

Discussion and/or Action on Fee for PRC/ Flickertail Wind Project Application. State's Attorney Ashley Lies advised Flickertail paid the application fee and the decision was needed whether it is to be forfeited or applied to the next permit. Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to apply the money to their next permit. Chairperson Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

Dave Gehrtz, Commission Chair, Bobbie Indergaard, County Auditor Published July 13, 2026

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