

GRANT COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

Regular Meeting April 1, 2026

Chairman Zenker called the April 1, 2026 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Public present: Riley Dahl, GS Publishing.

Commissioner Hochhalter moved to approve agenda, seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye.

Moved by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve March 18, 2026 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes as amended. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Old business: Meyer said no bids have been received so far for the fence project, but he will contact area companies. No action was taken on the trash collection subject that was raised by Mr. Billiot.

New business: Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$39,834.53. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Bills approved.

AllState Peterbilt of Bismarck	167.10
CNA Surety	50.00
Gas & Gears LLC	97.45
Grant County Fair Association	200.00
GS Publishing LLC	1,863.75
Hammer Lane Diesel LLC	3,419.65
Jason Albert	128.17
John Deere Financial	173.93
Matthew Bender & Co Inc	153.10
Mid-American Research Chemical	782.60
Sauber Engineering Inc	31,854.25
Tessa Osterbauer	112.00
Tuff-E Manufacturing	132.91
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	612.02
Sara Meier	87.60

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

NDSU Extension Agents Tessa Osterbauer and Amanda Dahners presented the quarterly report.

Jason Albert presented utility permit UTL-2026-002 for a fiber optic cable boring in sections 4 & 5 in Township 131 North, Range 89 West. Pretty Rock Township had no objections to the permit. Motion made by Meyer to approve utility permit, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met with the Board. Sauber reviewed the alternatives for the bridge replacement project for the bridge over the Heart River located approximately nine miles north of Carson. Constructing the bridge adjacent to the old one would be an additional \$400,000 of construction cost for the road bed and right of way acquisition for 3.5 to 4.00 acres of permanent easement. Commissioner Meyer had several conversations with residents who were opposed to closing the bridge while the replacement was being done. Riley Dahl men-

tioned that having the bridge closed would cause additional response times for emergency personnel. Auditor Meier said that area is served by several different response units, and mutual aid would need to be utilized. Chairman Zenker said he would follow the comments from the public input, and would vote to close the bridge rather than move the new one into the property owners private land, and have to get more right of way. Commissioner Meyer stated, to him, constructing the bridge to the west, and keeping the existing open during construction was the most logical choice. Commissioner Hochhalter said looking done the road a wider bridge makes sense. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve alternative B2, which would keep the current bridge open during construction. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - nay. Motion carried.

The Lake Tschida Roads

projects was approved for cost share funding by the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The project consists of reshaping and graveling approximately 13.0 miles of county roads near Lake Tschida, and application of dust suppressant. Estimated cost of the project is \$592,652.50 of which Grant County is responsible for 20%. Although the proposed construction year is 2026, the use of dust suppressant may extend the project into spring of 2027. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve Special Road Fund Project. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Merlin Leithold presented the 2026 Organized Township Road agreement for Leipzig Township.

Jerald Christensen presented the 2026 Organized Township Road agreement for Raleigh Township.

Saul Meier, Dennis Rivinius, and Travis Rafteseth presented the 2025 Organized Township Road agreement for Rock Township.

Auditor Meier presented comments from the 2018-2019

State Auditor Review. She said many of the recommendation have been implemented. Meier stated in light of the projects that have right of way acquisitions, and other departments requiring amendments to their budgets, she will present recommended amendments to the 2026 budgets at the next meeting.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 12:45 pm. FYI: next scheduled meetings will be April 15 and May 6, 2026.

/s/Alton Zenker
Alton Zenker, Chairman
/s/Sara Meier
Sara Meier, Auditor
Published May 7, 2026



Carson Manor Bahm Rentals, LLC

The Carson Manor, in Carson, ND, is a Senior Citizen Independent Living Complex

- ALL apartments are ground level.
- Rental Assistance is available.
- Within one block of churches and the business district, which includes a health clinic.
- Daily meals program located on the premises.

At this time, there is an apartment for rent.

For more information, call 597-3249, or email albahm@westriv.com TDD/TTY 1-800-366-6888

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 33-41-01 TATTOO AND BODY ART AND TO CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 33-41-01.1 BODY ART CODE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed repeal of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-41-01 and proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-41-01.1 relating to definitions, health and hygiene standards and reporting requirements, jewelry standards and recordkeeping, specific regulations for specific types of body art, public notification requirements, documentation requirements, informed consent and release form, disinfection and sterilization procedures, preparation and care of the procedure site, requirements for single-use items, regulated waste, requirements for premises, temporary body art establishments, mobile body art establishments, license requirements, prohibitions, inspection, denial, suspension, revocation, disciplinary action, waiver provision, and license fees for body artist and body art establishments at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at local public health units, human service zones offices, and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2026.

RE-ELECT Representative Karen Rohr

June 9, 2026 - District 31

paid for by Friends of Karen Rohr

4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TAKE NOTICE that the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 1:00 P.M. CST. on June 1, 2026. This hearing will take place in the Red River Room of the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, 600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept. 315, Bismarck, ND 58505, emailing the office at OGC@nd.gov, or calling (701) 328-3010. Also, written comments may be submitted to the address listed or above or via email at OGC@nd.gov until June 11, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship at the above telephone number or address at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Rachel Sinness
Rachel Sinness, Executive Director
Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship

Call for Bus Route Bids

Notice for School Bus Route Direct Negotiations Elgin/New Leipzig Public School District #49

The Board of Education of the Elgin/New Leipzig Public School District #49, is soliciting bids for contracted bus services for six (6) rural bus routes for a three (3) year contract to transport school children from residences on established routes to the school building location in Elgin, ND, as per the annual school calendar. The Board wishes to act on submitted bids and potentially negotiate with current contract holders and consider additional bids on current and additional routes.

The current established routes and miles per route are as follows:

- Route #1 - 105 miles
- Route #2 - 168 miles
- Route #3 - 84 miles
- Route #4 - 56 miles
- Route #5 - 139 miles
- Route #8 - 98 miles

Route mileage will be established and verified as necessary by the contractor and Superintendent.

Bids must specify a per mile driven billing. District payment will be on miles driven basis. Bid shall reference a local vendor per gallon gas and diesel price.

Bids must include specific language for any escalator clauses referenced in the bid regarding price fluctuations for fuel costs or any other circumstances. Base price of fuel and vendor/supplier must be included if an escalator clause is included.

Bid must include year of bus and capacity of bus to be used for services and must meet all State and Federal Regulations for schools. Proof of vehicle and passenger insurance must be provided.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and plainly marked "Contract Bid for School Bus Routes."

Bids are to be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026, to the School Business Manager's office. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board on May 20, 2026, at the high school in Elgin, ND. The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or quotes, as may be in the best interest of the district.

For further information or to see a list of stops, bidder may contact the Superintendent or Business Manager at 584-2374.

By order of the Board of Directors
Elgin/New Leipzig Public School District #49
PO Box 70
Elgin, ND 58533
Gayle Beyer, Business Manager

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NOTICE OF ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

Applications for absentee/mail ballots were mailed from the office of the Grant County Auditor beginning April 20, 2026. Enter or confirm voter name, voter address, mailing address (if different or post office box), date of birth, and sign and date. Mark the elections for which you wish to receive a ballot. Return application to the Grant County Auditor.

Persons not receiving an application may obtain one from the Grant County Auditor or at the following website: vote.nd.gov. Select VOTE BY ABSENTEE to begin the application process.

Sara Meier
Grant County Auditor/Treasurer

ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION SECRETARY OF STATE SFN 51468 (10-2023)	For Office Use Only	
	Precinct Part	
For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-07.		
Application must be for at least one of the following elections: (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> June (Primary) election	<input type="checkbox"/> City or city special election	<input type="checkbox"/> State or county special election
<input type="checkbox"/> November (General) election	<input type="checkbox"/> School or school special election	
Applicant Information: (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)		
Voter's name		Date of birth
North Dakota ID type used: (check one)		Daytime telephone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-driver's ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care certificate (include with application)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport (only for voters living outside the United States) or military ID**	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant without ID*
ID number (required only if driver's license, non-driver's ID, tribal ID, passport, or military ID is selected above)		
Residential address	City	State ZIP code
Ballot delivery address (if different from residential address)	City	State ZIP code
I do solemnly affirm that I have resided or will reside in the precinct where my residential voting address is located for at least 30 days next preceding the election and will be a qualified elector of the precinct.		
Signature (required)	Date	
Applicant Unable to Sign:		
If the applicant is unable to sign the applicant's name, the applicant shall mark <input type="checkbox"/> or use the applicant's signature stamp on the application in the presence of a disinterested individual. The disinterested individual shall print the name of the individual marking the "X" or using the signature stamp below the "X" or signature and shall sign the disinterested individual's own name following the printed name together with the notation, "witness to the mark."		
<input type="checkbox"/> Voter's Mark	Printed name of person making mark or voter's signature stamp	
	Signature of "witness to the mark"	
*Applicant Without ID:		
If the applicant does not possess or cannot secure an approved form of identification due to a disability with which the individual lives and which prevents the individual from traveling to obtain, another qualified elector of the state may attest that the applicant is a qualified elector of that precinct by signing below and providing his or her approved North Dakota identification number. NOTE: A qualified elector may not attest the qualifications of more than four applications in an election.		
Printed name of attester	Driver's / non-driver's / tribal ID number	
Signature of attester	Date	Daytime telephone number
**Active Military and Overseas Voter:		
Check ONE (if applicable):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen living outside of the United States		
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet within the United States		
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet outside the United States		
If one of the check boxes above applies to you, please indicate your preferred ballot delivery method:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Email (provide email address):	<input type="checkbox"/> Fax (provide fax number):
Mail or submit to the auditor of your county of residence or appropriate election officer		
(The signature on this affidavit will be compared to the signature on the affidavit on the envelope in which the absentee ballot must be placed.)		
Published April 30 and May 7, 2026		