



GRANT COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

Regular Meeting August 19, 2026

Chairman Zenker called the August 19, 2026, meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:06 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Public present: Riley Dahl, Grant County News.

Commissioner Meyer moved to approve agenda, seconded by Hochhalter. All present voting aye.

Moved by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve August 5, 2026 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Moved by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve special meeting minutes from August 7, 2026 of 2027 budget review. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye.

Old business: Mobile home exemption: Tax Director Steinmetz visited the mobile home and confirmed that it was pillars and bolted. She stated the only way to prove it is attached is through an affidavit of affixation. Meyer said through conversation with the mobile home owner it was brought to his attention the Grant County website shows a mobile home that is permanently attached to the ground and is a farm residence is exempt for mobile home taxation. Discussion will take place later in the today's meeting.

New business:

Meyer moved to approve bills totaling \$75,402.76. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Bills approved.

A&S County Market 40.60
Advanced Fleet Services

..... 1,849.43
Capital I Industries Inc .. 131.67
Cenex Fleetcard 210.33
Double R Meats 102.54
Electronic Communications Inc
..... 279.00
Elgin City 46.80
Farm & Home Supply ... 148.48
Gas & Gears LLC 1,300.50
Gerhardt Tire 5,544.00
GS Publishing LLC 3,183.77
Jacobson Memorial Hospital
..... 98.00
Napa Auto Parts Glen Ullin
..... 53.54
North Dakota Association of
Counties 63.00
Nutrien Ag Solutions
..... 53,982.00
Sauber Engineering Inc
..... 3,711.75
SW Grain - Elgin 1,232.93
Jacqueline Steinmetz ... 208.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial
..... 612.02
ITD 1,284.40
NDACO Resources Group
..... 1,320.00
No action required on investments. Treasures report accepted.
NDSU county agents Tessa Osterbauer and Amanda Dahners presented the quarterly report.
Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve event permit for Community Kicking Cancer to hold a raffle drawing on January 30, 2027 at the Shields Bar and Grill. Tickets will be available in 2026 for the raffle. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye.
Jason Albert presented a utility permit for WRT for boring. Moved by Meyer to approve permit UTL-2026-008, Hochhalter seconded. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.
Jason Albert presented a utility permit for Brett Zenker for boring. Moved by Meyer to approve permit UTL-2026-009, Hochhalter seconded. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye. Motion carried. Zenker

– abstained from voting.

Jason Albert provided the Board with a MEMORANDUM/ FORMAL RECOMMENDATION from the Grant County Planning & Zoning for a temporary moratorium on commercial data center permit approvals. Auditor Meier said to Board needs to review the memo before making any determination on it. States Attorney Walker said the moratorium should be considered when an application is submitted. There is a process for public hearings that would need to take place.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met to discuss gravel crushing prospects. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to have Weed Board Officer inspect to prospective location for noxious weed and recommend a control if present. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Jon Alt presented vouchers for materials. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to pay Dwight Dirk for 100 yards of rock at \$10/yard for a total of \$1000.00. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to pay Lance Gerhardt for 280 yards of dirt at \$4/yard for a total of \$1120.00. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve application for approach for Daryl Birdsall on section 5 of township 131 north, range 90 west. Approach needs a workorder and payment of \$15.00 application fee.

Representatives on the North Plains Connector transmission line project met with the Board to provide progress of the project. Cally Peterson, Matt Freudenrich, and Adam Smith, along with Terry Traynor

said the North Dakota Public Service Commission will be holding hearing on September 1, and there will be public meetings in Mandan and Regent the following days. By the end of the year 99% of the options will be signed, and 8 utilities have contracted for distribution. Next step is to have road use agreements and haul routes approved. The construction will be monopole structure on an 8 foot foundation. There are typically lay down yards every eighty miles.

Meyer moved to enter into executive session. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to adjourn executive session. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened.

Meyer stated he believes the mobile home is permanently attached to a foundation, and Hochhalter agrees. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to determine the mobile home in question to be permanently attached to a foundation on land owned by the owner of the mobile home. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter stated the owners of the mobile home own the land and the mobile home is attached, so the residence should be exempt as a farm residence. Meyer stated the mobile home is farm exempt as it meets the criteria to be exempt as a farm residence. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve farm residence exempt for Matt and Alecia Tischmack on their mobile home. Roll call vote - Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried. The Board informed

Steinmetz of their decision.

Steinmetz provided a copy of the letter sent to Colleen Vetter on the question of mis-coding of sales.

Meyer asked Steinmetz to provide complete listings of the farm residence applications for exempt and not exempt residence. Auditor Meier asked if any application have been disposed of in accordance with record retention disposal requirements. Steinmetz stated she has not disposed of any ap-

plications since she started as tax director.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting. FYI: next scheduled meetings will be September 2, and September 16, 2026. 2027 Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 9, at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Alton Zenker

Alton Zenker, Chairman

/s/Sara Meier

Sara Meier, Auditor

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