

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS MINUTES

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Minutes of Proceedings December 2, 2025

The Golden Valley County Commission met at 9 a.m. on Dec. 2, 2025 in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting, along with State's Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the *Golden Valley News*.

Commissioner Schmeling nominated and moved to appoint Commissioner Adam Smith as the Chair for 2026 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling nominated and moved to appoint Commissioner Farstveet as the Vice Chair for 2026 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the November 2025 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

There was no public comment request received by County Auditor Sperry.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- The date and time for the final meeting of the year is December 29th at 2 p.m.

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to continue with having one precinct and keeping the Beach City Hall as the polling place for the 2026 election and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- Each Commissioner gave an update from the various sub-committees they are appointed to as the County's representative.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the SW District Health Unit certificate of levy for 2026 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the annual maintenance certification for the county federal aid projects and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- State's Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office. Discussion was held on SB 2027. The Model D Ordinance Floodplain Management was approved at the September 12th special meeting and County Auditor Sperry will complete the floodplain management certification to complete the requirements for SB 2027.

- Commissioner Smith moved to have Weed Control Officer Mark Egan sign a lease agreement with the City of Beach for 2026 for office space in the amount of \$125/month and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to send a letter of support to the Roosevelt Custer Regional Council in support of Home On The Range applying for a grant to expand their learning center and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Misty Hayes with the USDA Forest Service met with the Board and gave them updated travel management maps. Other various topics were discussed.

Tax/Zoning Director Car-

Ia Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the County Zoning Board's recommendation to approve an application for a conditional use permit submitted by Allo Towers to construct a 380-foot-tall communications tower with standard fencing and a 12' x 20' prefabricated shelter located in Sec 26-144-105 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtfeld and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. The bridges on County Road 11 and County Road 5 are complete. Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Brosz Engineering as the engineer for the Hammond Bridge project to start the preliminary work and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Minutes of Final Proceedings for 2025 December 29, 2025

The Golden Valley County Commission held its final meeting of 2025 at 2 p.m. on Dec. 29, 2025 in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present along with State's Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with *Golden Valley News* and Mark O. Golberg with Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC.

Discussion was held regarding Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC to renew the beer and liquor license for 2026. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the renewal of the beer and liquor license for 2026 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to void Ck# 86119 for \$1,667.26 to Cenex Fleet Card as the check was reissued with Ck# 86240 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to amend the following expenditure and revenue budgets as listed below and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to void Ck# 86820 as the individual lost the check and to reissue it and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to amend the following expenditure and revenue budgets as listed below and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Expenditure Budgets

- County Road and Bridge Fund-\$348,000 Co Rd 11 bridge not budgeted for

- Emergency Fund-\$2,600 Garbage dumpsters during no burn ban

- Capital Outlay Fund-\$1,000 Unexpected boiler repairs

- Hwy 10 Overlay Fund-\$1,600 Engineering billed out in 2025 from project in 2024

- Unorganized Townships-\$70,400 Road work done by Special County Road Revenue Budgets

- General Fund-\$140,000 More interest received than anticipated

- General Fund-\$62,000 More state aid received than anticipated

- Special County Road Fund-\$90,000 Billed out more for services done on Unorganized Townships

- County Agent Fund-\$2,000 More State Aid was received than anticipated

- Emergency Fund-\$800 More State Aid was received than anticipated

- Library CD Fund-\$30 More interest received than anticipated

- Library Fund-\$1,500 More donations were received than anticipated

- Road Reserve Fund-\$85,000 More money was

received from the Bankhead Jones than what was anticipated.

- Capital Outlay Fund-\$15,000 Insurance claim received from roof on courthouse

- HB 1066 Fund-\$53,000 More funding was received than anticipated

- Unorganized Township Fund-\$86,000 HB 1066 funding received and missed at budgeting time

- County HT Fund-\$49,000 Received more highway tax revenues than anticipated

Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a letter of support on behalf of Jared and Sarah Ross for the Outpost Motel and Storage Grant Proposal and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the electronic security system agreement with NEW Vision, formally Cerberus, and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an abatement on Parcel #04651000 as the applicant qualified for homestead credits and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an amendment on Parcel #04651000 as the applicant qualified for homestead credits and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a data entry error on mill levy calculations for tax year 2024 for the City of Beach. State's Attorney Wenko discussed the process of going to the legislature to seek reimbursement for the error and would do additional research on the issue and report back to the Commission. Commissioner Farstveet moved to issue a check to the City of Beach in the amount of \$19,082.76, to amend the General Fund in the same amount to correct the data entry error to make up the shortage in funds and instruct Attorney Wenko to conduct research and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Farstveet moved to void Ck# 86820 as the individual lost the check and to reissue it and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign an application for court facilities improvement grant funds to replace the current door in the Clerk of Court office with a split door for added security and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of December 2025: GVCounty Employees

- Dec. Payroll\$72,053.06

- NDPERS\$1,000.00

- NDPERS\$17,922.89

- NDPHIT\$32,205.03

- MT Dept of Revenue\$223.00

- IRS\$25,792.80

- JP Morgan\$3,402.95

- Pitney Bowes\$500.00

- Job Service ND\$585.48

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- JP Morgan\$3,534.47

- Post Board\$45.00

- ND State Treasurer\$14.08

- Eric Farstveet - Rent\$500.00

- Clay Farstveet - Rent\$500.00

- Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster Legal Fees\$6,000.00

- Radisson Hotel Bismarck Lodging\$681.00

- Information Technology Dept Data Processing\$1,147.35

- KLJ Engineering, LLC Rd & Bridge\$47,293.63

- Westlie Motor Company Repair\$691.23

- SW Multi-Correctional Center Prisoner Care\$2,209.33

- ND Association of Counties Conference\$1,764.00

- Golva Repair Repair\$161.00

- Farmers Union Oil Parts/Fuel\$10,149.06

- Tamra Sperry Reimbursement\$59.49

- Armor Interactive Contract/Computer \$2,570.21

- GV County Weed Board Spraying\$29,964.17

- The Radar Shop Inc Supplies\$192.00

- SW District Health Unit Opioid Settlement\$1,465.53

- Boss Inc - Supplies\$748.68

- Blue360 Media - Supplies\$322.92

- Motorola Solutions Parts\$48.78

- GS Publishing, LLC Publishing\$695.54

- Steve Raisler Veteran Service\$230.00

- Burt Cook Veteran Service\$240.00

- Uniform Center Uniforms\$86.99

- Brosz Engineering, Inc Rd & Bridge\$33,092.50

- ND Sheriff's & Deputies Assn.\$603.11

- Farmers Union Oil - Fuel/Parts\$13,260.79