

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS March 12, 2026

The Golden Valley County Commissioners met at 9 a.m. on March 12, 2026 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, Dell Beach, Gene Hamilton and Gary Howard with the *Golden Valley News*.

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the February 2026 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and sign the final pay estimates to Young Gun Construction and Martin Construction and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to recite the Pledge of Allegiance after any meetings are called to order and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to enter into a funding agreement for the 2027-2029 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- State's Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office.

- Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Hilary Makelky to replace Alaina Phalen and finish out her term - 2 years remaining on the Library Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The second reading on the Model Amendment Floodplain Management Ordinance was read. There was no public input. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Model Amendment Floodplain Management Ordinance and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve abatements on parcels #05393000 and #05068000 as the applicants

qualified for homestead credit or disabled veterans credit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve a conditional permit submitted by MDU to construct a new telecommunication facility including 100' wood pole communications structure, prefabricated equipment shelter, fenced compound and 12' gravel access, Sec 6-139-104, parcel #01556500 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign 1 application for utility installation permit from RTC and 3 applications for utility installation permits from Goldenwest Electric and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Candie Loftsgard met with the Board to discuss the possibility and different options for credit card payments for taxes and other County fees. No action was taken.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Mike Van Horn joined the meeting.

Tobias Zikmund, via Zoom, with Arts Across The Prairie met with the Board. Discussion was held on the possibility for Golden Valley County to assist with putting in two culverts and approaches for the structure. State's Attorney Wenko with work with Zikmund to draft a MOU for the work the County will help with. Various other topics were discussed about the project.

Commissioner Smith called the Annual County Park Board meeting to order. Board Members that were present: Rachel Keohane and Kim Gaugler, Commissioners Smith, Schmeling and Farstveet. Mike VanHorn with the GVC Fair Board and Sentinel Butte Rec, Tom Heckaman with the Golf Association, Janie Rathbun with the Beach City Park and Jake Holkup with Beach Baseball were also present for the meeting. The requests were: \$2,500 from Golva Park, \$2,500 from the Fair Board, \$3,000 from Beach Baseball, \$5,000 from the Beach City Park, \$1,000 from Spirit of the West, \$500 from Sentinel Butte Rec and \$750 from the Golf Association. The budget for disbursements this year is \$10,000. Commissioner Farstveet moved to give \$2,000 each to the Beach City Park, GVC Fair, Beach Baseball and Golva Park and \$1,000 to Spirit of the West and \$500 to Beach Golf and \$500 to Sen-

tinel Butte Rec and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye, Keohane-aye, Gaugler-aye. Motion carried. Kim Gaugler moved to adjourn the Annual County Park Board meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Kim Gaugler met with the Board to give them a copy of the Wide Open Wonder book that was put together with help from the Roosevelt Custer and State Tourism containing information on SW North Dakota detailing what there is to offer.

DES Rachel Keohane met with the Board to inform them that the State is taking longer to finalize the MHMP and that there will be an increase in the cost from the original amount budgeted at \$5,000 but will not know until it is finalized.

Loretta Marshik with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. met with the Board to introduce herself and the Engineering firm.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign task order 2026-01 for engineer services on the Hammond Bridge Replacement Design and the task order fee will not exceed \$42,444 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the master service agreement with Brosz Engineering, Inc. so that the County may request for professional services for specific projects from Brosz Engineering and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of March 2026:

GVC Employees	March Payroll.....\$69,522.60
MT Dept of Revenue	..\$190.00
NDPERS.....	\$1,150.00
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NDPHIT	\$1,150.00
IRS.....	\$25,340.87
Pitney Bowes	Postage
	\$500.00
Job Service ND.....	\$289.10
ND Tax Commissioner\$612.91
Pitney Bowes	Postage
	\$500.00
JP Morgan	\$1,344.60
ND State Treasurer..	\$9,956.01
Collections Submitted\$939,767.51
City of Beach	Water & Garbage.....\$467.99

MDU	Electricity & Gas\$4,091.68
Farmers Union Oil	Fuel.....\$64.86
RTC Networks	Internet & Phone....\$1,449.03
Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster - Legal Fees\$6,000.00
Golva Repair	Repair.....\$30.00
Information Technology Dept	Data Processing\$1,136.70
Marilyn Kutzler	Supplies.....\$214.50
Motorola Solutions	Supplies.....\$63.35
Powerplan	Repair.....\$2,801.51
Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts
	\$14,018.10
Burt Cook	Veteran Services
	\$81.60
Dawn Ueckert	Reimbursement
	\$36.33
Darin Maus	Travel.....\$18.85
Troy Tescher	Travel.....\$36.25
Carla Beeler	Travel.....\$269.00
Applied Concepts	Equipment
	\$3,728.00
GS Publishing LLC	Publishing.....\$285.04
KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge
	\$4,948.33

NDTOA	Dues
	\$1,800.00
Rohan Hardware	Supplies.....\$31.96
John Deere Financial	Supplies.....\$276.84
Steve Raisler	Veteran Services
	\$299.99
Dakota DustTex	Floor Care.....\$108.26
Greg Davidson	Reimbursement
	\$25.52
ND Assn. of Counties	D & A Test.....\$144.00
Wallwork Truck Center	Repairs
	\$2,229.70
Prairie Lumber Beach	Rd & Bridge
	\$598.75
Lawson Products	Parts
	\$1,161.85
J & J Operating, LLC	Parts
	\$374.91
ND Clerks Association	Dues
	\$100.00
Cassandra Szudera	Travel.....\$45.00
Tamra Sperry	Travel.....\$314.70
US Postal Service	Postage
	\$198.00
Armor Interactive	Contract/Printer
	\$3,061.00
Mid-American Research	Chemical - Supplies..\$519.54
Martin Construction Inc	Rd & Bridge
	\$8,019.13
ND Dept of Environ. Quality	Boiler Inspection
	\$105.00
Tescher Fencing, LLC	Rd & Bridge
	\$11,085.20
Westlie Motor Company	Repair.....\$4,852.02

Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies.....\$205.94
Pharmchem, Inc	24/7.....\$95.85
Winter Equipment Company	Equipment
	\$2,329.82
Rachel Keohane	Travel.....\$234.40
Young Gun Construction	Rd & Bridge
	\$26,016.47
March Payroll.....	\$16,767.83
Payroll Liabilities.....	\$2,868.68
Steven Schillo	Refund.....\$223.15
John Kobbeman	Refund.....\$2,402.60
NDSU Extension Pesticide	Program - Training.....\$140.00
Library Disbursements\$374.47
Park Board Distributions\$10,000.00
Normont Equipment	Equipment
	\$82,500.00
Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel.....\$1,186.17
Mark Egan	Reimbursement
	\$46.53
AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone
	\$116.65
NDSU Extension Pesticide	Program - Training.....\$140.00
Warne Chemical & Equipment	Equipment
	\$1,223.07

ATTEST
Adam Smith, Chairman
County Commissioners
Tamra Sperry, County Auditor
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GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT PROCEEDINGS March 30, 2026

Location: Billings County Commission Room
Buffalo Gap Road Discussion - Billings County & Golden Valley County
CALL TO ORDER

The special joint meeting of the Billings County Board of County Commissioners and the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 30, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners in attendance: Dean Rodne, James Haag, Steven Klym from Billings County; Adam Smith, Robert Schmeling, Rory Farstveet from Golden Valley County.

Others in attendance: Marcia Kessel, Travis Bateman, Andrew Krebs, Anita Adams, Misty Hays, Cody Armbrust, Carl Rohde, Pat Redmond, Stacey Swanson, Jeremy Easum, Tamra Sperry, Pete Wirtzfeld, Kyle Shockley, Billings County State's Attorney Jared Gietzen and Golden Valley County

State's Attorney Christina Wenko via Zoom.
SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Buffalo Gap Road Extension - Joint County Discussion: Two proposals were received, one from Civil Science and one from Brosz Engineering working jointly with KLJ. Both firms provided presentations and answered questions regarding experience, staffing, schedule, environmental work, permitting, and subcontracting. Board members discussed permitting timelines, environmental surveys, FLEX funding opportunities, rate comparisons, and coordination with the Forest Service.

Commissioner Smith moved to accept Brosz Engineering's proposal and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Klym moved to accept Brosz Engineering's proposal and Commissioner Haag seconded. Roll call vote: Haag-aye, Klym-aye, Rodne-aye. Motion carried.

County staff will work together to finalize contract documents with Brosz/KLJ and re-

turn contract for signatures.

Brosz/KLJ is to begin preliminary corridor work, coordinate environmental surveys, and engage Forest Service for permitting and schedule coordination. Engineers were asked to evaluate crossing options (e.g., box culvert) and include an allowance and cost options in design documents. The boards were in concurrence.

Misty Hayes from US Forest Service requested inclusion of a design allowance for a Maah Daah Hey Trail crossing at Knutson Creek to mitigate beaver dam flooding and trail impacts.

Commissioner Haag moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Klym seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Rodne declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

ATTEST
Adam Smith, Chairman
County Commissioners
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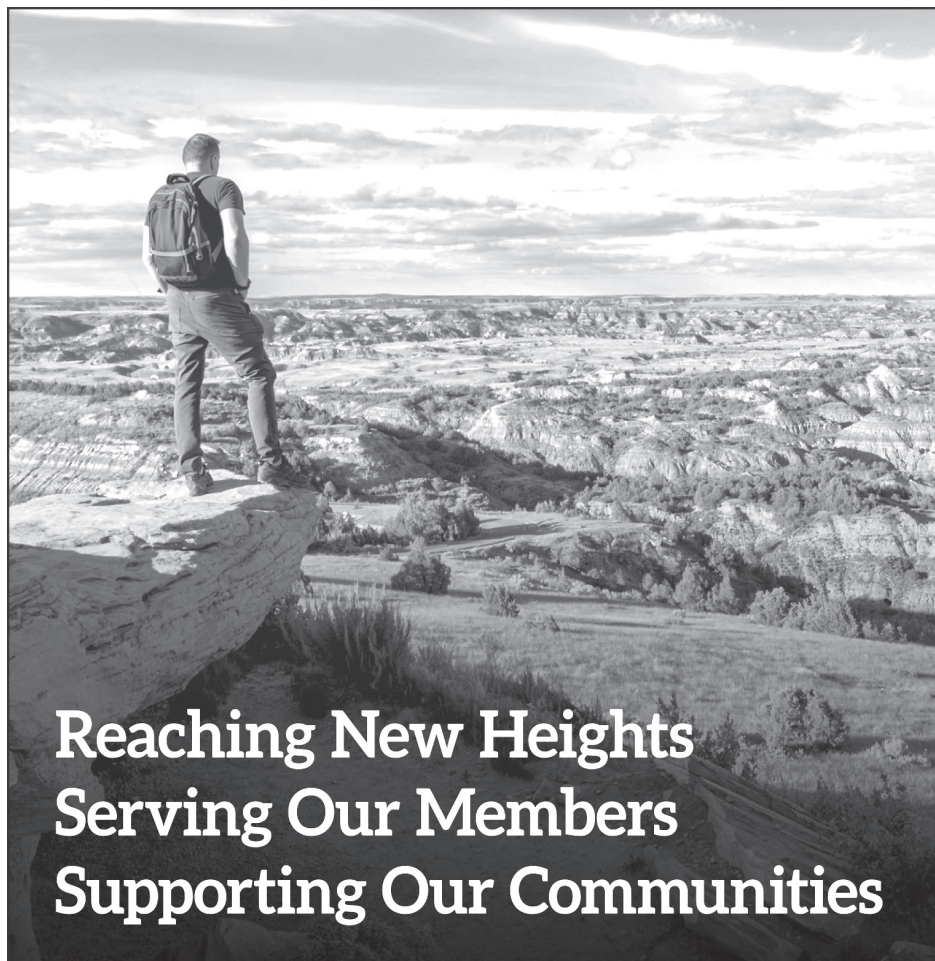
Members set up bins and dumpsters around town to collect cans, which were then sorted so the tabs could be donated.

A dumpster for cans was placed outside FFA Advisor Marty Campbell's shop classroom. Within the first week of the drive, it was completely filled with donations from the community.

Students quickly got to work separating the tabs from the cans.

Walking into the shop, visitors can see gallon-sized plastic bags filled with pop tabs for Wade.

While an exact total has not been measured, it is estimated that at least 35 pounds of tabs have been collected.



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Serving Our Members
Supporting Our Communities



Western
Cooperative
CREDIT UNION

ANNUAL MEETING

As a member of Western Cooperative Credit Union, you're not just a customer; you're an owner. Join us on April 23 to hear updates, celebrate progress and help shape the future of your credit union.

Dickinson Annual Meeting

Roosevelt Grand Dakota
532 15th St. W., Dickinson
Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. MT
Meeting streamed virtually

Williston Annual Meeting

Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center
3601 2nd Ave W., Williston
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. CT

Free meal and member prize drawings.
We look forward to seeing you as we continue to reach new heights together.