

# GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS April 7, 2026

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. on April 7, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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 moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment 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 appoint Raynette Szudera as the Inspector for the 2026 Primary and General Elections and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to transfer \$910,000 from Road Reserve Fund to the Special Count Road Fund per 2026 budgets and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve a gaming site authorization from Home On The Range for a Calcutta at the Home On The Range Match on August 1, 2026 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- County Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the NDIRF Annual Meeting will be held May 7th. Commissioner Smith moved to elect Chad Peterson in the "At Large" category to the NDIRF Board of Directors and to sign the proxy for the annual meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- The Board reviewed a quote from Armor for equipment in the Commissioner's room for zoom/teams meetings. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign and accept the quote in the amount of \$1,496.98 and pay for it out of the Capital Outlay budget when the County is invoiced and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- The GVC Community Foundation grant will have 2

rounds for 2026, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board a letter informing them that an application from Northern Plains Connector was submitted to the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit.

- Tax Director Carla Beeler has finished training to be certified as a Class II Assessor. Commissioner Farstveet moved to give Beeler a 3% raise (\$125.96/month) as agreed upon at time of hire and to have County Auditor Sperry make a pay adjustment at the April payroll in the amount of \$377.88 to reflect the raise as certification was complete in January and Beeler was not compensated the 3% for January-March payroll and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the funding agreement for clerk of court services with the State and this agreement is from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2029 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- The Board reviewed the sworn statement in proof of loss from ND Fire and Tornado from the hailstorm back in May 2024. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the statement and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- The County Tour with NDACo/NDCCA will be held sometime between June 24th and 25th.

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

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve a variance for a covered porch on the east side of Todd Rudquist's property that will be part of new construction in Sec 1-144-105, Parcel #04272000 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Candie Loftsgard met with the Board to discuss online payments. Commissioner Farstveet moved to implementing online payments through Municipay and to purchase a credit card reader and the transaction fees will be passed onto the customers of a \$2 minimum or 2.95% for transactions over \$60 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering met with the Board. Discussion was held on a JPA with Billings County and Golden Valley County on the Buffalo Gap Road Extension joint project. States Attor-

ney Wenko will work with Billings County's States Attorney Jared Gietzen to produce the JPA. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve authorization to allow Brosz Engineering to begin phase 1 planning efforts and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. It was agreed Wirtzfeld will be the main contact person on this project.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to assign KLJ Engineering to start preliminary work on the Zimdars Bridge and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the rates for gravel and scoria. Commissioner Farstveet moved to increase the gravel rate per yard from \$3.50 to \$4.00 and the scoria rate per yard from \$2.50 to \$3.00 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Other various road topics were discussed. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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

GVC Employees	April Payroll.....	\$77,772.92
NDPERS.....	\$20,713.11	
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MT Dept of Revenue	.....	\$260.00
NDPHIT .....	\$34,606.50	
IRS.....	\$28,755.48	
Pitney Bowes	Postage .....	\$500.00
JP Morgan .....	\$1,479.33	
Collections	Submitted .....	\$130,577.25
Mackoff Kellogg Kirby &		

## Request for Bids

### NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS STANDING HAY ON RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94 AND INTERSTATE 29

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND-DOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right of way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2026 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in four district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, "Bids for Standing Hay", and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

#### Deadlines:

- Bismarck, Fargo, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 4, 2026.
- Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 4, 2026.

#### NDDOT district offices:

- Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950
- Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103-1198 Ph: (701) 239-8900
- Valley City: 1524 8th Avenue Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800
- Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500

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Kloster - Legal Fees	.....	\$6,000.00
Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center.....	\$2,000.00	
Family Connection Safe Visitation Center .....	\$500.00	
GS Publishing	.....	\$1,114.45
CNA Surety Direct Bill Insurance.....	\$50.00	
NewVision Security	Contract.....	\$600.00
American Ford	Repair.....	\$13,046.50
Just-In-Glass	Supplies.....	\$172.00
Boss - Supplies.....	\$362.23	
Lawson Products, Inc	Parts .....	\$351.89
Software Innovations	Software .....	\$7,350.00
Otis Elevator Company	Contract.....	\$1,037.52
Rohan Hardware	Supplies.....	\$23.79
KLJ Engineering, LLC	Rd & Bridge.....	\$9,607.26
John Deere Financial	Parts .....	\$1,785.88
Matthew Bender	Updates.....	\$79.93
Tescher Fencing	Rd & Bridge .....	\$3,337.33
Beach Cooperative Grain	Supplies.....	\$32.10
Troy Tescher - Travel...	\$36.25	
Darin Maus - Travel.....	\$18.85	
Black Mountain Software	Fees.....	\$12,381.39
Wallwork Truck Center	Supplies.....	\$377.99
Steele Auto Body LLC	Repair.....	\$336.00
Burt Cook	Veteran Services .....	\$500.00
John Thompson	Veteran Services .....	\$60.00
Ashley Ueckert	Travel.....	\$926.91
Fireside Office Solutions	Contract.....	\$926.91
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc	Floor Care.....	\$12.46
Prairie Lumber Beach	Supplies.....	\$698.58

## Notice of Hearing

MACKOFF, KELLOGG LAW FIRM  
38 Second Ave E, Suite A  
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701-456-3210  
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF  
GOLDEN VALLEY  
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Kenneth Wyckoff, Deceased.  
Probate No.  
17-2026-PR-00008

### NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marlys Updike has filed herein a petition for adjudication of intestacy and appointment of personal representative.

2. Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 25th day of June, 2026, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of the above-named Court in the City of Beach, County of Golden Valley, State of North Dakota.

3. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person appearing for the purpose of objecting to any matter or item contained within the above-mentioned petition for formal probate of Will shall file herein and serve upon the undersigned counsel for the Petitioner their written objections to the same not later than seven (7) days prior to the above scheduled hearing.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Morgan M. Jacobs  
Morgan M. Jacobs, Attorney  
Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm  
38 2nd Avenue East Ste. A  
Dickinson, ND 58601  
Telephone: 701-456-3210  
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Electro Watchman Inc	Contract.....	\$479.40
Butler Machine Company	Parts .....	\$1,374.85
Powerplan - Parts ...	\$2,240.28	
Motorola Solutions	Subscriptions .....	\$2,127.00
SW Multi-County Correction Center - Prisoner Care .....	\$2,200.00	
Cassandra Szudera	Reimbursement .....	\$13.98
PharmChem Inc	24/7.....	\$95.85
Office of Attorney General	24/7.....	\$630.00
Westlie Motor Company	Parts .....	\$621.37
Armor Interactive	Contract.....	\$1,195.00
Information Technology	Data Processing ...	\$1,136.70
ND State Radio	LETS.....	\$9,507.36
Armor Interactive	Equipment .....	\$1,496.98
City of Beach	Water & Garbage....	\$460.64
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone.....	\$367.80
Farmers Union	Fuel.....	\$201.77
MDU	Electricity & Gas ...	\$3,574.37
Mark Egan	Reimbursement .....	\$46.53
Library	Disbursements.....	\$99.08
AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone.....	\$116.61
RTC Networks	Phone & Internet...\$	\$1,445.25
April Payroll .....	\$17,632.57	

Payroll Liabilities.....	\$2,956.85	
Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel.....	\$2,051.42
SpraySync	License .....	\$1,700.00
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone.....	\$367.72
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical.....	\$9,298.00
Rohan Hardware	Supplies.....	\$21.66
ND State Treasurer	State Levy.....	\$555.58
ATTEST	Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners Tamra Sperry, County Auditor (Published May 14, 2026)	

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## ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-44-01 MEDICAL MARIJUANA

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-44-01, related to definitions, expiration of registry identification cards, compassion center certification fees, dispensary premises, manufacturing facility labeling, and standards for concentration compliance testing, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

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 Monday, June 29, 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.

## ANALYSIS OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT JUNE 9, 2026

The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 9, 2026. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at soselect@nd.gov, or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

### Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 610). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.

Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

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## NOTICE OF PLANNING & ZONING HEARING

The Golden Valley County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Golden Valley County Courthouse in Beach, ND.

The purpose of the hearing is to review and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the following item:

Application for a Variance for a 24' x 28' building as part of New Construction, 80 Broad St., City of Sentinel Butte, Parcel #05520000.

Dated at Beach, ND this 1st day of May 2026.  
Carla Beeler  
Golden Valley County  
Zoning Director

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