

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS May 5, 2026

Golden Valley County Commissioners held a regular meeting at 9 a.m. on May 5, 2026 in the commissioner room at the courthouse. Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. 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 Farstveet moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the April 2026 regular 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.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

• Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the updated 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.

• Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the letter of engagement with Brady Martz to do the County's 2025 audit with a fee of \$37,500 plus the technology and data security fee and the single audit fee will be \$5,000 per major program and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

• Commissioner Farstveet

moved to appoint Deputy Auditor Cassie Szudera to replace Auditor Sperry on the County Canvassing Board on June 22nd but the County Auditor will attend the meeting via phone and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

• Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept Gene Hamilton's resignation to the SW District Health Unit Board and appoint Rachel Keohane to fill the vacancy and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

• Commissioner Schmeling moved to adopt and sign the following resolution and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, ND RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12 A RESOLUTION OF GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY ADOPTING THE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Golden Valley County; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has participated in the preparation of a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Golden Valley County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by

Golden Valley County demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2026 Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, ND, THAT: Golden Valley County adopts the 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to Golden Valley County may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Golden Valley County to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2026.

The Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners /s/ Adam Smith Golden Valley County Commission Chair ATTEST:

/s/ Tamra Sperry Golden Valley County Auditor

• State's Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held on the beer and liquor licenses that are issued to Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC as it will be changing ownership come August 1st. County Auditor will get the correct forms to the new owner to start the process of transferring the licenses.

• Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign a Joint Powers Agreement between Billings County and Golden Valley County regarding the Buffalo Gap Road Extension Project and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

• Commissioner Schmeling moved to allow County Auditor Sperry to fill any vacancies that may exist for the 2026 elections and Commissioner Farstveet 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 6 abatement's from mobile home owners as they had to pay their taxes and the State reimbursed the County for their primary residence credits so the County needs to reimburse those individuals; 2 abatements to reimburse the applicant as there was 2 qualifying structures to receive primary residence credit on one parcel and the problem has been resolved for the future; 1 abatement for an applicant that qualifies for the 2025 home-stead credits and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken with the conditional use permit that was submitted to the County's Zoning Board for a parking lot and artwork to be built for the Arts Across the Prairie project as the Board is waiting to hear of the projects approval of the Forest Service conditional use permit that was submitted by the architect.

Custodian Dave Helsper met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to hire Nitro Green to apply pre-emergent and 3 applications of fertilizer and weed control for a total of \$807.94 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

County Agent Ashley Uecker and Fair Board Member Mike VanHorn met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Fair Board to run the individual that is hired to do the mowing at the Fair Grounds with the County's payroll and all expenses will be reimbursed to the County from the Fair Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Trish Feiring met with the

Board to discuss the possible opportunity to get leadership and mental health speaker Calli Thorne to come to the County to speak to the public. Feiring is waiting to hear back from a grant she applied for. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Smith gave the Board an update on the Library as he is a member of that Board. No action was taken.

Misty Hayes with the Forest Service met with the Board and gave them an update from her office. Golden Valley County and Billings County and the Forest Service will have an on-site meeting on May 7th for the Buffalo Gap Road project. As of now the Forest Service will be following the fire restrictions the same as last year.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Commissioner Schmeling moved to allow Wirtzfeld to order equipment for the wireless headsets with a cost estimate of \$7,015 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering joined the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign task order number 2026-2 with Brosz Engineering for the Buffalo Gap extension project and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the certification of local match for bridge inspection / load rating and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign off on the form from Merchants Bonding Company with Young Gun Construction, LLC for the completion of County Road 11 Structure and Commissioner Schmeling 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 May 2026:

- GV County Employees May Payroll.....\$72,511.96
MT Dept of Revenue ..\$201.00
IRS.....\$25,879.34
NDPERS.....\$18,673.92
NDPERS.....\$1,150.00
ND PHIT\$34,606.50
ND State Treasurer\$2,573.42
JP Morgan\$1,711.55
Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster Legal Fees.....\$6,000.00
SW Multi-County Correctional Prisoner Care\$1,700.00
NDSU Extension Salary\$8,107.61
GS Publishing LLC Publishing\$611.49
Farmers Union Oil Fuel & Parts.....\$9,155.37
Carla Beeler - Travel.....\$93.50
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services - Meter Lease\$441.99
Information Technology Dept Data Processing\$1,136.70
Darin Maus - Travel\$18.85

- Troy Tescher - Travel\$36.25
Truck Suppliers Inc Repair\$9,813.28
Motorola Solutions Equipment\$1,250.30
Fast Initial Response System & Travel - Supplies.....\$545.84
Boss Inc - Supplies.....\$229.85
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc Floor Care.....\$95.80
Lawson Products, Inc Supplies.....\$413.91
Peter Wirtzfeld Reimbursement\$108.72
Logo Magic Uniforms\$426.00
Ward County Auditor Prisoner Care\$550.00
AutoAgent Data Solutions LLC Supplies.....\$225.00
Silha Funeral Home Supplies.....\$135.55
Greg Glass Construction Repair\$200.00
Noll Construction Contract.....\$1,725.00
Rohan Hardware Supplies.....\$22.47
KLJ Engineering LLC Rd & Bridge\$26,398.84
Taylor Print Impression Election Supplies...\$1,577.92
Tamra Sperry Reimbursement\$83.39
Westlie Motor Company Repair.....\$7,413.89
WallWork Truck Center Repair.....\$3,445.14
Colonial Research Supplies.....\$440.84
Prairie Lumber Supplies.....\$383.06
Burt Cook Veteran Services\$215.00
Terry Mollendor Veteran Services\$830.00
Spectra Associates Inc Supplies.....\$417.50
DOT - Rd & Bridge\$395.70
Charbonneau Car Center Repair.....\$10,809.85
ND Assn. of Counties Worker Comp\$1,409.38
Election Systems & Software Election Supplies...\$2,302.72
Normont Equipment Equipment.....\$10,374.92
Texas Refinery Corp Supplies.....\$520.40
Matthew Bender & Co Inc Updates\$96.81
Adam Smith - Travel.....\$87.00
PharmChem - 24/7\$127.80
Collections - Submitted\$522,144.88
City of Beach Water & Garbage.....\$461.82
MDU Electricity & Gas\$2,762.87
Collections - Submitted\$5,386.44
Primary Resident Credit\$5,707.52
Normont Equipment Equipment\$7,015.00
Warne Chemical & Equipment Parts\$945.15
Farmers Union Oil Fuel & Parts.....\$1,124.57
RTC Networks Internet & Phone....\$1,452.93
Library Distribution.....\$50.00
May Payroll.....\$16,453.48
Payroll Liabilities.....\$2,872.74
Mark Egan Reimbursement\$46.47
Pump Systems Parts\$1,566.18
AT&T - Cell Phone.....\$116.61
Cenex Fleet Fueling Fuel.....\$1,947.70
Verizon Wireless Cell Phone\$367.78
ATTEST
Adam Smith, Chairman,
County Commissioners
Tamra Sperry, County Auditor
(Published June 11, 2026)

Insurance ABSTRACTS

Table with 2 columns: Financial Statement (Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company) and North Dakota Business Only (2025). Rows include Total Assets, Total Liabilities, and various fund categories.

Table with 2 columns: Financial Statement (Allianz Life Insurance Company Of New York) and North Dakota Business Only (2025). Rows include Total Assets, Total Liabilities, and various fund categories.

Table with 2 columns: Financial Statement (Allianz Life Insurance Company Of North America) and North Dakota Business Only (2025). Rows include Total Assets, Total Liabilities, and various fund categories.

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WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and

WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2026 (SEAL) JON GODFREAD Commissioner of Insurance (Published June 11, 18 & 25, 2026)

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
Property owners within the City of Beach are responsible for keeping their property mowed and noxious weeds controlled.
When property is not mowed or weeds become a nuisance, the City will mow and/or spray the property at a cost of \$300.00 per lot as allowed by City Ordinance 366 Section 12.0101-12.0105.
Your cooperation in keeping property neatly mowed and free of noxious weeds is appreciated.
Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor
(Published May 28, June 4 & 11, 2026)