

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS September 1, 2026

Golden Valley County Commissioners met Sept. 1, 2026 in the commission room at the courthouse. Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting, along with State's Attorney Christina Wenko via zoom and Jordana Garland with the *Golden Valley News*. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the August 2026 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling 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:

- Region 8 County Caucus meeting is scheduled for September 14th in New England.

- Regional Workforce Impact Grant steering committee meeting is scheduled for September 9th.

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

Alexa Keller with Brady Martz met with the Board via zoom to go over the 2025 County Audit. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the 2025 audit as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote:

Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Librarian job description prepared by the Library Board. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the job description as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Ben Baker with Prairie West Development met with the Board and it was agreed that the County will not levy for the 2027 budget season for Jobs Development and it will be readdressed when it comes to working on the 2028 budget.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the following preliminary levy amounts and preliminary budgets as reviewed and edited for 2027 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

General.....	\$350,000
Council on Aging.....	\$33,392
Veteran Service	\$11,000
SW District Health Unit	\$55,000
Road and Bridge.....	\$166,961
Water Management.....	\$33,392
Ambulance.....	\$217,049
Extension Service	\$33,392

County Airport.....	\$13,490
Weed Control.....	\$66,784
Library.....	\$66,784
Soil Conservation	\$41,740
GV Historical Society.....	\$4,174
Jobs Development.....	\$0
Sunrise Youth	\$3,996
State Medical Levy	\$16,696
Unorganized Townships:	
136-105	\$2,858
136-106	\$2,222
137-103	\$956
138-103	\$1,582
141-103	\$2,398
142-103	\$3,064
142-105	\$3,142
143-103	\$3,340

144-103\$4,984

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve the application submitted by David Jensen for a subdivision located on Sec 23-140-103, Sentinel Township parcel 01783050 that would be subdivided into Parcel B 19.98 acres, Parcel C 20.51 acres, Parcel D2 10.4 acres, Parcel E 8.02 acres, Parcel F 47.04 acres and Parcel G 41.14 acres and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Misty Hayes and Rob Schilling with the USFS met with the Board and gave them updates on various topics including the Northern Plains Connector, travel management plan and fire restrictions.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Gayle Cox of Brosz Engineering, Andrew Krebs of KLJ, and Jeremy Wood and Nicole

Kilwein of Northern Plains Engineering met with the Board.

Wood introduced himself and Kilwein to the Board, reviewed previous projects he has worked on with the County and requested to be included in discussions regarding future County projects.

Cox provided an update on the Hammond structure replacement. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the application for the core permit for the Hammond structure replacement and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet then moved to sign the temporary construction easements for the Highway 10 bridge (CP 1728(25)01) project and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a pit lease with Lawrence Streitz and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Other various topics were discussed.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of September 2026: GV County Employees September Payroll

.....\$87,357.16
MT Dept of Revenue
.....\$236.00

NDPERS.....\$21,430.15
ND PHIT.....\$34,606.50
IRS.....\$30,583.14
First State Bank
Wire Fee.....\$15.00
Job Service ND.....\$353.87
ND Tax Commissioner
.....\$946.75
JP Morgan.....\$1,705.59
ND State Treasurer.....\$102.99
Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster
Legal Fees.....\$6,000.00
Westlie Motor Company
Repair.....\$3,597.13
I-29 Trailer Sales
Parts.....\$240.56
Colonial Research
Supplies.....\$1,361.97
Motorola Solutions
Subscription.....\$2,297.66
Golva Repair
Repair.....\$359.00
Farmers Union Oil
Parts & Fuel.....\$32,023.93
Uniform Center

Uniforms.....\$561.94
Armor Interactive
Contract.....\$1,195.00
Information Technology Dept
Data Processing...\$1,110.05
SW Multi-County Correction
Center - Prisoner Care
.....\$420.00
GS Publishing, LLC
Publishing.....\$1,609.33
Brosz Engineering Inc
Rd & Bridge.....\$5,575.75
ND Association of Counties
D & A Testing.....\$274.20
Carla Beeler - Travel..\$755.80
KLJ Engineering
Rd & Bridge.....\$15,194.44
Sidwell
Subscription.....\$4,800.00
Dak Insurance
Insurance.....\$739.00
Nitro-Green Professional Lawn
Contract.....\$201.98
Boss Inc - Supplies....\$368.00
Code 4 Services
Parts.....\$14,358.38
Robert Schmeling
Travel.....\$942.35
Mid-American Tool
Parts.....\$122.32
Fireside Office Solutions
Contract.....\$2,610.00
John Deere Financial
Parts.....\$3,877.58
Noll Construction
Contract.....\$2,592.60
Pitney Bowes Inc
Supplies.....\$161.01
Brady, Martz & Associates
Audit.....\$10,500.00
Rohan Hardware
Supplies.....\$49.35
NW Tire - Parts.....\$1,276.88
Dixie Lardy
Gravel Royalty\$51,476.00
Burt Cook
Veteran Services\$420.00

Troy Tescher - Travel...\$38.00
Darin Maus - Travel\$19.76
Cassandra Szudera
Travel.....\$14.00
Tamra Sperry
Travel.....\$119.18
Collections Submitted
.....\$22,616.37
City of Beach
Water & Garbage.....\$915.39
MDU
Electricity & Gas ...\$1,687.34
Pump Systems - Parts..\$45.83
Olson's Service
Fuel.....\$1,529.05
Prairie Lumber
Supplies.....\$41.94
PharmChem - 24/7\$63.90
Farmers Union Oil
Fuel/Parts.....\$1,115.17
RTC Networks
Internet/Telephone
.....\$1,445.28
Mark Egan
Reimbursement\$93.06
Nutrien - Chemical..\$4,944.40
AT&T Mobility
Cell Phone.....\$118.95
Cenex Fleet Fueling
Fuel.....\$2,213.79
Rohan Hardware
Supplies.....\$23.48
Armor Interactive
Computer.....\$1,843.51
September Payroll
.....\$17,527.60
Payroll Liabilities.....\$2,949.36
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phone.....\$367.90
NDSU Distributions....\$494.70

ATTEST
Adam Smith, Chairman,
County Commissioners
Tamra Sperry, County Auditor
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