GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
October 6, 2026

Golden Valley County Commissioners met Oct. 6, 2026 at 9 a.m. in the commissioner 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*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Tax Director Carla Beeler under current business and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the September 2026 regular 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:

• NDACo Conference - October 11th -13th - DOT meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 9:30 MDT.

• There is another round of the Court Facilities Improvement grant, applications are due December 31st.

• Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Zane Manhart as the ND State Fair Delegate and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

• Discussion was held about outsourcing the human resource duties of the County. No action was taken.

• There are no properties that will go up for public auction due to 3 years of delinquent taxes.

• State's Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the JPA agreement between ND Council on the Arts and the County regarding a sculpture construction on Highway 10 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

• Tax Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the utility permit application submitted by RTC to install fiber optic cables located at 140N-104W Section 21 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Beeler also informed the Board that the State is directing the County to decrease agricultural property by 2%. The County valuation will have to be recalculated due to this change.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to discuss the 2027 law enforcement contract with the City of Beach. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the contract contingent to the City of Beach's signatures and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Heather Dykins with The Agency met with the Board to ask them to consider The Agency as the agent of record for the County's NDIRF policy. No action was taken.

10:30 a.m. was the advertised time for the public hearing on the proposed 2027 budgets and levies. Chairman Smith opened the meeting up for public input and there was none.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the 2027 budgets as submitted reflecting a 3% employee pay increase for 2027 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote: Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Final levies will be calculated after the county valuation is adjusted for the 2% agricultural property value decrease. The final mill levy will not exceed the amount pre-approved at the September meeting. The final mill levy will be presented to the Board for approval at the November 10 meeting.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed. Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a core permit for the Zimdars bridge project on 31st Street and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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

GVCounty Employees October Payroll... $73,557.70
NDPERS..... $1,150.00
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MT Dept of Revenue $201.00
IRS..... $26,595.77
ND PHIT $34,606.50
JP Morgan $1,572.76
ND State Treasurer..... $92.10
Collections Submitted $29,779.45
Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster Legal Fees..... $6,000.00

Information Technology
Data Processing ... $1,110.05
SW Multi-Corrections Center
Prisoner Care $160.00
Dakota Dust-Tex
Floor Care..... $221.92
Matthew Bender
Updates..... $33.43
PowerPlan
Repair..... $3,133.85
Vanguard Appraisals Inc.
Contract..... $5,200.00

Westlie Motor Company
Repair..... $6,414.83
Radisson Hotel Bismarck
Travel..... $454.00
Armor Interactive
Contract..... $1,195.00
Tamra Sperry
Reimbursement..... $91.38
Cassandra Szudera
Travel..... $91.20
Burt Cook
Veteran Services $640.00
Brady Martz & Associates
Audit Fees..... $13,125.00
Adam Smith - Travel.. $152.72
Vizion Signs
Repair..... $1,152.00
Motorola Solutions
Supplies..... $178.04
GS Publishing
Publishing..... $429.80
NewVision Security
Contract..... $600.00
Election Systems & Software
Election..... $2,465.37
Tyler Technology
Contract..... $283.66
Boss Inc - Supplies.... $534.20
Farmers Union Oil
Supplies..... $21,961.13
KLJ Engineering
Road & Bridge $19,131.86
Lawson Products
Parts..... $2,030.50
Rohan Hardware
Supplies..... $80.14
NS Association of Counties
Testing $303.20
Source One Supply
Parts..... $342.92
Brosz Engineering
Road & Bridge $18,808.50
US Postal Service
Box Fee $132.00
Mid American Research

Chemical - Supplies
..... $1,039.66
Fast Initial Response System
Supplies..... $411.31
John Deere Financial
Repair..... $3,303.76
Terry Mollendor
Veteran Services $200.00
US Postal Service
Stamps $65.00
Fireside Office Solutions
Contract..... $130.81
Sidwell - Software... $3,200.00
Noll Construction
Contract..... $3,565.00
City of Beach
Water & Garbage..... $668.46
MDU
Electricity & Gas ... $2,017.29
Office of Attorney General
24/7..... $175.00
Nutrien Ag Solutions
Chemical..... $8,353.00
Olson's Service
Fuel..... $487.30
Warne Chemical & Equipment
Parts..... $276.95
RTC Networks
Telephone & Internet
..... $8,353.00
Farmers Union Oil
Parts..... $128.29
Rohan Hardware
Supplies..... $12.99
Cenex Fleet Fueling
Fuel..... $2,134.67
October Payroll..... $16,396.14
Payroll Liabilities..... $2,903.57
AT&T - Cell Phone..... $119.10
Verizon - Cell Phone.. $368.05

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