

# Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Board of Logan County Commissioners**  
**Napoleon, ND**  
**January 14, 2026**  
**(unofficial or subject to approval)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker, and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schumacher moved, seconded by Batsch, to approve the agenda with the addition of tarring Burnstad Road and gravel pitting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the December regular meeting minutes and the minutes of one special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of December and January, vouchers payable for January as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$44,923.49 VSO for \$802.00, E911 for \$425.00, Agent for \$2,800.00, and Highway Dept for \$24,870.23. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached which were authorized for payment by the Board:

15966-Haut Funeral Home, body bag.....425.00  
15967-BEK Communications, EOC TV & Internet.....122.25  
15968-BEK Communications, phone service for several offices.....861.35  
15969-Locals' Convenience Center, official travel.....233.00  
15970-Visa, extended magazines for sheriff's department & travel.....470.37  
15971-Visa, cleaning supplies, dual monitor arm & paper cutter.....361.38  
15972-Visa, lifepak batteries & dues.....782.00  
15973-Dept of Emergency Services, line fees, license renewal, lets fees & Ever-bridge fee.....10,687.52  
15974-Jim Fettig & Sons, snow removal November & December.....1,105.00  
15975-Stutsman County Corrections, Custody of Prisoner.....100.00  
15976-Dakota Business Solutions, annual maintenance agreement & labels...390.99  
15977-Dustin Hammond, reimburse residential internet January 2026.....96.50  
15978-Stock Growers Bank, chargeback service fee.....5.00  
15979-Lexipol, LLC, Annual Law Enforcement Manual.....4,060.42  
15980-Verizon, 5G mobile Broadband.....54.01  
15981-Menard's, courthouse & shop supplies.....118.92  
15982-Jamestown Community Corrections—community service case.....625.00  
15983-Quill Corporation, ink, envelopes & desk calendar.....498.95  
15984-ND 911 Association, 2026 Dues.....100.00  
15985-NACCTFO, 2026.....100.00  
15986-ND County Commissioner Association, 2026 Dues.....1,085.00  
15987-ND Association of Counties, 2026 Dues.....5,452.00  
15988-Tri-County Exhibitors, Tax levy collections 2026.....2,000.00  
15989-Anton, Kenan & Shannon Doll, annual lease site fee county repeater.....200.00  
15990-Advanced Business Methods, base rate & overage.....388.23  
15991-ND County Recorders

Association, 2026 dues.....500.00  
15992-Computer Express, docking station, mouse, keyboard & adapters.....704.91  
15993-Kyle Friez, Reimburse dog food & supplies.....119.97  
15994-City of Napoleon, utilities for 2025.....1,809.27  
15995-Matthew Bender & Co ND Century Code revision books.....174.61  
15996-South Central Dakota Regional Council, 2026 Dues.....4,102.00  
15997-National Association of Counties, 2026 dues.....450.00  
15998-ND County Auditors Association, Auditor/Treasurer dues.....400.00  
15999-Quadiant Leasing, quarterly postage machine lease.....353.19  
16000-MDU, courthouse Electricity.....2,286.87  
16001-Napoleon Homestead paper, printing minutes, notices & holiday greeting.....806.02  
16002-Information Technology Dept., WAN/VPN/Office 365/Adobe.....1,089.20  
16003-Verizon, Sheriff cell phones & jetpacks.....318.20  
16004-Gross Repair, uninstall old camera & install new camera in 4383.....690.00  
16005-Quadiant Finance USA, postage for several Offices.....2,319.00  
16006-Prairie Heating & Air, annual maintenance and boiler work.....879.35  
16007-ND Association of Counties, 2026 Est Workers Comp Premium.....14,433.95  
16008-Dakota Valley Electric, Gackle shop electricity.....250.00  
16009-KEM Electric, Electricity.....250.00  
16010-KEM Electric, electricity.....250.00  
16011-RDO Equipment Co., 772GP Napoleon grader hydraulic leak repair.....1,859.08  
16012-Napoleon Oil Co., Bulk fuel Napoleon shop 2,522.88  
16013-Fredonia Coop Oil Co., bulk fuel Lehr shop...2,460.24  
16014-Sayler Implement, filters & cool gar.....1,292.60  
16015-OK Tire, blade tires.....6,252.40  
16016-City of Lehr, water on empty lot & water, sewer & garbage at Lehr shop.....94.30  
16017-South Central Regional Water District, water at Napoleon shop.....40.60  
16018-Martell's True Value, ACRY sheet for 772G.....43.99  
16019-City of Gackle, water & garbage at Gackle shop...41.21  
16020-Dewald Tire Sales & Service, replace blade tires.....1,001.85  
16021-Allied Energy, LP Fuel Lehr shop.....557.54  
16022-Rigging & Tools, tow rope.....1,014.93  
16023-JHL Truck Service, 1995 International Brakes.....2,959.34  
16024-Blanche Schumacher, reimburse mileage & 2025 road overseer hours.....619.20  
16025-Ecolab, Napoleon shop pest control.....150.00  
16026-Ecolab, Lehr shop pest control.....150.00  
16027-Main Street Hardware, ice scraper & floor dry.....35.98  
16028-Ecolab, Gackle shop pest control.....175.00  
16029-Northside Napa, clutch brake & filters.....306.42  
16030-Fredonia City, Road & Bridge allocation.....106.92  
16031-Gackle City, Road & Bridge allocation.....599.28  
16032-Lehr City, Road & Bridge allocation.....40.43  
16033-Napoleon City, Road & Bridge allocation.....2,627.97  
16034-Gackle Coop Oil Co., Gas, bulk fuel & shop supplies.....3,039.35  
16035-Logan County Auditor, snow removal--4,700.00  
16036-Retriever LLC,

Outer seals for depth wheel 45.00  
16037-Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative, official travel & propane for Napoleon Shop.....1,220.04  
16038-Josh Becker, reimburse registration fee....25.00  
16039-NDSU Extension, FCW & ANR agent salaries.....10,926.52  
16040-National Association of Co Veteran Service Officers, 2026 Dues.....50.00

The monthly fund report, highway worker logs, and statements of fees were reviewed.

Committee reports were given.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering updated the Board on the progress of the Burnstad Road Project and provided information regarding the county being awarded Flex Funds for a bridge in Logan County designated as 24-116-23.0. Batsch motioned, seconded by Wald, to move forward with surveying the road between sections 11 and 14 in Blue Ball Township and authorize the Chair's signature on a short form agreement with KLJ for professional services to complete the task. All in favor, motion carried.

A hearing was held for a homestead credit abatement application for parcel 07020040. Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the application. All in favor, motion carried.

Wald requested the Gross permit be permanently removed from the agenda as the project was completed without the approved permit and there's nothing to be done about it.

Wald reported he is still hoping the ground will freeze harder so the fuel tank containment shed can be broken up and hauled off of the courthouse grounds.

The flood plain ordinance was tabled to the next meeting as Schumacher is still waiting for additional information.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the following board appointments: Community Action Region VI, Load Pass Representative, South Central Human Services Board, State Fair Delegate – John Wald; ANR Agent – Josh Becker; FCW Agent, Superintendent of Schools – Dustin Hammond; Auditor – Jody Kristiansen; Coroner, E911 Coordinator – Andrew Bartholomaus; Director of Tax Equalization – Trisha Laine; Disaster Emergency Services Manager – Daniel Schwartz; Nexus Planning; GIS Coordinator – Nathan Leier; Job Development Authority – Clark Haas, David Moser, Robert Humann, Jr, Bryan Grenz; Joint Law Enforcement Commission (Gackle) – Bryan Batsch; ND State Fair Delegate – Megan Berger; SE Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board, South Central Dakota Regional Council – Blanche Schumacher; SE Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board (Alternate) – Michael Marolt; Assistant State's Attorney – Grant Walker; Veterans Service Officer – James Hilzender; Weed Control Board – Adam Schumacher; Wellness Coordinator, Workers Comp Risk Manager – Lisa Weigel; Muskrat Control Agent – Justin Dewald, Kevin Ehrlichman, Ronald Fettig, Donovan Gross, Mike Hayen, Bryan Batsch, Keith Lindenberg, Tom Neigum, Charles Nord, Travis Ost, David Rivinius, Thomas Wilen. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to issue a refund for overpayment of taxes on parcels purchased by the City of Gackle for the appraisal price before the November tax deed sale. All voted in favor, motion carried. The Board's intent was only to collect the amount due for tax liability. The estimate of 2025 taxes resulted in an overpayment of \$19.86 between the parcels.

Payments to vendors who want payment before the next regular meeting was discussed. Schumacher shared an AG opinion that does not allow for payment in this

manner and states that paying bills such as utilities, payroll, leases, etc. that are agreed upon services may be made and do not violate the requirements of NDCC 11-25-01 and 11-11-35. The Board will have a special meeting should a vendor require payment between regularly scheduled meetings.

No one was present for public comment.

Kristiansen called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, per NDCC 11-11-08 for reorganization of the Board and election of new officers. Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to nominate Wald as Chair and Schumacher as Vice Chair. Schumacher motioned to cease nominations. All voted in favor, motions carried.

NDCC 11-11-05, scheduling meetings of the board – has already been completed.

NDCC 21-04-11, record of securities – Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to accept the pledge of securities as submitted by Kristiansen. All voted in favor, motion carried.

NDCC 21-04-13, designation of depositories – Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to designate Stock Growers Bank (Napoleon), First Community Credit Union (Napoleon) and Dakota Heritage Bank (Gackle) as depositories for Logan County. All voted in favor, motion carried.

NDCC 11-23-06, budget amendments – none needed.

NDCC 58-12-01 through 58-12-03, 24-06-14 & 24-06-16, overseer of highways and district road overseers – Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to make no changes from last year.

Kristiansen presented the Board with the 2025 Financial Statements and Budget Books.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to authorize the Chair's signature on a Firearm Bill of Sale for a Glock 22 Gen 4 to Michael Marolt. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved a notice of bids for publication.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to have the excavator repaired at RDO at a cost of approximately \$24,800.00. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to take the 2007 Buick to Pfeifle in Wishek for shock/strut repairs.

Options for tarring the road into Beaver Lake State Park were discussed.

Graveling options for 2026 were discussed.

NDSU employees, Josh Becker and Dustin Hammond, gave program/activity updates.

Tax Director, Trish Laine met with Board to request the dissolution of the detailed soils committee. Wald

motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to dissolve the detailed soils committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department, general accounts receivable report, a letter received from DES, Flexible Transportation award letter, corrected rates sheet and the 2025 graveling map.

Schumacher shared that she will be looking into leaving some of the approaches from the Badger Wind project intact, as she has received several requests from taxpayers to keep them in place. She has also received complaints from residents to have the Board contact Finn Township and request work on a road that is too narrow and drops off as it is a safety concern. The Board agreed to send a letter.

Schumacher also shared that Darrell Becker contacted her for reimbursement regarding repairs he requested AW Excavating to make to address a section line safety concern. Schumacher shared that the proper procedure is to notify the County first so a Board member can inspect the site and if repairs need to be made, the County would complete the repairs. She shared that she was not able to inspect the site before Becker had the repairs made. Wald shared that he was aware of the site and that the repairs were needed. The Board agreed to reimburse Becker \$1,920.00 for the two culverts that were installed, but not for the labor, as this work could have been completed by the highway workers. The Board reiterated that concerns need to be brought to the Board before any repairs are made by taxpayers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held February 11, 2026, at 1pm.

John Wald, Chairperson  
Board of Logan County Commissioners

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Visiting Anna Nolz on Wednesday were Stella Alice and Sheila Herman from Bismarck.

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