

# Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Logan County  
Commissioners  
Napoleon, ND  
May 13, 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.

Wald moved, seconded by Batsch, to approve the agenda with the addition of 770 motor grader, orange/white Kenworth, Expedition and section line safety concern. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the April regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of April and May, vouchers payable for May as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$46,110.12 VSO for \$822.00, E911 for \$425.00, Agent for \$2,940.00, Highway Dept for \$26,565.62. 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:

16484-Elections Systems & Software—Media burn on expressvote and EQC	50.72
16485-Elections Systems & Software, base charges, ballot faces & media burn	4,765.97
16486-Taylor Print & Visual Impressions, return envelopes for election	433.92
16487-Advanced Business Methods, April & May copier contracts	508.51
16488-Visa, tactacam for sheriff's office	9.08
16489-Verizon, sheriff cell-phones & jetpacks	318.16
16490-Verizon, 5G Mobile broadband	54.01
16491-JM Autobody & Paint, Unit 4382 bumper replacement	1,651.10
16492-ND Association of Counties, WC previous year reconciliation	413.52
16493-Matthew Bender & Co. ND Century Code 26 Rev 11	96.81
16494-Computer Express, Monthly service contracts, docking station, keyboard, patch software, hard drives & huntress subscriptions	3,620.97
16495-Information Technology Dept., WAN/Office 365/VPN/Adobe Pro	1,089.20
16496-Napoleon American Legion, Courthouse flag	30.00
16497-Menard's, kleenex & garbage bags	20.78
16498-Montana Dakota Utilities, Courthouse electricity	587.15
16499-Fireside Office Solutions, correction tape	31.40
16500-Quill Corporation, staples & ink	249.98
16501-Napoleon Homestead, printing absentee ballot, burn ban & minutes	939.12
16502-Visa, above desk organizer, Febreeze, cabinet & fire blankets	286.40
16503-Prairie Heating & Air, annual maintenance agreement & diagnostics	2,832.40
16504-Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Gackle shop electricity	207.12
16505-Visa—dog food	149.98
16506-Quadient Finance USA, postage for several offices	1,422.00

16507-Jon Metz, LEPC meeting mileage	29.00
16508-Mark Berg, LEPC meeting mileage	29.00
16509-BEK Communications, phone service for several offices	841.39
16510-Jim Fettig & Sons, snow removal in March & April	815.00
16511-Elections Systems & Software, audio setup	1,986.00
16512-Locals' Convenience Center, official travel & LEPC meeting supplies	687.53
16513-Central Dakota Frontier Coop, official travel, tire repairs, oil change	6,610.16
16514-Gackle Coop Oil Co., sheriff travel, mount tires, bulk fuel & misc. shop supplies	5,519.37
16515-Logan County Auditor, blading, snow removal, graveling & hauling rocks	19,502.25
16516-Montana Dakota Utilities, Lehr shop electricity	65.57
16517-Personalized Stamped Envelope Program, envelopes for auditor office	1,359.55
16518-NDSAA, 2026 States Attorney dues	400.00
16519-John Deere Financial, annual lease payment	54,490.96
16520-Butler Machinery Co., 140M Cat replace relay & light	1,722.64
16521-South Central Regional Water District, water at Napoleon shop	40.62
16522-Napoleon Oil Co., Agent travel & unorganized road travel	186.20
16523-City of Lehr, water, sewer & garbage at Lehr shop & water on empty lot	96.91
16524-Johnsen Trailer Sales, orange warning flags	117.85
16525-Sayler Implement, hose, hose fittings, dust cap & hub cap	555.99
16526-RDO Equipment Co., excavator repairs	41,708.89
16527-Martell's Carquest, 6" converx	15.79
16528-Northside Napa, hub cap, stemco & lucas oil	78.94
16529-KLJ Engineering, professional services through April 30, 2026	9,860.00
16530-Main Street Hardware, misc. fittings, wire connect kit & clamp	51.27
16531-Butler Machinery Co., lamp for 140M Cat	474.03
16532-NDSU Extension Services, calf record books	25.00
16533-Department of Transportation, SW Region Bridge Inspection/Load rating	4,262.15
16534-Fredonia Coop Oil Co., fuel at Lehr shop	4,250.00
16535-City of Gackle, water & garbage at Gackle shop	43.21
16536-Ecolab, pest control at county shops	650.00
16537-Newman Traffic Signs, speed limit signs & posts	3,179.70
16538-Blanche Schumacher, commissioner & road overseer mileage reimburse	205.18
16539-NDSU Extension Service, ANR & FCW salaries	10,926.73
16540-Dustin Hammond, reimburse mileage, meals, hotel, registration & software	529.52
16541-Josh Becker, reimburse hotel, gas & meals	277.90
16542-Rebeca Hulme, reimburse mileage & meals	322.85
16543-Clubhouse Hotel & Suites, Veterans Service Officer hotel	297.00
16544-James Hilzendege, reimburse mileage & meals	328.15
16545-Department of Emergency Services, line fees & LETS fees	9,955.74

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

Committee reports were given. Commissioner Batsch invited representatives from Central Valley Health to speak and share their annual report.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, gave progress reports on the Burnstad Road project, the Turner Bridge project and the Blue Ball project. Katie informed the Board that she would forward a picture of a bad spot in the road in the Fredonia area that needs to be addressed.

A bid opening was held at 2:00pm for the sale of a tractor. One bid was received in the amount of \$1,800. Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to accept the bid and sell the tractor to Randy Binstock for \$1,800. All in favor, motion carried.

Haylee Vigor, ND Dept of Ag, shared the availability of a livestock development planning grant that would create a map that would show what lands are good, better, and best for livestock development at no cost to the county. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to adopt the resolution required and to move forward with the grant process. Ms. Vigor suggested that the zoning board should hold off on adopting any new livestock ordinances until the process was completed. She expects a completion date between December 2026 and February 2027.

Chairman Wald shared that he plans to speak with the company removing the elevator debris about breaking up the concrete fuel containment shed located on the courthouse grounds and that he contracted with Mosset Welding to build a new field service fuel tank for the Gackle area at a cost of \$1,000.

Auditor Kristiansen requested guidance on what fund the Board wanted the zoning board members to be paid out of. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to amend the general fund miscellaneous budget to add a line item for the expense and to appoint Jack Horner in place of Bob Sperle on the board. Batsch and Wald voted aye, Schumacher was silent. Motion carried. The Board set the first meeting date for June 29, 2026, at 7:30pm at the courthouse. The Board will work on providing email addresses and contact information for the appointed members to Kristiansen in the upcoming weeks.

Handbook updates were briefly discussed. Commissioner Schumacher provided a list of things to amend at the April meeting. Upon review, some things didn't align with discussions Kristiansen was apart of and requested all members of the Board review all the items and provide guidance as to whether or not each item be added or not.

Schumacher reported that she is finding it difficult to locate a certified dump ground that will accept the debris from the demolition of the old Lehr shop. One of the representatives from Central Valley Health said that she would provide Schumacher with a list of certified facilities.

The Board approved the running of an ad to hire a new highway worker for three weeks in the Homestead, Bismar, on the county website and on Facebook.

Commissioner Schumacher received approval to purchase 10 solar powered flashing caution lights from Newman signs for \$400.

No public comment cards were submitted.

The Board discussed moving forward with the Blue Ball project and will get estimates to see what the cost would be to complete the project this year.

Schumacher shared that the 2012 Expedition needs new tires and the cost to replace them would be \$954.67.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the following permits: South Central Region-

al Water District – utility permit for 6" pipeline for service to Napoleon MTL expansion; Jody Horner – grain bin; Evan Gross – house with attached garage; Tanya Schneider – attached garage; Becky Rivinius – grain bin; Dan Pfeifle – grain bin; Royal Force Wrestling Club – restricted event permit. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The township road mileage certification was tabled to the next meeting.

The State provided a new contract for reimbursement for court services. As it was approved at a previous meeting, Chairman Wald signed the contract.

Auditor Kristiansen informed the Board that a new type of plat had been submitted for approval for recording – it created a subdivision in the county and had a designated spot for Board approval. In researching the topic, Kristiansen found that century code gives the Board authority to approve or deny this type of plat with adoption of a resolution. The information was provided to the Board and ASA Walker. No action was taken; the consensus was that implementing this type of resolution would impose unnecessary restrictions and Logan County doesn't have anything "big enough" at this time that would require this type of zoning restriction.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve a contract with Westlaw for ASA Walker for legal research. All in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher shared that when the county crushed gravel in the Bitz pit, the county's crushed gravel was put on top of gravel the owner had previously crushed. The owner now wants to remove some gravel for his own use and asked if he could purchase gravel from the county pile. Batsch and Wald suggested the owner be able to remove the gravel he needed,

since he owned gravel in the pile. Schumacher stated that the owner wanted to pay for it and "do it the right way."

The Board agreed to put the old 770 motor grader from the Lehr area up for sale on bids. Kristiansen will prepare a notice and, upon approval from Wald, will place the ad in Bismar, on the county website and the Homestead with the bid opening being June 3, 2026, at 2:45pm.

Chairman Wald reported that the orange/white Kenworth hit a rock and sustained damage to the transmission, clutch and PTO housing. Wald received a quote of \$7,793 without the PTO housing. The shop completing the repairs requested partial payment before beginning repairs. Batsch motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve a prepayment of \$3,500 for JHL Truck Service. All in favor, motion carried.

Batsch shared that he received a quote of \$600 to repair shocks in one of the Expeditions.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department, the general accounts receivable report, NDIRF annual meeting and election form, a BEK election form, information pertaining to the Cokato Flex Fund project, proposal received to paint lines in parking lot (proposal was rejected), culvert cleaner information and section line safety concerns in Johannesdale (Schumacher will look into this).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held June 3, 2026, at 1pm.

John Wald, Chairperson  
Board of Logan County  
Commissioners

Attest:  
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Logan County Auditor



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