

## Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**REGULAR MEETING  
Board of  
Logan County Commissioners  
Napoleon, ND  
October 14, 2026  
(unofficial or subject to ap-  
proval)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:01 pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, ASA Grant Walker, and Terry Schwartzenberger representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Batsch moved, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the agenda with the addition of shelving units in shops, dumpster vs incinerator, disposal of tires and snow removal at Beaver Lake. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the September regular meeting minutes with a correction to clarify that Adam Weigel received a variance to place a primary residence in a portion of the county right of way 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 September and October, vouchers payable for October as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$47,425.16 VSO for \$822.00, E911 for \$425.00, Agent for \$2,940.00, Highway Dept for \$31,524.95. All in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached

which were authorized for payment by the Board:

17107-Election Systems—  
audio, media burn, test  
deck & publication  
ballot .....6,346.26  
17108-Quadient Leasing—  
postage machine lease.....353.19  
17109-Pro Forms—warrant  
checks for auditor office.....264.01  
17110-Apex Generation—

courthouse generator  
repairs.....2,689.95  
17111-ND Association of  
Counties—2nd pre-  
employment drug test.....63.00  
17112-Avid Hawk—monthly  
website service.....145.00  
17113-Barry McCleary—  
mowing of abandoned  
cemeteries.....1,775.00  
17114-Napoleon Floral &  
Trophy Haus—Roger  
Martin memorial.....45.00  
17115-Logan County  
Treasurer—special  
assessments-.....893.44  
17116-Advanced Business  
Methods—Base rate  
& overage.....276.90  
17117-Quill Corporation—  
office supplies.....94.47  
17118-Laura Henry—  
reimburse mileage.....114.00  
17119-Visa—gravel pit  
cameras & flashdrive.....124.36  
17120-Visa—K9 training  
hotel & dog food.....272.59  
17121-Visa—sheriff travel,  
flash drive & catch all  
sticks.....434.00  
17122-Visa—no smoking  
signs, under cabinet  
lights & emergency contact  
info.....122.57  
17123-Central Dakota  
Frontier Coop—official travel,  
bulk fuel, socket set &

tire repairs.....2,183.58  
17124-Verizon—sheriff  
cellphones & jetpacks.....318.28  
17125-BEK—phone service  
for several offices.....744.84  
17126-Thomson Reuters-  
West—online software  
subscriptions.....364.02  
17127-BEK—EOC TV  
& Internet.....122.25  
17128-Computer Express—  
monthly service contract  
& iDrive.....915.00  
17129-Uniform Center—  
Jangula body armor.....1,617.00  
17130-Main Street  
Hardware—padlocks,  
hasps, socket set, toilet  
seats & bolts.....550.30  
17131-Napoleon Homestead—  
printing minutes, notices,  
absentee app & paper.....1,653.16  
17132-Readi-Tech—door lock  
key reader replacement.....633.62

17133-US Records—Plat  
stand.....2,333.00  
17134-Dustin Hammond—  
reimburse residential  
internet-.....76.50  
17135-Montana Dakota  
Utilities—courthouse  
electricity.....1,181.06  
17136-Office of Attorney  
General—SCRAM fees.....310.00  
17137-Verizon—5G Mobile  
Broadband.....53.99  
17138-Stutsman County  
Corrections—custody  
of prisoners.....6,000.00  
17139-Department of  
Emergency Services—  
LINE & LETS Fees.....10,210.14  
17140-Information Tech-  
nology Dept—WAN/VPN/  
Adobe & Office 365.....1,089.20  
17141-Office of State  
Auditor—2024 Audit.....21,805.02  
17142-Emmons County  
Sheriff's Office—notice of

ordinance violation.....35.00  
 17143-Menard's—courthouse  
 cleaning supplies,  
 pothole patches &  
 shelving .....2,790.41  
 17144-Rhonda Ost—final  
 mowing of Lehr shop .....320.00  
 17145-Logan County Auditor—  
 FTM & FAS gravel &  
 maintenance.....36,215.00  
 17146-Mac's Hardware—  
 misc shop supplies.....1,537.54  
 17147-Dakota Valley  
 Electric—Gackle shop  
 electricity.....101.64  
 17148-Blanche Schumacher—  
 mileage reimbursement.....464.36  
 17149-Northside Napa—  
 filters, hose clamps  
 & wiper blades .....353.43  
 17150-Gackle Coop Oil Co—  
 official travel, brake lines,  
 bulk fuel & supplies.....6,501.26  
 17151-Locals' Convenience  
 Center—official travel .....653.27  
 17152-Double J Manu-  
 facturing—batteries &  
 cores.....229.31  
 17153-True North Steel—  
 culverts .....11,418.01  
 17154-Martell's Carquest—  
 headlights & creeper.....431.18  
 17155-Martell's True Value—  
 dish soap & toilet paper.....37.38  
 17156-Saylor Implement—  
 grease & wheel.....432.12  
 17157-Napoleon Oil Co—

official travel & bulk fuel  
 for Napoleon shop .....4,246.29  
 17158-City of Lehr—water,  
 sewer & garbage at Lehr  
 shop & water on empty lot...93.82  
 17159-Ecolab—pest control  
 for shops .....494.00  
 17160-City of Gackle—  
 water & garbage at Gackle  
 shop .....40.50  
 17161-RDO Equipment—tie  
 rods, bulk oil, slip plate  
 & oil kit.....4,207.34  
 17162-Emmons County  
 Weed Board—weed  
 control chemical &  
 labor.....20,345.00

17163-South Central  
 Regional Water District—  
 water at Napoleon shop.....41.85  
 17164-Gross Construction—  
 Napoleon Shop  
 cement.....28,200.00  
 17165-Valley Plains  
 Equipment—socket & bulk  
 hardware.....132.23  
 17166-Dewald Tire Sales  
 & Service—Napoleon &  
 Gackle blade tires.....4,218.00  
 17167-Pfeifle Chevrolet—  
 oxygen tank Lehr shop .....74.13  
 17168-Fredonia Coop Oil  
 Co—Bulk fuel at Lehr  
 shop.....6,651.70  
 17169-Dan Poland Machine—  
 grate over floor drain  
 at Gackle shop.....130.20  
 17170-Allied Energy—install  
 shop heater at Gackle  
 shop.....4,827.65  
 17171-KLJ Engineering—  
 Turner bridge engineering  
 services- .....9,000.00  
 17172-NW Tire—Cat 140M  
 tires.....6,138.45  
 17173-OK Tire Store—  
 Cat 140M tire .....1,364.10  
 17174-JHL Truck Service—  
 2 trucks & trailer  
 repairs.....5,722.98  
 17175-Apex Electric—  
 door opener & surge  
 protector .....726.77  
 17176-Wolfe Lumber—  
 shelving for Gackle shop...695.13  
 17177-Wallwork Truck  
 Center—window glass &  
 gasket.....228.27  
 17178-Tri County News—  
 online subscription.....25.00  
 17179-American Income  
 Life Insurance—extension  
 youth farm safety day .....39.00  
 17180-Dustin Hammond—  
 reimburse for conference  
 registration.....200.00  
 17181-Josh Becker—  
 reimburse for  
 registrations.....250.00

The monthly fund report, high-  
 way worker logs, and statements  
 of fees were reviewed.

Committee reports were given.  
 Schumacher reported having

leftover patch material after repairs  
 to the Burnstad Road. The Board  
 agreed to use what is left to patch  
 holes in Lake Ave W.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineer-  
 ing, met with the board to pro-  
 vide updates on various projects.  
 There has been no progress on  
 the Burnstad Road project, PS &  
 E was completed for the Turner  
 Bridge Project and bid opening will  
 be held at 1:00pm at the Novem-  
 ber 12th regular meeting.

Emergency Manager Daniel  
 Schwartz met with the Board via  
 phone to inform them that a grant  
 was awarded to the Napoleon  
 School for video conferencing, that  
 mileage is no longer reimbursable  
 through the EMPG grant so he  
 will be submitting one bill for reim-  
 bursement at the end of the year  
 and that IPAWS can be used for  
 much more than he was aware of  
 and would like the Board to imple-  
 ment a policy for its use.

Schumacher shared that Tanya  
 Weiler should be able to begin  
 work on the county handbook up-  
 dates in November. Discussion  
 was had regarding post-accident/  
 injury reporting. An employee hit  
 a deer and didn't report it until the  
 next day and didn't go in for any  
 post-accident testing. ASA Walker  
 suggested for insurance purposes  
 that all employees be tested after

an accident. Wald didn't agree that  
 employees should be tested after  
 incidents. Batsch requested that  
 the handbook also address dilute  
 negative test results. His suggest-  
 ed the county have in its policy that  
 employees must receive a "clean"  
 negative test result and that a di-  
 lute negative will not be considered  
 negative. The Board will request  
 Weiler's guidance on the issues.

Kristiansen requested the Board  
 ask the highway workers to pre-  
 serve their original ticket books  
 and not throw them away as old  
 books became useful during the  
 recent audit. Kristiansen was giv-

en permission to request all fully used ticket books be sent to the auditor's office for preservation on their monthly highway letter.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the unclaimed property report as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board received a request for state fair delegates. The matter was tabled. Schumacher will check with Josh Becker and Wald will check with Megan Berger to see if they interested in the roles.

Batsch motioned to enter into a tractor lease with Valley Plains Equipment for \$6,750. Schumacher seconded the motion with the stipulation that Board look for a tractor to purchase that is compatible with the other county equipment. All in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to accept the appraisal price as suggested by Kristiansen for properties obtained during the tax deed process. All in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to purchase cutting edges from RDO at a cost of \$17,250. All in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher shared that there had been some issues with the septic system at one of the county shops and that a new pump was needed. Discussion clarified that it wasn't a septic tank but a drain for the shop.

The Board discussed the option of replacing the dumpster at the Napoleon shop with an incinerator. Wald will look into who is paying for the dumpster as was shared with South Side. Tire disposal was discussed; no action taken.

Schumacher shared there are ditches in Sealy Township that

have not been mowed. The Board agreed that the county should have the ditches mowed and have the cost applied to the parcels. Schumacher will send the letter that starts that process.

Schumacher informed the Board that someone has expressed interest in working for the county highway department. The Board agreed to run an ad in the paper for two weeks to give others an opportunity to apply as well.

Invoices from Xtreme Auto in the amount of \$31,810.83 for repairs to the Lehr area 2003 Ford F250 from March of 2025 was presented to the Board. Wald will look into the cost of the repairs.

Kristiansen shared an estimate from JM Autobody for repairs to the 2010 Expedition that was involved in the accident. NDIRF stated that repairs are twice what the vehicle is worth and should be totaled. The Board tabled the matter – Wald and Batsch will get together to see if the county workers could make a few repairs to continue use of the vehicle, as it is still drivable.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the following permits: Rob & Jill Balzer – extension of previous permit, Magrum Excavating & Plumbing – bore a 1" poly waterline 7' below the entirety of the right of way along 25th Ave SE, and Brandon Becker – grain bin on concrete. All in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to accept an estimate from Computer Express for internet wiring and a new switch

for the courthouse. The Board requested to pay in two installments. All in favor, motion carried.

Kristiansen informed the Board that the deputy auditor resigned and will have to be taken off the bank accounts. Wald moved, second by Batsch to remove the deputy as a signee on the county bank accounts and replace with Blanche Schumacher until a replacement can be found. All in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to authorize the chair's signature on an MOA with NDDes for 911 services. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed options for shelving in county shops. The highway workers will check Menard's and Mac's to see what their options are.

Schumacher shared that she received a request for snow removal at a cabin around Beaver Lake when the road crew is in the area. The Board agreed and Schumacher will find a contract to enter into with the resident.

Informative materials were distributed that included the highway and general accounts receivable reports, Marc product catalog and information regarding a Water Users Association meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held November 12, 2026, at 12:30 pm.

John Wald, Chairman  
Board of  
Logan County Commissioners  
Attest:

Jody Kristiansen  
Logan County Auditor