Minutes of
Logan County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Logan
County Commissioners
Napoleon, ND
November 12, 2026
(unofficial or
subject to approval)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 12:30 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 via phone, 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 private drive snow removal request, gravel stockpile measurements, wire welder, gravel sample, post & sign locations and windows in the Napoleon shop storage shed. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the October regular meeting minutes along with the minutes of one special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of October and November, vouchers payable for November as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for $46,182.55 VSO for $822.00, E911 for $425.00, Agent for $2,940.00, Highway Dept for $24,188.94. All in favor, motion carried.

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

17244-10-8 Video – body worn camera kit (2)..... 1,178.00
17245-Advanced Business Methods – copier base rate & overage.....275.64
17246-Avid Hawk – monthly website maintenance-.....145.00
17247-Bek Communications – monthly phone service courthouse.....772.61
17248-Bek Communications – EOC tv & internet.....122.25
17249-Blanche Schumacher – mileage reimbursement.....291.08
17250-Carmen Rath-Wald – election board salary 206.25
17251-Connie Schumacher – election board salary 243.75
17252-Computer Express – monthly remote service 750.00
17253-Election Systems & Software – ballots, coding, test deck.....61.10
17254-Gackle Coop Oil – fuel, repairs, brakes.....1,279.59
17255-Information Technology Dept – WAN, office, adobe acrobat, netmotion VPN 1,089.20
17256-Janet Wentz – election board salary 240.00
17257-Locals' Convenience Center – fuel 441.17
17258-Napoleon Trohpy Haus – memorial 40.00
17259-Napoleon Homestead – publishing 2,054.49
17260-Nathan Leier – training reimbursement.....499.11
17261-NDACo – annunal conference, drug & alcohol testing fee.....1,071.00
17262-Pamela Gross – election board salary 206.25
17263-Pharmchem – sweat patch analysis.....63.90
17264-Quill – toner, towels, office supplies.....741.62
17265-Software Innovations – mandated updates.....6,200.00
17266-Stephanie Holt – election board salary 247.50
17267-Stock Growers Bank – payroll ach fees 20.96
17268-Stutsman County Corrections – prisoner board- 6,200.00
17269-Sunset Law Enforcement – ammo.....682.00
17270-Thomson Reuters-West – online subscription..364.02
17271-Uniform Center – body armor back panel.....18.00
17272-Verizon Wireless – mobile broadband.....53.99
17273-Verizon – sheriff/deputies monthly cell service 317.96
1727-VISA – recorder travel-.....113.00
17275-Allied Energy & Allied Grain – heater Gackle shop, fuel.....9,989.82
17276-Central Dakota Frontier Coop – fuel, oxygen, battery, supplies, tires.....6,762.18
17277-City of Lehr – WSG shop & lot.....101.35
17278-Dan Poland Machine – low boy repairs 401.80
17279-Dewald Tire Sales & Service – tire repair 444.00
17280-Ecolab – pest control shops.....494.00
17281-KEM Electric Coop – electric highway shop 58.63
17282-VISA – cameras sheriff/gravel pits 49.00
17283-Dustin Hammond – internet, dues, training reimbursement.....610.50
17284-Josh Becker – travel, training reimbursement.....283.52
17285-NDAAEA – dues.....75.00
17286-NDSU Extension

Service – ANR & FCW agent Q3 salaries 9,393.10
17287-James Hilzendeger – travel reimbursement.....402.00
17288-RDO Equipment – tie rod, turbo, excavator, relay, flood lamp repairs.....9,993.22
17289-Rhonda Ost – mowing.....160.00
17290-Rough Rider Industries – signs.....316.10
17291-Sayler Implement – grease, filters, hydraulic fluid.....1,988.09
17292-Sign Solutions USA – signs.....3,122.63
17293-KEM Electric – electric highway shop 26.33
17294-KLJ Engineering – Turner bridge engineering fees.....11,000.00
17295-Logan County Auditor – farm to market maintenance.....43,323.75
17296-Logan County Soil Conservation – flags.....15.00
17297-Mac's Hardware – shop supplies.....465.38
17298-Main Street Hardware – misc supplies.....243.50
17299-Martell's Carquest – additive.....10.49
17300-NAPA Auto Parts of Jamestown – peak 30 all in one.....85.41
17301-Napoleon Oil – oil change, fuel.....4,237.97
17302-North Dakota One Call – 8 calls.....12.00
17303-Northside NAPA – hoses, clamps.....20.21
17304-VISA – on X, phone cases.....139.82
17305-Central Dakota Frontier Coop – repeater battery.....82.95

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

Committee reports were given.

Bid opening for the Turner Bridge project began at 12:30 pm. Seven bids were received. Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher to accept the low bid of $624,733.10 from Siteworks Excavation pending NDDOT concurrence. All in favor, motion carried.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, reported having completed the final plans and specs for the Turner Bridge project and that should the county change the scope of work on the Burnstad Road project to increase the road width from 26 to 28 feet, it would cost an additional $500,000 to $1,000,000. The Board agreed to leave the scope as is and made no changes.

Commissioner Batsch gave a progress update on progress made by the zoning board. They will be working on setbacks at the upcoming meeting. Batsch shared that they will be losing a board member. Commissioner Schumacher agreed to fill the position if another replacement cannot be found.

Schumacher shared that Tanya Wieler has begun the process of updating the county's employee handbook and expects to hear from her later in the month.

Chairman Wald reported he is still looking into the Xtreme Auto invoice.

Schumacher reported that Josh Becker would be willing to serve as a state fair delegate. Wald will try to contact Megan Berger to see if she would be interested in the second appointment. Kristiansen reminded the Board that delegates need to be reported to the state fair board by November 18, 2026.

Schumacher provided a history on the Napoleon shop septic system and reported that she has the new pump but it is not yet installed.

Kristiansen requested guidance regarding billing of the Water Resource Board for publishing minutes as they sent minutes for all of 2026 to be published to the county website. The Board instructed Kristiansen to bill the $25 per month fee for each month of minutes they uploaded.

Schumacher received a request for private drive snow removal from a resident and requested guidance on what sort of agreement should be entered into. She and ASA Walker will work on the matter together.

Commissioner Schumacher shared that GIS Coordinator Nathan Leier is able to use his drone to measure the gravel stockpiles at the end of the season.

No one was available for public comment.

Kristiansen distributed the building permit fee schedules from other counties that was requested by Chairman Wald at the last regular meeting.

The 2026 tax statement insert was discussed. The matter was tabled to the next regular meeting.

Kristiansen requested Schumacher be appointed to be the Logan County Risk Manager until a new deputy auditor can be hired and trained. The Board agreed to the appointment.

A hearing on appraisal for tax deed properties was held at 2:00 pm. With no one present, the board moved on with the meeting.

A conditional use hearing was held for KEM electric to bore an underground cable 48" below grade across a section line in section 25-133-71. Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the conditional use permit as well as the accompanying utility permit. All in favor, motion carried.

One application was received in response to the county's ad for the highway department. The board instructed Kristiansen to set up an interview with the applicant during the next regular meeting.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to authorize the signatures of the Chairman, Auditor, and State's Attorney on the Federal Aid Road Maintenance Certification. All in favor, motion carried.

Kristiansen presented an invoice for repairs to the county repeater in the amount of $82.95 from the Napoleon Rural Fire Protection District. The board agreed to pay the invoice and instructed Kristiansen to include it in the list of vouchers

approved for payment. The board agreed the county will be responsible for maintenance of the repeater going forward.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to adopt a capital asset policy required by the state auditor's office as submitted by Kristiansen. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Batsch provided several quotes for pressure washers in all three shops. No action taken – Batsch will look into the warranty and service options for each quote.

Sheriff Andrew Bartholomaus met with the Board to share that Kyle Friez is no longer employed by Logan County and requested that he be able to keep K9 Tora. Schumacher stated that she believed it was in the best interest of the animal to remain with Friez. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to allow Friez to keep Tora. All in favor, motion carried.

Batsch will get quotes for a wire welder for the Napoleon shop.

Informative materials were distributed that included the highway and general accounts receivable reports, a letter regarding WSG rates at the Lehr shop, an envelope from Charles Fettig, and an email from Isaac Zimmerman declining his elected position.

Schumacher shared that she will be having gravel tested from a potential pit site in section 18 of Blue Ball Township.

Commissioner Schumacher reported she received information that would indicate the county's road signs my not be in compliance with DOT standards. All new signs that are installed will be installed to the current standards and correcting others will be done as the crew is able.

Windows in the Napoleon Shop storage building have been damaged and will be replaced at a cost of approximately $400.00.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held December 7, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

John Wald, Chairman
Board of Logan
County Commissioners
Attest:

Jody Kristiansen
Logan County Auditor