

ADAMS COUNTY Commission Proceedings

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF
ADAMS COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA
FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026**

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session with the following present: Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel, and Steven West. Chairman Dustin Laufer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**JANUARY 13, 2026,
MINUTES:**

Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, second by Commissioner West by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**JANUARY 21, 2026,
MINUTES:**

Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting as presented, second by Commissioner West; and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Commissioner West moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner

Pagel and by unanimous vote; motion carried. **OFFICE FEES:** Fees collected by county officers were paid to the Auditor/Treasurer for Road and Bridge \$60,231.41, Recorder \$1,619.50, & Sheriff \$3,742.00

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 10th, 2026, at 8:00 am as the next meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed.

911 RE-ADDRESSING: Discussion was had on going forward with public input on the subject, as an emergency responder meeting was held in late January for discussion, and the majority was in favor of the re-addressing. Reeder Fire, Hettinger Fire, USPS, AC Sheriff, Hettinger EMT were all present at the meeting. USPS, Reeder Fire, and Sheriff Fisher were all in favor of changes. Hettinger Fire, Hettinger EMT and a letter from Lemmon EMT were indifferent. A public forum would be the next step in the process. The new addressing will only affect the rural population. It was decided to have a forum on the same date as the township forum, Thursday March 5th at 7:30 pm, following the township forum.

TOWNSHIP FORUM: it was decided to try and have the forum in early March before Township meetings. A possible date of Thursday March 5th at 6 pm with the 911 re-addressing public input meeting to follow at 7:30 pm

VISION ZERO: Theresa Thom met with the Commission on behalf of Vision Zero to give updates on the program. Ms. Thom shared safety and crash reports and statistics from Adams County.

PLANNING & ZONING REQUEST: Adams County Director of Tax and Zoning, Katie Roseland, was present for the discussion. A conditional use permit from Allo Towers and the State of ND for the construction of a 250-foot tower for EMS, Fire, Police, and First Responders for the Statewide SIRN project. The tower location would be South of Hettinger in Section 14 in Hettinger Township. The location falls within the extra-territorial area of the city of Hettinger. Hettinger City Planning and Zoning recommended a pass; Hettinger City requested more discussion due to guideline safety placement. Construction would be mid-April once

all permits were completed. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the conditional use permit with the condition of additional information for the City of Hettinger, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE UPDATING: State's Attorney, Aaron Roseland and Zoning Admin, Flood Plain Administrator, Katie Roseland was available for discussion. Adams County is not currently mapped for Flood Plains, so the entire county would have to complete a permit for any sort of structure building. Statistics show that there has not been an application for flood insurance with NFIP in the last five years. State's Attorney, Aaron Roseland, recommended a "no pass" and to remove any reference of flood plain in the county zoning. Ms. Roseland discussed changes and compliance with the state regulation could be reinstated if the county got mapped or changes occur creating the need to re-evaluate. Commissioner West questioned if the County Zoning Board should have a say in the removal of the zoning. Ms. Roseland explained that the Commission has the authority to change County Zoning, and the Planning and Zoning Board recommendation would not be required. The Commission requested Ms. Roseland send an informational email to the County Planning and Zoning Board for information on the changes. It was decided to complete the process during next month, after notification is given to the members of the County and Planning Board.

TODD FINK: met with the Commission as a representative of Scott Township on a request for gravel. Mr. Fink would like to purchase the remaining gravel from a pit. The Commission discussed that the county was not wanting to sell all the gravel but would sell the gravel for specific projects. The Country Club Road project left a mess on roads utilized during the project and thought the need would be about 50 loads, which is approximated to be the entire Haynes gravel pit. The Commission shared the need to discuss options of selling the gravel with Road Superintendent, Justin Blade. Scott Township is in need of a lot of gravel, and currently has funding available for about 50 loads.

LANAE KRISTY: Adams County Head Librarian, met with the Commission to discuss a maintenance need for removal on the library grounds. The cost for the removal of the tree and the stump was \$2k from Waddington Tree Service. The Commission discussed the need to work with the neighboring house, as the location is close to their property. Ms. Kristy thought she would have enough money within her budget to have the tree removed.

Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the tree removal with the blessing from Scott and Leann Fitch, seconded by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ADAMS COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT: Aspen Lenning met with the Commission to discuss projects she has coming up. "So much fun walking" events and a "stop the bleed" class later this week. Several 4-H competitions keep Ms. Aspen very busy. Pesticide class is also coming soon.

ND STATE EXTENSION:

WEST DISTRICT: Jim Gray and Kyla Sanders met with the Commission to briefly discuss a new program being brought to Hettinger, Kyla Sanders discussed a program "Aging in Community" program that Ms. Sanders would like to bring to Hettinger. The program would help seniors stay safe at home and out of care facilities. The hope is to have an employee and office in Hettinger this April. Hettinger was chosen, as demand and readiness was available in the community. Ms. Sanders explained several presentations that will be happening in the next few months.

2025 PLEDGE OF ASSETS: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the pledge of assets from both Dacotah Bank and Dakota Western Bank, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission to give updates on his department. The truck motor repair has been completed and seems to be running well. Mr. Blade has been preparing a gravel schedule for this upcoming season. Discussion was had on estimating cost and needs for contract work for gravel. The transportation grant for three Unorganized roads was awarded; Mr. Blade plans to include with this year along with the other planned gravel projects. Mr. Blade presented a list of items from his department he wished to sell on sealed bid, 11 items were identified. A couple of tractors will need to be replaced soon, so that should be remembered in the next budget year. Commissioner West moved to approve the allowance of selling the equipment no longer needed on sealed bids seconded by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Bids will plan to be opened at the April meeting. Unorganized Township certification of roads should be looked at and discussed at next month's meeting. Unorganized Township mowing will be discussed at next month's meeting. The Commission discussed the gravel needs from Scott Township and requested from Todd Fink. Mr. Blade will contact Mr. Fink on options and gravel to be sold to the township. Lucas Doerr shared that the pit was re-surveyed and he would work with Mr. Blade on the remaining gravel.

ADAMS COUNTY-CITY OF HETTINGER EMPLOYEE: Commissioner Laufer discussed a meeting with Mayor Lindquist, Road Superintendent Justin Blade, Commissioner Laufer, and Public Works, Nathan Nagel. It was discussed to have a position added to prioritize city projects. Several items in the last five years have been neglected, and maintenance is required. The position would be shared with the county, as the employee would be utilized for mowing, and other smaller tasks on the county level. The Employee would also be tasked to attend and answer to the Hettinger City Council. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve a county/city employee, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ROAD BRIDGE- 2026 RATE SCHEDULE: Mr. Blade requested no changes to the rate schedule.

ROAD BRIDGE-CDL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM: CDL work continues with Tom Arndorfer as the instructor. Employees should be ready to take their tests in March. The Commission would like the tests to be completed by the March

meeting, as the employee handbook states 6 months. A reimbursement contract was drafted for employees to sign utilizing another county's contract. The Contract should be submitted to State's Attorney, Aaron Roseland, before any approval.

BROSZ ENGINEERING: Lucas Doerr met with the Commission to give updates. Gladen Construction was awarded the contract for the bridge replacement/removal project this year. An RFP is required; it was decided to hold this at the end of the March meeting. Discussion was had on Country Club Road, as the Commission is still not satisfied with the condition, the retainage will continue to be held. Mr. Doerr handed out cost estimates on several upcoming projects. The Commission will need to either accept or deny the bridge removal project awarded from Flex funding, the county would hold responsibility for engineering costs. The Commission discussed waiting an entire year before chip-sealing Country Club Road, hoping the road will hold up better, the intent at this time would be to double chip seal. Discussion was had on if there was enough time to bid out Overhead Road (5 mile) re-construction and Mirror Lake and South Cemetery Road chip seal. Commissioner West moved to proceed with bids for the two projects, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The bid opening would be planned in early April. Mr. Doerr will work with Mr. Blade on the gravel requirements and needs to the Unorganized Twp roads that were awarded funding from the Flexible Transportation grant.

ROD & MELANA HOWE: met with the Commission to discuss the awarded grant of \$1.2 million from the Flexible Transportation Grant to Hettinger Twp for a reconstruction of South Mirror Lake Road/Lakeview Drive. Hettinger Township submitted a \$75k matching funds. Mr. Howe discussed stabilizing shoreline and establishing ownership will be major improvements. The Commission thanked the couple for all their planning and work in submitting the grant. The legal and surveying will be the first part of the very large project.

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF: Jordan Fisher met with the Commission to provide updates from his department. Sheriff Fisher explained increasing the County Sheriff paper services fees and provided justification and information researched from other counties. Sheriff Fisher shared his year-end report for 2025.

CLERK OF COURT AGREEMENT W/STATE OF ND: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the agreement with ND State Supreme Court for a cost reimbursement to provide Clerk of Court services in Adams County, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ELECTION MANAGEMENT- JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Agreements were drafted for all four cities (Bucyrus, Haynes, Hettinger, and Reeder) and the Hettinger Public School for the administration of the 2026 Primary Election. This would be the first year the school would be billed for the services. The Commission would like the school to review the contract before approving the agreements.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER JOB OPENING: Commissioner Pagel moved to have the Auditor advertise the position, for the

next two publications in the ACR, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

BILLS: were pre-approved at last month's meeting, due to the date change of this meeting. The listing of approved bills are listed below: Melling & Roseland Law\$191.32
Aaron Roseland.....\$98.89
ND County Records Association.....\$500.00
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc. \$309.32
MEI Total Elevator Solutions\$1,221.74
Dacotah Paper Co....\$970.86
GS Publishing\$57.22
Quadient Finance USA Inc\$975.85
Marco Technologies LLC\$380.11
Software Innovations\$6,450.00
Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center\$636.04
ND Sheriff's & Deputies Association\$400.00
Fluentims\$700.00
Computer Express. \$1,550.00
Brosz Engineering. \$2,450.00
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc\$213.55
Southwest Water Authority\$80.67
Sign Solutions.....\$977.65
Maertens Welding & Machine Company\$1,100.28
Stippich, Inc.....\$54.25
Lakeside Auto Body & Glass\$724.78
Tyler Technologies\$475.94
Melodi Boke.....\$141.90
Aspen Lenning.....\$264.62
Hettinger Research Extension Center.....\$2,400.00
Lanae Kristy.....\$35.00
KB Jewelers.....\$19.96
Dacotah Banks, Inc. . \$705.99
Center Point Publishing\$153.42
Country Living.....\$34.97

Adams County Treasurer\$120.00
Consolidated Communications\$1,154.30
The Current Connection\$118.38
Hettinger City.....\$182.78
Information Technology Dept\$1,116.55
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank\$460.94
Montana Dakota Utilities\$5,655.37
ND Association of Counties\$464.60
ND State Treasurer\$4,239.62
Slope Electric Cooperative\$205.22
Verizon Wireless.....\$85.14
Mid-America Research Chemical.....\$180.83
Wex Health, Inc.....\$49.00
AT & T Mobility.....\$502.71
Lexipol LLC.....\$3,143.46
Cenex Fleet Fueling . \$557.52
FIBT: Att Credit Dept. \$405.68
Office of Attorney General – 1250.....\$365.00
Bucyrus City\$104.04
Haynes City\$114.28
Hettinger City.....\$6,376.01
Reeder City.....\$602.5
Auto Value Hettinger. \$251.39
Laufer Vermeer.....\$677.14
Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative.....\$710.26
Runnings Supply, Inc \$668.07
January Payroll....\$73,687.20

Commissioner Pagel moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner West, Chairman Laufer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

ATTEST:
/s/Dustin Laufer
Dustin Laufer, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
/s/Krista Faller,
Adams County Auditor/Treasurer
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**CITY OF REEDER
Council Proceedings**

**PROCEEDS OF THE REEDER CITY COUNCIL
Official Proceedings of the Reeder City Council
"Subject to the Councils Review and Revision"
Reeder North Dakota
March 9th 2026**

The Reeder City Council met at the Reeder Community Center for their regularly scheduled city meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Wes Schwarzwalter. Council members were Dennis Munro, Colten Larson, Dayne Green, Barney Nichols, Don the maintenance man was absent. Visitors were Jerry and Candice Lewton, and Phyllis Brown from the park board. They were asked if they could pay part of the new trees that were ordered, they need a park board meeting first to discuss it.

Dayne made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Colten, MC. Barney made

a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Dayne, MC. Dennis gave a maintenance report for Don, discussed the trees we are getting from the Adams Co Soil Conservation.

#12192.....\$1059.80
#12193 Wages\$461.75
#12194 Wages\$184.70
#12195 Consolidated \$191.93
#12197 MDU\$1845.93
#12198 Dept of Health \$27.00
#12199 Scranton Equity\$915.21
#12200 Runnings\$87.20
#12201 Kevin Symanowski\$875.00
#12202 Wilson Const \$1336.00
#12203 Rocket Express\$20.00

The next Reeder City Council meeting will be held April 13th, 2026
Colten motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Barney, meeting adjourned.
Attest: /s/ Wes Schwarzwalter
Wes Schwarzwalter, Mayor
/s/ Char Larson
Char Larson, City Auditor
Published 3-19/26

CALL FOR BIDS

**MOWING OF CITY OWNED LOTS
CITY OF HETTINGER, NORTH DAKOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Hettinger City Council will receive bids for mowing and trimming of city owned lots and Hettinger Housing Authority for 2026.

All bids must be submitted to the City Auditor's Office in a sealed envelope marked "City of Hettinger- Mowing Bid", on or before 12:00 pm April 3rd, 2026. Bids will be opened at 8:30 AM, April 8th, 2026 at the Hettinger Armory Conference Room.

Interested parties may contact City Auditor Office to obtain a copy of the Bid Form.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE HETTINGER CITY COUNCIL.
Krista Faller, City Auditor
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