

ADAMS COUNTY Commission Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
MAY 12, 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

APRIL 14 2026, MINUTES: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, second by Commissioner West by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

OFFICE FEES: Fees collected by county officers were paid to the Auditor/Treasurer for Road and Bridge \$66,478.60, Sheriff \$922.50 & Recorder \$1,801.80

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4th, 2026, at 8:00 am is the next meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed.

B O A R D APPOINTMENTS: One position on the Weed Board and three positions on the ACDC Board require appointments. Commissioner West moved to approve Norris Erickson Sr. for another term on the Weed Board, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

911 RE-ADDRESSING: Commissioner Laufer shared a rough quote on signs. About 1,600 signs would be needed, and the rough quote from Newman Signs was \$27.33 per sign, but a bulk discount would be available depending on the number of signs needed, it was estimated at about \$40-45k for intersection signage. Maybe another forum/public input meeting should be held before budgeting in July.

ADAMS COUNTY TAX DIRECTOR-CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: Katie Roseland met with the Commission to discuss the meeting of the Planning and Zoning board last week, Monday May 4, 2026. The meeting was for a conditional use permit request for the placement of a new manufactured home at 202 4th St NW. The new manufactured home would replace the older single wide mobile home occupied by Jim and Cindy Ward. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the conditional use permit as recommended by the County Planning and Zoning Commission, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Ms. Roseland discussed how busy her department is, and discussed a few appeals that may come next month to the County equalization hearing.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS UPDATE: Discussion was had on the library fire protection services. Landscape mulch needs to be added, three bales are needed at \$375 per bale, totaling \$1,125.00. A special glue can be added to help contain the mulch. The mulch glue could be bought as it would be at a minimum cost. Discussion was had on the possibility of needing to update a few doors, quotes were not available at this time. Commissioner West moved to approve up to \$2,500 for the remaining landscape, mulch, glue, and landscape curbing. The remainder of the curbing was completion of the project started in 2022, motion seconded by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ROOM RENTAL: The Commission reviewed a request from Stephanie Howe to start a document storage business in the East Main-level office area with a proposed rental rate of \$150 per month. With the room being used for election, it was decided to not go forward with the renting of the room.

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF FISHER: met with the Commission to update on his department. The power outage last week ruined a bunch of equipment at the sheriff's office; an insurance claim will more than likely be needed. Adams County Emergency Manager, Michele Gaylord, was present for the meeting to discuss new door access for some of the office space in the Courthouse complex. Computer Express will be here on Friday to try and work on the several issues arising. Ms. Gaylord brought a quote for new door access from Electro Watchman Inc. in the amount of \$33,332.88, as the door system has not been working. Sheriff Fisher requested to throw out the old refrigerator from the Sheriff's department, as it no longer works. The Commission was in favor of discarding the old appliance.

BROSZ ENGINEERING: Billy and Lucas Doerr met with the Commission to provide updates. Bid opening for the Unorganized Road gravel project. Discussion was had on the Unorganized Road project, this project is using Flexible Transportation funding, NDDOT also conducted a bid opening for the Chip seal to Cemetery Road and Construction to Overhead Road. The Overhead Road project came in higher than originally estimated. The scope and possible money-saving options were discussed. With the total project being funded in part by federal funding, the county cannot request to furnish gravel and use the money saving techniques. The county could rebid again, possibly in the fall, to get more bids/interest. The Cemetery Road chip seal project bidders were within the normal range of the engineer estimate. The County could also deny the bid for the Overhead Road and complete the work locally and not use their federal funding, which the county would more than likely need to hire out contractors to help with this, to free up the county for routine maintenance work. The two projects will be borrowing ahead of the federal funding for two-three years, eliminating any funding for other needed projects in the county. Billy Doerr explained the Chip seal to Country Club Road and Cemetery Road next year as a whole, although the bid for that project was very competitive. Road Superintendent Blade discussed his concerns and could request assistance from an outside contractor to continue with the projects. Quotes could be obtained from contractors to come in and do the reclamation of Overhead Road and utilize county employees and local contractors to haul our own gravel. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the Cemetery Road chip seal project, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Commissioner Pagel moved to reject the Overhead Road project bid, second by Commissioner West. Discussion was had on going forward with the work locally to save federal funding for other projects. After unanimous vote; motion carried. Brosz Engineering will work with Road Superintendent Blade on obtaining quotes for the necessary work to Overhead Road. Lucas Doerr distributed documents on the Cedar bridge removal project, it was estimated at about \$15.5k for engineering costs to the county, the remaining funds would be funded by Flexible Transportation funds. Commissioner West moved to decline the flex funding for the Cedar bridge removal project, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The Schmalz bridge project is planned for starting in June, the Contractor would like to have a pre-construction meeting next week. Brosz Engineering will be in attendance with the Road Superintendent and the contractor. Discussion on Country Club Road was had; the contractor came in and dragged the topsoil and Road

Superintendent Blade was happy with the result. Billy Doerr requested what the county expectations are, to close out the project, as the final retainage money has not been paid yet. The Contractor does not plan to come back and fix any other areas without additional funding. Commissioner Laufer discussed concerns of the road never being completed to his expectations, another discussion was had on what happens if the Contractor comes back and causes damage. The Commission wished to get one more blading completed on the road. The county crew could complete the task. Commissioner Laufer discussed possibly requesting to keep a portion of the retainage fee. Brosz Engineering will work with the Contractor, Martin Construction, on the county completing the last touch ups, and requesting to keep \$5k of the retainage money. The Commission was in favor of this request.

BID APPROVAL- UNORGANIZED TWP GRAVEL PROJECT: 3 bids were received for the bid opening held yesterday, Monday May 11th. The lowest bid was from Schwartz Construction (\$1,093,378.57) the other two bids were from Harris Construction (\$1,435,800.00) and Wilson Construction (\$1,553,781.28) The project bids were over the Flex Fund grant amount, so the NDDOT will have to commit to paying the overage, the county's responsibility should not change. Commissioner West moved to approve the bid from Edward Schwartz Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,093,378.57 for the Unorganized Township gravel work, contingent on the NDDOT acceptance of the overage second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission, he was happy to announce that Forrest Forthun has earned his CDL, Justin also has his test scheduled. Tom Arndorfer has done a tremendous job instructing the crew. The crew is still working without the trailer after the accident. The county crew is hoping to get a rental trailer soon, as they need the trailer ASAP. Mr. Blade discussed his cutting edges because the blades are getting harder to find and are very expensive. The cutting edges are needed, as they can barely get through with their stock. With the increase in price, Mr. Blade has the option to order extras at a discounted price, but that price has increased immensely from last year. The Commission shared they would support him with whatever decision he went with if he stayed within his budget. An upcoming right of way from Carter Schnell will be on the agenda next month. Moisture and weather has been a hindrance in blading, Mr. Blade estimated the county roads are about 95% completed. Township roads will be completed next. Commissioner West moved to approve a new wage of \$23 per hour for Forrest Forthun, now that he has completed and obtained his CDL, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The pay increase will start with hours earned starting May 17th. Road Superintendent Blade will work with Fredrick Blade on getting his test completed as well. Dale Becker was called in to help for three hours and complete some blading, Mr. Blade thought it would be a fair price to offer \$30 per hour for three hours of work completed, a voucher will be made in the amount of \$90. Commissioner West moved to approve the payment of \$90 payable to Dale Becker for the blading, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. There was also a voucher this month for road work completed by Todd Christman

PUBLIC WORKS SHARED EMPLOYEE/ POSITION & EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS: Tom Arndorfer has an updated contract agreement as his original agreement limited him to 20 hours, the updated agreement states 30 hours. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve

the updated agreement for Tom Arndorfer, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Discussion was had on Chris Hanson, the shared employee with the city. Mr. Blade shared he thought Mr. Hanson was doing a very good job. Hours for weekend water watch are being paid for by the city, and they did not understand this was going to be part of the set-up. The city has a lot of catch-up work, as they have not had a lot of services in the last years. Mr. Blade will work with the City Council on what their expectations are.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION: There was no one present

BNSF UPDATES: Commissioner Laufer shared information in the form of emails he has received in reference to blocked BNSF railway crossing at Highway 8. Commissioner Laufer is hoping to have a BNSF discussion soon.

ADAMS COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY: Aaron Roseland met briefly with the Commission to update on happenings in his department. Mr. Roseland has been working on a draft for data centers within the county, he hopes to possibly have that completed by the July meeting.

BILLS: Commissioner West moved to approve paying the following monthly bills, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

- Krista Faller \$270.50
- Marco Technologies NW7128 \$160.76
- Melling & Roseland Law \$207.46
- ND Clerks Association \$100.00
- Print Shop \$560.00
- Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$96.81
- Katie Roseland \$54.38
- Rolling Plains Sprinklers \$145.00
- Dakota Dust-Tex Inc \$311.12
- Dacotah Paper Co. \$217.93
- Drolc Electric \$623.36
- Taylor Print Impressions \$2,061.52
- Election Systems & Software \$7,749.69
- Wex Health \$49.00
- Adams County Record \$50.00
- Quadient Finance USA, Inc \$1,050.83
- Marco Technologies LLC \$498.92
- Computer Express .. \$2,950.00
- Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative..... \$160.71
- Information Technology Dept \$1,047.25
- Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center \$1,280.28
- AT & T Mobility \$491.47
- Lenstock Inc. \$137.24
- Genex Fleet Fueling \$1,161.69
- Office of Attorney General -1250 \$655.00
- Consolidated Communications \$213.00
- Fibt Att; Credit Dept \$1,114.58
- Eden K9 Consulting & Training Corp \$189.00
- Michele Gaylord \$182.50
- Hettinger Research Extension Center \$50.00
- Kennedy's Fresh Foods \$21.20
- Sunrise Youth Bureau \$1,500.00
- Todd Christman \$1,600.00
- Dale Becker \$90.00
- Brosz Engineering Inc \$17,695.00
- Jay Ohm \$376.19
- Linde Gas & Equipment Inc

- \$213.55
- Southwest Water Authority \$82.61
- Department of Transportation \$8,605.34
- Northern Improvement \$1,320.00
- Auto Value Hettinger \$90.99
- Laufer Vermeer \$595.13
- Fitterer Oil Co. \$9,226.14
- Allstate Peterbilt of Dickinson \$215.71
- Bobcat of Dickinson \$4,121.06
- Butler Machinery Co. \$4,273.47
- Lakeside Auto Body & Glass \$654.32
- North Central International LLC \$339.02
- Northern Auto & Diesel \$10,243.62
- RDO Equipment \$689.55
- West Plains Inc \$203.71
- ND Association of Counties \$63.00
- Aspen Lenning \$1,481.50
- Adams County 4-H Leader's Council \$600.00
- JP Morgan Chase Bank \$407.63
- Stateline Designs..... \$1,030.00
- Demco \$89.44
- Broad Reach Books ... \$296.22
- Center Point Publishing

5050

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

of the

Westcor Land Title Insurance Company
In the state of South Carolina

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Total Assets | 346702110 |
| Total Liabilities | 184607009 |
| Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds | 0 |
| Common Capital Stock | 2000000 |
| Preferred Capital Stock | 0 |
| Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than | 0 |
| Special Surplus Funds | 0 |
| Surplus Notes | 0 |
| Gross Paid in and | 0 |
| Contributed Surplus | 160095101 |
| Unassigned Funds | 162095101 |
| Total Capital and Surplus | 162095101 |
| Total Liabilities, | 346702110 |
| Capital And Surplus | |

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Total Direct Premiums | 760578 |
| Earned | |
| Total Direct Losses | 7500 |
| Incurred | |

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL).

JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and

WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,

NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2026 (SEAL)

JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance

- \$183.38
 - Collaborative Summer Library Program \$221.02
 - Dacotah Banks, Inc ... \$650.35
 - Adams County Treasurer \$1,140.00
 - ND State Treasurer \$8,136.00
 - Consolidated Communications \$1,109.04
 - GS Publishing \$1,141.76
 - Hettinger City \$177.97
 - Montana Dakota Utilities \$3,723.76
 - Runnings Supply Inc .. \$632.48
 - Slope Electric Cooperative \$174.49
 - Verizon Wireless \$85.10
 - April Payroll \$79,828.35
- Commissioner Pagel moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner West, Chairman Laufer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.
- /s/Dustin Laufer
Dustin Laufer, Chairman
/s/Krista Faller
Krista Faller, Auditor
Published June 11, 2026

PUBLIC Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ADAMS
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Credit Bureau of Bismarck Inc.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Natasha Freeman,
Defendant

Divil No. 01-2026-CV-00072
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

March 26, 2026
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This is an attempt to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt collector.

Published May 28,
June 4, 11, 2026

INPUT MEETING

Adams County Public Input Meeting
911 Re-Addressing
Monday, June 22, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.
in the Adams County Courthouse
Community Room

6/11, 6/18

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