

ADAMS COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF
ADAMS COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA
JULY 21, 2026
BUDGET MEETING**

The Board of Commission held a special meeting for 2027 Budget work. Commission Chair Dustin Laufer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Laufer, Commissioner West and Commissioner Pagel were in attendance.

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

2027 BUDGET: State's Attorney, Aaron Roseland, was in attendance to discuss any changes in his department. Mr. Roseland explained his frustrations with changes to his budget, as he was within the 3% as requested by the Governor. The Commission discussed the concern of every department head, requesting a 3% increase would not leave enough room to stay within the 3% with a higher increase in health insurance and other inflated items. Sheriff Fisher met with the Commission to discuss his departmental budget. Sheriff Fisher discussed the limitations he has of keeping deputies and being fully staffed. Appropriations from 2025, 2026, and 2027 budgets, and decreases the Commission

took from his department causes a hardship trying to get any new employees. Discussion was had on the need to have about a \$60-65k to hire a new deputy. Discussion was had on possibly paying the deputies a larger amount and then not hiring fully staffed all year long. The Commission discussed the salary budget line item is never utilized in its entirety, and if for some reason the department is fully staffed, the Commission will have to try and figure out the extra funding required. Discussion was had on budgeting for the department being considerably harder when the department is not fully staffed, actual numbers are hard to budget for. The Commission shared their appreciation to Sheriff Fisher for working together to understand both his and the Commission reasons for budget changes and limitations. Another meeting will be required as not much was completed today. Monday July 27th at 2 pm will be the next budget meeting.

ADJOURN: Commissioner West moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote, motion carried. Commission Chair Dustin Laufer declared the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

/s/ Dustin Laufer
Dustin Laufer,
Commission Chair
/s/ Krista Faller

Krista Faller, Auditor/Treasurer
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