

ADAMS COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE BOARD
OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF
ADAMS COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

AUGUST 11, 2026, MINUTES: Commissioner West moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Pagel 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 \$86,700.42 & Recorder \$1,012.90.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 8, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. is the next regular monthly meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed.

BLDGS-GROUNDS: a quote for a new roofing overlay at the County shop was reviewed from Tooz Construction in the amount of \$138,400.00.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the appointment of Jaeda Jensen (student representative) to the ACDC board, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

CHRISTMAS 2026 HOLIDAY: Per employee request, the Commission reviewed a request for holiday time off this upcoming Christmas holiday. The county employees are requesting the full day on Thursday December

24 as well as full day on December 25. The handbook states a half day for Christmas Eve and a full day Christmas Day, this year the employees would only get a half day for Christmas, as Friday is already a half day. Commissioner West moved to approve the holiday request for all day Thursday and the workday of 5 hours on Friday, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ADAMS COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT: Aspen Lenning met with the Commission to update from her department. A plan to build a community garden space was discussed, the plan is to have this at the soil conservation location. Updates on soil samples collected were provided, including before and after the most recent rain.

ZONING CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST: from the ND Geographical Survey for coal exploration in Adams County. Adams County Zoning Administrator, Katie Roseland presented the information from the Planning and Zoning meeting held in August. The mineral drilling permit request will be all completed on state owned land, and not on any private owned land. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the conditional use permit as recommended by the Adams County Planning and Zoning Board, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ADAMS COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY: Aaron Roseland discussed the need to start researching data centers to include in county zoning. Mr. Roseland has been working diligently on an ordinance and has requested County Tax Director to review them. Mr. Roseland will have stuff prepared and ready to present in the next couple of months. Mr. Roseland has also been working on battery storage, ag/livestock production, and solar farm updated zoning ordinances. Commissioner West discussed that transmission line ordinances should also be reviewed.

BROSZ ENGINEERING: Lucas Doerr met with the Com-

mission to give updates on projects. The Schmaltz bridge/Haynes removal project has been completed. The Cemetery Road project has the striping to be completed, and that project will be completed. The Commission shared how nice Cemetery Road project looks. The Unorganized Twp graveling will begin around September 21.

ROAD-BRIDGE-OVER-HEAD ROAD DUST CONTROL: Another complaint was made requesting dust control to the Overhead Road after recent road construction. Lucas discussed the quote for mag chloride for Overhead Road as well as Three-Mile Bridge Road. Only one quote was obtained from Martin Construction in the amount of \$181,864.45. No other quotes were available. The Commission discussed their concern on the timeline, as the weather is cooler now which may cause the road surface to be slimy, this being a drier year may help. Discussion was had on Three-Mile Bridge Road not being ready at this time, might cause a problem with timing. Commissioner Laufer questioned just completing the mag chloride to Overhead Road at the cost of \$112,960.45 with the guidance of watching the weather before application. Commissioner West moved to approve the quote for mag chloride application to Overhead Road by October 1, 2026, second by commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission to share updates from his department and the ongoing road projects. Gravel work and blading continues throughout the county. The crew is busy on Three-Mile Bridge Road. Mr. Blade requested a new seat for the Kenworth truck; the Commission was in favor of his decision. Mr. Blade has an appointment for his CDL at the end of this month. The crew will start mowing soon, Mr. Blade had a person request part-time work doing some mowing. The Com-

mission was alright with this, as a contractor. Discussion was had on all contractors needing to have the liability agreement signed. Two applications were submitted in the last month; one is not able to start until March. Interviews were held, the Commission requested CDL permits should be obtained for employment. Commissioner Pagel discussed complaints on Country Club speed limits. Its currently 50 mph and the request would be to go down to 45 mph. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the reduction in the speed limit from 50 to 45 mph, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Mr. Blade will get new signs put up. A brief discussion was had on the need for some county sign maintenance and the re-addressing of the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION: There was no one in attendance.

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF: Jordan Fisher met with the Commission for any questions/concerns. Discussion was had on the reduction in speed limit on Country Club Road. Sheriff Fisher discussed the assistance he and the road department completed after last week's windstorm.

2027 BUDGET HEARING: Commission Chair, Dustin Laufer, called the 2027 Adams County budget hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. Public attendance included: Rick Herbel was in attendance with discussions on reserve amounts, road projects, and employment status. Commissioner Laufer declared the hearing closed at 1:20 p.m.

Commissioner Pagel moved to approve and adopt the 2027 budget and to introduce the following resolution

Governing Board	
Auditor/Treasurer	\$46,565.86
State's Attorney	\$167,693.56
Risk Management	\$119,980.04
County Recorder/ Clerk of Court	\$1,717.44
	\$115,026.44

Tax Director	\$500.00	Planning & Zoning	\$2,900.00
Maintenance of Bldgs. & Grounds-Courthouse	\$91,652.34	Sunrise Youth Bureau	\$1,500.00
Maintenance of Bldgs. & Grounds-FSA/NRCS	\$164,101.48	Dakota Prairie Helping Hands	0.00
Elections	\$47,698.00	Abatement	0.00
Group Insurance	400.00	Total General Fund	2,210,986.28
Health Savings Account & fees	\$226,825.00	Total Highway Funds	\$2,225,393.00
Matching FICA	\$79,525.00		
Matching Medicare	\$59,000.00	Special Revenue Funds	
Retirement	\$13,800.00	Document Preservation	\$7,400.00
Unemployment Tax	\$155,000.00	Emergency	\$0.00
Longevity Pay	\$30,000.00	Veterans Service	\$19,189.51
Audit Fees	0.00	Extension	\$99,428.85
Property Insurance	20,000.00	Extension Education	\$4,750.00
Liability Insurance	\$12,500.00	Library	\$89,622.72
Auto Insurance	\$11,500.00	Weed Control	\$87,970.00
Inland Marine Insurance	\$19,000.00	Capital Projects	00.00
Telephone	\$3,615.00	Wireless/Wireline 911	\$61,709.96
Publishing & Printing	\$10,000.00	Total Special Funds	\$370,071.04
Postage	\$12,000.00		
Bank Service Fees	7,000.00	Trust & Agency Funds	
Dues	\$6,451.00	Airport Authority	\$72,900.10
Service Contracts	\$25,000.00	Job Development	\$72,875.15
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	Senior Services	\$35,074.14
Technology	\$48,000.00	Soil Conservation District	\$45,569.29
Sheriff	\$600,531.92	Health District	\$38,915.56
Coroner	\$500.00	Historical Society	\$13,663.25
Emergency Services	\$71,203.20	Water Resource District	\$0.00
Human Services	\$3,100.00	Southwest Water Authority	\$0.00
County Fair	\$16,000.00	Total Trust & Agency Funds	\$278,997.49
Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council	\$7,700.00	Enterprise Fund	
Abandoned Cemeteries		Landfill	\$28,340.00
		Grand Total - All Funds	\$5,113,787.81

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide funds to meet the

budget appropriations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a tax be levied on all taxable properties within the county for the year 2027 as follows:

ESTIMATED LEVIES FOR TAX YEAR 2027

General Fund	
(limited to 60 mills)	
.....	657,905.89
Unorganized Townships	
(limited to 18 mills)	
.....	87,806.20
Road & Bridge	
(limited to 26 mills)	
.....	473,540.01
Emergency	
.....	0.00
Veterans Service	
(limited to 2 mills)	
.....	8,970.94
Extension	
(limited to 4 mills)	
.....	71,231.48
Library	
(limited to 4 mills)	
.....	54,691.94
Weed Control	
(4 mills)	
.....	72,912.75
Airport Authority	
(limited to 4 mills)	
.....	72,900.10
Job Development	
(limited to 4 mills)	
.....	73,875.15
Senior Services	
(limited to 2 mills)	
.....	35,074.14
Soil Conservation District	
(limited to 2.5 mills)	
.....	45,569.29
Historical Society	
(limited to .75 mill)	
.....	13,663.25
Health District	
(5 mills)	
.....	38,915.56
Water Resource District	
(4 mills)	
.....	0.00
Capital Projects	
(10 Mills)	
.....	0.00
Total Taxes to be Levied	
.....	1,707,056.70

The motion to approve and adopt the 2027 budget, was seconded by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion

carried.

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

Krista Faller	\$120.40
Melling & Roseland Law	
.....	\$194.48
Presort Plus	\$1,315.85
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc	
.....	\$33.43
Katie Roseland	\$740.56
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc	\$311.12
Denny's Electric	\$570.34
Lynn Heath	\$138.00
Hettinger City	\$44.93
Droic Electric	\$636.40
Forte	\$1,677.13
Dacotah Paper Co.	\$1,359.45
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank	
.....	\$553.80
Computer Express	\$7,715.86
Wex Health Inc	\$38.50
West River Insurance	
Agency	\$1,321.00
Dakota Business Solutions	
.....	\$389.00
Marco Technologies LLC	
.....	\$451.47
Information Technology Dept	
.....	\$1,076.05
Southwest Multi-County	
Correction Center	
.....	\$2,180.00
AT & T Mobility	\$502.92
Lenslock Inc.	\$137.24
Cenex Fleet Fueling	
.....	\$1,199.88
Office of Attorney General –	
1250	\$550.00
Fibt Att; Credit Dept	\$997.84
Brosz Engineering, Inc	
.....	\$2,270.00
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc	
.....	\$213.55
Southwest Water Authority	
.....	\$82.15
Eido Printing	\$270.00
Allstates Pavement Recycling &	
Stabilization Inc	
.....	\$53,696.80
Northern Improvement	
.....	\$1,776.06
RT Vision	\$1,545.00
Fitterer Oil Co	\$9,041.34
Auto Value Hettinger	\$253.89
Christ Stang Hydraulics	
.....	\$41.28
Gooseneck Implement Co.	
.....	\$81.35
North Central International LLC	
.....	\$124.14

RDO Equipment	\$10,531.10	Cooperative	\$384.27
Rocket Express Delivery LLC		Consolidated Communications	
.....	\$55.00		\$1,084.30
EB Advisors LLC	\$634.00	Hettinger City	\$1,032.66
Aspen Lenning	\$366.32	Montana Dakota Utilities	
Kennedy's Fresh Foods			\$2,503.40
.....	\$583.06	ND State Treasurer	\$95.06
Waddington Boom Truck		Runnings Supply Inc	
.....	\$1,860.00		\$1,015.63
Dacotah Banks, Inc		Slope Electric	
.....	\$1,018.19	Cooperative	\$172.20
Center Point Publishing		August Payroll	\$81,916.61
.....	\$234.38	Commissioner West moved	
Follett School Solutions Inc		to adjourn the meeting, second	
.....	\$1,273.09	by Commissioner Pagel; Chair-	
Online Dakota Information		man Laufer declared the meet-	
Network	\$41.34	ing adjourned at 1:29 p.m.	
Adams County Record		/s/Dustin Laufer	
.....	\$50.00	Dustin Laufer, Chairman	
Mid America Books	\$435.30	/s/Krista Faller,	
Kellie Timm	\$2,143.04	Krista Faller,	
Adams County Treasurer		Adams County	
.....	\$1,705.00	Auditor/Treasurer	
Verizon Wireless	\$85.14	<i>Published Octobrt 15, 2026</i>	
Central Dakota Frontier			