



GRANT COUNTY

Commission Proceedings

Regular Meeting
December 17, 2025

Chairman Zenker called the December 17, 2025 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Public present: Riley Dahl, Grant County News; Kyle Billiot, Jackie Steinmetz.

Commissioner Meyer moved to approve agenda, seconded by Hochhalter. All present voting aye; agenda approved.

Moved by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve December 3, 2025 Regular Board of Commissioner meeting minutes as amended. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Old business:
New business:

Hochhalter moved to approve bills totaling \$29,058.34. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Hochhalter - aye, Meyer - aye, Zenker - aye. Bills approved.

A&S Country Market220.68

AXON Enterprise Inc3,357.12

CHS Inc5,548.76

City of Elgin38.50

Eide Bailly LLP619.00

Fitterer Gas & Oil1,099.10

Heart River Health Care100.00

Hertz Brothers Inc155.16

Jennifer Wells117.60

KZ Welding & Automotive11.30

Napa Auto Parts New Salem143.97

ND Auditors Association400.00

Tessa Osterbauer215.24

Otis Elevator Company2,868.24

Quadient Finance USA Inc1,003.00

Stelter Repair Inc3,381.71

Taylor Print & Visual Impressions Inc3,530.44

Terracon Consultants Inc1,290.00

The Sidwell Company3,750.00

Uniform Center507.96

Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services598.36

Marty Meyer102.20

Sheriff Terry Dillon presented information on the Hiway 200 Memorial for fallen officers. Dillon stated he has approached local businesses about sponsoring one mile to represent the fallen officer(s) from Grant County.

Sheriff Dillon informed the Board of the resignation of Brady Palmer as Grant County Deputy Sheriff effective December 31, 2025.

Sheriff Dillon presented a bill from Axon Enterprises Inc for tazers. The contract began in 2023, and no payment on the contract had been made. In the current bills is a payment of \$3,357.12 which represents one annual payment.

Dawn Hanson, Mayor of Carson, asked if the light pole located to the south of the Courthouse be moved onto the County property instead

of being located on the street. She will contact MDU to see what alternatives there are for relocating the light pole. The fee to move the pole would be the responsibility of the City of Carson.

Mayor Hanson asked what can be done with the abandoned mobile homes that are located in the City of Carson. City of Carson is to obtain the title or release of ownership from the mobile home owner so the mobile home can be disposed of properly. Auditor Meier will look into any grant assistance that may be available for the removal.

Julie Fischer, Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court provided the final estimate for flooring replacement in the courtroom and judges chambers, and for window blinds. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to apply for the cost share grant for the project. Roll call vote - Hochhalter - aye, Meyer - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Jared Fischer, Department of Emergency Management Director, presented the 2026 Fire Emergency Declaration & Burn Restrictions effective December 17, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2026. Motion made by Meyer to approve declaration, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Hochhalter - aye, Meyer - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve 2026 Grant County, ND Controlled Burn Procedure. Roll call vote - Hochhalter - aye, Meyer - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

The following responsibilities are assigned to the Board of County Commissioner members:

Lewis and Clark Region Development committee - Zenker;

Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, Planning and Zoning Board - Hochhalter;

Three Rivers Human Services Zone, Weed Control Board - Meyer.

The following appointments for 2026:

Hochhalter moved and Meyer seconded to appoint Jackie Steinmetz to Director of Tax Equalization. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved and Hochhalter seconded by appoint Carey Rivinius to County Coroner. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved and Hochhalter seconded to appoint Grant L Walker to County State's Attorney. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved and Hochhalter seconded to appoint Jason Albert as Administrator of the Planning and Zoning Board, Risk Management Director, and FEMA Flood Plain Administrator. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye.

Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved and Meyer seconded to appoint Jared Fischer as County Emergency Management Director and 911 Coordinator. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved and seconded by Hochhalter to appoint Denis Tibor to County Weed Board. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved and seconded by Hochhalter to appoint Leonard Gerhardt to County Weed Board. Roll call vote Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to approve the amended Gaming Site application for New Salem Civics Club at Gunny's Bar and Offsale. The application amendment added bingo to the games available at the site. Roll call vote - Hochhalter - aye, Meyer - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met with the Board to discuss future road and bridge projects and applications. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Hochhalter to submit application to the Highway Safety Improvement Program for cost share to improve the visibility and safety of the intersection of 55th St SW and 58th Ave SW, the common corners of Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Township 136 North, Range 87 West. Roll call vote - Hochhalter - aye, Meyer - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of two shaping and graveling projects: 13 miles from Carson south to the Cannonball, and 12 miles from Brisbane to Stage Stop.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 1:07pm. FYI: next scheduled meetings will be January 7th and 21st, 2026. The Grant County Courthouse will be closed on January 19, 2026 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

/s/Alton Zenker
Alton Zenker, Chairman
/s/Sara Meier
Sara Meier, Auditor

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PUBLIC

Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF GRANT
IN DISTRICT COURT
SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Probate No. 19-2026-PR-00002
In the Matter of the Estate of
Cindy L. Schatz, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Clifford H. Schatz, 7535 61st St SW, New Leipzig, ND 58562, Personal Representative, or filed with the above-entitled Court at Carson, ND 58529.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Clifford H. Schatz

7535 61st St SW

New Leipzig, ND 58562

DAVID M. CRANE
CRANE & MERRIMAN, PC
PO BOX 99
MOTT, ND 58646

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grant County
Historical Society
will hold their
Regular Quarterly
Meeting
**Wednesday,
Feb. 11, 2026
at 4:00 p.m.**

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Grant County
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RESCHEDULED

NEW LEIPZIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The New Leipzig Rural Fire Protection District will hold their annual meeting on **Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. MT** at the New Leipzig Fire Hall for the purpose of electing directors. Open to the public.

Andrew Roth, Secretary

1/22, 1/29

HISTORIC BRIDGE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AND PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT

Grant County, in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, is proposing work on one bridge along 52nd Ave SW, south-southwest of St. Gertrude, ND. The Project Number is BRJ-0019(026); NDDOT # 23711.

1) Bridge 19-131-47.0 is a single-span, Warren, pony truss bridge constructed in the 1920s and relocated to the current location between 1957 and 1970. It is approximately 82 feet long and 21 ft wide (curb to curb). The bridge crosses Cedar Creek approximately 16 miles south and 6 miles west of St. Gertrude, ND. This bridge will be removed and replaced with a new bridge. Since this bridge is listed in the National Register of Historical Places, FHWA has determined that its removal constitutes an Adverse Effect on it, and for the project as well. Hence, public comment is sought on both of these Adverse Effect determinations.

Further, since this historic bridge could be relocated while maintaining historic integrity, it must be offered for adoption to any responsible state, local, or private entity willing to take over, relocate, and preserve the bridge at a new location (23 U.S.C. 144). Any entity willing to "adopt" the bridge would have to agree to maintain it and assume all future legal and financial liability, as well as liability for the structural integrity and safe use of the structure. The bridge needs to be relocated prior to road closure work, scheduled to begin in the 2026 construction season.

Any parties interested in adopting Bridge 19-131-47.0 or wishing to comment on the National Register and/or Adverse Effect determinations above should respond by February 14, 2026 to John Sauber Jr., PE/PLS, Project Manager, Sauber Engineering Inc., phone -(701)751-5993, email - jsauber@sauberengineering.com, or mail - 2401 46th Ave SE, Suite 110, PO Box 399, Mandan, ND 58554.

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Dated this 21 day of January 2026

/s/Cobey Klein

Personal Representative

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