

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 Market ..... 220.68  
AXON Enterprise Inc .....

..... 3,357.12  
CHS Inc ..... 5,548.76  
City of Elgin ..... 38.50  
Eide Bailly LLP ..... 619.00  
Fitterer Gas & Oil ..... 1,099.10  
Heart River Health Care .....

..... 100.00  
Hertz Brothers Inc ..... 155.16  
Jennifer Wells ..... 117.60  
KZ Welding & Automotive .....

..... 11.30  
Napa Auto Parts New Salem .....

..... 143.97  
ND Auditors Association .....

..... 400.00  
Tessa Osterbauer ..... 215.24  
Otis Elevator Company .....

..... 2,868.24  
Quadient Finance USA Inc .....

..... 1,003.00  
Stelter Repair Inc ..... 3,381.71  
Taylor Print & Visual Impressions Inc .....

..... 3,530.44  
Terracon Consultants Inc .....

..... 1,290.00  
The Sidwell Company .....

..... 3,750.00  
Uniform Center ..... 507.96  
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services .....

..... 598.36  
Marty Meyer ..... 102.20  
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.

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 55<sup>th</sup> St SW and 58<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 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  
Published January 29, 2026

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Notice

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026 spring wild turkey hunting proclamation.

The season will run from Apr.11 through May 17. There are 8,490 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one bearded or male wild turkey.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 11. Only residents are eligible. Apply online at gf.nd.gov. Licenses issued by weighted lottery.

A complete 2026 fall wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.  
Published January 29, 2026

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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

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Probate No. 43-2026-PR-00001  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SIOUX COUNTY,  
SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Marvin A. Klein, Deceased

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Dated this 21 day of January 2026

/s/Cobey Klein  
Personal Representative  
Published January 29,  
February 5, 12, 2026

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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.  
in the  
Commissioners  
Room in the  
Grant County  
Courthouse.



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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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Suite 110, PO Box 399, Mandan, ND 58554.

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