



# GRANT COUNTY

## Commission Proceedings

### Regular Meeting July 15, 2026

Chairman Zenker called the July 15, 2026 meeting of the Grant County Commissioners to order at 9:04 a.m. All present honored our nation by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to approve July 1, 2026 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. All present voting aye. Minutes approved.

No action taken on draft version of County Board of Equalization meeting. Jackie Steinmetz will provide corrections in hard copy to the Auditor.

Old business:

New business:

Meyer moved to approve bills totaling \$132,475.20. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Bills approved.

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| A & S Country Market ..         | 155.29   |
| Auto Value Mandan .....         | 296.71   |
| Big O Tires .....               | 401.32   |
| Butler Machinery Inc .....      | 61.50    |
| Cenex Fleetcard .....           | 158.40   |
| CHS Inc .....                   | 3,542.48 |
| City of Carson Water Bill ..... | 286.59   |
| Deere & Company .....           | 79.01    |
| Detectachem Inc .....           | 749.10   |
| Eido Printing .....             | 117.00   |
| Elgin City .....                | 46.80    |
| Elgin True Value .....          | 91.09    |
| Farm & Home Supply ....         | 33.98    |
| Fireside Office Solutions ..... | 469.20   |
| Gas & Gears LLC .....           | 60.00    |
| HA Thompson & Sons .....        | 1,177.50 |
| Hertz Brothers Inc .....        | 203.36   |
| I-State Truck Center .....      | 17.00    |
| Jared Fischer .....             | 152.7    |

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| Lind Gas & Equipment .....           | 462.80    |
| Napa Auto Parts Glen Ullin .....     | 234.81    |
| NDAAO .....                          | 50.00     |
| Nutrien Ag Solutions .....           | 49,338.50 |
| Office of the Adjutant General ..... | 12,833.64 |
| One Call Concepts Inc.....           | 3.00      |
| PowerPlan .....                      | 917.93    |
| Sauber Engineering Inc .....         | 850.3     |
| Steins Inc .....                     | 496.53    |
| Stelter Repair Inc .....             | 1,184.97  |
| Thomson Reuters .....                | 196.41    |
| True North Steel ....                | 56,522.88 |

Hochhalter moved approval of the 2026 appropriation to Grant County Fair Association of \$17,500.00. Seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

Bill from Kalin Bachmeier for fencing will be held over to next meeting for additional information.

Treasurers report was reviewed.

Daniel Devitt presented his opinion about the Grant County State's Attorney position.

Erin Ourada, Western Plains Health District Director presented the 2027 budget and reminded the Commissioners of the August 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Board of County Commissioners meeting. A quorum of a quorum must be present for the meeting to approve the preliminary budget for the district.

Trampis Brenner met with the Board to discuss the 2025 expenses, 2026 Fair Association plans, and the request for appropriation from the 2027 budget.

Ted Hafemann was hired for the road department as operator/truck driver. Beginning wage of \$25.00 per hour and a \$0.50 increase after probation period. Motion made to approve wage made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote - Meyer - aye, Hochhalter - aye, Zenker - aye. Motion carried.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering presented right of way acquisition for the Heart River Bridge north of Carson. Motion made by Meyer to acquire temporary easement from Chad and Dawn Skretteberg for 0.54 acres at a rate of \$220.00 per acre. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer to acquire temporary easement from Chad and Dawn Skretteberg, and LaVonne and Loren Skretteberg for 0.69 acres at a rate of \$220.00 per acre. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

John Sauber, presented right of way acquisition for the Cedar River Bridge Project south of Carson. Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to acquire easement from Paul Schiff of 0.32 acres at a rate of \$2200.00 per acre and 0.34 acres at a rate of \$1100.00 per acre permanent easement, and 0.77 acres of temporary easement of \$220 per acre for a total payment of \$1,247.40. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Hochhalter and seconded by Meyer to acquire easement from Marleen Wells, et al, of 0.54 acres at a rate of \$1100.00 per acre permanent easement, and 0.56 acres of temporary easement of \$220 per acre for a total payment of \$717.20. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Meyer to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session by Meyer, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Zenker adjourned meeting at 2:00 pm. FYI: next scheduled meetings will be August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

/s/Alton Zenker

Alton Zenker, Chairman

/s/Sara Meier

Sara Meier, Auditor

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