

Public Notice

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA January 9, 2026 9:00am

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, January 9, 2026 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen, Nicholas Friez and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present. Also Present: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Brandon Schmitcke and Wally Peter West River Equipment.

Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 9:00am Public Comment: No public comment at this time.

Schmitcke and Peter from West River Equipment came to the table. Discussion was held on tractor rental, feed back on what the county wants in a tractor, different options on equipment, other equipment they offer and tailoring the program to what the county needs. Discussion was held on approx. numbers and Schmitcke and Peter will get back to the county at the next meeting. Schmitcke and Peter left the meeting.

Trish Agnew joined the meeting. Sheriff Vannatta joined the meeting.

Minutes of December 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Guthmiller moved to accept the minutes. Dronen seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Vannatta discussed deputies, appliances, 2025 budget and the vehicle fund for a replacement vehicle. Water was discussed at the deputies trailer. Sheriff Vannatta left the meeting.

Trish Agnew came to the table. No one opposed the conditional use permit for ToDas Inc. project. Dronen made the motion to approve the conditional use permit to ToDas Inc, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on access to the property, call for vote, all in favor, aye opposed, none, motion carried. Agnew left the meeting.

The agenda was reviewed. Friez moved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0 motion passed.

Discussion was held on the Kidder County Council on Aging minutes. Discussion was held on the original agreement for a share road with Stutsman County.

Clare Heinze joined the meeting and discussion was held on an estimate for the lights at the KCSS/Food Pantry building. Plumbing is waiting on the grant and Guthmiller received the grant back for more information and gave it to Lorrie Craven for information. Discussion was held on improvements and upgrades being done to the building. Senior Services will need to talk to the county before changes are made to the building.

Valley Plains tractor lease quote was reviewed.

Tax Director Jim Albrecht came to the meeting. Albrecht said ag land values have decreased. Current value is \$366.42 and now is at \$356.42 because of the capitalization rate change from 4.47% to 4.74%, discussion was held on the capitalization rate. Inodiated acres was discussed. Albrecht recommended a 6% decrease in ag land values for 2026. Discussion was held on a 5% decrease and other options, Commissioners recommendation is 5% decrease in ag land. Albrecht left the meeting. Heinze left the meeting.

Recess for lunch 12:00pm Resume from lunch 1:00pm all Commissioners and Auditor present.

Hudson Pierce Northern Plains Equipment joined the meeting. Discussion was held on tractor lease from Northern Plains, what the commissioners are looking for and different options. Pierce left the meeting.

Treasurer Vickie Murray joined the meeting with yearly reports. Discussion was held on PRC (Primary Residence Credit), Homestead and Disabled Veterans Credits. Financial reports and bank loan was discussed. Murray said she worked an extra 79 hours in December and she appreciated the December 26th off and used that day to do the PRC credit report the State required on short notice. Dronen made the motion to approve the financials as presented, seconded by Friez, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the county depository for 2026. Guthmiller made the motion to designate Choice Bank the official County Depository, seconded by Friez, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Murray left the meeting.

NDSU Co Agent Monica Fitterer joined the meeting regarding her quarterly report. Fitterer did youth programming, had 14 kids attending Lego League, had story times at the Library, Stop the Bleed in Robinson, Stem lesson for the 6th grade and Bread in a Bag for the 4th grade. Fitterer discussed the 4-H banquet and there are 5 clubs with 119 4-H members and 13 kids in Hippology. Fitterer presented at a 4-H conference in Atlanta. Fitterer gave a yearly report on the Fair Association. The Fair Association did receive a County Fair grant. Discussion held. Fitterer left the meeting.

Road Crew Derrick Hanson, Jay Dukart, Dakota Springer, Garrett Pfaff and Josh Jensen joined the meeting. Discussion was held on road maintenance and planning projects for 2026. Discussion was held on the benefits of working in groups, projects, organization of the signs and the sign truck. Discussion was held on a different sanding truck due to safety. Jensen found an older state plow truck with a sander. Discussion held on getting sand, tandem truck in Robinson and the need for a safer sanding truck. Cost was discussed. Road crew left the meeting.

Discussion was held on vehicles at the shops, snow and ice removal. Recorder Barb Steinke joined the meeting and told the commissioners the employees appreciated January 2nd off. Steinke left the meeting.

Sharon Tecca joined the meeting and gave a Load Pass update. Load Pass will be going live on January 13th, 2026. Tecca will be sending letters to the townships to see if they would like to join the county on Load Pass and there will be no cost to the townships to join. Discussion was held on weekend permits. Tecca left the meeting.

Friez inquired on the sanding truck Jensen found. Discussion held. Discussion was held on putting Sharon Tecca as the administrator for Load Pass. Dronen made a motion to pay the Load Pass Administrator a monthly fee, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on the dollar amount and funding out of kidder road, call for vote: all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Tecca was called into the meeting to see if she would accept the position of administrator for Load Pass. Tecca accepted and left the meeting.

State Aid Distribution was reviewed. Friez made a motion to transfer the State Aid funds into the building improvement fund, seconded by Dronen, discussion none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none motion carried.

South Country Human Services board position is up and was discussed. Schoenhard is currently on the board. Dronen made the motion to reappoint Auditor Schoenhard to the South Country Human Services Board, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Discussion was held on billing McIntosh County for DEM services yearly instead of monthly. Schoenhard will check into this.

Crystal Springs Watershed informational email from Houston Engineering was reviewed.

Reappointment for the Crystal Springs Watershed steering committee members were discussed. The consensus of the Commission is, that the Water Resource Board should have input on who should be on the steering committee. Justin Dewitz and Grant Benz accepted the position on the water board along with Pat Leier, Dennis Morlock, and Donavon Hoffer to make a five-member board. Water Management Board should make recommendations to the County Commission for appointments on the board.

January bills were reviewed. Courthouse Payroll: Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board \$40,655.65 Less WH 3,285.68, SS 3,195.34, ND St. Tax WH 127.75, Insurance 536.69, Deferred Com-

pensation 2,075.00, FSA 100.00 \$31,335.19 Commissioner Approved Payroll: General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Co. Library, Zoning: \$48,493.43 Less WH 3,044.61, SS 3,816.56, ND St. Tax 3.92, Insurance 491.47, Deferred Compensation 1,800.00, \$15,703.35

Choice Financial.....279,166.72 WEX Bank.....281.74 Susanna Ongstad.....75.00 Clare Heinze.....46.29 Eide Bailly LLP.....13,650.00 Matthew Bender.....174.61 NRG.....1,672.86 Postmaster.....1,625.00 Quill.....520.98 Runnings.....65.97 Software Innovations.....7,350.00 Steins Inc.....167.64 Menards.....488.29 Verizon.....429.73 Tappen Farm Supply.....163.78 Western Dakota Energy Assoc.....1,500.00 Elan Financial/VISA.....2,563.10 AARC.....325.00 Blue 360 Media.....92.95 Bowerman Insurance.....7,512.00 ESRI Inc.....550.00 NDITD.....1,085.55 Menards.....21.29 NDACo.....9,726.19 NDACo.....5,610.00 ND Co Auditor & Treas. Assoc.....400.00 ND Co Commissioners Assoc 1,085.00 ND Co Recorders Assoc.....500.00 NRG.....1,662.86 US Postal Service.....190.00 WEX Health.....70.00 Jarrid Arndt.....13.30 Ray Munson.....39.20 Richard Morlock.....4.20 Advanced Business Methods.....111.24 Barry Vannatta.....225.00 City of Steele.....320.49 Farmers & Merchants Oil Co.....634.73 MDU.....2,416.12 Steele Ozone.....1,096.87 Beaver Creek Builders.....110,973.00 Anne Craven.....223.78 BEK Communications.....163.95 City of Steele.....92.16 Ingram Library Services.....535.50 MDU.....198.71 ND Library Assoc.....35.00 Butler Machinery.....1,733.64 Farmers Union Oil Co - Pettibone.....34.48 RDO Equipment.....9,200.00 South Central Water.....45.20 Tappen Farm Supply.....283.06 Tappen Oil Company.....1,266.00 Tuttle Famers Elevator.....454.58 Cenex Fleet.....275.10

Friez made the motion to approve the January bills. Seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$3,336.00 December, 2025 County Sheriff: \$149.60 December 2025.

Discussion was held on spending for new construction.

Discussion was held on a replacement for the old sanding truck. Guthmiller made a motion to give Commissioner Friez the authority to purchase a snow plow/sanding truck, funding coming out of the County Equipment/ Vehicle fund, seconded by Dronen, discussion was held on the amount to spend, call for vote, roll call: Guthmiller, aye, Dronen, aye, Friez, aye.

Sheriff Vannatta was called into the meeting. Discussion was held on the garage and trailer.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm.

Read and approved this 13th day of February 2026.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller, Chairman Board of County Commissioners /s/ Jean Schoenhard, County Auditor

City of Steele

Applications available for City and Park Board open seats (June City Election) Deadline for applications is April 6, 2026 (4:00 PM)

City Open Seats:

Mayor Three four year council positions

Park Board:

Two four year positions Two unexpired two year positions

If interested in obtaining an application, contact April Rutledge, Steele City Office, 701-475-2805, or stop by the city office.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF KIDDER IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No. 22-2026-CV-00014

Marvin Barnick, by and through his Guardian and Conservator, Guardian Angels, Inc., Plaintiff, vs.

Sherry Bonagofsky, Larry Moser, Bruce Moser, and all heirs of Edwin C. Moser and all other Persons, unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described in the complaint,

Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

[¶ 1] You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

[2] This action relates to a quiet title/adverse possession claim concerning:

Lots 1-12, Block 7, Original Plat, City of Steele, Kidder County, State of North Dakota

Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.

Steven T. Ottmar ID #06179 OTT-MAR & OTTMAR, P.C. 226 2nd Avenue SW/PO Box 1397 Jamestown, North Dakota 58402-1397

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LEARNING TO STAND IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S SHOES, TO SEE THROUGH THEIR EYES, THAT'S HOW PEACE BEGINS.

NOTICE

KIDDER COUNTY LOAD RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY ROADS

EFFECTIVE: March 1, 2026

Limit is 6 Ton per Axel Not to exceed 80,000 lbs Road Conditions may impact the Special Permit approval thru Load Pass

LOADED TRAVEL SPEED—30 M.P.H.

Kidder County Overweight Permits WILL be issued through

LOAD PASS PERMITTING SYSTEM

TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

(2/25, 3/4)



WORSHIP COME AS YOU ARE!

Area Church Schedules

STEELE CHURCHES:

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

DAWSON CHURCHES:

Dawson Lutheran Church

Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

TAPPEN CHURCHES:

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 4:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod)

Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch. 26 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m.

Sundays/Sundays/Sundays. Midweek Lenten services, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. March 4, 11, 18, 25

Christian Passover Seder service, Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Good Friday worship service, Friday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday worship services, April 5, 7:30 and 10 a.m., with Easter breakfast between the service

Tappen Cornerstone Church

Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:

Faith Evangelical Church

Rev. Mike Kraemer, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 am.; Worship service, 11:00 am.

MEDINA CHURCHES:

St. Mary's Catholic

Father Peter Sharpe. 2nd and 3rd Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; 4th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1st and 5th Sunday, 11:00 am.

Grace Emmanuel United Church.

Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 am.

TUTTLE CHURCHES:

English Lutheran Church

Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 am.; Communion, 3rd Sunday and Festival Days;

Tuttle Community Church

Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am .

ROBINSON CHURCHES:

Bethany Lutheran Church

Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, 9:30 am.

PETTIBONE CHURCHES:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

104 Main St. N. Pettibone. Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sundays 11:00 am

Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth

Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service 1st. & 3rd Sundays 11:00 am.

STREETER CHURCHES:

Hope Ebenezer Church

Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10:30 am., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9:15 am.

STERLING CHURCHES:

United Methodist

Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 am.; Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45

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