

# Public Notice

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA March 13, 2026 9:00am**

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, March 13, 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, Carrie Truax, Jason Steidl, Lorrie Craven Kidder County Senior Services Director. Chairman Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

9:00am Public Comment: Steidl asked about the zoning fee charged for conditional use permit fees from a set fee to a percentage of the project fee. Discussion was held. Steidl said he found the 6 County Regional Commissioners meeting was interesting and a good idea. Discussion was held on Zoning.

Discussion was held on the creation of a front-end rake for the front of the blades.

Minutes of February 13, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Guthmiller moved to accept the minutes. Friez seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

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

Lorrie Craven KCSS Director gave a report on Kidder County Senior Services. Discussion was held on the nutrition side and on NDDOT transit. Discussion was held concerning a formal audit for 2024 – 2025, charges for Burleigh County for organizing paperwork and NDDOT letter describing transit salary overpayment. Craven said she is bringing the commission up to date and what the plan will be for moving forward. Discussion was held on food cost and staffing. Craven left the meeting.

Sharon Tecca joined the meeting to give an update on Load Pass. Discussion was held on permits, if the county can raise fees and contracts with townships. Tecca left the meeting.

Dronen said he talked with AS-TECH and he will ride with them to look at roads for crack sealing.

Road Crew Summer hours were discussed. Summer hours (4-10's) will begin on March 16th for the road crew. Discussion was held on using the Expedition to pull the Weed Control UTV. The consensus of the board is to keep track of miles and charge the Weed Control for mileage.

Schoenhard was contacted by NDLTAP to host a motor grader shoulder pulling training in Kidder County. Discussion was held. Schoenhard will contact NDLTAP to host the training.

Truax and Steidl left the meeting. Liberty and Kickapoo certified miles maps were reviewed and signed.

Schoenhard gave an election update.

Kidder County Pheasants Forever and Kidder County Farm Bureau Raffle permits were reviewed. Friez made a motion to grant Kidder County Pheasants Forever and Kidder County Farm Bureau Raffle permits, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Monthly State Aid was reviewed. Friez made a motion to transfer \$9,291.00 in the KCSS/Food Pantry fund for building repair and transfer \$30,000.00 into the Kidder Road Fund, seconded by Dronen, discussion held lighting, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Township Officers Association meeting will be March 18th at 2:30pm at the Steele Vets Club. Commission will attend.

Sheriff Vannatta joined the meeting

and handed in his monthly reports. Discussion was held on the deputy going to school and other county issues. Vannatta left the meeting. March bills were reviewed.

Courthouse Payroll: Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board

\$40,895.65  
Less WH 3,292.88, SS 3,213.70, ND St. Tax WH 127.75, Insurance 536.69, Deferred Compensation 2075.00, FSA 100.00 . . . . \$31,549.63

Commissioner Approved Payroll: General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Kidder Road, Co. Agent, VSO, Library: . . . \$50,402.07  
Less WH 3,362.30, SS 3,947.27, ND St. Tax 28.33, Insurance 491.47, Deferred Compensation 1,600.00 . . . . \$40,972.70

South Central Water . . . . .45.23  
Central Dakota 6 Co Organization . . . . .280.00  
Choice Financial . . . . .14,694.83  
KEM Electric . . . . .1,137.09  
Verizon . . . . .429.73  
WEX Bank . . . . .527.00  
Cardmember Services . . . . .4,625.80  
Moritz Sport & Marine . . . . .25,928.85  
BEK Communications . . . . .926.89  
Farmers & Merchants . . . . .132.43  
ITD . . . . .1,122.85  
Jean Schoenhard . . . . .364.97  
Law Enforcement Systems . . . . .335.00  
Marlins Convenience Store . . . . .254.43  
Menards . . . . .243.49  
NRG . . . . .1,662.86  
ND Clerks Assoc. . . . .100.00  
Quill . . . . .154.14  
Tappen Farm Supply . . . . .57.48  
Uniform Center . . . . .615.95  
US Postal Service . . . . .1,494.60  
US Postal Service . . . . .78.00  
Steele Ozone . . . . .50.00  
WEX Health . . . . .70.00  
City of Steele . . . . .313.06  
MDU . . . . .2,075.45  
Burleigh-Morton Detention Center . . . . .230.00  
Stutsman Co Corrections . . . . .1,100.00  
Youth Works . . . . .1,802.00  
Anne Craven . . . . .280.47  
BEK Communications . . . . .163.95  
City of Steele . . . . .93.34  
Ingram Library Services . . . . .1,205.80  
MDU . . . . .191.52  
Steele Ozone . . . . .50.00  
Coast to Coast . . . . .476.12  
Hayward Electric . . . . .1,910.00  
Menards . . . . .59.90  
Advanced Business Methods . . . . .67.95  
Sandra Dewald . . . . .8.85  
Mike Keily . . . . .17.40  
Kenny Fischer . . . . .10.15  
Kevin Price . . . . .26.10  
Pat Leier . . . . .40.60  
Arena Welding . . . . .1,819.83  
Butler . . . . .2,587.18  
Dakota Springer . . . . .60.24  
Farmers & Merchants Oil Co . . . . .1,416.05  
Farmers Union Oil Co - Pettibone . . . . .3,445.60  
KEM Electric . . . . .907.35  
Macs Hardware . . . . .215.97  
Marlins Convenience Store . . . . .481.44  
Menards . . . . .88.02  
NAPA Auto Parts . . . . .30.99  
Northern Plains Electric . . . . .133.10  
RDO Equipment . . . . .3,758.66  
Tappen Farm Supply . . . . .258.66  
Tappen Oil Company . . . . .435.24  
Cenex Fleet Fueling . . . . .275.48  
Steele Auto . . . . .93.74

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: \$3,768.88 February, 2026. County Sheriff: \$100.00 February 2026.

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

Discussion was held on roads, plugged culvert, last year's road crew performance, roads being done, overtime on county roads, federal aid roads, township billings in the fall instead of the spring, TOA meeting, cutting edges, and Vision Link and My JD Link for tracking the blades.

Recess for lunch 12:10pm  
Resume from lunch 1:00pm all Commissioners and Commissioner present, also present Josh Loosmore, Michael Gunsch by Zoom and Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering.

Rivinius said he and Emergency Manager Loren Lang visited all the Flexible Transportation Funding sites. Will need to do contracts with individual townships because of preliminary engineering. Rivinius went over the procedures on how the projects work. Discussion held on culverts, excess FEMA funds, Dawson Road study and mitigation.

Joining the meeting Justin Dewitz, Donovan Hoffer, Kraig Subart, Emergency Manager Loren Lang, Loren Dewitz, Dan P Mittleider, Rick Start, Grant Benz.

Michael Gunsch Huston Engineering and Josh Loosmore gave a presentation on concerns about Long

Lake Refuge. Gunsch stated that the Long Lake Refuge is outside of its easement and Kidder County landowners would have put in a complaint about the high water with the Burleigh County Water Resource Board. Huston Engineering would develop a complaint in a separate action. Stutsman County Commissioners Levi Taylor and Mike Hanson joined the meeting. This would be a Kidder County Water Board and Commission expense and would need fifty percent of the complaints to get the complaints looked at. Discussion was held on easements, inflows in the 90's, issues at the refuge needing to be address. Discussion was also held on problematic rushes and cattails being the responsibility of the land owner and not the county. Loosmore, Gunsch, Taylor, Hanson and Loren Dewitz left the meeting.

Dennis Morlock retired from the Kidder County Water Resource Board and the Board recommends Rick Stark to take his position. Friez made a motion to appoint Rick Stark to the Water Resource Board, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none motion carried. Stark accepted the position.

Donavan Hoffer's position is up and the Water Board recommended Hoffer to be reappointed. Friez made a motion to re-appoint Donovan Hoffer to the Water Resource Board, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Hoffer accepted the reappointment.

Discussion was held on the Gunsch and Loosmore presentation, US Fish & Wildlife easements and elevations of the lake. J. Dewitz, Hoffer, Subart, Benz, Stark, Rivinius left the meeting.

Road Crew: Jay Dukart, Derrick Hanson, Robert Oster, Josh Jensen, Dakota Springer joined the meeting. Discussion was held on summer hours (4-10's), working together, pulling shoulders and road projects. Discussion was held on purchasing a rock picker, keeping road rotation and letting the Commissioners know when an area is done.

Guthmiller made a motion to look for a rock picker, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on cost, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Discussion was held on a road plan, setting up John Deere and Cat tracking systems. Discussion was held on the stingers for the blades, Lake Helen shore pushing on the road, Geier Lake and the Pettibone road slough eating away the road, the hill on the Tappen road, Robinson Road North, pulling shoulders on township roads, it was the consensus that the county would do one more year to pull township shoulders at no charge, discussion was also held on rocks and graveling. Road Crew left the meeting.

Discussion was held on setting up the NDLTAP should pulling demonstration.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Read and approved this 10th day of April 2025.

/s/ Darrell Guthmiller,  
Chairman Board of County Commissioners

/s/ Jean Schoenhard,  
County Auditor

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS STANDING HAY ON RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94 AND INTERSTATE 29**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right of way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2026 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in four district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, "Bids for Standing Hay", and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

**Deadlines:**

• Bismarck, Fargo, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 4, 2026.

• Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 4, 2026.

NDDOT district offices:  
• Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950

• Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800

• Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500

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**Probate No. 22-2026-PR-00007 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KIDDER COUNTY, SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Geneva R. Snider, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the undersigned has been appointed a 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 or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Penelope Heinze, personal representative of the estate at P.O. Box 1266, Mandan, North Dakota 58554-7266 or filed with the Court. Dated this 29th day of April 2026. Penelope Heinze, Personal Representative

First Publication on the day of 2026 May 6th  
Second Publication on the day of 2026 May 13th  
Third Publication on the day of 2026 May 20th

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-44-01 MEDICAL MARIJUANA**  
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-44-01, related to definitions, expiration of registry identification cards, compassion center certification fees, dispensary premises, manufacturing facility labeling, and standards for concentration compliance testing, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026.  
**ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.  
Dated this 30th day of April, 2026.



**WORSHIP COME AS YOU ARE!**

**Area Church Schedules**

**STEELE CHURCHES:**

**St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church** – Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 7:00pm; 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

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8:30 am

**Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth**

Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service 1st. & 3rd Sundays 8:30 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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