Public Notice

Per N.D.C.C. 10-06.1-15(3),

Dewitz Land Holding LLC is a single member LLC owned by Chase C. Dewitz. Dewitz Land Holding LLC owns farmland in Kidder County, and a description of the land is available for inspection at the office of the Secretary of State.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE, NORTH DAKOTA
September 11, 2026 9:00am

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, September 11, 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, Vern Johnson.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

9:00am Public Comment: Vern Johnson came to the table regarding a complaint with the food at the Tuttle Senior Center. Discussion was held on food brought to the Tuttle Senior Center, Tuttle Senior Center, Senior Services in Tuttle, and Transit passengers. Commissioner Friez will follow up with the complaint. Johnson left the meeting.

Road Supervisor Dakota Springer joined the meeting.

Minutes of August 14, 2026 meeting and August 20, 2026 special meeting were reviewed. Friez moved to accept the minutes. Dronen 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.

Road Supervisor Springer joined the table with his monthly report. Discussion was held on 34th Ave SE north of Robinson and 33rd Ave SE north of Dawson. Discussion was also held on plans for these roads and other roads.

Discussion was held on removal of trees along roads.

Emergency Manager Loren Lang joined the meeting.

Springer said they are building and end gate for salt/sander truck. Springer also discussed a post pounder with the board. Discussion was also held on selling the small salt/sander because it is not needed. Board agreed to sell the Henderson salt/sander on sealed bids.

Guthmiller said the TOA (Township Officers Association) would like Springer to attend the November TOA meeting to be introduced to the townships. Discussion held.

Springer would like to add a smaller pickup to the fleet, something that would make better gas mileage when checking roads to save on the cost of gas. Discussion held.

Mike Rivinius Wold Engineering joined the meeting.

Lang discussed with board about working with the road supervisor on FEMA disaster projects and using NDDOT gravel pits for FEMA projects. Lang said FEMA is strict on using NDDOT pits and if the dirt doesn't come out of NDDOT approved pits it is not reimbursable with FEMA funds. Springer would like to start on 33rd Ave SE. Discussion held. Lang & Springer will work on this together.

Discussion was held with Springer about road crew sick and vacation leave and what expectations will be.

Road Bills were reviewed and discussed.

Mike Rivinius came to the table.

Discussion was held on the SRF (Special Road Fund) grant for the Tappen South project. County is responsible 20% of construction and 100% engineering.

Schoenhard received a letter from NDDOT concerning the school house road (road between Hwy 3 and Hwy 36) being a county road. Schoenhard replied to the NDDOT that the road was a designated on plats as a State road in 1951. Discussion held.

Discussion held on the cost of chip seal.

Rivinius said the County meeting with the NDDOT at the NDACo conference is October 12th at 1:00pm, Commissioners and Auditor will attend with Wold Engineering. Rivinius and Springer left the meeting.

Darwin and Diane Witt joined the meeting with Grand View 3rd Subdivision plat. Discussion was held. Dronen made the motion to approve the Grand View Third Subdivision, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Darwin & Diane Witt left the meeting.

Lang joined the table regarding Dawson City Council rejecting the Storm Shelter. Discussion held. Lang stated they are in the grant application and if the grant gets awarded, they can be included. County is looking for grants for the extra costs

BRIC grant was discussed and Lang sent it to fire chiefs and city auditors, this is good for cities and fire departments to pursue. Discussion held, Lang left the meeting

Monthly State Aid was reviewed. Guthmiller made a motion to transfer 20,000.00 to the Co Vehicle Fund and $24,000.00 to the Building Fund, seconded by Friez, discussion was held on the vehicle fund and building fund. Discussion was also held on the cost of the new motor grader, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

State Fair Delegate was discussed. Board nominated Tim "Charlie" Dronen as the State Fair Delegate.

Opioid settlement funds were discussed. Dronen made the motion to transfer the Opioid Settlement Funds to the Kidder County District Health Unit per House Bill 1447, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

October meeting date was discussed. Due to a conflict of scheduling the October meeting will be changed to Thursday October 8th instead of Friday October 9th.

Sheriff Vannatta joined the meeting. Vannatta showed the board the trophy from the Tappen Harvestfest for best organization. Vannatta handed in

his reports, discussion held. Discussion was held on Deputy Clayton Aaron resignation letter. Discussion held on open records.

Discussion was held on parking the MRAP in a heated shop and moving the sander truck to Tappen shop. Vannatta left the meeting.

Road Maintenance: discussion was held on mowing ditches twice a year on county roads and the weed cutting notice. Summer blading bills were sent out September 1st. Discussion held on roads.

Recess for lunch 12:00pm

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

September 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 Compensation 2,075.00, FSA 100.00 . . . . . $31,335.19

Commissioner Approved Payroll:

General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Library, Kidder Road: $57,240.83

Less WH 3,782.66, SS 4,474.29, ND St. Tax 90.03,

Insurance 491.47, Deferred Compensation 1,650.00, ... $46,752.38

Choice Financial.....14,694.83
Cenex Fleet Fueling 305.68
Verizon.....429.73
Elan Financial-VISA.....378.22
BEK 928.97
Bowerman Ins.....30,002.00
Chance Schaffner.....900.00
Clare Heinze.....13.86
Farmers & Merchants.....61.47
ITD-Info Tech Dept 253.00
ITD-Info Tech Dept 907.15
James Albrecht.....535.20
Marlin Conv. Store 496.00
Matthew Bender & Co. 208.04
NRG.....707.25
NRG.....1,662.86
NRG.....1,650.00
Steele Ozone-Press 50.00
Susanna Ongstad.....75.00
USPS.....80.00
WEX Health, Inc. 70.00
City of Steele 312.96
Farmers & Merchants.....4,821.73

MDU 1,357.37
C&H Glass.....17,046.00
RDO Equip 274,000.00
Quill 82.44
Advance Business Methods.....250.26
Annie Craven.....95.34
BEK 164.03
City of Steele 93.29
Ingram 2,642.07
Kidder County.....1,710.00
MDU 149.52
NDLA-ND State Library 250.00
ODIN.....1,336.84
Advanced Bus. Methods.....417.25
Ashley Peyer 102.98
Monica Fitterer.....54.16
Kidder Co. Dist Health Unit.....662.12
Dennis Morlock.....1,974.00
Triple M Services.....13,252.00
Butler Machinery.....995.41
Colleen Hoff.....3,775.00
Dakota Springer.....75.59
Dewald Tire Sales & Service 300.00
Farmers & Merchants.....341.55
Farmers Union-Pettibone 9,487.07
KEM.....124.41
Marlin Conv. Store 599.41
Menards.....115.78
Napa 142.99
Newman Signs 696.00
ND LTAP 100.00
Northern Plains Elec Coop 100.32
USPS.....62.50
RDO Equip 1,376.74
South Central Reg Water Dist 44.62
Tappen Farm Supply 191.16
Tappen Oil Co.....4,329.20
Tuttle Farmers Elev 612.24

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

Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder: $5,825.53 August 2026. County Sheriff: No Report Submitted.

1:00pm Public 2027 Budget Hearing: No one attended the public budget hearing. Employee evaluations were reviewed and discussed.

Raises were discussed.

Recess at 2:50pm for Kidder County Homecoming Parade.

Resume public hearing at 3:10pm.

Department budgets were reviewed, adjustments made.

Board decided a 3% increase in salary for employees.

David Lang joined the meeting. Lang wanted to discuss 33rd Ave SE north of Dawson. Discussion held. Lang left the meeting.

Discussion held on raffle permits and fire departments.

Discussion held on the Ambulance EMS District not getting tax dollars from the district that is located in Burleigh County.

With no further business before the board Guthmiller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm.

Read and approved this 8th day of October 2025.

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