
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 7, 2025 9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley County News.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the December regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint the following annual appointments for 2025: Commissioner Farstveet to the Roosevelt Custer Board, Commissioner Smith to the Community Action Board, Commissioner Schmeling to the GVC Zoning Board, Commissioner Farstveet to the Airport Board, Commissioner Smith to the Library Board, Commissioner Farstveet to the Human Services Board, and Commissioner Schmeling to the SW Correctional Center Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- The following resolutions were reviewed and approved as listed below:

RESOLUTION 2025-1

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, CLERKS, CUSTODIAN, & ROAD FOREMAN

STATES ATTORNEY
 ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY
 TAX & ZONING DIRECTOR
 CUSTODIAN
 ROAD FOREMAN
 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
 CORONER
 CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
 SAFETY RISK MANAGER
 ENGINEER
 DES DIRECTOR

CHRISTINA WENKO
 STEPHEN FETCH
 CARLA BEELER
 DAVE HELSPER
 PETER WIRTZFELD
 JESSICA MCCLELLAN
 JOHN FOSTER
 TAMRA SPERRY
 CASSANDRA SZUDERA
 SELECTED PER PROJECT
 RACHEL KEOHANE

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL APPOINT THEIR DEPUTIES AND/OR CLERKS AND ARE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS OF THE FISCAL BUDGET APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-1;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-2

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS ROOM OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BEACH, ND, AND THE HOUR OF BEGINNING OF MEETINGS

WHEREAS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 11-11-05 N.D.C.C., THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE THE DATES FOR REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2025,

AND WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DURING THOSE MONTHS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS OBSERVED AND MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME DURING THOSE MONTHS MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME IS USED,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS SHALL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND MAY BE ADJOURNED FROM TIME TO TIME IF NECESSARY:

JANUARY 7	MAY 6	SEPTEMBER 2
FEBRUARY 11	JUNE 3	OCTOBER 7
MARCH 4	JULY 1	NOVEMBER 4
APRIL 1	AUGUST 5	DECEMBER 2

IN THE EVENT OF A SPECIAL SESSION CALLED EITHER BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE PERSON CALLING THE MEETING SHALL NOTIFY THE NEWS MEDIA ACCORDING TO THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 11-11-05 OF THE N.D.C.C.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-2;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-3

ESTABLISHMENT OF DAYS THE COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS, UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 1-03-01 OF THE N.D.C.C. AND BY ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DECLARE DAYS THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR DAY	NOVEMBER 27	THANKSGIVING
JANUARY 20	MARTIN LUTHER KING	NOVEMBER 28	THANKSGIVING
FEBRUARY 17	PRESIDENTS' DAY	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE (CLOSE AT NOON)
APRIL 18	GOOD FRIDAY		CHRISTMAS
MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY	DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS
JUNE 19	JUNETEENTH	DECEMBER 26	CHRISTMAS
JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY	DECEMBER 31	NEW YEARS EVE (CLOSE AT NOON)
SEPTEMBER 1	LABOR DAY		NEW YEARS DAY
NOVEMBER 11	VETERAN'S DAY	JANUARY 1, 2026	

COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS WILL ALSO BE OBSERVED UPON ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF N.D.

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-3;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-4

BUSINESS HOURS OF COURTHOUSE OFFICES

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL DETERMINE THE HOURS THE COURTHOUSE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COURTHOUSE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND 12:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF HOLIDAYS.

THEREFORE, IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE COUNTY WILL FOLLOW THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE SCHEDULE.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-4;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-5

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE, MEALS AND LODGING

WHEREAS, COUNTY EMPLOYEES MAY INCUR EXPENSES FOR MILEAGE, MEALS, AND LODGING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY,

AND WHEREAS, IF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO INCUR SUCH EXPENSE, THE COUNTY AUDITOR, UPON BEING PRESENTED WITH DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE AND IS SATISFIED WITH AUDIT OF EXPENSES, MAY APPROVE PAYMENT BETWEEN REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY ALLOW REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 11-10-15, 11-15-12, AND 54-06-09 OF N.D.C.C. AS FOLLOWS:

IN-STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RATES:

MEALS: BREAKFAST – \$9.00; LUNCH – \$14.00; DINNER – \$22.00

BREAKFAST – TRAVEL MUST BEGIN BY 7:00 AM

LUNCH – 12:00 PM: MUST BE IN TRAVEL 1 HOUR BEFORE AND AT LEAST 1 HOUR AFTER (MUST BE IN TRAVEL BY 11:00 AM AND AFTER 1:00 PM)

DINNER – 6:00 PM: MUST BE IN TRAVEL 1 HOUR BEFORE AND AT LEAST 1 HOUR AFTER (MUST BE IN TRAVEL BY 5:00 PM AND AFTER 7:00 PM)

LODGING RATE: \$99.00

PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE RATE: \$0.70

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-5;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-6

EXPEDITION OF BUSINESS

WHEREAS, IT APPEARS THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY WILL BE EXPEDITED BY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER, UPON AUDIT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, SUCH AS POSTAGE, FREIGHT, UTILITIES, (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, & TELEPHONE), BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS, REFUND ORDERS, REGULAR EMPLOYEE PAYROLL, AND APPORTIONMENTS.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER BE ALLOWED TO PAY SUCH CLAIMS.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-6;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-7

LISTING OF DEPOSITORY BANKS

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER TO DEPOSIT MONIES FROM TIME TO TIME,

AND WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER TO DRAW UPON THE DEPOSITS,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BANKS BE NAMED FOR DEPOSITORY FUNDS;

FIRST STATE BANK OF GOLVA, GOLVA & BEACH, ND

BMO, BEACH, ND

WESTERN COOP CREDIT UNION, BEACH, ND
STOCKMAN’S BANK, WIBAUX, MT
BELL BANK, FARGO, ND

CUSTODIAL FUNDS,
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT,
CHECKING ACCT. OF REFUND
ORDERS, CHECKING ACCOUNT
FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
DEPOSITORY FOR WITHHOLD-
ING FUNDS, CERTIFICATES
OF DEPOSITS, CHECKING
ACCT. FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
SAVINGS ACCOUNT
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-7;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-8

PLEDGE OF SECURITIES

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE PLEDGE OF SECURITIES,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE FOLLOWING PLEDGES BE ACCEPTED AT 110%

BMO, BEACH, ND	\$3,532,467.82
FIRST STATE BANK OF GOLVA, GOLVA & BEACH, ND	\$19,750,786.34
BELL BANK, FARGO, ND	\$500,000.00

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-8;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-9

COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST AND REINVEST FUNDS

WHEREAS, COUNTY FUNDS MAY BE INVESTED IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OR US TREASURY NOTES TO DRAW INTEREST,

AND WHEREAS, THESE FUNDS MATURE FROM TIME TO TIME,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO INVEST FUNDS AND REINVEST UPON MATURITY OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT. ALL CD'S THAT ARE REDEEMED OR REINVESTED SHALL REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF BOTH THE COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR.

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-9; COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-10

POSTING AND PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER,

AND WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC HAS EXPRESSED THE "GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS" BE THE OFFICIAL PAPER,

AND WHEREAS, FROM TIME TO TIME LEGAL NOTICES ARE TO BE POSTED IN THE COURTHOUSE,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE "GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS" BE DECLARED THE OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE BE DECLARED THE LOCATION FOR POSTING LEGAL NOTICES.

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-10; COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2025-11

SALARIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET FORTH SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES,

AND WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING MAXIMUM SALARIES BE SET EITHER ON AN ANNUAL OR AN HOURLY BASIS:

AUDITOR/HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER	\$72,111.72
TREASURER	51,945.12
DEPUTY AUDITOR/DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT/RECORDER/RISK MANAGER/WEBSITE ADMIN.	25.68/HOUR
CLERK OF COURT/RECORDER/MAGISTRATE	55,422.36
TAX/ZONING DIRECTOR/GIS	48,918.16
STATE'S ATTORNEY (INCL. CITY PROSEC. CONT.)	59,293.02
COUNTY AGENT (COUNTY SHARE 50%)	31,394.00
COUNTY AGENT SECRETARY	22.60/HOUR
D.E.S. COORDINATOR	17,711.88
SHERIFF	77,033.95
DEPUTY SHERIFF	62,888.88
DEPUTY SHERIFF	69,178.08
CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF	76,095.96
OFFICE DEPUTY	26.54/HOUR
CUSTODIAN	20.00/HOUR
ROAD FOREMAN	78,145.36
ROAD CREW (2)	28.15/HOUR
ROAD CREW (1)	26.53/HOUR
ROAD CREW (2)	29.67/HOUR
ROAD CREW (1)	32.19/HOUR
WEED CONTROL OFFICER	70,967.04
COMMISSIONERS (3)	18,674.72
CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	1,431.04
COUNTY CORONER	5,313.44
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER-contracted with Stark County	10,000.00
MULTI OFFICE DEPUTY	18.57/HOUR
LIBRARIAN	27.43/HOUR
ZONING BOARD MEMBERS & SECRETARY	45.00/MEETING

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-11;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

- The Board agreed to hold the Annual Township meeting in conjunction with the regular February 11, 2025 meeting at 1 pm.

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve payroll for January on January 17, 2025 and for February on February 15, 2025 due to the normal payroll dates falling on a Holiday and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Judy Ridenhower to a 3 year term to the Library Board replace Julie Goldsberry and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- States Attorney Christina Wenko gave the Board an update from her office

Billy Doerr and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering met with the Board to introduce themselves and express they would be interested in offering their services for possible future projects.

Misty Hayes and Rob Schilling met with the Board to give a regular update. The Northern Plains Connector project is continuing to move forward. Schilling will be the acting District Ranger as Misty Hayes is helping at McKenzie County temporarily to help transition a new District Ranger into the vacant position in McKenzie County. Discussion was held on the designation of grasslands along the Maah Daah Hey Trail as a National Monument. The Board signed a resolution opposing the designation at the December 17, 2024 special meeting. Hayes gave the Board an update on the travel management planning on the Little Missouri National Grasslands.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Discussion was held on the County's ROW payment policy. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adopt a policy to set the minimum per acre price for acquired county rights of way for the next two years. The minimum price per acre for a permanent easement will be \$600/acre. The minimum price for a temporary easement will be \$300/acre. Should the acreage sought to be acquired be less than one acre, these minimum payments would be paid and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the 2025 National Association of County engineer dues of \$485 and appoint Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld as the county voting member and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Rusty Makelky, District 1 Board Member of the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota met with the Board to discuss the possible EID mandate. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adopt the following resolution to oppose the mandate and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION 2025-12
OPPOSITION TO EID LIVESTOCK TAGS

WHERE AS: The traceability program is incremental. USDA APHIS stated on its website, updated October 11th, 2024 after approving the new rule, that it "is committed to implementing a modern system that tracks animals from birth to slaughter", and

WHERE AS: The cost of EID tags disproportionately burdens small and medium sized

independent farmers and ranchers. The USDA rule allows large, corporate-owned herds to be grouped and tagged as one group, creating a huge loophole that keeps costs low for larger companies, and

WHERE AS: The EID mandate would potentially interfere with price discovery found in traditional markets, thereby furthering vertical integration of the US food supply at the expense of the consumer and independent producer, and

WHERE AS: The EID mandate is far overreaching, intrusive and potentially circumvents privacy laws, threatening the livelihood of independent cattle and bison producers, and

WHERE AS: Independent, family-owned cattle ranches are of paramount importance to our local economy and to the economy as a whole, and

WHERE AS: The comments received by USDA APHIS in the rule making process were overwhelmingly against the new rule, and

WHERE AS: America has the safest and highest quality meat in the world using our current, fully functioning and effective traceability system. The mandated rule claims to be about animal health, but does nothing to prevent or treat disease, and

WHERE AS: North Dakota Century Code 4.1-73 provides for identification of animals through the North Dakota Stockmen's Association and 36-01-32 provides for animal tracking databases to assist with tracking animal movements for animal health purposes through the State Board of Animal Health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Golden Valley County Commission vehemently opposes the implementation of any EID mandate by the USDA.

Attest: Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman Board of
County Commissioners

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of January 2025:

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	January Payroll	\$74,693.79
	Post Board	License	
-86929	NDPERS		\$18,342.85

-86930	NDPERS		\$950.00
-86931	NDPHIT		\$412.73
-86932	MT Dept of		\$249.00
-86933	Ascensus		\$296.46
-86934	NDPHIT		30,000.56
-86935	IRS		\$26,115.70
-99689	First State Bank		\$15.00
-99690	ND Tax Commissioner		\$533.58
-99686	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
-99687	ND State Treasure		\$83.05
-99685	JP Morgan		\$225.00
85916	Voided		
85917	NDCISA	Dues	\$100.00
85918	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$428.98
85919	MDU	Electric & Gas	\$4,607.59
85920	ND 911 Association	Membership	\$100.00
85921	GV County States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
85922	Vision West ND Inc	Membership	\$200.00
85923	ND Association of Counties	Dues	\$18,949.25
85924	ND County Commissioners Assoc	Dues	\$1,151.00
85925	National Association of Counties	Dues	\$450.00
85926	Stark County	VA Contract	\$10,000.00
85927	ND Auditors & Treasures Assoc	Dues	\$400.00
85928	DAK Insurance	Insurance	\$49,599.00
85929	City of Beach	Rent	\$1,440.00
85930	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$2,370.00
85931	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
85932	Big State Industrial Supply Inc	Supplies	\$94.82
85933	US Postal Service	Postage	\$292.00
85934	Fireside Office Solutions	Contract	\$85.90
85935	Tyler Technologies	Contract	\$5,826.70
85936	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$111.15
85937	Cloud 5 Solutions	Subscriptions	\$180.00
85938	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$116.64
85939	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$971.35
85940	ND Association of Counties	License	\$4.00
85941	ND Association of County Engineers	Dues	\$485.00
85942	NDWCA	Membership	\$470.00
85943-85970	Collections Submitted		35,744.07
85971	Reservation Telephone	Trunking	\$40.00
85972	RTC Network	Internet & Phone	\$1,439.44

85973	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.47
85974-85975	Library Disbursements		\$78.00
85976	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,240.03
85977-85983	January Payroll		\$14,806.02
85984-85987	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,994.47
85988	Café		\$200.00
85989	ND State Radio	Fees	\$8,301.54
85990	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.29
85991-86021	Collections Submitted		\$726,361.79
86010	Voided		
86013	Voided		
86022	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.74
86023	Rohans Hardware	Supplies	\$12.99

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 11, 2025 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley County News.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the January 2025 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint Amy Northrop to the Golden Valley County Fair Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to move the March regular meeting date to Tuesday, March 11, 2025 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to set the County Annual Park Board meeting at the regular March 11th meeting at 10 am and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Smith moved to purchase a commercial floor buffer machine and supplies up to \$1,000 and purchase it out of the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held in regard to property that was inadvertently not transferred to the new owner for the purposes of county tax records dating back to 2021 tax statements. Byron Richard sold land to Tanner Tescher and Troy Tescher, and the parcels were not transferred on the County's records. Byron Richard paid the taxes for the last 4 tax seasons. It was agreed by the Board that the taxes paid by Richard that should have been paid by Troy Tescher and Tanner Tescher should be held between the individuals involved.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the sworn statement in proof of loss from NDIRF from the May 29, 2024 hailstorm and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the presented elevator service contract for an annual fee of \$1,440 for a 5-year term and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the following report and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-24 through 12-31-24

BALANCE 7-1-2023	\$20,728,762.02		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$248,920.28	JULY PAYMENTS	\$3,980,207.97
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$687,648.54	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$1,595,587.22
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$198,106.37	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$262,336.09
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$271,709.43	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$379,341.10
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$286,788.15	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$491,734.92
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$2,043,129.23	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$1,638,040.05
		BALANCE 12-31-2024	\$16,117,816.67
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BALANCE 12-31-2024	\$16,117,816.67	FIRST STATE BANK	\$8,665,238.81
		WESTERN COOP.CU SA	\$226,411.22
		BMO	\$527,517.56
		TREASURER ACCT.	\$3,146.23
		LIBR. CD & SAVINGS	\$51,184.17
		CLK OF CRT ACCT	\$10,274.00
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$6,630,236.11
		CASH ITEMS	\$0.00
		CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$0.00
		CASH ON HAND	\$3,808.57
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TOTAL			\$16,117,816.67

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Krebs presented the Board with the final plans for project CP-1705(24)01. The bid opening for the project will be at the March 11th regular meeting at 11 am. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign a temporary ROW Easement with Frederick and April Pearson and a permanent ROW Easement with Mark and Helen Begger for the project and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M

1 PM was the advertised time for Annual/County Township Meeting. Commissioners Rory Farstveet, Adam Smith and Robert Schmeling along with Weed Control Officer Mark Egan and Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith welcomed the group and thanked them for coming to the Annual County/Township Meeting. 13 Township officers from 7 of the 10 Townships were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith presented a draft of a Township LoadPass Permit Agreement between the County and Townships for their review. The Board would like to implement an agreement in the near future and is requesting the Townships review the proposed agreement and get back to the Board with any suggestions.

County Auditor Sperry reminded the group that the equalization schedule was mailed to them. If there is a discrepancy in the scheduling the Township will work with Tax Director Carla Beeler to confirm a date or location that will work for them. They also received a list of Township, City and County officers.

Weed Control Officer Mark Egan updated the group on the previous spray season and the upcoming spray season. The rates for spraying for 2025 will be the same as last year. Discussion was also held on LAP funding and availability.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld gave the group information on County custom rates and culvert policy and projects that were completed in 2024 and projects planned for 2025.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the Annual Township/County meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of February 2025:

Direct Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	February Payroll	\$67,538.05
-86901	NDPERS		\$17,230.10
-86902	NDPERS		\$950.00
-86907	NDPHIT		\$30,413.29
-86906	MT Dept of		\$249.00
-86903	Ascensus		\$296.46
-86904	IRS		\$3,158.38
-86905	IRS		\$21,393.09
-99684	ND State Treasure		6514.12
-99683	JP Morgan		\$2,861.81
86024-86052	Collections Submitted		224050.66
86053	City of Beach	Garbage & Water	439.96
86054	MDU	Electric & Gas	4990.52
86055	RTC Networks	Internet & Phone	1441.38
86056	GV County States Attorney	Legal Fees	1358.33
86057	SW Multi-Correction Center	Prisoner Care	6826
86058	ND Association of Counties	Fees	\$1,140.20
86059	City of Golva	Water	\$298.50

86060	NDEMA	Fees	\$50.00
86061	Cerberus Security LLC	Contract	\$400.00
86062	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$9,481.92
86063	Mid-State Organized Crime Info	Fees	\$100.00
86064	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel & Parts	\$4,738.72
86065	ND Dept of Water Resources	Bowman Radar	\$2,000.00
86066	Pitney Bowes	Lease	\$441.99
86067	ND County Recorders Association	Dues	\$500.00
86068	SW Crime Conference	Dues	\$105.00
86069	ND League of Cities	Conference	\$240.00
86070	Central Rural Fire Dept		\$600.00
86071	Sentinel Rural Fire Dept		\$700.00
86072	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$7,856.70
86073	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council		\$7,700.00
86074	GV County Treasure	Veteran Van Storage	\$840.00
86075	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$322.85
86076	Summit Fire Protection	Inspection	\$648.00
86077	US Postal Service	Box Rent	\$120.00
86078	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$13,583.75
86079	ND Sheriff's & Deputy Association	Dues	400.00
86080	Ashley Ueckert	Reimbursement	\$14.99
86081	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$5.17
86082	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$147.69
86083	Total Safety US	Inspections	\$775.36
86084	Steve Raisler	Veteran Services	\$600.00
86085	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$310.80
86086	Butler Machinery Company	Repair	\$2,277.37
86087	Lawson Products Inc	Parts	\$553.45
86088	Prairie Lumber	Parts	\$55.00
86089	Mark Begger	Right of Way	\$4,447.20
86090	Frederick Pearson	Right of Way	\$300.00
86091	Adam Smith	Travel	\$233.00
86092	I-29 Trailer Sales	Parts	\$421.98
86093	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$992.55
86094	Ramada Bismarck Hotel	Lodging	\$529.20
86095	Bobcat of Dickinson	Parts	\$641.62
86096	Golva Repair	Repair	\$171.50
86097	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$91.66
86098	Armor Interactive	Scanner & Contract	\$2,317.73

86099	Big State Industrial Supply	Supplies	\$524.99
86100	ND Clerks Association	Dues	\$100.00
86101	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel	\$61.97
86102-86106	GVC Ag Improvement Disbursements		\$1,500.00
86107-86113	February Payroll		\$18,070.14
86114-86117	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,986.18
86118	Café		\$200.00
86119	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,667.26
86120	Mark Egan	Travel	\$259.80
86121	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$114.47
86122	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$223.36
86123-86126	Library Disbursements		\$606.99

ATTEST

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