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**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.

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**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.

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**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
APRIL 18	GOOD FRIDAY		(CLOSE AT NOON)
MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY	DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS
JUNE 19	JUNETEENTH	DECEMBER 26	CHRISTMAS
JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY	DECEMBER 31	NEW YEARS EVE
SEPTEMBER 1	LABOR DAY		(CLOSE AT NOON)
NOVEMBER 11	VETERAN'S DAY	JANUARY 1, 2026	NEW YEARS DAY

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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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## **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.

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**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	CUSTODIAL FUNDS, CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, CHECKING ACCT. OF REFUND ORDERS, CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
BMO, BEACH, ND	DEPOSITORY FOR WITHHOLD- ING FUNDS, CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS, CHECKING ACCT. FOR COUNTY BUSINESS
WESTERN COOP CREDIT UNION, BEACH, ND	SAVINGS ACCOUNT
STOCKMAN'S BANK, WIBAUX, MT	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
BELL BANK, FARGO, ND	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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- 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.

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Attest: Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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Adam Smith, Chairman Board of  
County Commissioners

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveit 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

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARCH 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 February 2025 regular 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:

- Discussion was held in regards to the Western ND Fire Restrictions Coordinating Group. It is suggested to have 3 representatives from the County to be in the group. Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint Sheriff Dey Muckle, Fire Chief Mike VanHorn and Commissioner Smith to be the members to represent Golden Valley County and have Commissioner Farstveet as an alternate and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on Missy Nelson's extended probationary period that expired February 13, 2025. Commissioner Farstveet moved to end the probationary period and grant Missy the 3% raise putting her hourly rate to \$18.56 which will be reflected at the March 17<sup>th</sup> payroll and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.

Commissioner Smith called the Annual County Park Board meeting to order. Board Members that were present: Rachel Keohane and Kim Gaugler, Commissioners Smith, Schmeling and Farstveet. Ashley Ueckert with the Fair, Tom Heckaman with the Golf Association, Mariah Zachman with the Golva City Park were also present for the meeting. The requests were: \$3,000 from Golva Park, \$1,500 from the Fair Board, \$1,865.75 from Beach Baseball, \$5,000 from the Beach Pool, \$1,000 from Spirit of the West, and \$750 from the Golf Association. Commissioner Schmeling moved to give the entities the amount they requested as listed above and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Kim Gaugler moved to adjourn the Annual County Park Board meeting and Rachel Keohane seconded. Motion carried.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert met with the Board to give them an update from her office. Ashley's annual review is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Schmeling plans to be at the review.

Tax/Zoning Director Beeler met with the Board. Per the Zoning Board's recommendation of approval, Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve a Conditional Permit from the ND Department of Water Resources to construct a steel ground storage potable water reservoir for the

Southwest Pipeline Project system needs located on Sec 24-140-104 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Beeler presented the Board with 3 abatements. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve an abatement on parcel #04687000 for 2024 and on parcel #05001000 for 2023 and 2024 as the individuals qualify for homestead credits and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed. Frost restrictions will be going on this week.

11:00 am was the advertised time to open bids for project CP-1705(24)01. 7 bids were presented to the Board, they are as follows: BEK Consulting, LLC for \$438,841.10, Young Gun Construction, LLC for \$529,722.36, Hlebechuck Construction, Inc for \$463,734.34, Baranko Bros, Inc for \$367,995.08, Edward H Schwartz Construction, Inc for \$483,975.98, Wilson Construction, Inc for \$467,143.53 and Martin Construction, Inc for \$325,443.89 Commissioner Farstveet made a motion to tentatively award Martin Construction, Inc. with the bid pending review and recommendations from Andrew Krebs with KLJ and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

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

Direct Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	March Payroll	\$73,921.78
-86870	NDPHIT		\$29,689.71
-86871	NDPERS		\$17,442.94
-86872	Ascensus		\$296.46
-86873	MT Dept of		\$261.00
-86874	NDPERS		\$950.00
-86875	IRS		\$25,072.32
-99680	JP Morgan		\$2,876.45
-99681	ND State Treasure		6312.3
-99682	Pitney Bowes		500
86127	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	367.72
86128-86130	NDSU Ext Disbursements		250
86131-86160	Collections Submitted		906068.46
86161	Void		Void
86162	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	440.24
86163	MDU	Electric & Gas	4708.01
86164	Farmers Union	Fuel/Parts	187.03
86165	Tamra Sperry	Travel	\$42.96
86166	GV County States Attorney	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33

86167	Sidwell	Subscription	\$4,800.00
86168	Safeguard Business Systems	Checks	\$1,029.28
86169	Steele Auto Body LLC	Tow/Repair	\$2,971.26
86170	GS Publishing LLC	Publishing	\$4,211.16
86171	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$35.00
86172	Burt Cook	Veteran	\$121.90
86173	Darin Maus	Travel	\$18.20
86174	Steve Raisler	Veteran	\$58.00
86175	Rory Farstveet	Veteran	\$105.00
86176	Adam Smith	Travel	\$232.40
86177	EverSpring Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$99.00
86178	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$859.31
86179	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$37.00
86180	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$32.43
86181	Butler Machinery	Repair	\$837.32
86182	Rohan Hardware	Parts	\$52.24
86183	ND Dept of Environmental Quality	Boiler Inspection	\$70.00
86184	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$115.68
86185	Radisson Hotel	Lodging	\$205.00
86186	Prairie Lumber Beach	Parts	35.00
86187	Grant Geis	Special Deputy	\$120.00
86188	Grayson Geis	Special Deputy	\$120.00
86189	Mark Lund	Special Deputy	\$120.00
86190	Adam Trask	Special Deputy	\$120.00
86191	Andrew Trask	Special Deputy	\$120.00
86192	Jenifer Hardy	Special Deputy	\$200.00
86193	NDAAO	Training	\$870.00
86194	KLJ Engineering, LLC	Road & Bridge	\$14,144.33
86195	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$992.55
86196	Texas Refinery Corp	Parts	\$940.00
86197	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
86198	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$3,285.53
86199	City of Beach	Water Meter	\$218.50
86200	Golva Repair	Repair	\$144.00
86201	PowerPlan	Parts	\$342.58
86202	US Postal Service	Box Rent	\$188.00
86203	Fireside Office Solutions	Supplies	\$957.84
86204	ND Association of Counties	D & A Testing	\$144.00
86205	Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center	Lodging	\$330.00

86206	NDTOA	Dues	\$1,800.00
86207	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc	Oxygen	\$327.05
86208-86212	Park Board Distributions		\$13,115.75
86213	RTC Networks	Internet & Phone	\$1,442.28
86214	Gerald Streitz	Travel	\$28.00
86215	Patricia Dietz	Abatement	\$477.90
86216	Janice Stedman	Abatement	\$933.11
86217-86229	March Payroll		\$13,624.02
86230-86232	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,988.22
86233-86234	Library Disbursements		\$250.24
86235	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.47
86236	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,286.78
86237	Café		\$200.00
86238	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.30
86239	Payroll Correction		\$15.81
86240	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,667.26
86241	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.70

ATTEST

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**APRIL 1, 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 unanimously.

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

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment except for the claim to Craigo Concepts, LLC for \$56,700 of which can be paid upon approval of the Fair Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- The Legislative Wrap Up webinar is scheduled for May 14.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve a gaming site authorization for pull tabs for the Medora Fire Association located at Buffalo Gap Guest Ranch and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to reissue check #85370 for \$968.95 to Henry Township from August 2024 as the check is lost and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- The check in the amount of \$14,060.92 received from NDIRF from the hailstorm from May 2024 will be deposited into the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund.
- County Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the NDIRF Annual Meeting will be held May 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Farstveet moved to elect Lyle Bopp to the NDIRF Board of Directors of the corporation to serve a term of 3 years and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- A letter from Lori Elliott and Roger Myers was received regarding their plan to post and gate a private road on their ranch located in a portion of the Knutson Creek Road, located in Sentinel Civil Township in Section 1, Township 140 North, Range 103 West. No action was taken.
- Discussion was held in regards to a letter from FEMA notifying the County of the final flood hazard determination for Golden Valley County and Incorporated Areas and there is a 90-day appeal period.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.
- Discussion was held regarding the current billing protocol for States Attorney Wenko. Commissioner Schmeling moved to enter into an agreement effective April 1, 2025 between Golden Valley County and Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster, P.C. with Attorney Wenko acting as State's Attorney for the County. The Agreement would set the

compensation at a flat rate \$6,000/month and be renewed on an annual basis and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- An updated Township and City Board of Equalization Schedule was presented to the Board.

Leo Floer met with the Board to discuss installing a generator at the Fair Grounds for the Blue and Red Buildings that are designated as emergency shelters for the County. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the \$20,000 estimate to purchase and install a generator at the Fair Grounds and will be paid for out of the remaining Recovery Funds and the balance from the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Misty Hayes and Rob Schilling with the USFS met with the Board to give a regular update. The travel management plan is on hold until all the proposed changes are finalized and reviewed. Fire restrictions are the same as last year for the USFS land. Discussion was held on the letter received from Lori Elliott and Roger Myers as discussed earlier in the meeting. No action was taken.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve payment to Grand Forks Fire Equipment in the amount of \$9,992 for hazardous gas detection and calibration equipment for the Fire Departments and amend and pay for it out of the Hazardous Materials budget and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to discuss the Golden Valley County Community Foundation Grant opportunity. Muckle would like to apply for some funding to purchase a thermal drone for the Sheriff's department. It was agreed Muckle should apply for the funding.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign amendment no. 1 to task order no. 2403-01198 from KLJ increasing the task order by \$58,700 to provide construction and post construction phase services to CP-1705(24) 01 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

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

Direct

Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	April Payroll	\$77,238.05
-86845	NDPERS		\$20,133.97
-86846	MT Dept of Revenue		\$261.00
-86847	NDPHIT		\$86,847.00
-86848	IRS		\$26,817.02
-99675	First State Bank		\$43.65
-99676	JP Morgan		\$1,631.44
-99677	Job Service ND		\$561.26

-99678	ND State Treasure		\$2,151.03
-99679	ND Tax Commissioner		\$358.12
86242	Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster PC	Legal Fees	\$1,358.33
86243	Robert Schmeling	Travel	\$737.10
86244	SW Narcotics Task Force	Membership	\$16,315.00
86245	Eide Bailly LLP	Audit	\$5,985.00
86246	Electro Watchman Inc	Contract	\$455.40
86247	Fast Initial Response Systems & Training	Supplies	\$744.86
86248	Ramada Bismarck Hotel	Travel	\$99.00
86249	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$47.43
86250	Big State Industrial Supply Inc	Parts	\$156.98
86251	KLJ Engineering Inc	Road & Bridge	\$5,394.58
86252	Steve Raisler	Veterans	\$30.00
86253	Burt Cook	Veterans	\$50.00
86254	MGC Consultants LTD	Application	\$3,723.00
86255	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$133.70
86256	NW Tire Inc	Tires	\$4,480.42
86257	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$724.63
86258	Otis Elevator Company	Contract	\$1,002.96
86259	Ashley Ueckert	Travel	\$1,345.40
86260	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$91.95
86261	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86262	Re-issued Check 85370		\$968.95
86263-			
86293	Collections Submitted		\$546,641.27
86294	Craigo Concepts	Fair Board Contract	\$56,700.00
86295	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$427.18
86296	Gerald Streitz	Travel	\$28.00
86297	David Davidson	Travel	\$16.80
86298	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$90.84
86299	Leo Floer Electric	Fairground Generator	\$11,500.00
86300	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$351.00
86301-			
86303	Library Disbursements		\$101.49
86304	Farmers Union Oil	Supplies	\$29.97
86305	RTC Networks	Phone & Internet	\$1,441.80
86306	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$3,213.53
86307	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.30

86308	SpraySync	License	\$300.00
86309-			
86316	April Payroll		\$13,707.14
86317	Void		
86318-			
86320	April Liabilities		\$3,080.58
86321	Void		
86322	Café		\$200.00
86323	Payroll Liability		\$210.33
86234	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.47
86325	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,570.20
86326	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$10.58
86237	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.74

ATTEST

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners



**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
May 6, 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.

Also present were Joanne Tescher, Mechelle McFarland, Aaron Jordan and Parker Kilde.

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

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

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Aaron Jordan and Parker Kilde with Kilde Construction met with the Board to go over the bids on repairs for the Library and Museum roofs. No action was taken at this time and will be readdressed at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Discussion was held on budget guidance for the 2026 budgets. It was agreed to work the budgets at a 3% raise with the understanding that the percentage could go up or down at time of finalizing the budgets.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the Gaming Site Authorization for Home On The Range and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an abatement on parcel #04838000 as the property owner qualified for homestead credit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to install an above ground propane tank for the designated emergency gathering place at the fairgrounds for the generator that will be installed and pay for it out of the Capital Outlay budget and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint Mike Vanhorn to the Fair Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint David Davidson so the Weed Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Smith moved to bring some dumpsters in for rural residents to dispose of their household garbage to be placed in Golva and Sentinel Butte areas retro-active to April 9<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- NDACo Legislative Wrap-Up is May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am via webinar.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve Primary Residence Credits on parcel numbers: 05311000, 05520000, 04840000 due to SB 2201 adding trusts to qualify for Primary Residence Credit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held on SB 2180 in regards to public comments at meetings. This will be addressed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.

Mechelle McFarland with Prairie West Development met with the Board to introduce herself and give them an update from Prairie West Development.

Scott Wheeler met with the Board to discuss the possibility of sending a letter of support honoring The Lawrence Welk Show. Commissioner Smith moved to draft a letter of support to proclaim July 2, 2025 Lawrence Welk Day and a day to honor The Lawrence Welk Show and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jared Mack with Eide Bailly met with the Board to review the 2022 and 2023 audit. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the audit as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Discussion was held on future projects. Wirtzfeld has been working on the budget and discussed with the Board some projects to do and equipment to possibly purchase for 2026. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of May 2025.

Direct

Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	May Payroll	\$72,034.72
-86817	NDPHIT		\$29,689.71
-86818	MT Dept of		\$261.00
-86819	IRS		\$24,514.04
-86820	NDPERS		\$950.00
-86821	NDPERS		\$17,526.53
-99674	Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$500.00
-99672	JP Morgan		\$1,013.36
-99673	ND State Treasure		\$582.14
86328	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Training	\$140.00
86329-86356	Collections Submitted		\$93,814.83
86357	Mackoff Kellogg	Legal Fees	\$10,641.67
86358	Noll Construction	Contract	\$4,930.00

86359	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$1,985.10
86360	Fireside Office Solutions	Copy Services	\$96.66
86361	Dawn Ueckert	Reimbursement	\$119.00
86362	ND Association of Counties	D & A Testing	\$144.00
86363	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
86364	Stryker Sales LLC	Supplies	\$600.00
86365	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$2,222.66
86366	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$494.30
86367	ND State Radio Communications	Fees	\$8,433.42
86368	ND One Call	Locate	\$3.00
86369	Software Innovations	Software	\$10,200.00
86370	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	Lease	\$441.99
86371	Tamra Sperry	Reimbursement	\$42.96
86372	Tescher Fencing	Snow Removal	\$316.00
86373	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$89.60
86374	Eide Bailly LLP	Audit	\$9,993.12
86375	Fireside Office Solutions	Copy Services	\$756.00
86376	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$362.08
86377	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$7,856.65
86378	Farners Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$10,679.18
86379	L-Tron Corporation	Parts	\$450.00
86380	Powerplan	Repair/Parts	\$4,240.98
86381	Electronic Communications	Parts	\$3,404.00
86382	Family Connection Safe Visitation		\$500.00
86383	Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center		\$2,000.00
86384	SW District Health Unit		\$6,500.00
86385	Jandt Plumbing	Repair	\$3,752.53
86386	ND Workforce Safety & Insurance	Insurance	\$250.00
86387	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$164.41
86388	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$3,532.95
86389	Steve Raisler	Veteran Services	\$40.00
86390	Burt Cook	Veteran Services	\$220.00
86391	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86392	O5 Motorsports LLC	Weed Control	\$14,074.00
86393	Wallwork Truck Center	Repair/Inspection	\$4,332.21
86394	Prairie Lumber Beach	Baseball Field/parts	\$2,013.80
86395	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$183.32
86396	Lawson Products	Parts	\$1,914.03
86397	CNH Industrial Accounts	Supplies	\$208.27

86398	O5 Motorsports LLC	Supplies	\$90.00
86399	Black Mountain Software	Annual Fees	\$11,054.80
86400	Westlie Motor Company	Repair	\$11,110.69
86401	National Sheriffs Assoc	Dues	\$125.00
86402	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$427.02
86403	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$2,820.20
86404	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$181.65
86405	Marian Quale	Refund	\$546.77
86406-86407	Library Disbursements		\$84.95
86408-86413	May Payroll		\$13,158.84
86414-86417	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,994.21
86418	Café		\$200.00
86419	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,521.01
86420	RTC Networks	Phone & Internet	\$1,441.12
86421-86423	Weed Disbursements		\$11,955.12
86424	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.47
86425	Jay Tescher	Refund	\$500.00
86426	Void		Void
86427	Thomas Wilhelmi	Refund	\$500.00
86428-86429	NDSU Disbursements		\$162.50
86430	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.70
86431	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$12.99

ATTEST

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

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**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
June 3, 2025 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the May 2025 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling joined the meeting.

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to re-appoint Renae Smith to the County Reorganization Committee for another 3-year term and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to re-appoint Jerry Weinreis to another 5-year term to the Airport Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the written notice as presented by Open Range Counseling Center terminating the rental agreement effective June 9<sup>th</sup> and prorating the rent for June and accept \$37.50 as payment for June and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept and sign the Detention Service Agreement for Juvenile Detention with YCC and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held in regards to SB 2180 relating to the opportunity to provide public comment at a meeting of a public entity. Wenko will draft a policy for the Board to review at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- County Auditor Sperry will be out of the office June 19-29 and is available by cell phone or email.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the presented invoice from Total Safety in the amount of \$11,022.71 for hazardous gas detection and calibration equipment for the Fire Departments and amend the Hazardous Materials budget by \$1,030.71 to cover the testing gas that was not on the original quote that was approved at the April regular meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Ellig with Roosevelt Custer met with the Board to give them an update from the Regional Council. The Roosevelt Custer Regional Council is requesting \$7,700 for the 2026 budget.

Teresa Steele and Justus Garneau met with the Board to discuss the possibility of leasing office space at the Social Services Building. It was agreed to rent the space with a monthly lease amount of \$62.50 per office starting June 10, 2025. States Attorney Wenko will draft a lease agreement to be signed by all parties.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept and sign the estimate from Kilde Construction to replace the roof on the Library in the amount of \$33,387.13 and amend the Capital Outlay budget in that amount and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept and sign the estimate from Kilde Construction to replace the roof on the GVC Museum building in the amount of \$87,375.36 and amend the Capital Outlay budget in that amount and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Beach Airport (2OU) Fly-In 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bottom Line Aviation Poker Run on June 14<sup>th</sup> and their request for a donation. It was advised by the States Attorney not to make a donation to the event given the constitutional limitations on donations that can be made to private organizations.

Kim Gaugler met with the Board to give them an update and a little history on SW REAP.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board.

Billy Doerr and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering met with the Board to introduce themselves and to discuss replacing an existing timber structure located 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Golva due to a bridge critical finding by the NDDOT.

Andrew Kreb with KLJ also met with the Board to discuss replacing the same timber structure located 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Golva as discussed earlier with Brosz Engineering. Krebs updated the Board on the status of the post construction phase services to CP-1705(24) 01.

Other various road topics were discussed. The Board will have a discussion after the Annual County Equalization Meeting in regards to selecting an Engineer for the bridge replacement located 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Golva.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M

1:00 P.M. was the advertised time for the annual County Equalization Meeting. The Board met as the Unorganized Township Board. The increases and decreases for agricultural land acres, commercial lots, commercial structures, residential lots and residential structures are properly

noted in the Golden Valley County Unorganized Townships equalization booklet presented at the meeting. Commissioner Schmeling moved that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and find them proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that all exemptions have been reviewed and find them proper as presented or corrected and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Schmeling moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2025 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Farstveet moved that based on the preceding findings, the Board declare the Assessment Roll for 2025 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:19 P.M.

The Board met as the County Equalization Board. Various changes to the townships and cities were reviewed by the Board. The increases and decreases for agricultural land acres, commercial lots, commercial structures, residential lots and residential structures are properly noted in the Golden Valley County equalization booklet presented at the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and found them proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved that a finding be made that the Board reviewed all exemptions and find them proper as presented or corrected in the minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for Golden Valley County for 2025 has been reviewed and found them properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that based on the preceding findings, the Board declared the Assessment Roll for 2025 for Golden Valley County equalized and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn as the County Equalization Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34 P.M.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Discussion was held on choosing an Engineer for the bridge replacement that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved to choose Brosz Engineering as the Engineer for the bridge replacement located 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Golva and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:48 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	June Payroll	\$79,683.00
-86788	NDPERS		\$1,000.00
-86789	NDPERS		\$17,493.34
-86790	MT Dept of		\$261.00
-86791	IRS		\$26,929.33
-86792	NDPHIT		\$29,689.71
-99668	ND Tax Commissioner		\$519.20
-99669	Job Service North Dakota		\$577.01
-99670	JP Morgan		\$783.07
-99671	ND State Treasure		\$239.83
86432	Mackoff Kellog Kirby & Kloster	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
86433	ND Association of Counties	Workers Comp	\$4,205.97
86434	Auto Tech	Repair	\$232.17
		Flowers &	
86435	Wild Vines Market	Delivery	\$95.22
86436	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$10,765.53
86437	Pitney Bower	Ink	\$132.79
86438	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$356.80
86439	G & G Garbage	Garbage Bins	\$937.50
86440	Armor Interactive	Service Agreement	\$1,185.00
86441	Postle Industries	Supplies	\$156.40
86442	GVC Garden Club	Flowers	\$349.00
		Fair Board	
86443	Craig Concepts	Contract	\$29,965.50
86444	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$183.40
86445	Leo Floer Electric	Generator Install	\$8,500.00
86446	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$1,067.06
86447	Sign Solution USA	Signs	\$1,545.42
86448	Motorola Solutions	Equipment	\$8,127.00
86449	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$109.24
86450	Tamra Sperry	Reimbursement	\$102.46
86451	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$8.99
86452	Northwest Tire Inc	Tires	\$4,029.52
86453	Noll Construction	Contract	\$3,480.00
86454	HR Collaborative	Registration	\$50.00
86455	Sidwell	Software	\$8,208.75
86456	Dakota Dut-Tex	Floor Care	\$155.24
86457	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86458	Butler Machinery Company	Parts/Repair	\$23,857.12



86459	NDAAO	Membership	\$50.00
86460	CNH Industrial Accounts	Supplies	\$1,089.00
86461	Spectra Associates	Supplies	\$804.50
86462	Burt Cook	Veteran Services	\$100.00
86463	Total Safety	Supplies	\$11,022.71
86464	City of Beach	Garbage & Water	\$446.08
86465	Prairie Lumber	Supplies	\$3.60
86466	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$2,200.44
86467	GS Publishing	Publishing	\$156.00
86468-86495	Collections Submitted		\$98,907.83
86496-86497	NDSU Disbursements		\$338.85
86498	Gooseneck Implement	Parts	\$77.50
86499	RTC Networks	Internet & Phone	\$1,441.85
86500	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$2,125.48
86501	Pump Systems	Parts	\$52.55
86502	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$24,874.30
86503-86506	Library Disbursements		\$175.38
86507	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Training	\$140.00
86508-86515	June Payroll		\$13,542.53
86516-86519	June Payroll Liabilities		\$3,055.16
86520	Café		\$200.00
86521	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,517.31
86522	Void		
86523	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.47
86524	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.70

ATTEST

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners