# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# JANUARY 6, 2026 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 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 December regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to appoint the following annual appointments for 2026: 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 unanimously.
- The following resolutions were reviewed and approved as listed below:
  **RESOLUTION 2026-1**
  **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, CLERKS, CUSTODIAN, & ROAD FOREMAN**

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| STATES ATTORNEY | CHRISTINA WENKO |
| ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY | STEPHEN FETCH |
| TAX & ZONING DIRECTOR | CARLA BEELER |
| CUSTODIAN | DAVE HELSPER |
| ROAD FOREMAN | PETER WIRTZFELD |
| VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER | JESSICA MCCLELLAN |
| CORONER | JOHN FOSTER |
| CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR | TAMRA SPERRY |
| SAFETY RISK MANAGER | CASSANDRA SZUDERA |
| ENGINEER | SELECTED PER PROJECT |
| DES DIRECTOR | 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 2026-1;

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-2**

**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 2026,

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:

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| JANUARY 6 | MAY 5 | SEPTEMBER 1 |
| FEBRUARY 3 | JUNE 2 | OCTOBER 6 |
| MARCH 12 | JULY 7 | NOVEMBER 10-Election year |
| APRIL 7 | AUGUST 4 | DECEMBER 1 |

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 SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-2;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-3**

**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:

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| JANUARY 1 | NEW YEAR DAY | NOVEMBER 11 | VETERAN'S DAY |
| JANUARY 19 | MARTIN LUTHER KING | NOVEMBER 26 | THANKSGIVING |
| FEBRUARY 16 | PRESIDENTS' DAY | NOVEMBER 27 | THANKSGIVING |
| APRIL 3 | GOOD FRIDAY | DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE |
| MAY 25 | MEMORIAL DAY | DECEMBER 25 | CHRISTMAS |
| JUNE 19 | JUNETEENTH | DECEMBER 31 | NEW YEARS EVE |
| JULY 3 | INDEPENDENCE DAY | | (CLOSE AT NOON) |
| SEPTEMBER 7 | LABOR 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 FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-3;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-4**
**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 2026-4;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-5**

**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: $110.00
PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE RATE: $0.725

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-5;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-6**

**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 2026-6;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-7**

**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;

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| 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 WITHHOLDING 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 2026-7;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-8**

**PLEDGE OF SECURITIES**

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE PLEDGE OF SECURITIES,

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

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| BMO, BEACH, ND | $3.643,032.85 |
| FIRST STATE BANK OF GOLVA, GOLVA & BEACH, ND | $18,114,538.00 |
| BELL BANK, FARGO, ND | $350,000.00 |

COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-8;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-9**

**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 2026-9;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-10**

**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 2026 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 2026-10;
COMMISSIONER SCHMELING SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION 2026-11**

**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 2026,

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

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| AUDITOR/HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER | $74,275.07 |
| TREASURER | 53,503.47 |
| DEPUTY AUDITOR/DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT/RECORDER/RISK MANAGER/WEBSITE ADMIN. | 26.45/HOUR |
| CLERK OF COURT/RECORDER/MAGISTRATE | 57,085.03 |
| TAX/ZONING DIRECTOR/GIS | 50,385.70 |
| COUNTY AGENT (COUNTY SHARE 50%) | 32,228.00 |
| COUNTY AGENT SECRETARY | 23.29/HOUR |
| D.E.S. COORDINATOR | 18,243.24 |
| SHERIFF | 79,345.02 |
| DEPUTY SHERIFF | 64,775.52 |
| DEPUTY SHERIFF | 71,253.48 |
| CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF | 78,378.84 |
| OFFICE DEPUTY | 27.34/HOUR |
| CUSTODIAN | 21.22/HOUR |
| ROAD FOREMAN | 80,489.68 |
| ROAD CREW (2) | 28.99/HOUR |
| ROAD CREW (1) | 27.32/HOUR |
| ROAD CREW (2) | 30.56/HOUR |
| ROAD CREW (1) | 33.17/HOUR |
| WEED CONTROL OFFICER | 73,096.05 |
| COMMISSIONERS (3) | 19,235.00 |
| CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR | 1,473.93 |
| COUNTY CORONER | 5,472.88 |
| VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER-contracted with Stark County | 10,000.00 |
| 911 COORDINATOR/OFFICE FLOATER | 19.12/HOUR |
| LIBRARIAN | 28.25/HOUR |
| ZONING BOARD MEMBERS & SECRETARY | 45.00/MEETING |

COMMISSIONER SCHMELING MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-11;
COMMISSIONER FARSTVEET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

- The Board agreed to hold the Annual Township meeting in conjunction with the regular February 3, 2026 meeting at 1 pm.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve payroll for January on January 16, 2026 and for February on February 13, 2026 due to the normal payroll dates falling on a Holiday and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to reappoint Sue Marman to another 3 year term to the Library Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Cody Ueckert to the Fair Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion was held on installing an ac/heater unit in the Public Health Nurse Office. Custodian Helsper with get a quote on what it would cost to install a unit in that office.
- County Auditor Sperry reminded the Board to get their campaign finance and statement of interest into her office by the January 31, 2026 deadline
- The Board reviewed the agreement with Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster, P.C. for 2026 legal services with Christina Wenko as the States Attorney. There is no change in the rate of $6,000/month from 2025. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the agreement and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering met with the Board. Cox gave the Board an update on the Garner bridge fencing corrections. Flex funding approvals should be announced this month. Wirtzfeld updated that Board on some equipment getting repairs. 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 10:52 A.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of January 2026:

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| Direct Deposit | Golden Valley County Employees | January Payroll | $73,761.52 |
| -86587 | NDPERS | | $1,000.00 |
| -86588 | NDPERS | | $20,482.34 |
| -86594 | MT Dept of Revenue | | $186.00 |
| -86595 | NDPHIT | | $32,205.03 |
| -86596 | IRS | | $28,021.11 |
| -99640 | ND State Treasurer | | $7,596.09 |
| -99641 | Pitney Bowes | | $500.00 |
| -99642 | ND Tax Commissioner | | $568.53 |
| -99643 | ND State Treasurer | | $38.34 |
| 87138 | Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster | Legal Fees | $6,000.00 |
| 87139 | Vision West ND Inc | Membership | $200.00 |
| 87140 | ND County Commissioner Assoc. | Dues | $1,151.00 |
| 87141 | ND 911 Association | Membership | $100.00 |
| 87142 | National Association of Counties | Dues | $450.00 |
| 87143 | Tyler Technologies | Contract | $6,118.03 |
| 87144 | ND Association of Counties | Dues | $19,556.69 |
| 87145 | Armor Interactive | Contract | $1,195.00 |
| 87146 | ND County Auditors/Treasurers Assoc | Dues | $400.00 |
| 87147 | Stark County | Contract | $10,000.00 |
| 87148 | ND Department of Water Resources | Bowman Radar | $2,000.00 |

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| 87149 | Nd Association of County Engineers | Dues | $485.00 |
| 87150 | City of Beach | Rent | $1,500.00 |
| 87151 | Dak Insurance | Insurance | $51,429.00 |
| 87152 | Noll Construction | Contract | $2,755.00 |
| 87153 | Prairie Lumber Beach | Supplies | $240.34 |
| 87154 | Dakota Dust-Tex | Floor Care | $28.01 |
| 87155 | Fireside Office Solutions | Copy Services | $47.45 |
| 87156 | Stryker Sale LLC | Supplies | $348.00 |
| 87157 | Cloud 5 Solutions, LLC | Subscriptions | $97.20 |
| 87158 | SW Multi-County Correction Center | Prisoner Care | $2,975.00 |
| 87159 | City of Beach | Water & Garbage | $441.24 |
| 87160-87183 | Collections Submitted | | $14,022.89 |
| 87184 | O 5 Motors | Repairs | $405.10 |
| 87185 | MDU | Electricity & Gas | $5,403.57 |
| 87186 | NDCISA | Membership | $100.00 |
| 87187 | RTC Networks | Internet & Phone | $1,447.21 |
| 87188 | Office of Attorney General | 24/7 Charges | $990.00 |
| 87189 | Mark Egan | Reimbursement | $46.53 |
| 87190 | AT&T | Cell Phone | $116.65 |
| 87191-87199 | January Payroll | | $22,685.90 |
| 87200-87202 | January Liabilities | | $2,884.22 |
| 87203 | Cenex Fleet Fueling | Fuel | $1,257.98 |
| 87204-87232 | Collections Submitted | | $667,277.85 |
| 87233 | Verizon | Cell Phone | $367.84 |
| 87234 | AmericInn | NDSU Extension | $450.00 |

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# FEBRUARY 3, 2026 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 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 January 2026 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- The regular March meeting will be held March 12.
- The Annual Park Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular March 12th meeting at 10:30 A.M.
- Commissioner Farstveet approved the following Treasurer's bi-annual report and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

Ledger balance for period 7-1-25 through 12-31-25

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| BALANCE 7-1-2025 | $21,481,853.92 | | |
| JULY COLLECTIONS | $212,533.53 | JULY PAYMENTS | $1,388.701.20 |
| AUG. COLLECTIONS | $270,594.21 | AUG. PAYMENTS | $382,099.03 |
| SEPT. COLLECTIONS | $212,844.09 | SEPT. PAYMENTS | $340,802.34 |
| OCT. COLLECTIONS | $263,442.87 | OCT. PAYMENTS | $354,471.38 |
| NOV. COLLECTIONS | $196,634.50 | NOV. PAYMENTS | $792,931.02 |
| DEC. COLLECTIONS | $1,748,158.63 | DEC. PAYMENTS | $1,673,984.48 |
| | | BALANCE 12-31-2025 | $19,453,072.30 |

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| BALANCE 12-31-2025 | $19,453,072.30 | FIRST STATE BANK | $11,898,559.03 |
| | | WESTERN COOP.CU SA | $226,524.49 |
| | | BMO | $535,787.68 |
| | | TREASURER ACCT. | $1,407.10 |
| | | LIBR. CD & SAVINGS | $51,261.98 |
| | | CLK OF CRT ACCT | $4.584.00 |
| | | CERT. OF DEPOSITS | $6,729,944.31 |
| | | CASH ITEMS | $0.00 |

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| | CHECKS & DRAFTS | $0.00 |
| | CASH ON HAND | $5,003.71 |
| BALANCE 12-31-2025 | | $19,453,072.30 |

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

- County Auditor Sperry will be out of the office from February 24th through March 3rd.

Cheryl Planert met with the Board. Planert presented the Board with information on the launch of The Beach Village which helps older adults support one another as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of aging. Planert is requesting the Board to help spread the word and is not asking for financial assistance.

DES Rachel Keohane and Sheriff Dey Muckle met with the Board to review the current burn ban. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign the burn ban after the edits are made to the document as discussed and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Edited document below.

## 2026 FIRE EMERGENCY & BURN RESTRICTIONS DECLARATION
## Golden Valley County, North Dakota

**WHEREAS,** Golden Valley County North Dakota has and is expected to continue to endure periods of dry conditions with significant vegetative fuels available; and
**WHEREAS,** all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and
**WHEREAS,** Golden Valley County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires in the past and the local Emergency Management Office has been in consultation with local fire departments; and
**WHEREAS,** the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of the citizens in Golden Valley County; and
**WHEREAS,** the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Golden Valley County resources; and
**WHEREAS**, Golden Valley County wishes to regulate activities within the County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Golden Valley County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the **High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or a Red Flag Warning** has been issued for Golden Valley County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded. **Any prior Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions issued by Golden Valley County are rescinded and replaced by this declaration.**

| **No Burning When Activity Matches Below**<br>*Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4)* | |
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| **Low** | No Restrictions. Call your local Fire Chief before burning. (Phone numbers listed below). |
| **Moderate** | No Restrictions. Call your local Fire Chief before burning. (Phone numbers listed below). |
| **High** | Campfires not within a ring, ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), non-vesseled household garbage/all pits, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), crop and agricultural land burning. |
| **Very High** | Campfires, ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), garbage/pits, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), crop and agricultural land burning and unnecessary off-road |

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| | motorized travel (excluding agricultural purposes, but must have a 2A or greater fire extinguisher on hand at all times). |
| **Extreme** | Campfires, ignition of fireworks (aerial and ground), ash producing grills, garbage/pits, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, etc.), crop and agricultural land burning and unnecessary off-road motorized travel (anything other than paved or maintained, excluding agricultural purposes, but must have a 2A or greater fire extinguisher on hand at all times). |
| **Red Flag Warning** | **All Aforementioned Burning is PROHIBITED Under a RED FLAG WARNING** |

Please contact your local Fire Chief before burning of any kind.
Beach: Dan Buchholz 872-6662 Golva: Danny Noll 872-6130 and Sentinel Butte: Mike Van Horn 872-6715

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: https//ndresponse.gov

**THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A $1,500.00 FINE).**

DATED at Beach, North Dakota this 3rd day of February, 2026

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Adam Smith, Board Chairman
Golden Valley County Commission

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Tamra Sperry
Golden Valley County Auditor

The first reading on the Model Amendment Floodplain Management Ordinance was read. There was no public input. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the 1st reading of the Amendment and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ and Gayle Cox and Daniel Duppong with Brosz Engineering met with the Board. Krebs is waiting on the final paperwork on the County Road 5 project to finalize the final pay estimate for payment. The Zimdars bridge was approved for flex funding for Prairie Dog Grant subject to funding availability. Cox is also waiting for final paperwork on Garner Bridge project to finalize the final pay estimate. Cox is working with States Attorney Wenko to finalize the Master Service Agreement with Brosz Engineering. Various other road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 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 and Tax Director Carla Beeler and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley News and Kelly Harju with The Dickinson Press were present for the meeting.

Chairman Smith welcomed the group and thanked them for coming to the Annual County/Township Meeting. 14 Township officers from 8 of the 10 Townships were present for the meeting.

Tax Director Carla Beeler presented the Township Boards with the equalization schedule and if they need to reschedule to please come and coordinate with her to find a date and time that works for them.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld gave the group information on County custom rates, which are remaining the same as last year, and culvert policy and projects that were completed in 2025 and projects planned for 2026.

Weed Control Officer Mark Egan updated the group on the previous spray season and the upcoming spray season. The rates for spraying for 2026 will be the same as last year. Discussion was also held on LAP funding and availability.

County Auditor Sperry discussed SB 2012 and HB 1176 with the Townships and what is needed to comply with the new requirements.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. 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 2026:

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| Direct Deposit | Golden Valley County Employees | February Payroll | $67,086.06 |
| -86561 | NDPERS | | $18,466.13 |
| -86562 | NDPERS | | $1,150.00 |
| -86563 | MT Dept of Treasurer | | $190.00 |
| -86564 | IRS | | $25,214.72 |
| -86565 | NDPHIT | | $34,606.50 |
| -99638 | JP Morgan | | $2,214.41 |
| -99639 | ND State Treasurer | | $2,015.80 |
| 87235 | Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster | Legal Fees | $6,000.00 |
| 87236 | Armor Interactive | Contract | $1,195.00 |
| 87237 | Mid-State Organized Crime Inf | Membership | $100.00 |
| 87238 | Information Technology Dept | Data Processing | $1,147.35 |
| 87239 | ND County Recorder's Association | Dues | $500.00 |
| 87240 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel & Supplies | $4,017.14 |
| 87241 | GV County Treasurer | Rent | $840.00 |
| 87242 | ND State Radio Communications | LETS & Co 911 Fees | $9,593.12 |
| 87243 | NDSU Extension | Salary | $8,107.62 |
| 87244 | Motorola Solutions | Subscription | $9,115.75 |
| 87245 | Code 4 Services Inc | Supplies | $1,385.45 |
| 87246 | ND One Call | Locate | $1.50 |
| 87247 | Pitney Bowes Global Financial | Meter Lease | $441.99 |

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| 87248 | Tamra Sperry | Reimbursement | $81.43 |
| 87249 | Total Safety | Inspections | $690.45 |
| 87250 | SW Multi-County Correction Center | Membership | $6,076.00 |
| 87251 | Newvision Security | Contract | $600.00 |
| 87252 | Idemia Identity & Security | Subscription | $3,722.00 |
| 87253 | ND Dept of Environmental Quality | Inspections | $105.00 |
| 87254 | NDEMA | Membership | $50.00 |
| 87255 | ND Sheriff's & Deputies Association | Membership | $400.00 |
| 87256 | Noll Construction, LLC | Contract | $942.50 |
| 87257 | GS Publishing LLC | Publishing | $438.95 |
| 87258 | Boss Inc | Supplies | $205.85 |
| 87259 | KLJ Engineering LLC | Rd & Bridge | $1,267.40 |
| 87260 | Steve Raisler | Veteran Service | $473.00 |
| 87261 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $81.93 |
| 87262 | ND Association of Counties | D&A Test & Membership | $1,037.90 |
| 87263 | SW Narcotics Task Force | Membership | $16,315.00 |
| 87264 | Rachel Keohane | Travel | $102.45 |
| 87265 | Dakota Dust-Tex | Floor Care | $120.34 |
| 87266 | Colonial Research | Supplies | $613.51 |
| 87267 | Prairie Lumber Beach | Supplies | $14.00 |
| 87268 | Tescher Fencing | Contract | $4,166.32 |
| 87269 | US Postal Service | Rent | $126.00 |
| 87270 | Warne Chemical | Parts | $1,457.12 |
| 87271-87299 | Collections Submitted | | $225,114.63 |
| 87300 | Little Missouri Catering | NDSU | $1,540.00 |
| 87301 | City of Beach | Water & Garbage | $463.03 |
| 87302 | CattleFax | NDSU | $3,242.00 |
| 87303-87307 | Ag Improvement Disbursements | | $1,673.00 |
| 87308 | Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center | Lodging | $327.00 |
| 87309 | MDU | Electricity & Gas | $4,679.48 |
| 87310 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel | $91.39 |
| 87311 | Warne Chemical &Equipment | Parts | $32.39 |
| 87312 | RTC Networks | Internet & Phone | $1,442.38 |
| 87313 | PharmChem | 24/7 | $63.90 |
| 87314 | McCall's Quilting | Subscription | $49.95 |

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| 87315 | LibraryWorld | Software | $540.00 |
| 87316-87324 | February Payroll | | $21,056.98 |
| 87320 | Void | | Void |
| 87325-87327 | Payroll Liabilities | | $2,833.46 |
| 87328 | February Payroll | | $2,064.99 |
| 87329 | Mark Egan | Reimbursement | $46.53 |
| 87330 | AT&T Mobility | Cell Phone | $116.65 |
| 87331 | Cenex Fleet Fueling | Fuel | $1,208.83 |
| 87332 | Verizon | Cell Phone | $367.80 |
| 87333 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $24.35 |

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# FEBRUARY 17, 2026 9:00 A.M.

**Location:** *Billings County Commission Room*
**Buffalo Gap Road Discussion – Billings County & Golden Valley County**

The special joint meeting of the Billings County Board of County Commissioners and the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners was called to order at **9:02 AM**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Rodne noted that the meeting was recorded and that public comment would be taken at the podium.

Commissioners in attendance: Dean Rodne, James Haag, Steven Klym from Billings County. Adam Smith, Robert Schmeling, Rory Farstveet from Golden Valley County.
Others in attendance: Marcia Kessel, Gayle Cox, Billy Doerr, Olie Golberg, Andrew Krebs, Mark Lund, Lori Elliott, Rachel Daniels, Bret Morton, Tamra Sperry, Dave Jensen, Juliana Hammerstrom, Misty Hays, Pat Redmond, Stacey Swanson, Dean Wyckoff, Pete Wirtzfeld, Golden Valley County States Attorney Christina Wenko and Billings County States Attorney Jared Gietzen.

**Buffalo Gap Road – Joint County Discussion**
Commissioners reviewed the need for a public-land route connecting Buffalo Gap to Knutson Creek Road and extending north into Billings County. Maps were distributed. The purpose of the meeting was to determine feasibility, discuss potential routes, and identify next steps.

Commissioners and Golden Valley County Road Superintendent Pete Wirtzfield summarized their joint site visit, noting that the proposed alignment appears feasible, Engineering review is required to confirm crossings, drainage, and topography.

Misty Hayes from the US Forest Service reported that they would be willing to work with the counties on this project and that there are no known conflicts, pending the survey being completed and reviewed. Knutson Creek Road is currently under a Schedule B agreement; counties may seek Schedule A or easement transfer to allow improvements.

Commissioners discussed federal funding versus county funding. Federal funding can be very slow. Budget amendments will be required and engineering cost estimates must be obtained before further decisions.

Golden Valley County State's Attorney Christina Wenko advised that the first formal step is a joint agreement on selecting an engineering firm. An RFP or coordinated selection process will be required. Compliance with Forest Service easement and environmental requirements must be built into the engineering scope.

**Billings County** – Commissioner Haag moved to move forward with the Buffalo Gap Road project and place a joint Request for Proposal for engineering services and Commissioner Klym seconded. Roll call vote-Haag-aye, Klym-aye, Rodne-aye. Motion carried.

**Golden Valley County** – Commissioner Schmeling moved to move forward with the Buffalo Gap Road project and place a joint Request for Proposal for engineering services and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Klym moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Haag seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Rodne declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M

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

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# MARCH 12, 2026 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, Dell Beach, Gene Hamilton 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 February 2026 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and sign the final pay estimates to Young Gun Construction and Martin Construction and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to recite the Pledge of Allegiance after any meetings are called to order and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to enter into a funding agreement for the 2027-2029 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office.
- Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Hilary Makelky to replace Alaina Phalen and finish out her term-2 years remaining on the Library Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The second reading on the Model Amendment Floodplain Management Ordinance was read. There was no public input. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Model Amendment Floodplain Management Ordinance and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve abatements on parcels #05393000 and #05068000 as the applicants qualified for homestead credit or disabled veterans credit and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve a conditional permit submitted by MDU to construct a new telecommunication facility including 100’ wood pole communications structure, prefabricated equipment shelter, fenced compound and 12’ gravel access, Sec 6-139-104, parcel #01556500 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign 1 application for utility installation permit from RTC and 3 applications for utility installation permits from Golden West Electric and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Candie Loftsgard met with the Board to discuss the possibility and different options for credit card payments for taxes and other County fees. No action was taken.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Mike VanHorn joined the meeting.

Tobias Zikmund via Zoom with Arts Across The Prairie met with the Board. Discussion was held on the possibility for Golden Valley County to assist with putting in two culverts and approaches for the structure. States Attorney Wenko with work with Zikmund to draft a MOU for the work the County will help with. Various other topics were discussed about the project.

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. Mike VanHorn with the GVC Fair Board and Sentinel Butte Rec, Tom Heckaman with the Golf Association, Janie Rathbun with the Beach City Park and Jake Holkup with Beach Baseball were also present for the meeting. The requests were: $2,500 from Golva Park, $2,500 from the Fair Board, $3,000 from Beach Baseball, $5,000 from the Beach City Park, $1,000 from Spirit of the West, $500 from Sentinel Public Rec and $750 from the Golf Association. The budget for disbursements this year is $10,000. Commissioner Farstveet moved to give $2,000 each to the Beach City Park, GVC Fair, Beach Baseball and Golva Park and $1,000 to Spirit of the West and $500 to Beach Golf and $500 to Sentinel Public Rec and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye, Keohane-aye Gaugler-aye. Motion carried. Kim Gaugler moved to adjourn the Annual County Park Board meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried.

Kim Gaugler met with the Board to give them a copy of the Wide Open Wonder book that was put together with help from the Roosevelt Custer and State Tourism containing information on SW North Dakota detailing what there is to offer.

DES Rachel Keohane met with the Board to inform them that the State is taking longer to finalize the MHMP and that there will be an increase in the cost from the original amount budgeted at $5,000 but will not know until it is finalized.

Loretta Marshik with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc met with the Board to introduce herself and the Engineering firm.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign task order 2026-01 for engineer services on the Hammond Bridge Replacement Design and the task order fee will not exceed $42,444 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the master service agreement with Brosz Engineering, Inc. so that the County may request for professional services for specific projects from Brosz Engineering and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of March 2026:

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| Direct Deposit | Golden Valley County Employees | March Payroll | $69,522.60 |
| -86535 | MT Dept of | | $190.00 |
| -86536 | NDPERS | | $1,150.00 |
| -86537 | NDPERS | | $18,585.13 |
| -86538 | NDPHIT | | $1,150.00 |
| -86539 | IRS | | $25,340.87 |
| -99632 | Pitney Bowes Postage | | $500.00 |
| -99633 | Job Service ND | | $289.10 |
| -99634 | ND Tax Commissioner | | $612.91 |
| -99635 | Pitney Bowes Postage | | $500.00 |
| -99636 | JP Morgan | | $1,344.60 |
| -99637 | ND State Treasure | | $9,956.01 |
| 87334-87362 | Collections Submitted | | $939,767.51 |
| 87363 | City of Beach | Water & Garbage | $467.99 |
| 87364 | MDU | Electricity & Gas | $4,091.68 |
| 87365 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel | $64.86 |
| 87366 | RTC Network | Internet & Phone | $1,449.03 |
| 87367 | Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster | Legal Fees | $6,000.00 |
| 87368 | Golva Repair | Repair | $30.00 |
| 87369 | Information Technology Dept | Data Processing | $1,136.70 |
| 87370 | Marilyn Kutzler | Supplies | $214.50 |
| 87371 | Motorola Solutions | Supplies | $63.35 |
| 87372 | Powerplan | Repair | $2,801.51 |
| 87373 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel/Parts | $14,018.10 |
| 87374 | Boss | Supplies | $241.98 |
| 87375 | City of Golva | Bulk Water | $75.50 |
| 87376 | Burt Cook | Veteran Services | $81.60 |
| 87377 | Dawn Ueckert | Reimbursement | $36.33 |
| 87378 | Darin Maus | Travel | $18.85 |
| 87379 | Troy Tescher | Travel | $36.25 |

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| 87380 | Carla Beeler | Travel | $269.00 |
| 87381 | Applied Concepts | Equipment | $3,728.00 |
| 87382 | GS Publishing LLC | Publishing | $285.04 |
| 87383 | KLJ Engineering | Rd & Bridge | $4,948.33 |
| 87384 | NDTOA | Dues | $1,800.00 |
| 87385 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $31.96 |
| 87386 | John Deere Financial | Supplies | $276.84 |
| 87387 | Steve Raisler | Veteran Services | $299.99 |
| 87388 | Dakota DustTex | Floor Care | $108.26 |
| 87389 | Greg Davidson | Reimbursement | $25.52 |
| 87390 | ND Association of Counties | D & A Test | $144.00 |
| 87391 | Wallwork Truck Center | Repairs | $2,229.70 |
| 87392 | Prairie Lumber Beach | Rd & Bridge | $598.75 |
| 87393 | Lawson Products | Parts | $1,161.85 |
| 87394 | J & J Operating, LLC | Parts | $374.91 |
| 87395 | ND Clerks Association | Dues | $100.00 |
| 87396 | Cassandra Szudera | Travel | $45.00 |
| 87397 | Tamra Sperry | Travel | $314.70 |
| 87398 | US Postal Service | Postage | $198.00 |
| 87399 | Armor Interactive | Contract/Printer | $3,061.00 |
| 87400 | Mid-American Research Chemical | Supplies | $519.54 |
| 87401 | Martin Construction Inc | Rd & Bridge | $8,019.13 |
| 87402 | ND Dept of Environmental Quality | Boiler Inspection | $105.00 |
| 87403 | Tescher Fencing, LLC | Rd & Bridge | $11,085.20 |
| 87404 | Westlie Motor Company | Repair | $4,852.02 |
| 87405 | Big State Industrial Supply | Supplies | $205.94 |
| 87406 | Pharmchem, Inc | 24/7 | $95.85 |
| 87407 | Winter Equipment Company | Equipment | $2,329.82 |
| 87408 | Rachel Keohane | Travel | $234.40 |
| 87409 | Young Gun Construction | Rd & Bridge | $26,016.47 |
| 87410-87420 | March Payroll | | $16,767.83 |
| 87421-87423 | Payroll Liabilities | | $2,868.68 |
| 87424 | Steven Schillo | Refund | $223.15 |
| 87425 | John Kobbeman | Refund | $2,402.60 |
| 87426 | NDSU Extension Pesticide Program | Training | $140.00 |
| 87427-87431 | Library Disbursements | | $374.47 |
| 87432-87437 | Park Board Distributions | | $10,000.00 |
| 87438 | Normont Equipment | Equipment | $82,500.00 |
| 87439 | Cenex Fleet Fueling | Fuel | $1,186.17 |

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| 87440 | Mark Egan | Reimbursement | $46.53 |
| 87441 | AT&T Mobility | Cell Phone | $116.65 |
| 87442 | NDSU Extension Pesticide Program | Training | $140.00 |
| 87443 | Warne Chemical & Equipment | Equipment | $1,223.07 |

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# MARCH 30, 2026 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** ***Billings County Commission Room***

**Buffalo Gap Road Discussion – Billings County & Golden Valley County**

**CALL TO ORDER**
The special joint meeting of the Billings County Board of County Commissioners and the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners in attendance: Dean Rodne, James Haag, Steven Klym from Billings County. Adam Smith, Robert Schmeling, Rory Farstveet from Golden Valley County.
Others in attendance: Marcia Kessel, Travis Bateman, Andrew Krebs, Anita Adams, Misty Hays, Cody Armbrust, Carl Rohde, Pat Redmond, Stacey Swanson, Jeremy Easum, Tamra Sperry, Pete Wirtzfeld, Kyle Shockley, Billings County States Attorney Jared Gietzen and Golden Valley County States Attorney Christina Wenko via zoom.

**SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM**
Buffalo Gap Road Extension – Joint County Discussion: Two proposals were received, one from Civil Science and one from Brosz Engineering working jointly with KLJ. Both firms provided presentations and answered questions regarding experience, staffing, schedule, environmental work, permitting, and subcontracting. Board members discussed permitting timelines, environmental surveys, FLEX funding opportunities, rate comparisons, and coordination with the Forest Service.

Commissioner Smith moved to accept Brosz Engineering's proposal and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Klym moved to accept Brosz Engineering's proposal and Commissioner Haag seconded. Roll call vote-Haag-aye, Klym-aye, Rodne-aye. Motion carried.

County staff will work together to finalize contract documents with Brosz/KLJ and return contract for signatures.

Brosz/KLJ is to begin preliminary corridor work, coordinate environmental surveys, and engage Forest Service for permitting and schedule coordination. Engineers were asked to evaluate crossing options (e.g., box culvert) and include an allowance and cost options in design documents. The boards were in concurrence.

Misty Hayes from US Forest Service requested inclusion of a design allowance for a Maah Daah Hey Trail crossing at Knutson Creek to mitigate beaver dam flooding and trail impacts.

Commissioner Haag moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Klym seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Rodne declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# April 7, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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 2026 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Raynette Szudera as the Inspector for the 2026 Primary and General Elections and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to transfer $910,000 from Road Reserve Fund to the Special Count Road Fund per 2026 budgets and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve a gaming site authorization from Home On The Range for a Calcutta at the Home on the Range Match on August 1, 2026 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- County Auditor Sperry informed the Board that the NDIRF Annual Meeting will be held May 7th. Commissioner Smith moved to elect Chad Peterson in the "At Large" category to the NDIRF Board of Directors and to sign the proxy for the annual meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- The Board reviewed a quote from Armor for equipment in the Commissioner's room for zoom/teams meetings. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign and accept the quote in the amount of $1,496.98 and pay for it out of the Capital Outlay budget when the County is invoiced and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- The GVC Community Foundation grant will have 2 rounds for 2026, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board a letter informing them that an application from Northern Plains Connector was submitted to the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit.

- Tax Director Carla Beeler has finished training to be certified as a Class II Assessor. Commissioner Farstveet moved to give Beeler a 3% raise ($125.96/month) as agreed upon at time of hire and to have County Auditor Sperry make a pay adjustment at the April payroll in the amount of $377.88 to reflect the raise as certification was complete in January and Beeler was not compensated the 3% for January-March payroll and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the funding agreement for clerk of court services with the State and this agreement is from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2029 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the sworn statement in proof of loss from ND Fire and Tornado from the hailstorm back in May 2024. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the statement and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- The County Tour with NDACo/NDCCA will be held sometime between June 24th and 25th.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve a variance for a covered porch on the east side of Todd Rudquist's property that will be part of new construction in Sec 1-144-105, Parcel #04272000 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Candie Loftsgard met with the Board to discuss online payments. Commissioner Farstveet moved to implementing online payments through Municipay and to purchase a credit card reader and the transaction fees will be passed onto the customers of a $2 minimum or 2.95% for transactions over $60 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering met with the Board. Discussion was held on a JPA with Billings County and Golden Valley County on the Buffalo Gap Road Extension joint project. States Attorney Wenko will work with Billings County's States Attorney Jared Gietzen to produce the JPA. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve authorization to allow Brosz Engineering to begin phase 1 planning efforts and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. It was agreed Wirtzfeld will be the main contact person on this project.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to assign KLJ Engineering to start preliminary work on the Zimdars Bridge and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the rates for gravel and scoria. Commissioner Farstveet moved to increase the gravel rate per yard from $3.50 to $4.00 and the scoria rate per yard from $2.50 to $3.00 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 A.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of April 2026:

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| Direct Deposit | Golden Valley County Employees | April Payroll | $77,772.92 |
| -86509 | NDPERS | | $20,713.11 |
| -86510 | NDPERS | | $1,150.00 |
| -86511 | MT Dept of | | $260.00 |
| -86512 | NDPHIT | | $34,606.50 |
| -86513 | IRS | | $28,755.48 |
| -99631 | Pitney Bowes Postage | | $500.00 |
| -99630 | JP Morgan | | $1,479.33 |
| 87444-87473 | Collections Submitted | | $130,577.25 |
| 87474 | Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster | Legal Fees | $6,000.00 |
| 87475 | Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center | | $2,000.00 |
| 87476 | Family Connection Safe Visitation Center | | $500.00 |
| 87477 | GS Publishing | Publishing | $1,114.45 |
| 87478 | CNA Surety Direct Bill | Insurance | $50.00 |
| 87479 | NewVision Security | Contract | $600.00 |
| 87480 | American Ford | Repair | $13,046.50 |
| 87481 | Just-In-Glass | Supplies | $172.00 |
| 87482 | Boss | Supplies | $362.23 |
| 87483 | Lawson Products, Inc | Parts | $351.89 |
| 87484 | Software Innovations | Software | $7,350.00 |
| 87485 | Otis Elevator Company | Contract | $1,037.52 |
| 87486 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $23.79 |
| 87487 | KLJ Engineering, LLC | Rd & Bridge | $9,607.26 |
| 87488 | John Deere Financial | Parts | $1,785.88 |
| 87489 | Matthew Bender | Updates | $79.93 |
| 87490 | Tescher Fencing | Rd & Bridge | $3,337.33 |
| 87491 | Beach Cooperative Grain | Supplies | $32.10 |
| 87492 | Troy Tescher | Travel | $36.25 |
| 87493 | Darin Maus | Travel | $18.85 |
| 87494 | Black Mountain Software | Fees | $12,381.39 |
| 87495 | Wallwork Truck Center | Supplies | $377.99 |
| 87496 | Steele Auto Body LLC | Repair | $336.00 |

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| 87497 | Burt Cook | Veteran Services | $500.00 |
| 87498 | John Thompson | Veteran Services | $60.00 |
| 87499 | Ashley Ueckert | Travel | $926.91 |
| 87500 | Fireside Office Solutions | Contract | $926.91 |
| 87501 | Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc | Floor Care | $12.46 |
| 87502 | Prairie Lumber Beach | Supplies | $698.58 |
| 87503 | Electro Watchman Inc | Contract | $479.40 |
| 87504 | Butler Machine Company | Parts | $1,374.85 |
| 87505 | Powerplan | Parts | $2,240.28 |
| 87506 | Motorola Solutions | Subscriptions | $2,127.00 |
| 87507 | SW Multi-County Correction Center | Prisoner Care | $2,200.00 |
| 87508 | Cassandra Szudera | Reimbursement | $13.98 |
| 87509 | PharmChem Inc | 24/7 | $95.85 |
| 87510 | Office of Attorney General | 24/7 | $630.00 |
| 87511 | Westlie Motor Company | Parts | $621.37 |
| 87512 | Armor Interactive | Contract | $1,195.00 |
| 87513 | Information Technology | Data Processing | $1,136.70 |
| 87514 | ND State Radio | LETS | $9,507.36 |
| 87515 | Armor Interactive | Equipment | $1,496.98 |
| 87516 | City of Beach | Water & Garbage | $460.64 |
| 87517 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Phone | $367.80 |
| 87518 | Farmers Union | Fuel | $201.77 |
| 87519 | MDU | Electricity & Gas | $3,574.37 |
| 87520 | Mark Egan | Reimbursement | $46.53 |
| 87521-87523 | Library Disbursements | | $99.08 |
| 87524 | AT&T Mobility | Cell Phone | $116.61 |
| 87525 | RTC Networks | Phone & Internet | $1,445.25 |
| 87526-87535 | April Payroll | | $17,632.57 |
| 87536-87538 | Payroll Liabilities | | $2,956.85 |
| 87539 | Cenex Fleet Fueling | Fuel | $2,051.42 |
| 87540 | SpraySync | License | $1,700.00 |
| 87541 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Phone | $367.72 |
| 87542 | Nutrien Ag Solutions | Chemical | $9,298.00 |
| 87543 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $21.66 |
| -99629 | ND State Treasurer | State Levy | $555.58 |

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# May 5, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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 Farstveet moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the April 2026 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the updated funding agreement for clerk of court services with the State and this agreement is from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2029 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the letter of engagement with Brady Martz to do the County's 2025 audit with a fee of $37,500 plus the technology and data security fee and the single audit fee will be $5,000 per major program and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Deputy Auditor Cassie Szudera to replace Auditor Sperry on the County Canvassing Board on June 22nd but the County Auditor will attend the meeting via phone and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept Gene Hamilton's resignation to the SW District Health Unit Board and appoint Rachel Keohane to fill the vacancy and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to adopt and sign the following resolution and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, ND

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY ADOPTING THE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Golden Valley County; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County has participated in the preparation of a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Golden Valley County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by Golden Valley County demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2026 Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY, ND, THAT: Golden Valley County adopts the 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to Golden Valley County may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Golden Valley County to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2026.

The Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners

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Golden Valley County Commission Chair

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Golden Valley County Auditor

- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held on the beer and liquor licenses that are issued to Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC as it will be changing ownership come August 1st. County Auditor will get the correct forms to the new owner to start the process of transferring the licenses.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign a Joint Powers Agreement between Billings County and Golden Valley County regarding the Buffalo Gap Road Extension Project and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to allow County Auditor Sperry to fill any vacancies that may exist for the 2026 elections and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve 6 abatement's from mobile home owners as they had to pay their taxes and the State reimbursed the County for their primary residence credits so the County needs to reimburse those individuals; 2 abatements to reimburse the applicant as there was 2 qualifying structures to receive primary residence credit on one parcel and the problem has been resolved for the future; 1 abatement for an applicant that qualifies for the 2025 homestead credits and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

No action was taken with the conditional use permit that was submitted to the County's Zoning Board for a parking lot and artwork to be built for the Arts Across the Prairie project as the Board is waiting to hear of the projects approval of the Forest Service conditional use permit that was submitted by the architect.

Custodian Dave Helsper met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to hire Nitro Green to apply pre-emergent and 3 applications of fertilizer and weed control for a total of $807.94 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

County Agent Ashley Ueckert and Fair Board Member Mike VanHorn met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Fair Board to run the individual that is hired to do the mowing at the Fair Grounds with the County's payroll and all expenses will be reimbursed to the County from the Fair Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Trish Feiring met with the Board to discuss the possible opportunity to get leadership and mental health speaker Calli Thorne to come to the County to speak to the public. Feiring is waiting to hear back from a grant she applied for. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Smith gave the Board an update on the Library as he is a member of that Board. No action was taken.

Misty Hayes with the Forest Service met with the Board and gave them an update from her office. Golden Valley County and Billings County and the Forest Service will have an on-site meeting on May 7th for the Buffalo Gap Road project. As of now the Forest Service will be following the fire restrictions the same as last year.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld met with the Board. Commissioner Schmeling moved to allow Wirtzfeld to order equipment for the wireless headsets with a cost estimate of $7,015 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering joined the meeting. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign task order number 2026-2 with Brosz Engineering for the Buffalo Gap extension project and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the certification of local match for bridge inspection / load rating and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign off on the form from Merchants Bonding Company with Young Gun Construction, LLC for the completion of County Road 11 Structure and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of May 2026:

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| Direct Deposit | Golden Valley County Employees | May Payroll | $72,511.96 |
| -86481 | MT Dept of | | $201.00 |
| -86482 | IRS | | $25,879.34 |
| -86483 | NDPERS | | $18,673.92 |
| -86484 | NDPERS | | $1,150.00 |
| -86485 | ND PHIT | | $34,606.50 |
| -99628 | ND State Treasure | | $2,573.42 |
| -99627 | JP Morgan | | $1,711.55 |
| 87544 | Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster | Legal Fees | $6,000.00 |
| 87545 | SW Multi-County Correctional | Prisoner Care | $1,700.00 |
| 87546 | NDSU Extension | Salary | $8,107.61 |
| 87547 | GS Publishing LLC | Publishing | $611.49 |
| 87548 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel & Parts | $9,155.37 |
| 87549 | Carla Beeler | Travel | $93.50 |
| 87550 | Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services | Meter Lease | $441.99 |
| 87551 | Information Technology Dept | Data Processing | $1,136.70 |
| 87552 | Darin Maus | Travel | $18.85 |
| 87553 | Troy Tescher | Travel | $36.25 |
| 87554 | Truck Suppliers Inc | Repair | $9,813.28 |
| 87555 | Motorola Solutions | Equipment | $1,250.30 |
| 87556 | Fast Initial Response System & Travel | Supplies | $545.84 |
| 87557 | Boss Inc | Supplies | $229.85 |
| 87558 | Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc | Floor Care | $95.80 |
| 87559 | Lawson Products, Inc | Supplies | $413.91 |
| 87560 | Peter Wirtzfeld | Reimbursement | $108.72 |
| 87561 | Logo Magic | Uniforms | $426.00 |
| 87562 | Ward County Auditor | Prisoner Care | $550.00 |
| 87563 | AutoAgent Data Solutions LLC | Supplies | $225.00 |
| 87564 | Silha Funeral Home | Supplies | $135.55 |
| 87565 | Greg Glass Construction | Repair | $200.00 |
| 87566 | Noll Construction | Contract | $1,725.00 |
| 87567 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $22.47 |
| 87568 | KLJ Engineering LLC | Rd & Bridge | $26,398.84 |

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| 87569 | Taylor Print Impression | Elections Supplies | $1,577.92 |
| 87570 | Tamra Sperry | Reimbursement | $83.39 |
| 87571 | Westlie Motor Company | Repair | $7,413.89 |
| 87572 | WallWork Truck Center | Repair | $3,445.14 |
| 87573 | Colonial Research | Supplies | $440.84 |
| 87574 | Prairie Lumber | Supplies | $383.06 |
| 87575 | Burt Cook | Veteran Services | $215.00 |
| 87576 | Terry Mollendor | Veteran Services | $830.00 |
| 87577 | Spectra Associates Inc | Supplies | $417.50 |
| 87578 | DOT | Rd & Bridge | $395.70 |
| 87579 | Charbonneau Car Center | Repair | $10,809.85 |
| 87580 | ND Association of Counties | Worker Comp | $1,409.38 |
| 87581 | Election Systems & Software LLC | Elections Supplies | $2,302.72 |
| 87582 | Normont Equipment | Equipment | $10,374.92 |
| 87583 | Texas Refinery Corp | Supplies | $520.40 |
| 87584 | Matthew Bender & Co Inc | Updates | $96.81 |
| 87585 | Adam Smith | Travel | $87.00 |
| 87586 | PharmChem | 24/7 | $127.80 |
| 87587-87614 | Collections Submitted | | $522,144.88 |
| 87615 | City of Beach | Water & Garbage | $461.82 |
| 87616 | MDU | Electricity & Gas | $2,762.87 |
| 87617 | Void | | Void |
| 87618 | Collections Submitted | | $5,386.44 |
| 87619-87625 | Primary Resident Credit | | $5,707.52 |
| 87626 | Normont Equipment | Equipment | $7,015.00 |
| 87627 | Warne Chemical & Equipment | Parts | $945.15 |
| 87628 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel & Parts | $1,124.57 |
| 87629 | RTC Networks | Internet & Phone | $1,452.93 |
| 87630 | Library Distribution | | $50.00 |
| 87631-87641 | May Payroll | | $16,453.48 |
| 87642-87644 | Payroll Liabilities | | $2,872.74 |
| 87645 | Mark Egan | Reimbursement | $46.47 |
| 87646 | Pump Systems | Parts | $1,566.18 |
| 87647 | AT&T | Cell Phone | $116.61 |
| 87648 | Cenex Fleet Fueling | Fuel | $1,947.70 |
| 87649 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Phone | $367.78 |

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| Tamra Sperry, County Auditor | Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners |

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
# June 2, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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 Farstveet moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the May 2026 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Schmeling moved to re-appoint Kim Van Horn to the County Reorganization Committee for another 3 year term and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- NDACo will visit the County on Tuesday, June 24th at 10:45 am.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve JV 1062 to correct accounting errors to credit the road and bridge fund by $39,682.51 and debit the highway 10 fund in that amount and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve Southwest District Health Unit's request of $7,500 for the health maintenance program for 2027 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held in regard to the upcoming process for the 2027 budgets.
- 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. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a joint powers agreement with the GVC Fair Board and the County to set forth the parameters for the hiring of a seasonal employee and running the seasonal employee through the County payroll and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign an application for a local permit submitted by Close Up to hold a 50/50 raffle at the Home on the Range rodeo held August 1st and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- County Canvassing will be held June 22nd at 1 PM.

- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office. She is working on finalizing the MOU with Arts Across The Prairie and the work the County will help with.
- County Auditor Sperry will be out of the office June 17th-29th but will be available by phone or email.
- Discussion was held on the e-permit funds received. Chairman Smith will review the permits and let County Auditor Sperry the amount that will be disbursed to the Townships involved.

Holly Praus and Amber Hofstead with the Sunrise Youth Bureau met with the Board to update them on the services that are provided for Golden Valley County through the Bureau. They request the same amount of funding as last year of $3,757 for 2027.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. The Board reviewed an application for abatement from Evan Smith on parcel #02491000. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the abatement and refund Evan Smith in the amount of $2,930.43 as the land was classified as commercial but used as agricultural and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve an application for a variance for a 24'x28' building as part of new construction on parcel #05520000 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve and sign task order #2603-11311 for Engineer professional services with KLJ on the Zimdars Bridge and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 A.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. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. 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. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the Unorganized Townships for 2026 has been reviewed and found properly assessed and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that based on the preceding

findings, the Board declare the Assessment Roll for 2026 for the Unorganized Townships equalized and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn as the Unorganized Township Board and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 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. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. 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. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for Golden Valley County for 2026 has been reviewed and found them properly assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved that based on the preceding findings, the Board declared the Assessment Roll for 2026 for Golden Valley County equalized and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn as the County Equalization Board and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to reconvene the regular meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

States Attorney Wenko reviewed with the Board the MOU to join in as a cooperating agency with BLM regarding environmental impact statement (EIS) and resource management plan (RMP). Commissioner Farstveet moved to enter into the MOU and assign Pete Wirtzfeld as the primary representative and Chairman Adam Smith as the backup representative and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of June 2026:

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| Direct Deposit | Golden Valley County Employees | May Payroll | $81,890.06 |
| -86448 | NDPERS | | $18,651.94 |
| -86449 | NDPERS | | $1,150.00 |
| -86450 | MT Dept of | | $201.00 |
| -86451 | IRS | | $27,926.46 |

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| -86452 | ND PHIT | | $34,606.50 |
| -99622 | Pitney Bowes Postage | | $500.00 |
| -99623 | JP Morgan | | $1,182.95 |
| -99624 | Job Service ND | | $304.62 |
| -99625 | Pitney Bowes | Postage | $500.00 |
| -99626 | ND State Treasure | | $247.04 |
| 87650-87677 | Collections Submitted | | $51,971.16 |
| 87678 | Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster | Legal Fees | $6,000.00 |
| 87679 | GS Publishing | Publishing | $2,385.73 |
| 87680 | Information Technology Dept | Data Processing | $1,136.70 |
| 87681 | Motorola Solutions | Equipment | $1,522.81 |
| 87682 | Steele Electric LLC | Repair | $85.50 |
| 87683 | Brosz Engineering Inc | Rd & Bridge | $22,787.50 |
| 87684 | Golva Repair | Repair | $357.00 |
| 87685 | Armor Interactive | Contract | $1,195.00 |
| 87686 | Fireside Office Solutions | Contract | $802.38 |
| 87687 | National Sheriffs' Association | Membership | $125.00 |
| 87688 | Deere Credit, Inc | Leese | $11,400.00 |
| 87689 | Rachel Keohane | Travel | $349.00 |
| 87690 | GV Garden Club | Flowers | $117.00 |
| 87691 | ND Workforce Safety & Ins | Insurance | $250.00 |
| 87692 | Troy Tescher | Travel | $36.25 |
| 87693 | Darin Maus | Travel | $18.85 |
| 87694 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel/Parts | $12,029.56 |
| 87695 | Election Systems & Software, LLC | Election Supplies | $5,825.55 |
| 87696 | ND Association of Counties | D & A Testing | $273.00 |
| 87697 | Otis Elevator Company | Fuel | $175.00 |
| 87698 | Sidwell | Software | $8,525.00 |
| 87699 | Candie Loftsgard | Reimbursement | $39.96 |
| 87700 | SW District Health Unit | | $6,500.00 |
| 87701 | Pitney Bowes | Supplies | $161.01 |
| 87702 | Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc | Floor Care | $261.66 |
| 87703 | KLJ Engineering, LLC | Rd & Bridge | $18,413.15 |
| 87704 | John Deere Financial | Parts | $221.91 |
| 87705 | Steve Raisler | Veteran Services | $40.00 |
| 87706 | Burt Cook | Veteran Services | $440.00 |
| 87707 | Prairie Lumber | Supplies | $1,225.00 |
| 87708 | Red Rock Ford | Repair | $6,970.19 |
| 87709 | Boss | Supplies | $186.93 |

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| 87710 | Rohan Hardware | Supplies | $73.45 |
| 87711 | Electro Watchman Inc | Repair | $109.41 |
| 87712 | Wallwork Truck Center | Parts | $3,157.60 |
| 87713 | Terry Mollendor | Veteran Services | $335.00 |
| 87714 | Storey Kenworthy Matt Parrott | Election Supplies | $212.26 |
| 87715 | Matthew Bender & Co | Updates | $77.81 |
| 87716 | TAO Interactive | Contract | $599.95 |
| 87717 | City of Beach | Garbage & Water | $515.15 |
| 87718 | MDU | Electric & Gas | $2,287.05 |
| 87719 | Evan Smith | Refund | $2,930.43 |
| 87720 | Olson's Service | Gas | $99.70 |
| 87721 | Warne Chemical & Equipment | Parts | $281.65 |
| 87722 | PharmChem, Inc | 24/7 | $63.90 |
| 87723 | Farmers Union Oil | Fuel/Parts | $1,386.84 |
| 87724-87727 | Library Disbursements | | $175.92 |
| 87728 | RTC Network | Internet & Phone | $1,442.62 |
| 87729-87737 | June Payroll | | $16,324.86 |
| 87738-87740 | Payroll Liabilities | | $2,870.99 |
| 87741 | Cenex Fleet Fueling | Fuel | $1,864.82 |
| 87742 | AT&T | Cell Phone | $116.61 |
| 87743 | Office of the Attorney General | 24/7 | $460.00 |
| 87444 | NDSU Extension Pesticide Program | Certification | $140.00 |
| 87445 | Mark Egan | Reimbursement | $46.49 |

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Tamra Sperry, County Auditor Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners