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

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

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

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

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

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

RESOLUTION 2025-1

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, CLERKS, CUSTODIAN, & ROAD FOREMAN

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-3

ESTABLISHMENT OF DAYS THE COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-4

BUSINESS HOURS OF COURTHOUSE OFFICES

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-5

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE, MEALS AND LODGING

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

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

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

IN-STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RATES:

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

BREAKFAST – TRAVEL MUST BEGIN BY 7:00 AM

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

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

LODGING RATE: \$99.00

PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE RATE: \$0.70

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

RESOLUTION 2025-6

EXPEDITION OF BUSINESS

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-7

LISTING OF DEPOSITORY BANKS

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

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

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

FIRST STATE BANK OF GOLVA, GOLVA & BEACH, ND

BMO, BEACH, ND

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-8

PLEDGE OF SECURITIES

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE PLEDGE OF SECURITIES,

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-9

COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST AND REINVEST FUNDS

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

AND WHEREAS, THESE FUNDS MATURE FROM TIME TO TIME,

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-10

POSTING AND PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-11

SALARIES OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman Board of
County Commissioners

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

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

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

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

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

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman County Commissioners

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

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

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

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

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

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

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota

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

BALANCE 7-1-2023	\$20,728,762.02		
JULY COLLECTIONS	\$248,920.28	JULY PAYMENTS	\$3,980,207.97
AUG. COLLECTIONS	\$687,648.54	AUG. PAYMENTS	\$1,595,587.22
SEPT. COLLECTIONS	\$198,106.37	SEPT. PAYMENTS	\$262,336.09
OCT. COLLECTIONS	\$271,709.43	OCT. PAYMENTS	\$379,341.10
NOV. COLLECTIONS	\$286,788.15	NOV. PAYMENTS	\$491,734.92
DEC. COLLECTIONS	\$2,043,129.23	DEC. PAYMENTS	\$1,638,040.05
		BALANCE 12-31-2024	\$16,117,816.67

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

TOTAL			\$16,117,816.67
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GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

86060	NDEMA	Fees	\$50.00
86061	Cerberus Security LLC	Contract	\$400.00
86062	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$9,481.92
86063	Mid-State Organized Crime Info	Fees	\$100.00
86064	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel & Parts	\$4,738.72
86065	ND Dept of Water Resources	Bowman Radar	\$2,000.00
86066	Pitney Bowes	Lease	\$441.99
86067	ND County Recordors 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

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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 17th 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 28th 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

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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 8th. 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

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

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 3rd 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 9th and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- NDACo Legislative Wrap-Up is May 14th 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 5th 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

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**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 9th 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 1st 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 5th Annual Bottom Line Aviation Poker Run on June 14th 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 Krebs 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

 Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

 Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
July 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 June 2025 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the current vouchers for payment adding a bill for \$35 from Roosevelt Custer for the State of Region 8 meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve Southwest District Health Unit's request of \$6,500 for the health maintenance program for 2026 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Custodian David Helsing's 6-month probation is up. Commissioner Farstveet moved to increase his salary to \$20.60/hour effective for the July 21, 2025 payroll period and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held on 2026 budgets and the timeline with the passing of HB 1176.
- Sheriff Muckle met with the Board to request an increase in wage for 2026 for special deputy pay. Commissioner Farstveet moved to increase the hourly rate for a special deputy from \$20/hour to \$25/hour starting in 2026 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve County Auditor Sperry to write a check to Sax Motor for the patrol unit that was ordered for the Sheriff's department at the time when it is picked up and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the following resolution and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2025-13
GOLDEN VALLEY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION OF POLICY
REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIREMENTS AT REGULAR MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County Board of County Commissioners (the “County”) is a board that governs the political subdivision of Golden Valley County pursuant to Chapter 11-11 of the North Dakota Century Code.

WHEREAS, as a North Dakota political subdivision, the County is subject to North Dakota’s open meetings requirements under Chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code.

WHEREAS, during the 2025 Legislative Session, the North Dakota Legislature approved SB 2180, a bill that includes a new public meeting requirement in Chapter 44-04 for cities, counties, townships, school districts, park districts, and water resource districts (the “Public Entities”).

WHEREAS, under SB 2180, at every regularly scheduled meeting, the Public Entities must include an opportunity for members of the public to provide comments.

WHEREAS, SB 2180 directs the Public Entities to implement policies that include rules for public comments, including time limits for public speakers, total meeting time limitations for public comment, rules regarding permissible topics, and rules of decorum.

WHEREAS, the County must comply with SB 2180 and approves this RESOLUTION OF POLICY in compliance with the public comment policy requirements under SB 2180.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION OF POLICY represents the County’s official policy regarding public comments at regular board meetings as mandated under SB 2180.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County’s policy under this RESOLUTION OF POLICY ensures the public’s right to speak at a regular meeting and ensures the public comment process is orderly, efficient, and respectful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County approves the following policy regarding public comments at the County’s meetings, under SB 2180:

1. The County will include a public comment agenda item as the first non-procedural agenda item at all regular meetings of the County.
 - a. “Regular” meetings include the County’s regularly scheduled monthly meetings, as approved by the District and filed with the Golden Valley County Auditor, all as required under N.D. Cent. Code § 44-04-20(3).
2. Each person interested in providing public comments at a meeting must submit a speaker card, in person or via email, to the County Auditor prior to the meeting being called to order that includes:
 - a. the person’s name;
 - b. the person’s address; and
 - c. an agenda item from the current meeting agenda or the previous meeting agenda that the person seeks to address.

3. If a speaker card does not include all three items above, the person is disqualified and the person may not speak at the meeting.
4. The County will afford each person three minutes to provide comments. The County will notify each speaker when the three minutes have expired and the speaker will promptly conclude.
5. To ensure orderly and efficient meetings, the County will limit the public comment agenda item to a total of thirty minutes, regardless of how many people have submitted speaker cards.
6. The County will call on each person who has properly submitted a completed speaker card to present public comments, in the order of submission.
7. All comments must:
 - a. address the agenda item identified on the speaker card, from the current meeting agenda or the previous meeting agenda; and
 - b. be pertinent to the County.
8. Comments may not:
 - a. be defamatory, abusive, harassing, or unlawful;
 - b. include information that is exempt or confidential under North Dakota open records or open meetings law; or
 - c. interfere with the orderly conduct of the County's meeting.
9. Speakers may not yield their allotted time to another person.
10. Anyone unable or unwilling to speak in-person may submit written comments to the County Auditor prior to the meeting; the written comments must include the person's name and address and must be pertinent to an agenda item from the current meeting agenda or the previous meeting agenda. If a person submits written comments to the County Auditor at least twenty-four hours prior to the County's meeting, the County Auditor will circulate and distribute the comments to the Board of County Commissioners prior to the meeting, and the County will address and discuss the comments at the meeting. If a person submits written comments to the County Auditor less than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting, the County will not address or discuss the comments at that meeting and the County Auditor will circulate and distribute the comments to the Board of County Commissioners after the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION OF POLICY supersedes any of the County's previous policies or practices regarding public comments at the County's meetings.

Date Approved: July 1, 2025

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Adam Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry
County Auditor

- Discussion was held on hiring Missy Nelson to full time status. Commissioner Schmeling moved to hire Missy Nelson to full time status from part time status effective July 1, 2025 and Commissioner Fartsveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held on the parking in the van storage building. No action was taken at this time.
- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve a gaming sit authorization from Shania and Lee Whiteman for a Calcutta at a Ranch Rodeo to be held at the Sperry Ranch and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the following resolution and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF THE RENAISSANCE ZONE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Beach seeks to encourage significant investment within the Renaissance Zone to improve deteriorating properties, encourage new construction and fill the available commercial properties in the Central Avenue and Main Street business district with new or expanding business ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Renaissance Zone should increase the commercial activity within the City, provide increased tax revenues to fund local economic and community development activities geared toward increasing the quality of life and economic wellbeing of Beach.

WHEREAS, Golden Valley County supports the preservation of the economic vitality and the increase of the quality of life in Beach and maintaining and increasing population and economic activity.

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County Commission desires to show its support for the renal of the Renaissance Zone Project by and through the City of Beach; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission of Golden County as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners hereby offers its support to the renewal of the Renaissance Zone Project through the City of Beach.

Dated: July 1, 2025.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Adam Smith, Chairman
Golden Valley County Commission

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry
County Auditor

Teresa Steele met with the Board to discuss the commercial lease that was approved and signed at the June meeting. Commissioner Smith moved to lease office space at the Social Service Building to ND Health Solutions, PLC at a rate of \$62.50/month and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Maus, Justin Maus and Sarah Gunkel with the Lone Tree School District and Misty Farnstrom, Carrie Zachmann and Jessica Geis with the Beach School District and Rusty Makelky with Sentinel Township met with the Board to discuss the 2025 Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act payment that came in at \$4,584,301.85.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to distribute 18% of the disbursement amount to the schools with the Beach School District receiving 70% of the 18% and the Lone Tree School District receiving 30% of the 18%, Sentinel Township is willing to forgo 1.5% of the 3% normally disbursed for 2025 only and give each School District and Road Reserve an additional .05% of the disbursement amount and \$3,000 to the Unorganized Townships. The following amounts will be distributed: Beach School District \$600,543.54, Lone Tree School District \$270,473.81, Sentinel Township \$68,764.53 and Road Reserve \$3,641,519.97 and the Unorganized Townships \$3,000 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Misty Hayes with the Forest Service met with the Board to give them an update on the cooperating agency, fire restrictions and regulations, Knutson Creek road for an alternate route to avoid the Roger Myer's ranch property for visitors to get to the petrified forest and Wannagan Creek Campground, and events that are scheduled on the Maah Daah Hey Trail this summer.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Billy Doerr with Brosz Engineering met with the Board. Various road topics were discussed. Discussion was held on the Flex Program and Bridge Program that are now taking applications for funding.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to allow Doerr to go to bid on manufacturing of the box culvert for the bridge replacement located 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Golva and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M

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

Direct

Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	July Payroll	\$93,632.96
-86759	NDPERS		\$19,265.36
-86760	NDPERS		\$1,000.00
-86761	MT Dept of		\$261.00
-86762	IRS		\$32,193.81
-86758	NDPHIT		\$27,981.31
-99666	JP Morgan		\$1,090.55
-99667	ND State Treasure		\$170.07
86525	Mackoff Kellog Kirby &Kloster	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
86526	Red Rock Ford	Repair	\$1,137.42
86527	Westlie Motor Company	Repair	\$174.15
86528	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$992.55
86529	Quality Inn	Lodging	\$99.00
86530	Tao Interactive	Contract	\$599.95
86531	Comfort Inn & Suites	Lodging	\$495.00
86532	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
86533	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$493.00
86534	SW Multi-County Correctional Center	Prisoner Care	\$150.00
86535	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Repair	\$11,604.66
86536	Rachel Keohane	Travel	\$100.80
86537	ND Association of Counties	D&A Testing	\$270.00
86538	Colonial Research	Parts	\$1,160.34
86539	NDACS	Membership	\$50.00
86540	G&G Garbage LLC	Garbage Bins	\$1,231.20
86541	Deere Credit, Inc.	Lease	\$11,400.00
86542	KLJ Engineering, LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$3,391.46

86543	Burt Cook	Veteran Services	\$520.00
86544	Steve Raisler	Veteran Services	\$40.00
86545	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$11,651.00
86546	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$162.51
86547	Kilde Construction	Repair	\$60,381.25
86548	Candie Loftsgard	Travel	\$154.00
86549	John Deere Financial	Parts/Repair	\$734.25
86550	Noll Construction, LLC	Contract	\$2,900.00
86551	Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C	Audit Fees	\$17,850.00
86552	Brosz Engineering, Inc	Rd & Bridge	\$15,060.00
86553	NDAAO	Conference	\$175.00
86554	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$99.49
86555	Steele Auto Body LLC	Tow	\$826.50
86556	Code 4 Services Inc	Parts	\$207.97
86557	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$279.33
86558	Cerberus Security, LLC	Contract	\$200.00
86559	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council	Meeting	\$35.00
86560	Beach Public School District	Bankhead Jones	\$600,543.54
86561	Lone Tree School District	Bankhead Jones	\$270,473.81
86562	Sentinel Township	Bankhead Jones	\$68,764.53
86563	Pump Systems	Parts	\$45.03
86564	Warne Chemical & Equipment Co	Parts	\$1,292.37
86565	Sax Motor Co	Vehicle	\$49,224.00
86566-86594	Collections Submitted		\$28,660.07
86595	MDU	Electricity/Gas	\$1,596.35
86596	Void		
86597	City of Beach	Water/Garbage	\$620.26
86598	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$1,259.83
86599	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$114.46
86600	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$14,522.00
86601-86602	Library Disbursements		\$849.57
86603	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,617.04
86604	Void		
86605	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$92.60
86606	ND Tax Commissioner		\$1,000.00
86607-86613	July Payroll		\$14,809.74
86614-86617	July Payroll Liabilities		\$3,103.77
86618	Café		\$200.00
86619	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.68

86620	O5 Motorsports	Parts	\$669.94
86621	RTC Networks	Phone & Internet	\$14,443.72
86622	Kyle Sarsland	Refund	\$100.00

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
August 5, 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 July 2025 regular meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- The NDACo Conference is set for October 26-28. Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Commissioner Farstveet as the voting delegate at the conference and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.
- County Auditor Sperry presented the Board with the Treasurer’s bi-annual report. Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the following report and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
Beach, North Dakota**

Ledger balance for period 1-1-25 through 6-30-25

BALANCE 1-1-2025	\$16,117,816.67		
JAN. COLLECTIONS	\$788,481.61	JAN. PAYMENTS	\$1,044,141.28
FEB. “	\$1,322,083.61	FEB. “	\$483,179.81
MAR. “	\$2,283,362.31	MAR. “	\$1,149,898.11
APR. “	\$269,237.80	APR. “	\$842,868.83
MAY “	\$ 278,505.14	MAY “	\$419,840.03
JUNE “	\$4,796,279.65	JUNE “	\$433,984.81
		BALANCE 7-01-2025	\$21,481,853.92

BALANCE 6-30-2025	\$21,481,853.92	FIRST STATE BANK	\$13,981,696.21
		WESTERN COOP. CU	\$226,467.70
		BMO	\$531,830.72
		TREASURER ACCNT	\$2,319.25
		CLK OF CRT ACCT	\$3,604.00
		LIBR. SAV.	\$51,261.98
		CERT. OF DEPOSITS	\$6,682,546.39

	CASH ITEMS	\$0.00
	CHECKS & DRAFTS	\$0.00
	CASH ON HAND	\$2,127.67
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TOTAL		\$21,481,853.92

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY TREASURER
BEACH, ND

- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held on the Purdue Pharma Lawsuit. Commissioner Farstveet moved to support and accept and to vote in favor of The Thirteenth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma L.P. and its affiliated debtors and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held on SB 2027 related to floodplain management authority. County Auditor Sperry will send each township a letter in regards to the SB 2027 and invite them to the September 2nd regular meeting to discuss the issue.
- County Auditor Sperry will be out of the office August 6th-13th but will be available by phone or email.

Marie Kremers joined the meeting.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an abatement on parcel #00544000 for 2023 and 2024 tax years as the building had excessive water damage in 2022 deeming it unlivable and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve a utility installation permit from RTC and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the 2026 preliminary budget as corrected after being reviewed by the Board and to set the public hearing on the 2026 budget/levies at 10 am at the regular October 7th meeting and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foremen Pete Wirtzfeld and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering and Adrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board.

11 am was the advertised time for the bid opening for a concrete box culvert for bridge replacement located 9 miles east and 4 miles north of Golva. 2 bids were received: Rinker Materials for \$231,009 and Engineered Concrete Products, LLS for \$224,950. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the bid from Engineered Concrete Products, LLS for \$224,950 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Certification of Local Match for Bridge Inspection was reviewed and signed. Krebs will try to set up a preconstruction meeting for the County Road bridge project on August 20th at 11 am. Flex funding was discussed. 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 12:12 P.M

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

Direct

Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	August Payroll	\$78,865.89
-86729	MT Dept of		\$261.00
-86730	NDPHIT		\$29,359.11
-86731	NDPERS		\$1,000.00
-86732	NDPERS		\$17,723.72
-86733	IRS		\$26,449.13
-99661	Pitney Bowes Postedge	Postage	\$500.00
-99662	Pitney Bowes Postedge	Postage	\$500.00
-99663	JP Morgan		\$1,331.00
-99664	ND State Treasure		\$147.52
-99665	Pitney Bowes Postedge	Postage	\$500.00
86623-86650	Collections Submitted		\$37,779.22
86651	Mackoff Kellogg	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
86652	Lumber Yard	Supplies	\$11.99
86653	GS Publishing, LLC	Publishing	\$692.98
86654	Integrity Auto Glass	Repair	\$966.76
86655	Motorola Solutions	Supplies	\$1,207.65
86656	Fireside Office Solutions	Contract	\$1,160.30
86657	SW Multi County Corrections Center	Prisoner Care	\$150.00
86658	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$992.55
86659	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$7,279.40
86660	Linde Gas and Equipment Inc	Lease	\$1,208.80
86661	Golva Repair	Repair	\$133.00
86662	Code 4 Services	Repair	\$12,863.95
86663	East-Mont Communication	Repair	\$35,892.00
86664	S & R Interiors, Inc	Repair	\$2,021.69
86665	ND State Radio Communications	Fees	\$8,283.47
86666	G & G Garbage LLC	Contract	\$338.00
86667	Powerplan	Repair	\$1,966.18
86668	Armor Interactive	Service Agreement	\$1,185.00
86669	ND PHIT	Insurance	\$360.00
86670	Rough Rider Industries	Repair	\$4,118.00
86671	KLJ Engineering, LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$166.55
86672	Pitney Bowes Postedge	Lease	\$441.99
86673	Dept Of Transportation	Rd & Bridge	\$7,456.37

86674	ND Association of Counties	D & A Test	\$63.00
86675	Marilyn Kutzler	Updates	\$188.00
86676	Charbonneau Car Center	Supplies	\$1,222.95
86677	Western Dakota Energy Association	Dues	\$3,242.69
86678	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$167.86
86679	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$138.84
86680	Mid-American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$82.27
86681	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$205.00
86682	Dak Ins	Insurance	\$287.00
86683	NW Tire Inc	Repair	\$2,068.96
86684	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$46.24
86685	Kilde Construction	Repair	\$16,693.56
86686	Steve Raisler	Veterans Services	\$70.00
86687	Burt Cook	Veterans Services	\$230.00
86688	Adam Smith	Travel	\$86.80
86689	Brosz Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$27,670.00
86690	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$8,931.05
86691	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$36.40
86692	Dakota Dust-Tex	Floor Care	\$104.20
86693	Electro Watchman	Repair	\$768.95
86694	Noll Construction	Contract	\$217.50
86695	Wallwork Truck Center	Parts	\$938.84
86696-86697	Void		
86698	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86699	J & J Operating	Parts	\$205.81
86700	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$205.00
86701	City Of Beach	Garbage/Water	\$709.37
86702	MDU	Electric/Gas	\$1,733.37
86703	Marie Kremers	Tax Refund	\$534.45
86704	Pump Systems	Parts	\$886.64
86705	Gooseneck Implement	Parts	\$108.10
86706	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$2,230.00
86707	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$1,981.02
86708	RTC Networks	Phone & Internet	\$1,443.63
86709	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$61.25
86710	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$115.46
86711-86717	August Payroll		\$13,488.89
86718-86721	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,994.02
86722	Café		\$200.00

86723	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,634.66
86724	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.30
86725	Verizon	Cell Phone	\$367.68
86726	Office of Attorney General	24/7	\$180.00

ATTEST

 Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

 Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
 AUGUST 27, 2025 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order via telephone. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting was to review a memorandum of understanding with Home On The Range to establish a cooperative agreement for the purpose of implementing the activities proposed in the human trafficking grant application.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the memorandum of understanding with Home On The Range 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 8:18 A.M.

ATTEST

 Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

 Adam Smith

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 August 2025 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and to participate in the National opioid settlement reference number CL-1749296 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to participate in the National opioid litigation reference number CL-1772074 and sign the following resolution 2025-15 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT INVOLVING ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, ZYDUS – REFNUM CL-1772074

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota has elected to participate in one or more of the eight national opioid settlements with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus;

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County may participate in each settlement for which the State of North Dakota has elected to participate;

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County has elected to participate in prior national opioid settlements;

WHEREAS, the Golden Valley County must “opt in” to participate in the opioid settlement involving Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus – Refnum Cl-1772074;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Golden Valley County elects to “opt in” to participate in the opioid settlement involving Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus – Refnum CI-1772074.

Dated this 2nd day of September 2025.

Adam Smith, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry
County Auditor

- 2026 preliminary budgets/levies were reviewed.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to create a fund 238 Flexible Transportation and amend the revenue budget for that fund by \$125,000 account for funding received in 2025 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to amend the Recovery Fund Budget by \$136,884.02 as the fairground bathroom project did not get completed until 2025 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Judy Mollendor and Burt Cook with Prairie West Development met with the Board to review the proposed budget/levy request for 2026. Commissioner Farstveet moved to levy \$10,300 for Jobs Development which funds Prairie West Development and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the following preliminary levy amounts and preliminary budgets as presented for 2026 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

General: \$323,466

Council on Aging: \$32,735

Veteran Service: \$11,000

SW District Health Unit: \$56,000

Road and Bridge: \$163,673

Water Management: \$32,735

Ambulance: \$212,775

Extension Service: \$32,735

County Airport: \$13,490

Weed Control: \$65,469

Library: \$65,469

Soil Conservation: \$40,918

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 Jobs Development: \$10,300
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 State Medical Levy: \$16,367
 Unorganized Townships:
 136-105 \$2,775
 136-106 \$2,157
 137-103 \$928
 138-103 \$1,536
 141-103 \$2,328
 142-103 \$2,975
 142-105 \$3,050
 143-103 \$3,243
 144-103 \$4,839

Roger Clemens met with the Board to give the Board an update on the proposed 4 way stop signs in Sentinel Butte. No action was taken.

DES Rachel Keohane met with the Board to review the Model “D” Ordinance Floodplain Management. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the 1st reading of the Ordinance and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld, Billy Doer with Brosz Engineering and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. Bid opening for the construction of County Road 11 structure replacement will be September 12th at 10 AM. County Road 5 structure replacement has started. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling 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 September 2025:

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	September Payroll	\$150,107.64
86700	NDPERS		\$17,575.13
-86701	NDPERS		\$1,000.00
-86702	MT Dept of		\$261.00
-86703	IRS		\$25,626.19
-86704	NDPHIT		\$29,359.11
-99658	ND Tax Commissioner		\$617.46
-99659	JP Morgan		\$818.53
-99660	ND State Treasure		\$39.24
86727	Mackoff Kellogg	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
86728	Information Technology	Data Processing	\$1,174.00

86729	Steele Electric	Repair	\$2,804.05
86730	SW Multi-County Correction Center	Prisoner Care	\$650.00
86731	Armor Interactive	Contract	\$1,185.00
86732	ND Association of Counties	D&A Mileage	\$144.00
86733	Ashley Ueckert	Travel	\$1,260.00
86734	US Postal Service	Postage	\$390.00
86735	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$329.00
86736	Farmers Union Oil	Repair/Fuel	\$12,177.08
86737	Farm & Home Publishers	Books	\$260.00
86738	Craigo Concepts	Contract	\$44,802.70
86739	Kilde Construction	Repair	\$43,687.68
86740	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$93.10
86741	Brady, Martz & Associates	Audit	\$13,125.00
86742	Farmers Union Oil	Propane	\$2,554.54
86743	Midwest Doors of Dickinson	Repair	\$811.10
86744	Westlie Motor Company	Parts	\$79.91
86745	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$771.65
86746	NW Tire Inc	Supplies	\$99.53
86747	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$66.24
86748	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$460.68
86749	Burt Cook	Veterans	\$40.00
86750	Steve Raisler	Veterans	\$93.00
86751	Paul and Carol Finneman	Contract	\$373.80
86752	Texas Refinery Corp	Supplies	\$986.00
86753	Brosz Engineering, Inc	Rd & Bridge	\$9,432.50
86754	Sign Solutions USA	Supplies	\$354.99
86755	Dakota Dust-Tex	Contract	\$218.82
86756	Ramada Bismarck Hotel	Lodging	\$297.00
86757	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86758-86783	Collections Submitted		\$18,035.85
86784	MDU	Electric & Gas	\$1,629.22
86785	O5 Motorsports LLC	Repairs	\$758.43
86786	VOID		
86787	Rohan Hardware	Parts	\$12.07
86788	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemical	\$342.00
86789	Country Home	Library	\$30.00
86790	City of Beach	Garbage & Water	\$621.78
86791-86797	September Payroll		\$13,637.66
86798-86801	September Liabilities		\$2,983.62

86802	VOID		
86803	Café	Café	\$200.00
86804	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel & Repair	\$1,305.23
86805	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$115.46
86806	RTC Networks	Phone & Internet	\$1,441.34
86807	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,790.24
86808	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.22
86809	NDSU Extension Pesticide Program	Certification	\$125.00
86810-86820	NDSU Disbursements		

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting along with Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering and Gary Howard with the Golden Valley County News.

The purpose of this special meeting is to open bids on the construction of County Road 11 structure replacement and tentatively award to the lowest contractor with the bid pending review and recommendations from Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering and to discuss a second reading of the Model “D” Ordinance Floodplain Management and hold a public hearing prior to final passage.

10 am was the advertised time for the bid opening for the construction of County Road 11 structure replacement, 4 bids were received: Edward H Schwartz Construction, Inc. \$284,432.68, Martin Construction, LLC \$339,557.06, Young Gun Construction, LLC \$260,393.63 and Baranko Brothers Inc. \$525,002.50. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the bid from Young Gun Construction, LLC for \$260,393.63 upon the Engineer’s review of the bid and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

DES Rachel Keohane met with the Board to review the Model “D” Ordinance Floodplain Management. There was no public input at the public hearing. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the 2nd reading of the Ordinance and sign the Ordinance and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 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 Farstveet moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment adding an invoice from Prairie Lumber for \$885.17 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- Discussion was held on SB 2027. No action was taken and will be re-addressed at the November 4th meeting.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to join in as a cooperating agency with BLM in preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a revision to the current ND resource management plan (RMP) and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an abatement on parcel #04777000 as the applicant qualified for homestead credits and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the ND Secretary of State's Office and Golden Valley County in regards to election compliance and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on a request from Jacob Holkup, Volunteer Baseball Coach, requesting to do repairs to the building at the Legion Field. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve up to \$1,800 in funding to replace the steel door on the building and paint the building and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the Court Facility Grant application. Some ideas discussed were to replace the chairs in the Courtroom in the jury box, electrical update in the Courtroom and adding a security door in the Clerk of Court office. No action was taken at this time. Clerk of Court Rachel Keohane will do research on cost of these projects.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Zane Manhart as the ND State Fair delegate to represent the County and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- NDACo conference is October 26-28.

- Discussion was held on the property that was turned back to the County due to delinquent taxes. It was agreed to set the minimal value at what is owed to the County for taxes and fees. Commissioner Smith moved to set
 - Parcel #04461000 Lot 17-S 5' & 18-TR Less 225 SQ FT Block 3, Original Beach, City of Beach 58 1st Ave SE
 - Minimal Value of \$317.94
 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
 - The Board set October 23rd at 10 am as the date and time to hold a public hearing on the minimum value set for the property.
 - The public auction for said property will be November 18, 2025 at 10 am in the County Commissioners Room in the Golden Valley County Courthouse.
- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office

Alexa Keller with Brady Martz met with the Board via telephone to review the 2024 County Audit draft. The Board will review the final audit for consideration of approval at the special meeting set for October 23rd.

10 am was the advertised time for the public hearing to finalize the 2026 budgets and levy amounts. There was no public input.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the following final levy amounts and final budgets as presented for 2026 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

General: \$323,466

Council on Aging: \$32,735

Veteran Service: \$11,000

SW District Health Unit: \$56,000

Road and Bridge: \$163,673

Water Management: \$32,735

Ambulance: \$212,775

Extension Service: \$32,735

County Airport: \$13,490

Weed Control: \$65,469

Library: \$65,469

Soil Conservation: \$40,918

GV Historical Society: \$4,092

Jobs Development: \$10,300

Sunrise Youth: \$3,757

State Medical Levy: \$16,367

Unorganized Townships:

136-105 \$2,775

136-106 \$2,157

137-103 \$928

138-103 \$1,536

141-103 \$2,328

142-103 \$2,975
142-105 \$3,050
143-103 \$3,243
144-103 \$4,839

Misty Hayes was not able to meet with the Board at the scheduled time due to the Government Shut down.

Sheriff Dey Muckle met with Board to give them an update on grants he applied for. Sheriff Muckle requested from the Board to purchase a pepper gun for the Task Force as they are not able to get approval from their Board in time for the training and the Task Force will reimburse the County. Commissioner Farstveet moved to purchase a pepper gun in the amount of \$3,500 which will be reimbursed by the Task Force and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Muckle and the Board discussed and reviewed the 2026 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Beach. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the contract and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Misty Hayes joined the meeting.

Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and Andrew Krebs with KLJ and Gayle Cox with Brosz Engineering met with the Board. Discussion was held on a possible new road going from Buffalo Gap exit going north. No action was taken. Krebs gave the Board an update on the County Road 5 project. Krebs gave the Board an update on the Flex Funding. Highway 10 bridge made the short list for possible approval for the funding. Commissioner Bob moved to have KLJ start the survey process for the Highway 10 bridge replacement and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Cox gave the Board an update on the County Road 11 structure replacement project. Commissioner smith signed section 00520 agreement form. Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the work order proposal for professional services-construction engineering with Brosz Engineering, Inc for County Road 11 structure replacement in the amount of \$74,185 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 12:37 P.M.

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

Direct			
Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	October Payroll	\$86,619.47
-86671	IRS		\$29,606.42

-86672	MT Dept of		\$323.00
-86673	NDPHIT		\$29,359.11
-86674	NDPERS		\$19,322.03
-86675	NDPERS		\$1,000.00
-99654	JP Morgan		\$2,128.93
-99655	Chemical Industries Inc		\$185,000.00
-99656	ND State Treasure		\$135.41
86821-86849	Collections Submitted		\$39,992.34
86850	Mackoff Kellog Kirby & Kloster	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
86851	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$2,331.37
86852	Software Innovations	Software	\$2,500.00
86853	Armor Interactive	Service Agreement	\$2,384.00
86854	Powerplan	Parts	\$2,289.34
86855	Big State Industrial Supply	Parts	\$839.43
86856	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$2,321.35
86857	SW Multi-County Correction Center	Prisoner Care	\$2,850.00
86858	ND Association of Counties	D & A Mileage	\$144.00
86859	Vanguard Appraisals	Service Agreement	\$5,200.00
86860	Golva Repair	Repair	\$65.00
86861	Sidwell	Software	\$8,000.00
86862	Tamra Sperry	Reimbursement	\$44.24
86863	Burt Cook	Veterans	\$40.00
86864	Ducks Unlimited	Army Corps Permit	\$17,850.00
86865	Adam Smith	Travel	\$139.60
86866	Steele Auto Body LLC	Repair	\$464.87
86867	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$9,658.78
86868	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$163.85
86869	KLJ Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$4,696.19
86870	Fireside Office Solutions	Service Agreement	\$150.57
86871	GS Publishing	Subscription	\$45.00
86872	Mid-American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$459.72
86873	Tyler Technologies	Contract	\$270.15
86874	Noll Construction	Contract	\$2,465.00
86875	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$5,125.57
86876	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86877	Prairie Lumber	Parts	\$1,044.47
86878	US Postal Service	Rent	\$126.00
86879	Fast Initial Response System	Supplies	\$434.66
86880	Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	Floor Care	\$115.68

86881	Void		
86882	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$256.00
86883	Missy Nelson	Travel	\$32.00
86884	EAPC Architects Engineers	Fairgrounds	\$271.00
86885	Onsolve LLC	Contract	\$2,840.25
86886	Dak Insurance	Insurance	\$142.00
86887	Martin Construction	Rd & Bridge	\$2,975.40
86888	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$362.96
86889	Team Laboratory Chemical	Supplies	\$2,039.50
86890	Brosz Engineering	Rd & Bridge	\$4,115.00
86891	Mae McDanold	Refund	\$350.30
86892	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.76
86893	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$694.35
86894	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$1,652.68
86895	RTC Network	Fax & Telephone	\$1,442.93
86896	Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc	Chemical	\$10,806.40
86897	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel & Supplies	\$1,212.33
86898	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$115.53
86899-86902	Library Disbursements		\$266.30
86903-86909	October Payroll		\$14,198.97
86910-86913	October Liabilities		\$3,102.09
86914	Café		\$200.00
86915	Cenex Fleet Fuel	Fuel	\$1,516.39
86916	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$35.00
86917	Darin Maus	Travel	\$18.20
86918	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.50
86919	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$5.99

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 23, 2025 10:12 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioner Robert Schmeling along with States Attorney Christina Wenko, Kim Gauglar, Channa Clarin and Ruth Clarin were present for the meeting.

This hearing is on the minimum sale price set by the Board of County Commissioners for the property turned back to Golden Valley County for unpaid taxes.

Commissioner Rory Farstveet joined the meeting.

There was no public participation. It was agreed to leave the minimum values that were set at the October 7th regular meeting as stated below:

- **Property 1:** Parcel #04461000 Lots 17-S 5' & 18-TR A 10 Less 225 SQ FT
Block 3, Original Beach, City of Beach 58 1st Ave SE
-Minimal Value of \$317.94

Commissioner Schmeling moved to leave the minimum value at \$317.94 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M is the time that the Board set for the Annual Sale on November 18, 2025 for that property.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 23, 2025 10:12 A.M.**

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to review the final draft of the 2024 audit for Golden Valley County with Brady Martz.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the 2024 audit as presented and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 4, 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 October 2025 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling 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:

- Discussion was held on SB 2027 related to floodplain management authority for cities, counties, and townships. County Auditor Sperry reached out to the organized townships and they all agreed to allow the County to act as their floodplain management authority. States Attorney Wenko will draft something up for the Board to review at the December 2nd meeting stating the authority.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to purchase a computer for the Recorder's office in the amount of \$1,375.21 and to purchase a plotter for the Tax Director's office in the amount of \$10,079 and to amend the Capital Outlay budget by \$25,000 to cover those purchases and to cover other expenses not anticipated for the 2025 budget and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the infrastructure plans at the Southwest Multi County Correctional Center. Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the County's share of updating the camera's upfront in the amount of \$8,295.60 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- The County Commissioners Summit will be held December 9th in Bismarck. The Board plans to attend.
- Discussion was held on the NDACo conference. It was agreed it was a good conference and informational.
- Discussion was held on the various boards the Commissioners are on. It was agreed each Commissioner will give an update at the December 2nd meeting on the additional boards they are part of.
- States Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held on collaboration with other counties for HR. No action was taken.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the building lease with Clay and Eric Farstveet for weed control equipment storage 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 for tax years 2023, 2024 and 2025 on parcel #05314000 as grain bins have never existed on the property and to approve an abatement for tax year 2025 on parcel #05341000 for adjustments made to the assessment of a new building on the property and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to reappoint Daren Maus to the Zoning Board and Commissioner Schmeling 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. The County Road 5 bridge project is completed. Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign task order number 2503-10867 for preliminary and final design phase and bidding or negotiating phase with KLJ Engineering LLC for Highway 10 structure replacements with total compensation in the amount of \$169,600 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Discussion was held on the LoadPass advisory committee designee. Commissioner Farstveet moved that the Chairperson of the County Commissioner Board shall be the County’s designee for the LoadPass advisory committee and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

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

Direct Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	November Payroll	\$69,260.61
-86643	MT Dept of		\$223.00
-86644	NDPERS		\$18,656.30
-86645	NDPHIT		\$29,359.11
-86646	IRS		\$24,672.27
-99652	JP Morgan		\$1,947.18
-99653	ND State Treasure		\$215.64
86920	Mackoff Kellog Kirby & Kloster	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
86921	Truck Suppliers Inc	Parts	\$262.20
86922	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$448.00
86923	Motorola Solutions	Supplies	\$65.25
86924	ND State Radio Communications	Fees	\$8,635.34
86925	NDSU Extension	Salary	\$6,756.65
86926	Kimberly Gaugler	Travel	\$120.40

86927	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	Lease	\$441.99
86928	ND One Call	Locate Request	\$1.50
86929	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$12,391.93
86930	Cassandra Szudera	Travel	\$98.00
86931	Steve Raisler	Veteran Services	\$120.00
86932	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$573.75
86933	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$25.97
86934	Adam Smith	Travel	\$245.00
86935	Tamra Sperry	Travel	\$294.16
86936	Covenant Legal Group	Legal Fees	\$690.00
86937	Steele Electric	Repair	\$240.00
86938	GS Publishing LLC	Publishing	\$1,579.54
86939	Engineered Concrete Products	Rd & Bridge	\$236,197.50
86940	Martin Construction	Rd & Bridge	\$286,124.32
86941	Total Safety	Fire Inspection	\$234.00
86942	Vizion Signs	Repair	\$695.00
86943	Galls	Supplies	\$418.85
86944	Boss	Supplies	\$42.95
86945	Dakota Dust-Tex	Contract	\$119.74
86946	Cerberus Security	Contract	\$200.00
86947	Brosz Engineering, Inc	Rd & Bridge	\$1,540.00
86948	Productivity Plus Account	Parts	\$946.00
86949	Prairie Lumber Beach	Supplies	\$47.80
86950	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$340.50
86951-86977	Collections Submitted		\$49,592.37
86978	City of Beach	Water & Garbage	\$463.02
86979	MDU	Electricity & Gas	\$2,089.53
86980	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$367.88
86981	Dee Ann Baertsch	Refund	\$1,329.65
86982	O5 Sports	Repair	\$3,834.30
86983	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel & Parts	\$922.64
86984	RTC Networks	Internet & Phone	\$1,445.84
86985	Total Safety	Inspection	\$119.50
86986	AT&T Mobility	Cell Phone	\$115.53
86987-86996	November Payroll		\$17,585.36
86997-87000	Payroll Liabilities		\$2,978.64
87001	Café		\$200.00
87002	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.53
87003	GV Ag Improvement	Disbursement	\$80.25

87004

Cenex Fleet Fueling

Fuel

\$1,529.53

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 18, 2025 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioner Rory Farstveet along with David, Channa and Ruth Clarin, Kim Gaugler, Lea Massado and Scott Trotter were present for the annual sale of real estate forfeited to Golden Valley County for delinquent taxes. Commissioner Robert Schmeling was not present for the meeting.

The County advised that it was not warranting title to any of these properties and the buyer was put on notice they were purchasing the property under that premise.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold the annual sale for the property that was turned back for delinquent taxes.

- o **Property:** Parcel #04461000 Lot 17-S 5' & 18-TR A 10 Less 225 SQ FT
Block 3, Original Beach, City of Beach 58 1st Ave SE
-Minimum Sale Price of \$317.94

County Auditor Tamra Sperry opened the bid up for parcel #04461000 at \$317.94. The final bid for the property was \$317.94 by Lea Massado.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the bid of \$317.94 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tamra Sperry, Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 2, 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 nominated and moved to appoint Commissioner Adam Smith as the Chair for 2026 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Schmeling nominated and moved to appoint Commissioner Farstveet as the Vice Chair for 2026 and Commissioner Smith seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the November 2025 regular and special 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.

There was no public comment request received by County Auditor Sperry.

Current business brought forward to the Board:

- The date and time for the final meeting of the year is December 29th at 2 pm.
- Commissioner Schmeling moved to continue with having one precinct and keeping the Beach City Hall as the polling place for the 2026 election and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- Each Commissioner gave an update from the various subcommittees they are appointed to as the County's representative.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the SW District Health Unit certificate of levy for 2026 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye.
- Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign the annual maintenance certification for the county federal aid projects and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.
- States Attorney Wenko gave an update from her office. Discussion was held on SB 2027. The Model D Ordinance Floodplain Management was approved at the September 12th special meeting and County Auditor Sperry will complete the floodplain management certification to complete the requirements for SB 2027.
- Commissioner Smith moved to have Weed Control Officer Mark Egan sign a lease agreement with the City of Beach for 2026 for office space in the amount of \$125/month and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Farstveet moved to send a letter of support to the Roosevelt Custer Regional Council in support of Home On The Range applying for a grant to expand their learning center and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Misty Hayes with the USDA Forest Service met with the Board and gave them updated travel management maps. Other various topics were discussed.

Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to accept the County Zoning Board’s recommendation to approve an application for a conditional use permit submitted by Allo Towers to construct a 380-foot-tall communications tower with standard fencing and a 12’ x 20’ prefabricated shelter located in Sec 26-144-105 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 and Andrew Krebs with KLJ met with the Board. The bridges on County Road 11 and County Road 5 are complete. Commissioner Farstveet moved to appoint Brosz Engineering as the engineer for the Hammond Bridge project to start the preliminary work and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried. Other various road topics were discussed.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 29, 2025 2:00 P.M.**

Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present along with States Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with Golden Valley News and Mark O Golberg with Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC.

Discussion was held regarding Buffalo Gap Lodge LLC to renew the beer and liquor license for 2026. Commissioner Schmeling moved to approve the renewal of the beer and liquor license for 2026 and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Schmeling moved to amend the following expenditure and revenue budgets as listed below and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Expenditure Budgets

- County Road and Bridge Fund-\$348,000 Co Rd 11 bridge not budgeted for

- Emergency Fund-\$2,600 Garbage dumpsters during no burn ban
- Capital Outlay Fund-\$1,000 Unexpected boiler repairs
- Hwy 10 Overlay Fund-\$1,600 Engineering billed out in 2025 from project in 2024
- Unorganized Townships-\$70,400 Road work done by Special County Road Revenue Budgets
- General Fund-\$140,000 More interest received than anticipated
- General Fund-\$62,000 More state aid received than anticipated
- Special County Road Fund- \$90,000 Billed out more for services done on Unorganized Townships
- County Agent Fund-\$2,000 More State Aid was received than anticipated
- Emergency Fund-\$800 More State Aid was received than anticipated
- Library CD Fund-\$30 More interest received than anticipated
- Library Fund-\$1,500 More donations were received than anticipated
- Road Reserve Fund-\$85,000 More money was received from the Bankhead Jones than what was anticipated
- Capital Outlay Fund-\$15,000 Insurance claim received from roof on courthouse
- HB 1066 Fund-\$53,000 More funding was received than anticipated
- Unorganized Township Fund-\$86,000 HB 1066 funding received and missed at budgeting time
- County HT Fund-\$49,000 Received more highway tax revenues than anticipated

Commissioner Farstveet moved to sign a letter of support on behalf of Jared and Sarah Ross for the Outpost Motel and Storage Grant Proposal and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign the electronic security system agreement with NEW Vision formally Cerberus and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve an abatement on parcel#04651000 as the applicant qualified for homestead credits and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a data entry error on mill levy calculations for tax year 2024 for the City of Beach. States Attorney Wenko discussed the process of going to the legislature to seek reimbursement for the error and would do additional research on the issue and report back to the Commission. Commissioner Farstveet moved to issue a check to the City of Beach in the amount of \$19,082.76, to amend the General Fund in the same amount to correct the data entry error to make up the shortage in funds and instruct Attorney Wenko to conduct research and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to void Ck# 86119 for \$1,667.26 to Cenex Fleet Card as the check was reissued with Ck# 86240 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farstveet moved to void Ck# 86820 as the individual lost the check and to reissue it and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to sign an application for court facilities improvement grant funds to replace the current door in the Clerk of Court office with a split door for added security and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote-Farstveet-aye, Schmeling-aye, Smith-aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmeling moved to adjourn and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

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

Direct Deposit	Golden Valley County Employees	December Payroll	\$72,053.06
-86616	NDPERS		\$1,000.00
-86617	NDPERS		\$17,922.89
-86618	NDPHIT		\$32,205.03
-86619	MT Dept of		\$223.00
-86620	IRS		\$25,792.80
-99644	JP Morgan		\$3,402.95
-99645	Pitney Bowes		\$500.00
-99646	Job Service ND		\$585.48
-99647	Pitney Bowes		\$500.00
-99648	Pitney Bowes		\$500.00
-99649	JP Morgan		\$3,534.47
-99650	Post Board		\$45.00
-99651	ND State Treasure		\$14.08
87005	Eric Farstveet	Rent	\$500.00
87006	Clay Farstveet	Rent	\$500.00
87007	Mackoff Kellogg Kirby & Kloster	Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
87008	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$681.00
87009	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$1,147.35
87010	KLJ Engineering, LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$47,293.63
87011	Westlie Motor Company	Repair	\$691.23
87012	SW Multi-Correctional Center	Prisoner Care	\$2,209.33
87013	ND Association of Counties	Conference	\$1,764.00
87014	Golva Repair	Repair	\$161.00
87015	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$10,149.06
87016	Tamra Sperry	Reimbursement	\$59.49
87017	Armor Interactive	Contract/Computer	\$2,570.21
87018	GV County Weed Board	Spraying	\$29,964.17

87019	The Radar Shop Inc	Supplies	\$192.00
87020	SW District Health Unit	Opioid Settlement	\$1,465.53
87021	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$748.68
87022	Blue360 Media	Supplies	\$322.92
87023	Motorola Solutions	Parts	\$48.78
87024	GS Publishing, LLC	Publishing	\$695.54
87025	Steve Raisler	Veteran Service	\$230.00
87026	Burt Cook	Veteran Service	\$240.00
87027	Uniform Center	Uniforms	\$86.99
87028	Brosz Engineering, Inc	Rd & Bridge	\$33,092.50
87029	ND Sheriff's & Deputies Association	Conference	\$250.00
87030	Noll Construction	Contract	\$3,407.50
87031	Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	Floor Care	\$115.68
87032	Young Gun Construction LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$221,180.71
87033	Darin Maus	Travel	\$18.20
87034	Troy Tescher	Travel	\$35.00
87035	Martin Construction	Rd & Bridge	\$23,646.30
87036	Dale Forensics PLLC	Investigation	\$1,500.00
87037	Cerberus Security LLC	Contract	\$200.00
87038	Stacey Swanson	Contract	\$1,500.00
87039	John Deere Financial	Repair	\$576.74
87040	RMUS Unmanned Solutions	Equipment	\$12,690.98
87041-87065	Collections Submitted		\$13,847.87
87066	Verizon	Cell Phone	\$367.82
87067-87069	Void		
87070	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$23.36
87071	MDU	Electric & Gas	\$3,101.65
87072	City of Beach		\$426.81
87073	NDWCA	Membership	\$525.00
87074	Warne Chemical & Equipment	Parts	\$161.25
87075	Farmers Union Oil	Parts/Fuel	\$228.53
87076-87085	December Payroll		\$13,144.69
87086-87089	Payroll Liabilities		\$3,057.25
87090	RTC Networks	Phone & Internet	\$1,443.14
87091	Café		\$200.00
87092	AT&T	Cell Phone	\$116.67
87093	Mark Egan	Reimbursement	\$46.53
87094	Cenex Fleet Fueling	Fuel	\$1,472.88
87095	Westlie Motor Company	Parts	\$175.25
87096	Rohan Hardware	Supplies	\$90.24

87097	United Tactical Systems	Supplies	\$2,444.01
87098	Powerplan	Parts	\$2,948.25
87099	Information Technology Dept	Data Processing	\$1,147.35
87100	Vanguard	Training	\$1,400.00
87101	SW Multi-Correctional Center	Prisoner Care	\$31,396.80
87102	Mid-American Research	Supplies	\$253.84
87103	Brady, Martz & Associates	Audit	\$13,125.00
87104	Carla Beeler	Travel	\$269.00
87105	NDSU	Supplies	\$314.00
87106	Lawson Products	Parts	\$603.11
87107	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel/Parts	\$13,260.79
87108	Golva Repair	Repair	\$138.00
87109	Brosz Engineering, Inc	Rd & Bridge	\$37,565.00
87110	Golden Valley County Treasure	Insurance	\$1,454.07
87111	Steele Auto Body	Repair	\$1,321.48
87112	Adam Smith	Travel	\$265.20
87113	Golden Valley County Treasure		\$891,963.76
87114	KLJ Engineering, LLC	Rd & Bridge	\$19,788.08
87115	ND County Commissioners Assoc	Conference	\$150.00
87116	Fireside Office Solutions	Printer	\$7,469.00
87117	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	Lodging	\$340.50
87118	Goldenwest Electric Coop	Prepay	\$910.62
87119	Jandt Plumbing	Repair	\$9,181.66
87120	Prairie Lumber Beach	Supplies	\$3,757.18
87121	Robert Schmeling	Travel	\$1,498.00
87122	Just-In-Glass	Supplies	\$210.67
87123	Code 4 Services	Repair	\$5,654.81
87124	Ashley Ueckert	Travel	\$1,223.80
87125	US Postal Service	Postage	\$624.00
87126	Dakota Dust-Tex Inc	Floor Care	\$75.59
87127	Golden Valley County Extension	Ag Improvement	\$500.00
87128	Steve Raisler	Veteran Service	\$353.00
87129	Boss Inc	Supplies	\$342.78
87130	Ramada Bismarck Hotel	Travel	\$930.00
87131	HKT Big Sky Motors	Repair	\$898.44
87132	Matthew Bender & Co	Updates	\$174.61
87133	Verizon	Cell Phone	\$367.80
87134	Reissue Check 86820		\$39.30
87135	City of Beach	Mill Levy Error	\$19,082.76
87136	Janel Ordahl	Tax Refund	\$1,313.19

87137

ND State Tax Commissioner

PRC Refund

\$373.57

ATTEST

Tamra Sperry, County Auditor

Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners