

Dickey County Commission Minutes

**Commissioner Meeting
March 19, 2024**

Chair Jerry Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners John Hokana, Brandon Carlson, and Kacey Holm were also present. Auditor Sheppard was also present. The media was not present. Recited was the Pledge of Allegiance. Resident Cindy Bagley was present, Clerk of Court Andl Schimke and Health District employee Allyssa Moch were present via electronic means.

Agenda additions

Ludden Sportsman's Club

Sale of land/van

McIntosh County resolution

Holm made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5th with corrections. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

States Attorney Administrative Assistant Holly Hokana, Dickey County Sheriff's office personnel, and States Attorney Kim Radermacher joined via electronic means at 9:09.

Hokana made a motion to approve the vouchers. Holm seconded. There was a discussion on the cost of prison boarding included in the vouchers. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to approve the financials from February 2024. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson discussed his conversations with the Ludden Sportsman's Club concerning putting a picnic area at the new boat landing on Dakota Lake one mile south of the old Riverside property on Highway 1 on the west side. They are requesting assistance from Dickey County to pour the cement slab for a picnic shelter at the landing. The approximate cost is \$2,000. Carlson has been assisting Administrative Assistant Amy Mittleider to apply for a grant to assist with the project and needs approval from the Commission. Carlson made a motion to authorize Mittleider to apply for the grant for the project. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented two advertisements for publication in the newspaper, for the sale of a 2010 Chrysler Town and Country van and the sale of Lot 12 Block 31, First Addition, City of Ellendale. Carlson made a motion to approve the advertisements as presented and the placement in the newspaper. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Bagley discussed with the Commission research she had done concerning jail buildings in other counties. Bagley suggested she investigate options for Dickey County. The Commission stated that Bagley could gather the information, but there were no guarantees of further action.

Sheriff Chris Estes, County Agent Breana Kiser, Family and Community Wellness Agent Danielle Dinger, and Administrative Assistant Monica Pakonen joined the meeting at 9:50.

Kiser and Dinger introduced Pakonen as the new administrative assistant in the County Agent's office.

Radermacher discussed with the Commission the resolution McIntosh County is requesting Dickey County to sign, which would allow Radermacher to run as States Attorney for McIntosh County in the June 11th Primary. The past States Attorney is no longer with the county and there is no one else qualified to run for the position. Radermacher stated that there would not be any conflict with dates, as their Commission meeting is on Mondays and their court days are different than Dickey County. Conversation included what would happen if one of the two counties had a large case that took more of her time

and Radermacher did not know what the plan was that McIntosh County had developed. The concern is that Dickey County residents do not lose any service because of making this change. Carlson made a motion to sign the resolution. Holm seconded. Until clarification on the proposal is received, the motion was placed on hold.

Hokana made a motion to open the abatement hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty presented six property owners that have filed homestead credit applications for the tax years of 2022 and 2023. Flaherty also presented two residents applying for disabled veteran credit for 2023. All qualify according to the North Dakota Century Code. Holm made a motion to approve the applications. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to close the abatement hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty informed the Commission that Deputy Tax Director Nicole Kempf has accepted the position of Ellendale City Auditor, with the probable end date with Dickey County on April 30th. The posting of this job opening will be in the Times Leader for the March 21st and March 28th newspapers.

Discussion followed concerning contracts with Vanguard to complete programming for our property assessment information to be available online. Radermacher stated she has concerns with the presented contracts and has not discussed with the Vanguard contact about any changes. Radermacher will work with Vanguard to finalize the contracts.

Sheppard discussed the setting of polling locations in Dickey County for the 2024 Primary and General elections. Discussion included the limited options in the cities of Oakes and Ellendale. Hokana made a motion to continue to have the Oakes Vote Center at the Oakes Armory. Carlson seconded. Motion carried. Holm made a motion to have the Ellendale Vote Center at the all-purpose room at the Ellendale Church of the Nazarene. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski, DES/911 Coordinator Charlie Russell, and Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen joined the meeting at 10:45.

The meeting went into recess at 10:45 and returned at 10:50.

Discussion followed concerning the location for a storage building for the Sheriff's office, Health District, and the Highway Department. The amount in the 2024 budget is not enough to complete a building, but the project could begin. The locations discussed were to add on to the current weed board building or purchase land across the road from the building, which has a partial building on the property that could be available for sale. The owner of the property has stated that the land could be available for sale. Walsh made a motion to offer \$25,000 to Hans Gruner to purchase the property across the road from the weed board building. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Radermacher will compile a purchase agreement that Chair Walsh will sign and present to the owner.

Hagen stated the road staff has been working township roads. Staff have been laying rubber on county road #8 as well.

Tykwinski stated that he has new information on the flexible funding opportunity through the ND Department of Transportation.

Estes requested an increase in the credit limit on their Visa card to \$3,500. The Sheriff's office has transport trips

in the next few months that are causing the need for the increase. Hokana made a motion to increase the credit limit to \$3,500. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.	
Russell discussed with the Commission on upcoming weather conditions.	
Holm motioned to adjourn at 11:40.	
Salaries	164,616.09
Cities, Townships, Schools	
	2,897,461.31
Overpayment Refund	21.41
American Legion Ellendale	567.50
Bismarck Ramkota Hotel	195.30
Central Business Systems INC	85.40
Chads Electric Inc	395.22
Dickey County Leader	324.20
Dinger Danielle	121.94
Flaherty Don	55.00
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	
	40.72
Kempf Nicole	28.00
Lexipol LLC	3,481.20
Meidinger Home Improvements	
	1,400.00
Miller's Fresh Foods	64.23
Modern Marketing	478.62
Montana Dakota Utilities	90.71
ND County Recorders Assoc	200.00
Otis Elevator Company	932.52
Overpayment Refund	1,021.58
Pierson Ford Lincoln INC	101.37
Quadiant Finance USA INC	4,000.00
Q & N Corporation	2,048.99
Aramark	184.20
Bruce Skjette and Margo Skjette	
	3,000.00
Capital 1 Industries	203.44
L & O Acres Transport	2,593.50
Nelson Auto Center	83,083.80
Southeast Water Users	56.53
Travis Thompson	5,000.00
True North Steel	2,881.87
KLJ Engineering LLC	22,698.82
Amazon Capital Service	310.19
Kiser Breana	958.55
Q & N Corporation	61.95
North Dakota State University	192.00
Petersen Ginger	1,080.00
Gemar Justin	93.80
Hansen Stephen	67.00
Moore Engineering INC	615.00
Ohnstad Twichell PC	3,235.85
Amazon Capital Service	277.95
AT&T Mobility	773.76
Ellendale City Auditor	510.73
Ellendale True Value	658.56
Human Services	5,595.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	79.50
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	46,552.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	447.76
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	8,223.10
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	445.36
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	126.26
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	1,614.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	528.00
Wex Health INC	1,060.83
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	671.14
Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure	2,287.31
Kulm Ambulance Corps INC.	
C/O Jennifer McDermid	4,687.01
Edgeley Ambulance Service	2,774.11
Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	28,170.42
Ellendale City Auditor	31,662.97
Oakes City	7,564.68
Garrison Diversion	17,883.45
James River Soil Conservation	
	43,649.56
Ellendale Fire	25,041.55
Oakes Fire	28,212.93

Dickey Sargent Joint Water Resource District	
Dickey County Senior Citizens	
	55,425.71
Dickey County Historical	4,428.37
Kedish House	1,378.36
Dickey Sargent Irrigation District	17,661.95
Sargent County Drain #11	2,889.48
State Treasurer	17,330.52
Dickey County Treasurer	445.00
Dickey County Recorder's Office	20.00
Wex Health INC	60.00
281 Repair LLC	545.66
281 Repair LLC	477.30
Amy Mittleider	26.00
Aramark	145.56
Dakota Plains Credit Union	97.94
Dickey County Hwy Dept	950.84
Dickey County Hwy Dept	121.30
Dickey County Leader	105.00
Information Technology Dept	
	1,510.85
ND Sheriff's & Deputies Association	
	400.00
Overpayment Refund	53.25
Overpayment Refund	10.12
Pakonen Justin	254.99
Q&N Corporation	105.99
Q & N Corporation	267.24
Shop 4-H/ National 4-H Council	28.95
Stutsman County Auditor	212.50
Z's Fresh Market	31.78
Agtegra Oakes	291.35
Aramark	184.20
Ellendale True Value	194.04
Farmers Union Oil Co	4,361.38
Midstates Equipment & Supply	
	33,646.43
Napa Central	1,404.49
Ottertail Power Company	6.70
Western Dakota Energy Association	
	1,500.00
Office of Attorney General	415.00
Barnes County Corrections	85.00
Stutsman Correctional Center	
	3,300.00
Amazon Capital Service	123.56
Dakota Plains Credit Union	355.54
Kiser Breana	300.00
Oakes Chamber of Commerce	50.00
Q & N Corporation	28.99
Viking Print Shop	9.75
Tyler Technologies	600.00
Dickey Rural Networks	231.00
Starion Bond Services	98,768.75
Dickey County Treasurer	105.87
Dakota Plains Credit Union	1,375.79
Dakota Plains Credit Union	222.27
Dakota Valley Services	203.00
Dickey County Hwy Dept	73.69
Dickey Rural Networks	1,757.19
Montana Dakota Utilities	4,883.63
ND Association Counties	83.00
Human Services	6,992.28
Ohnstad Twichell PC	1,956.85
Starion Bond Services	96,900.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	24,229.62
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	3,489.55
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	1,614.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	528.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	184.84
Wex Health INC	1,060.83
ND Public Employees Retirement	
	671.14
Aflac	2,486.28
Delta Dental Plan of MN	2,477.07
Ameritas Life Insurance	486.04
ND Child Support Division	200.00
ND State Tax Commissioner	1,027.40
Respectfully Submitted	
Jerry Walsh, Chairman	
Wanda Sheppard, Auditor	
(April 18, 2024)	

Obituary

James Andrew German December 9, 1941 ~ March 9, 2024



James Andrew German was born on December 9, 1941, to George and Bernita (Magsamen) German in Oakes, ND. He went to heaven at home on March 9, 2024 in Kempner, Texas.

He grew up farming, raising animals and being a dairy farmer most of his life on the family farm near Guelph. He worked for Dickey County grading roads before he retired.

He served in the North Dakota Reserves for seven years. He loved watching the Minnesota Vikings play, NASCAR Jeff Gordon, any western and wildlife shows. Jim, SUDS, loved hunting and was a proud member of the Ludden Sportsman Club. He played softball, took his boat out on the Jim River, and loved to go snowmobiling. He worked hard and played hard, too.

He moved to Sioux City, IA, after retiring, living near Judy Dunn's family for about eight years. He recently moved to Kempner, TX in 2021 to live with his daughter, Janeen and Andrew Garza until his passing.

He had five children: Janeen (German)and Andrew Garza from Texas; Janell (German-deceased) and Gary Girodat from North Dakota; Jessica (German) and Lewis Gutheridge from Oklahoma; James and Karen German from Georgia; Jarrett German from Utah. He has several grandchildren and great grandchildren that live all around the world.

He is being cremated and bought up from Texas to North Dakota for a celebration of life Mass at St. Charles Catholic Church on Saturday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m., officiated by Father Schroeder followed by burial at the Oakes Cemetery.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Linda, his brother, Tony, and his daughter, Janell. He leaves behind his brothers: Jerry, Chuck, and Bob German and sisters: Joan Maddock and Rose Sell as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

There is a saying "You can always tell a German, but you cannot tell them much."

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to: America Heart Association Make a Memorial or Alzheimer's Foundation of America in Jim German's name.

Dickey County Court Report

Macconnell, Clay, Veblen, SD, Issuing check or draft without an account, Misdemeanor A, Disposition, 3/28/24 Dismissed.

Benoit, Roderick, Morse, LA, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/5/24 Guilty.

Schmitz, Catherine Ann, Oakes, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/1/24 Guilty.

Huffman, Edward Nelson, Oakes, TR: Exhibition driving, Plea, 4/1/24 Guilty.

Hofer, Darwin Andrew, Sioux

Falls, SD, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/2/24 Guilty.

Moderegger, Derek Matthew, Yankton, SD, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 4/5/24 Guilty.

Schmitz, Catherine Ann, Oakes, TR: Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea, 4/1/24 Guilty.

Huffman, Edward Nelson, Oakes, TR: Exhibition driving, Plea, 4/1/24 Guilty.



by Rose Sell

GUELPH NEWS...

Nondenominational services are available to attend at the Guelph Community Church. This happens every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating. All are welcome and dress is casual.

Robert, Erica, Lily, and Beau Thorpe along with John, Amy,

Paige, David, and Hailey Bakke took an amazing Easter vacation to the Dutch island of Aruba where they vacationed for seven days. While in Aruba they enjoyed snorkeling, a jeep tour of the island, and the boys were able to do some fishing. They all agreed they would recommend Aruba to others. The weather was always perfect, the beaches are beautiful, and the island is friendly and safe.

Rod and Rose Sell rolled back into the area on Tuesday, the 9th, after a great winter in AZ. Their

detour on the way home always includes a visit to Lompoc, CA, to see Rose's sister, Joan Maddock, for a week or so. The trip home was uneventful which is a big plus.

The Guelph Community Center was the destination for the Ladies Ag Night on Tuesday evening, the 9th, sponsored by the James River Soil Conservation. Over 70 ladies enjoyed a fun evening. The Soil Conservation Board members served a delicious meal. Drawings for beautiful baskets and candles were held. A speaker came from NDSU who is a Master Gardener coordinator spoke on the benefits of micro-greens and how to

grow them yourself. Several went home with starter kits. The guests were also offered a sneak peak to our Spring Fling items (an added perk for the evening).

It won't be long now!! Our Spring Fling event is slated for Friday, April 26 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. As always, you'll have access to a great lunch on both days as you peruse our many rooms of fantastic items for unreal prices. Added to this is a gym full of vendors with a wide variety of wares to peak your interest. This is not to be missed!

But we're not done yet! We also have our Guelph Community rummage sale which will be held the next weekend, Friday, May 3, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This has always been a real crowd pleaser as the gym

will be overflowing with gently used and new items from people have donated for the benefit of our community facility. All the proceeds from these events that are held go toward the maintenance and improvements of the building and grounds.

On Thursday, Rod and Rose needed to make a trip to Aberdeen. The big treat was to be able to see their grandson, Kaleb, and his fiancée, Shaunay Jones, to share a meal and have a nice long visit.

The sympathy of the Guelph Community is extended to the family of Audrey Enger, a long-time resident in the Guelph area, who passed way March 18. She and her husband, Clarence, were always so supportive of our community projects and events. We all fondly remember her smiling face.

Sue German accompanied her grandson, Drew Kalbus, to a Saxophone Masterclass at NDSU, featuring the US Air Force Saxophone Quartet on Saturday, April 6. Drew, a freshman at Fargo North, plays bari sax in the freshman band and jazz band. She spent time with Andy and Kara and family afterwards, and had supper together before returning home.

Chuck and Sue German attended the Red River High School musical, "Once Upon This Island" with Rachel and Ben on Friday



Yorktown Township

Excess Mill Levy Notice of Special Election

Notice is Hereby Given that on April 30, 2024 at the home of Mike Beethe in the Township of Yorktown, County Dickey, an election will be held in which the following question shall be submitted to the electors of Yorktown Township. Shall Yorktown Township levy taxes for a five year period commencing in 2024, which shall exceed the legal limit by \$19,566 so that the taxes levied, instead of \$19,571, which is the limit authority by law, shall be \$39,131
() Yes or () No
Be it known that the total income of Yorktown Township from the first day of January 2023, to the last day of December 2023 was \$44,762 and the total warrants issued for said period amounted to \$56,216 resulting to a deficit for said period of \$11,454.
Be it further known that the expected expenditures for each year of a five year period commencing in 2024 are roughly equivalent to \$38,825 spent in 2022.
Be it further known that the current tax levy of 18 mills which produced \$19,571 in income in 2023 is the legal maximum but that a 100 percent excess is authorized for a five year period. If 60 percent of the qualified electors shall approve the above stated question, the levy shall be increased to be the amount of 36 mills upon each dollar of taxable evaluation which increase would have produced \$19,566 in additional income at 2023 valuations.
Be it further known that said election will be open at 7:00 P.M. and will continue open until 8:00 P.M. of said April 30, 2024.
(April 18 & 25, 2024)

Dickey County Public Transportation

Handicapped Accessible Vehicles

Ellendale:
Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Oakes:
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

To Aberdeen:
The third (3) Monday
of each month

If you need a ride, call:
742-3509

The McIntosh County Bus goes through Ellendale on their way to Aberdeen the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you would like to catch a ride call:
701-731-0072

Dickey County Senior Menu

Ellendale: 349-4513

Oakes: 742-3509

Friday:

Beef broccoli stir fry, brown rice, vegetable egg roll with sweet and sour sauce, Mandarin oranges.

Monday:

Stuffed bell pepper with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, warm apple slices.

Tuesday:

Beef taco salad with lettuce, tomato, onion, black olive and cheese, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday:

Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruity tapioca pudding.

Thursday:

BBQ chicken flatbread, house salad, broccoli, blueberry cheesecake.

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a collaboration making women's health a priority