

SNIPPETS FROM PAGES PAST: MAY 1887- A NEW RAILROAD ARRIVES

We cannot but feel that the coming of this road to our town should be made a red-letter day in its history. A year ago, the most sanguine of our citizens would have smiled incredulously had anyone prophesied that by this time, the great corporation which we now welcome, would be within our borders. But with that rare foresight and judgment for which the management of this company is famous, they chose our busy little city as the present terminus of their main line, and the positive, unhesitating, energetic manner in which they have come to us is worthy of their wealth and of their fame and should prove a source of gratification and encouragement to the citizens of Ellendale.

--editorial comment, *Dickey County Leader*, May 20, 1887

"You do us more good, you are workers; the people of Dickey County are workers; and I say that a man who works and does the best that he can in this world



and behaves himself, is just as good as another man that works and does the best he can and behaves himself, whether he is an employee on a railroad or a million-aire, whether he works with the hands or with the brain. Between you and us there should be a sort of fellow-feeling which should make us feel kindly towards each other, because we are co-workers in the work of building up a lasting civilization in the great northwest.

"Gentlemen, the other day I had the pleasure of seeing you at work on the construction of this branch and in your presence I got some ideas pertaining to honest industry. Every man of you seemed to be doing your level best to accomplish something. The work was divided and in each part the men worked like heroes.

I was told by your leader, Mr. Quinn, a man, by the way, whom you respect for his honesty, his integrity of character and for his uniform kindness, that every morning before you went to work, you marked out your work for the day, and to accomplish by night what you marked out was your object, and Mr. Quinn said you always worked like heroes to accomplish your object and you generally got there. I tell you there is a great practical lesson in that. If you want to accomplish anything in this world you must have an object before you and you have to do work like heroes to get there; this is true with those in every calling in life."

--Henry Dickie, DCL, May 27, 1887

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AREA EVENTS

- August 22 (Friday): Varsity Football: EEK vs. Harvey Public School at Edgeley, 7:00
- August 28 (Thursday): 12th Annual Herman G. Johnson Lecture at TBC—7:00 at Block Chapel
- September 7 (Sunday) — "Trains to the Plains" illustrated lecture by historian Randy Entzminger from Gackle, ND— 2:00 at the Opera House
- September 8 (Monday): Girls Volleyball (5th & 6th grade 4:30, C team 5:00, JV 6:00, Varsity 7:30
- September 12-14 (Friday-Sunday): Ellendale Days (formerly Applefest)—details upcoming

Public Notices

CITY OF ELLENDALE
Regular Meeting

August 11, 2025
6:00 pm – City Hall and Zoom Virtual

This meeting was held at the City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Mayor Flaherty called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Council members in attendance: Belgarde, Lee, Meidinger, and Crabtree via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: Langeliers

City Employees present: Auditor Gunn, Deputy Auditor Schmidt, Attorney Kelly; PW Monroe via Zoom, and Police Chief Knutson

Others attending: W. Senger, Interstate Engineering; Ross Merkel, separate sign-in sheet available

Mosquito Issues: Ross Merkel approached council regarding the mosquito issue. Wants to know why City cannot spray more than once a week or down alleys. PW Monroe stated he is spraying more than the industry standard of once every two weeks. They only spray down streets.

Langeliers arrives 6:10 PM

Denison moves, Meidinger seconds to have PW Monroe spray down streets and alleys for next two weeks to see if that makes a difference. All members, aye. Motion carries.

Dilapidated Houses: Ross Merkel is concerned about the dilapidated houses around town stating it attracts rodents and other causes of concern, would like something done about it. Can be a lengthy, expensive process. Lee and Meidinger to get a list of homes from around town to investigate further and start the process to work on getting them taken care of.

Wade: EMS Building: Construction started, footings poured. Progressing well. Two pay estimates. PE #2 for \$135,000 and PE #3 for \$27,000. Lee moves, Denison seconds to pay estimates #2 and #3. Roll Call: Roll Call vote:

Lee, Belgarde, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger, Denison- yes. Motion carries.

Wade: Ellendale Acres: Utilities mostly in, roadway built, and soils testing to check now in progress and will start on gravel soon. Culverts arriving soon to place under driveways to get ditches drained out. Ditches along 6th Ave in between Ellendale Acres and Fair grounds are deep and rough, bringing safety concerns with keeping them that deep. Can keep them that deep and finish dirt work as is or extend the culverts underneath those areas to make it a smaller ditch which would cost an extra \$60,000-\$70,000. Denison moves, Belgrade seconds to add culverts, which will be on final balance change order. Roll Call vote: Lee, Belgarde, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger, Denison- yes. Motion carries.

Wade: City Wide Street Project: Things are different for Prairie Dog Funds and Flex Funding this year, which means they have funds available for road projects for grants. City to possibly put together paperwork to apply for grants to add more roads to be done for next street project. Engineering Agreement: Terms and conditions for services provided by Interstate Engineering for the Street Improvement Project. Lee moves, Denison seconds to approve this engineering agreement. Roll Call vote: Lee, Belgarde, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger, Denison- yes. Motion carries.

Bid Opening: One bid received for 621 3rd Ave N, from Mark Rumney in the amount of \$3000 for the intended purpose of putting a single-family home. Meidinger moves, Langeliers seconds to accept the \$3000 bid. Roll Call vote: Lee, Belgarde, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger, Denison- yes. Motion carries.

Wade: 87th Ave Shoulder: Recommendation to wait until the road project for 87th Ave to begin to fix the shoulder at that time. Blumhardt Alley: Still looking for a contractor that is interested in doing the work.

Preliminary Budget Hearing: Motion by Lee, second by Belgarde, to set the Preliminary Budget Hearing for September 8, 2025, at 6 PM.

Walking Trail Concerns: November 2016 city council passed no motorized vehicles on walking trail, April 2018 city council passed snowmobiles can be used on walking trail between November 1 to April 30. Concerns that signs currently posted say no motorized vehicles should be changed to say excluding snowmobiles. PW Monroe to post new signs along walking trail.

NDDOT 281 Concerns: Email from NDDOT Engineer concerning marking Hwy 11 at the corner of Hwy 11 and Hwy 281. When it gets busy in that spot during certain times of the day more than one vehicle is trying to navigate the turn onto 281. Meidinger moves, Denison seconds to do the longer hatch marks on Hwy 11 according to the recommendation from NDDOT. Roll Call vote: Lee, Belgarde, Langeliers, Crabtree, Meidinger, Denison- yes. Motion carries.

Police Report: Speed sign data provided to council to show how effective the signs are. Police report for July pretty busy with Fourth of July and Dickey County Fair, but nothing out of the ordinary. Construction on North side of school for their addition has quite a bit of construction debris. After talking with school and construction foreman everything should be pretty much contained after school starts next week and road should not have to be closed often except for deliveries or such. Police has authority to close the road if and when needed, with alerting the community when necessary.

Public Works Report: July was busy. Stump grinder ordered. Hired new public works employee Micheal Tople.

Resolution Petition Received: Lee moves, Denison seconds to approve Resolution Declaring Petitions For Improvement Have Been Received for Improvement District No. 2025-2. Roll Call: Denison, Lee, Crabtree, Belgarde, Langeliers, & Meidinger- yes. Motion carries.

Building Permits: Denison moves, Meidinger seconds to approve permit, if they follow state plumbing codes, for Becky Koons to build a movable shed with living quarters behind current home at 321 6th St N. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

carries. Meidinger moves, Langeliers seconds to approve for Rodney Waldner to demo old garage and build new, bigger garage, with a variance that he comes within 2 feet of neighbor's property line with a letter from abutting property owner written permission filed at City Hall. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Belgarde motions, Crabtree seconds to approve all other building permits for: Cindy Bagley for house demo at 501 2nd St N; Daryl Monette, re-shingle house, replace windows and concrete driveway at 620 1st St N; Josef Kotze for replacing current deck at 610 2nd Ave N; TBC 40X55 addition to W side of Kessler Hall at 50 6th Ave S; TBC to replace crow's nest at 50 6th Ave S; TBC to replace windows at 50 6th Ave S. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Permits: Belgarde motions, Denison seconds to approve raffle permit for Ellendale Quarterback Club. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Lee motions, Belgarde seconds to approve special permit from NDSU Extension to host a drive-in movie in lot between EPS track and Dickey County Fair Grounds. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Minutes: Lee motions, Langeliers seconds to approve July 28, 2025, Special Meeting minutes, and August 1, 2025, Special Meeting minutes. All in favor, aye.

Operating Statement/Fund Activity: Meidinger motions, Crabtree seconds to approve July 2025 Operating Statement/ Fund Activity Reports. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Bills: Langeliers moves, Meidinger seconds to approve all bills as presented. All members, aye. Motion carries.

Delinquent Bills: S. Niva, S. Berens, J. Tiegs, C. Kuska, J. Grotelueschen, M. Koschney, M. Kleppinger, M. Allmer, J. Schiltz, S. Riggan, M. Bullock, B. Hagen, J. Guerra, K. Kuno, S. Swanholm, C. Saylor, T. Kassa, Z. Sahli, C. Peltier, M. Deering, K. Lott, C. Armour, K. Svensen, S. Orwig, J. Eggers, S. Tank, M. Rohrbach, M. Sumption, P. Gilbert, T. Spitzer, J. Leforge, B. Stephenseon, A. Filbert, A. Gonzalez, J. Pies, T. Olson, K. Munter, Dickey Co. Fair Board, Imaginti, 281 Repair, Troy's Repair, M. Otsen, W. Rizvi, M. Meyer

Water/Sewer/Garbage: Discussion

Southeast Water Users \$15,000.00
Vestis \$76.98
Sanitation Products \$1,258.11
Dickey Co Leader \$1,947.11
Good Ol Boys Repair \$189.42
Jones and Kelly \$3,510.00
Lucas Van Zee \$337.50
Ellendale Park Board \$600.00
Strengthen ND \$2,000.00

TOTAL: \$147,506.27

Donald Flaherty, Mayor

Nicole Gunn, Auditor

(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at next regular meeting.)

(August 21, 2025)

HELP WANTED
Full-Time Seasonal
City of Ellendale

Full-time seasonal help wanted from June 2025 through October 30, 2025. This individual will have a work schedule of 40 hours per week Monday through Friday. Offering \$20.00 per hour. Must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, be able to do moderate physical labor and lift up to 75 pounds. *Applications may be picked up and completed at: City Hall, 55 3rd Avenue South, Ellendale ND 58436.*

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