

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF
ADAMS COUNTY, NORTH
DAKOTA
AUGUST 12, 2025

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session with the following present: Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel, and Steven West.
 Chairman Dustin Laufer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
 JULY 8, 2025, MINUTES: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as amended, second by Commissioner West; and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 JULY 22, 2025, MINUTES: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the special 2026 County budget meeting as presented, second by Commissioner West; and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 AUGUST 5, 2025, MINUTES: Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the minutes of the special 2026 County budget meeting as presented, second by Commissioner West; and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 AGENDA: Commissioner West moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.
 OFFICE FEES: Fees collected by county officers were paid to the Auditor/Treasurer for Road and Bridge \$56,613.89 and Recorder \$2,735.90.
 NEXT MEETING DATE: September 9, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. as the next regular meeting date.
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT: financials were reviewed.
 HETTINGER CITY KEEP-ING OF CHICKENS APPLICATION REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE: An application with petition was submitted to the Adams County Commission for review and possible signature required from Heather Aufdenkamp. The Adams County buildings are included in the 300-foot radius of a chicken coop requiring a signature for the Hettinger City backyard chicken application. The Commission discussed the Sheriff's Department K9, and if that was an issue. Sheriff Fisher was contacted via telephone and stated he had no problem with this. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the signing of the petition, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.
 ADAMS COUNTY IMPOUND LOT: the county already has the materials needed to construct the fence around the impound lot (South of Hettinger City Armory building). A quote was obtained for the labor in putting up the fence from Dakota Fence out of Bismarck in the amount of \$10,684.00. The quote is a lot higher than the previous quote from Stecher Industries (\$6,800) and the camera quote from Computer Express in the amount of \$925. Commissioner West moved to approve the two quotes from Stecher Industries (fencing) and Computer Express(camera) total amount \$7,725, with funds coming from Sheriff building and grounds and the Courthouse building and grounds budgets, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.
 ROOSEVELT CUSTER UPDATES: Commissioner West shared information from communication he has had with possible upcoming projects such as ADA work, as well as Fairground grant funding and grant opportunities coming up.
 WELLNESS BENEFIT REQUEST: a request from Nathan Nagel for a transfer of sick leave to vacation was reviewed. Mr. Nagel is at the maximum sick leave and requested to transfer three 8-hour days of sick leave (24 hours) to 8-hours of vacation leave. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve the leave change request, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.
 ALLAN EARSLEY: met with the Commission to discuss roads in Darling Springs Township and

the need for gravel work and washboard repair, as the road sees high truck traffic. Commissioner Laufer discussed he did notice the need for extra shaping, as he noticed several ruts in the road. The Commissioners will work with the road department to get the road re-shaped and possibly add more gravel. The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Earsley to contact the road department with any issues. Mr. Earsley shared his gratitude in the ability to hold a conversation with the road department. Mr. Earsley also discussed with the Commission that he could make himself available if he was need for anything as well and informed them he hold a deputy status for in case of emergency needs. Mr. Earsley also discussed the need to update a stop sign on the road as well. Discussion was had on whether it was a state or a county responsibility, as the sign would be within the highway right of way, coming on to Highway 22.
 911 ADDRESSING CHANGES: Discussion was had on the larger scale project and if any funding has been sought. Emergency Manager, Michele Gaylord, and Sheriff Jordan Fisher were looking into any funding that can be a potential for the project. A public forum would be important going forward. USPS should also be involved in the project. This will remain on unfinished business for further information.
 ADAMS COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Representative, Chris Schauer, met with the Commission to give updates on the Adams County Ambulance District. Mr. Schauer gave a general background to the setup of ambulance districts. The State recently mandated all ambulance districts to organize and be mapped out. Discussion was had on grant options to help with funding, and the application process. The Adams County Ambulance District was formed, board members were elected, and all requirements have been met to be allowed to apply for grant funding. The district is not at the point where they want to start levying funds as of yet but will try and run off any grant funding. Rodney Howe shared information on the ambulance district, as he is also a board member of the district. Mr. Howe shared concern of WRHS and their structure changes not having paid employees but only paying EMS on call pay. The two discussed the concern of the new structure of not having an employee, as this has the potential of having local ambulance volunteers available for calls, and may create the need to outsource call time from neighboring ambulance districts, increasing time it takes to make it to calls.
 RODNEY HOWE: met with the Commission on behalf of Hettinger Township, as the township is planning to apply for the flexible transportation grant for the road South of Mirror Lake. Support letters are required from Adams County as well as other public entities. Mr. Howe would like the County Commission to sign off on the letter of support to continue with the grant application. If the grant is approved, the funding would be funneled to the Hettinger Township through the County. Discussion was had on ownership of the road, and Brosz Engineering is completing the survey to determine the ownership, which was all applied for within the grant. Hettinger Township applied for the grant to apply paving for the road and not a chipseal. Commissioner Pagel moved to approve signing the letter of support for the Hettinger Township, second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Mr. Howe also discussed a Buffalo Grande event on August 23 and invited the Commission to attend. Mr. Howe also explained that the event is receiving international advertising and shared his enthusiasm for the event. Discussion was had on the need for the road crew to help fill a couple potholes on the South Mirror Lake Road (Lakeview Drive)

ADAMS COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Justin Blade met with the Commission to discuss his department. The Commission discussed issues on 18th St., stemming from issues brought up by Allan Earsley. Mr. Blade and his crew will look into completing repairs. Gravel is being hauled but they have been having multiple truck issues. Todd Christman and Garry Wayne will also assist in the hauling. Discussion was had on several areas the department is working on. Discussion was had on the two road projects, Black and Blue and Country Club Road. The work is getting completed to Black and Blue and the work to Country Club Road will be completed after.
 CITY OF REEDER: Council Member Colten Larson and Mayor Wes Schwarzwalter met with the Commission to discuss some possible projects to apply for flex funding. The city started working with Brosz Engineering and thought they would apply for the entire town. The City of Reeder would like to work with Adams County on options to help fund the cost share with a sort of loan repayment. Flexible Transportation funding is the grant that they plan to apply for. Discussion was had on budget constraints for both the county and the city, and any repayment plan options. The complete city would have a "scrub seal" completed to the entire city and would be a cost estimated at about \$1 million dollars with a cost share of about \$200k.
 BROSZ ENGINEERING: Billy Doerr and Lucas Doerr met with the Commission to update them on projects. Black and Blue Road graveling has been completed and will continue to be monitored for any holes through the upcoming harvest season. Country Club Road culvert work is being completed and milling work will start soon after that. Lucas discussed a change order for Country Club Road for two 18-inch culverts and extra milling for the entire curve around Erickson's approach, adding cost The total cost of the change order would be \$13,443.44, the change order was pre-approved by Road Superintendent, Justin Blade. Two pay applications were also available, one for Black and Blue Road, \$16,812.50 and one for Country Club Road for \$183,578.75. Commissioner West moved to approve the change order as well as the two pay applications, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The County will now be able to send off for reimbursement from the State. Lucas discussed working with Mr. Blade on county bridges and possible removal and replacement options. A bridge on North Reeder Road and one by Fordahls were discussed as possible locations for review. The County needs to point out 5 different priority areas to be approved for applying for bridge funding. Mr. Doerr and Mr. Blade are working on compiling the listing. The Commission were in favor of their 5 preferences for replacement options as well as the 2 removal locations, with the change of bridge preference 1 to bridge preference 2. Mr. Blade was in favor of the change in preference. The locations will be updated and submitted to NDDOT. A quote from Martin Construction for dust control was reviewed. Both Country Club and Black and Blue dust control would be \$129,161.30, some of the costs could be included in flex funding grant (67%), making the cost to the County \$84,029.77. The application of the mag chloride product also helps with maintenance on a longer-term basis. Commissioner West moved to approve the application of mag chloride for dust control to both Black and Blue and Country Club Road projects, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Funding will be used from Road and Bridge gravel and oil budget.
 NDDOT CMC ROAD CHANGE: Discussion was had on the procedure to change a road into a CMC road. The Commission questioned this change for 11th Ave NE & NW. The proposed change would be a classification from a county road to a CMC (County major Collector)

road. The County would need to submit a request form along with a formal approval within meeting minutes to submit to the NDDOT for approval. Commissioner West moved to approve, submitting the request for the 23-mile road 11th Ave from Highway 8 to Highway 22, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. The County acknowledges the road work will continue to be a county road, owned and operated by Adams County.
 PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION: Carter Schnell was in attendance to discuss bridges within Adams County and when and how often they are inspected. Mr. Schnell discussed a low water crossing on his property and wondered about the 8-ton weight limit. Mr. Schnell would like to have this inspected to see if the load rating could be adjusted to allow heavier loads. Mr. Schnell also questioned the new rule adding budget hearing requirements for fire districts, as he is part of East Adams Fire District. Discussion was had on the new rule requiring any entity having levy authority, the need to have a budget hearing.
 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT & VARIANCE REQUEST-INTERMOUNTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE: an Adams County Planning and Zoning hearing was scheduled for the review of plans submitted by Intermountain Infrastructure Group LLC for the construction of two equipment shelters to store electrical equipment and two back up power generators inside a chain link enclosure. The unmanned facility will support digital signals traversing a fiber optic cable that is planned for installation at a later date. The project location is planned for property owned by Jordan Christman in section 7 of Kansas City Township. Commissioner West moved to approve the conditional use permit from Intermountain Infrastructure Group LLC per recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Commissioner West also moved to approve the variance request for the location of 75 foot and not the 150 foot in county zoning, per recommendation of the Adams County Planning and Zoning Board, second by Commissioner Pagel, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.
 ADAMS COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY: Aaron Roseland met with the Commission to provide updates from his department. Discussion was had on the need to approve a rate and create a schedule of revenues to follow for the new impound lot. Discussion was had on the 2026 budget.
 BILLS: Commissioner Pagel moved the following bills to be paid, Second by Commissioner West, and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 Roseland & Melling Law\$190.82
 Sidwell\$5,750.00
 Katie Roseland\$402.10
 Dakota Dust-Tex Inc. ...\$286.20
 ND Public Health Insurance Trust\$360.00
 Wex Health, Inc\$47.25
 GS Publishing.....\$625.50
 Marco Technologies LLC\$334.83
 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc\$348.48
 Dakota Business Solutions\$388.99
 Southwest Multi-County Correction Center\$3,574.29
 Galls Inc\$761.27
 AT & T Mobility\$490.72
 Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative\$142.37
 Office of Attorney General – 250\$100.00
 Cenex Fleet Fueling\$985.38
 Brad Archibald\$610.00
 ettinger REC\$100.00
 FIBT ATT: Credit Dept ...\$587.54
 NDEMA\$115.00
 Linde Gas & Equipment Inc\$197.85
 Western Dakota Energy Association\$1,500.00
 BJ's Paint & Body\$2,118.88
 Fitterer Oil Co. \$16,183.00
 Bobcat of Dickinson\$1,326.35
 Laufer Vermeer\$465.28
 Southwest Water Authority\$78.25
 RT Vision\$1,500.00

NDDEQ\$600.00
 Ace Industrial Supply Inc\$614.99
 Rocket Express Delivery LLC\$165.00
 ND Association of Counties\$250.00
 RDO Equipment5,221.60
 West Plains Inc.....\$2,768.39
 Underground Vaults & Storage\$219.00
 Tyler Technologies.....\$4,844.94
 ND Association of County & Tribal Veterans Service Officers\$120.00
 NDSU Ag Budget Office Dept 7510\$8,017.30
 Aspen Lenning.....\$463.74
 The Current Connection\$65.92
 Capital One.....\$144.56
 Overdrive\$800.00
 Baker & Taylor\$83.36;
 Center Point Publishing\$183.38
 J.P. Morgan Chase Bank\$755.55
 Smart Computers & Consulting LLC\$1,713.43
 Propoint Cooperative\$3,255.00
 Kellie Timm\$1,046.66
 Auto Value Hettinger\$214.13
 Consolidated Communications\$1,217.16
 Hettinger City.....\$1,039.35
 Information Technology Dept\$1,182.60
 Kennedy's Fresh Foods\$524.50
 Montana Dakota Utilities\$2,363.35
 Eide Bailly\$619.00
 ND State Treasurer.....\$174.98
 Northern Fire and Safety\$704.75
 Office of the Adjutant General\$10,485.23
 Runnings Supply, Inc\$1,048.22;
 Slope Electric Cooperative\$160.79
 Verizon Wireless.....\$85.08
 Brosz Engineering ...\$32,277.50
 Martin Construction Inc.\$264,314.07
 July Payroll\$914,872.17
 Commissioner West moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Pagel, Chairman Laufer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.
 /s/Dustin Laufer
 Dustin Laufer, Chairman
 /s/Krista Faller
 Krista Faller, County Auditor/Treasurer
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PUBLIC
Notice

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES relating to ND Oil and Gas Conservation and Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.
 North Dakota Oil and Gas Division will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.
 Oil and Gas Division 8:30 am CDT
 Mon., Oct. 20, 2025
 1000 E Calgary Ave
 Bismarck, ND
 Dickinson Field Office 1:30 pm MDT
 Mon., Oct. 20, 2025
 926 E Industrial Drive
 Dickinson, ND
 Bakken Airport Hotel 8:30 am CDT
 Tue., Oct. 21, 2025
 5813 Jefferson Ln
 Williston, ND
 Minot Field Office 2:00 pm CDT
 Tue., Oct. 21, 2025
 7 Third St SE, Suite 107
 Minot, ND
 Copies of the proposed rules will be available September 30, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Oil and Gas Division at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0840, or by calling (701) 328-8020. View changes at www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas. Comment in writing by 5pm October 31, 2025. Submit written comments to the Oil and Gas Division (see address above) or oilandgasinfo@nd.gov. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Oil and Gas Division at the above address or phone number by October 6, 2025.
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PROCEEDS OF THE REEDER CITY COUNCIL Official Proceedings of the Reeder City Council "Subject to the Councils Review and Revision"
 Reeder North Dakota September 8, 2025
 The Reeder City Council met at the Reeder Community Center for their regularly scheduled city meeting.
 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Wes Schwarzwalter. Council members were Dennis Munro, Barney Nichols, Colten Larson, Amanda Langford by phone, and maintenance man Don Munro. Dayne Green was absent. Visitors were Josh Stuchl, PE, from Brosz Engineering and Jen Pratt for water bills.
 Barney made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Colten, MC. Barney made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Colten, Motion carried.
 Josh Stuchl gave an update on the scrub sealing project. He presented bid numbers for the street sealing, an application will be submitted to the state next week . The council voted to put a \$ 20.00 fee on capitol improvements for the streets, it will be on everyone's water bill. Please stop at the office to see the proposal for the streets.
 Jen Pratt will be taking over the water bills, and cleaning the cabin. Maintenance reported on all the mowing, and spraying, Don will put up no hunting signs at the old school, will be moving loader to old school.
 Dennis made a motion to approve a raffle permit for the fire department, Barney seconded it MC. Colten made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Barney, Motion carried.
 #12065.....\$1059.80
 #12066 Wages\$461.75
 #12067 Consolidated.....\$203.80
 #12069 WWA.....\$2258.78
 #120470 MDU\$958.28
 #12071 ND Dept of Health\$27.00
 #12072 CHS\$530.68
 #12073 Scranton Equity\$741.87
 #12074 Runnings\$21.97
 #12075 Rocket Express\$40.00
 #12076 Rocky Mt Print.....\$644.25
 The next Reeder City Council meeting will be held October 13, 2025
 Dayne motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Barney, meeting adjourned.
 /s/Wes Schwarzwalter
 Wes Schwarzwalter, Mayor
 /s/Char Larson
 Char Larson, City Auditor
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Notice
 The North Dakota Health and Human Services is requesting public comments on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan Amendment. The amendment proposes a 5% increase in the standard of need, which will result in a 5% increase in possible benefit rates for TANF recipients. The current draft plan can be viewed online at www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp/tanf.
 A public hearing on this proposed plan amendment will be held by a virtual Teams meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. CT. Individuals can join the meeting using the following information:
 •Join the meeting now
 Meeting ID: 210 365 643 502 5
 Passcode: Dz2Sf34w
 •Dial in by phone
 +1 701-328-0950,,895832497#
 United States, Bismarck
 Phone conference ID: 895 832 497#
 •Join on a video conferencing device
 Tenant key: teams@join.nd.gov
 Video ID: 113 435 712 2
 Comments can also be submitted in writing and must be received by the conclusion of the public hearing on Sept. 18, 2024. Written comments may be submitted by email to applyforhelp@nd.gov.
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