



## Undlin visits North Star

North Dakota Author Lindsey Undlin spoke to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students about her writing and publishing journey. This presentation was part of the North Dakota State Library Great Reads 2024 Tour. Fifteen books were given away thanks to Lindsey and the Cando Community Library. (Photos by Lavonne Haugen)



# Legal Notices

## Notice

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations from amendment number one of the 2024-2025 small game, waterfowl, and furbearer proclamation.

The 2025 spring light goose conservation order will be in effect Feb.15 - May 11, 2025. Only light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese. There will be no daily or possession limit on light geese during the conservation order.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov.  
A complete proclamation along with amendment one that contains regulations for the 2025 spring light goose conservation order is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

February 8, 2025

## Towner County Commission

### TOWNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 7, 2025

The Towner County Commissioners met in regular session on January 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the county courthouse. Chairman Matt Odermann called the meeting to order. Present were Vice Chairman David Lagein, Commissioners Doug Berg, Bob Hallaway and Lance Teubner.

Agenda:  
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Lagein and seconded by Commissioner Teubner. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.  
Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2024 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Lagein and seconded by Commissioner Berg. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Reorganization of County Commission – Election of Officers:

Auditor Mindy Reimer opened up nominations for Chairman. Matt Odermann was nominated. Commissioner Lagein moved, seconded by Commissioner Teubner, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Odermann. All commissioners voted aye; motion passed.

Chairman Odermann opened nominations for Vice-Chairman. Dave Lagein was nominated. Commissioner Teubner moved, seconded by Commissioner Hallaway, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lagein. All commissioners voted aye; motion carried.

Reorganization of County Commission – Committee/Portfolio Reorganization:  
Commissioners discussed the various committee assignments. No changes to the commissioner portfolio from prior years. Portfolio assignments as detailed below.

Department; Committees  
Odermann; Tax Director; North Central Planning, Veterans Service Officer Supervisor, Building Maintenance Committee  
Lagein; Roads; Weed board, Public health, Zoning, NDSU Extension  
Hallaway; Recorder, Clerk of Court; Weed board, Airport authority  
Berg; Auditor, Treasurer, Emergency Manager; Zoning, Social Services, Ambulance South  
Teubner; Facilities Maintenance; Building Maintenance Committee, Economic Development

Department reports:  
Road Department – Kevin Rinas:  
Supervisor Rinas reports that they are fully

staffed. The new blade will be delivered this week. Auditor Reimer asked how many of the new hires will be needing CDL. Two of the new hires will be trained in house for the CDL.

Sheriff Department – Sheriff Andrew Hillier  
Sheriff Hillier reported that the Towner County Sheriff's department will be, within the next month, on the computer program that Cavalier County is switching to. Commissioner Hallaway asked if there have been any new deputies hired. Hillier reported that there are a couple potential hires, but there is nothing to report as of now.

Facilities Maintenance – William Voight  
Maintenance Supervisor Voight presented the updated proposal from ICON. State's Attorney Frey also explained that the initial contract was for also for the construction phase. This verbiage has been removed. State's Attorney Frey says that he is comfortable with the contract as updated. The new contract will be signed.

Commissioner Hallaway asked if we will be getting a sketch/drawing soon, and Voight expects that it will be coming relatively soon.

Visitors and Delegations:  
None present  
Old Business:  
None.  
New Business:

Mobile Home Abatements – Primary Residence Credit Qualified

Auditor Reimer presented the mobile home parcels that qualified for the Primary Residence Tax Credit. Based on how the mobile home property tax is billed out, the owners paid the mobile home taxes prior to the credit being approved. Commissioner Berg moved, seconded by Commissioner Hallaway, to approve the abatements as presented and issue refund checks as required. Upon a roll call vote, motion passed with no dissents.

GIS Mapping Services Agreement  
GIS Mapping Services Agreement from Sidwell was reviewed. Auditor Reimer presented that both Tax Director Leas and State's Attorney Frey reviewed the contract and approved the signing. Commissioner Teubner moved, seconded by Commissioner Lagein, to approve the contract as presented. Upon a roll call vote, motion passed with no dissents.

Federal Holiday Review

Auditor Reimer read the Towner County Policy Manual in regard to declared federal holidays. Commissioner Lagein moved, seconded by Commissioner Hallaway, to observe the presidentially declared holiday in honor of Jimmy Carter not on January 9, 2024 as declared by the President of the United States, but rather on Friday, January 10, 2025. All Commissioners voted aye, motion carried.

Miscellaneous  
Commissioner Odermann announced that the 69th legislative session is now open. Auditor Reimer presented that there is a Local County Capitol Connection put on by the North Dakota Association of Counties. Towner County will have representatives at the event.

Financial Report:  
2024 Budget Amendments

Auditor Reimer reviewed the amendments to the budget. It was noted that overall, the property tax revenue was lower than budgeted across all funds. There were significant over-expenditures in the county road as were known by the Commissioners. There was discussion regarding the Weed Control fund and how the significant overspend is due to change in budget. No further discussion was held. Commissioner Hallaway moved, seconded by Commissioner Berg, to approve the amendments as recommended by the County Auditor. Upon roll call vote, motion passed with no dissents.

Year to Date Financial Review  
Auditor Reimer presented the financial review showing a current, unrestricted cash balance as of December 31, 2024 was \$6,814,122.04.

Monthly Bills  
Commissioner Teubner moves, seconded by Commissioner Lagein, to approve the bills as presented. Upon on a roll call vote, motion passed with no dissents.

21450 ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS 131.42  
21451 ALL SEASONS 48.75  
WATER USERS ASSOC

21452 BUTLER MACHINERY	1,956.31	HEATING & A/C	688.74
21453 CANDO HOME & HARDWARE	128.45	21509 NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE CO	734.51
21454 CHRIS SOLSETH	103.85	21510 NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC	3,705.91
21455 CITY OF BISBEE	92.88	21511 OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	120.00
21456 D & R TIRE & REPAIR	628.85	21512 PEYTON HENDRICKSON	35.00
21457 DALTON STERN	20.00	21513 TERESA HENDRICKSON	8.94
21458 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,164.91	21514 THOMAS BELZER	42.12
21459 DIANE EGGL	200.00	21515 TIM PETERSON	364.00
21460 H E EVERSON COMPANY	22.57	21516 VISA	14.23
21461 HACTC	152.04	ACH ENTITY PAYMENTS	1,350,016.50
21462 HEIDI HALVERSON	375.00	ACH PAYROLL	117,680.48
21463 HOUTCOOPER IMPLEMENT	151.91	ACH PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	2.25
21464 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	990.60	ACH JP MORGAN CHASE	2,825.16
21465 JAMES GIBBENS	76.50	ACH ND PERS DEFERRED COMPENSATION	5,950.00
21466 KEVIN ANDERSON	500.00	ACH ND PERS LIFE INSURANCE	375.60
21467 LEGACY BISBEE STATION	11,716.97	ACH ND PERS HEALTH INSURANCE	18,449.03
21468 MANNING NAVCOMP INC	367.20	ACH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - FICA	37,931.30
21469 MIDSTATE WIRELESS	67.50	ACH ND PERS RETIREMENT	24,360.58
21470 NATIONAL ASSOC. OF COUNTIES	450.00	ACH VERIZON WIRELESS	639.91
21471 ND 911 ASSOCIATION	100.00	ACH COLONIAL LIFE	1,515.26
21472 ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	24,936.75	Meeting Schedule: The next meeting was set for February 4, 2025.	
21473 ND COUNTY AUDITORS ASSOCIATION	400.00	The meeting adjourned by motion.	
21474 ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	1,725.00	ATTEST: Matt Odermann Commission Chairperson Mindy S Reimer Auditor/Treasurer	
21475 NDWCA	470.00		
21476 NORTH CENTRAL PEST CONTROL	375.00		
21477 NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL	10,000.00		
21478 NORTH COUNTRY HEATING & A/C	1,083.63		
21479 OTTERTAIL POWER CO	244.54		
21480 PHARMCHEM INC	127.80		
21481 THE SIDWELL COMPANY	5,084.81		
21482 THOMAS GERALD	232.76		
21483 THREE P PROPERTIES	100.00		
21484 TODD NILSEN	161.21		
21485 TOWNER COUNTY RECORDER	60.00		
21486 TRAVIS HALVERSON	40.87		
21487 TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS	47.93		
21488 TURTLE MOUNTAIN STAR	63.25		
21489 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	5,114.15		
21490 UNITED TELEPHONE	305.98		
21491 ND STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	386.02		
21492 VOID	279,719.94		
21493 CAPFIRST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	300.00		
21494 CAVALIER COUNTY	45,810.00		
21495 CHRIS SOLSETH	52.50		
21496 CITY OF CANDO	632.75		
21497 DELL MARKETING L.P.	1,713.24		
21498 EDWIN BENSON	1,754.96		
21499 FIRST STATE INSURANCE	172.00		
21500 HACTC	1,566.00		
21501 JASON SVIR	625.00		
21502 Marco	136.77		
21503 MIDSTATE WIRELESS	662.78		
21504 ND COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOC	500.00		
21505 ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	180.00		
21506 NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	1,962.86		
21507 NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	6,699.37		
21508 NORTH COUNTRY			

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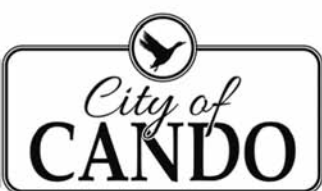
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CITY OF CANDO ANNUAL REPORT REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND TRANSFERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/2024		
FUND	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
General	575,279	344,879
Highway Distribution	157,360	311,662
Fire Equipment & Operation	15,160	8,941
Emergency	4,034	650
City Sales Tax	260,138	40,232
Cando Comm Devel	74,429	79,530
Water Plant Debt	108,942	127,200
State Emergency Fund	-	-
APRA Grant	-	26,690
Mun Inf Fund (Prairie Dog )	125,000	-
Water Utility	370,275	576,949
Sewer	145,400	112,759
Garbage	219,686	263,015
USACE Sewer Project	1,252,662	1,947,982
Cemetery Trust	-	-
Cemetery Fund	11,059	13,430
Shade Tree	-	-
Job Development	3,094	-
Library	26,550	25,083
Airport	3,273	4,655
Campground Fund	3,550	3,007
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,355,890</b>	<b>3,886,664</b>
I certify these amounts to be true from the City's financial records as recorded in the Cando City Auditor's Office		
Kathy Rance, City Auditor		

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