

## DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING, JUNE 16, 2026

### Commissioner Meeting June 16, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioners Jerry Walsh, John Hokana, Marke Roberts, and Brandon Carlson were also present. States Attorney Kim Radermache, and Auditor Sheppard were also present, along with Applied Digital representative Emma Perrotti who was present via electronic means. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### Additions to the Agenda

Trees in the right-of-way and clean up/removal of trees when cut down

#### Omitted Tax Hearing

Concern with road project – Highway 11 and 87th Ave

#### Zoning Ordinance

Hokana made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2nd and June 4th with corrections. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to approve the financials from May 2026. Walsh seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed a quote from Rapid Response on the air conditioning unit at the Human Services Zone building. A decision was made to get additional quotes on the project from other providers as well.

Recorder Kelly Schmidt joined the meeting at 9:30. Schmidt had questions concerning recording of documents that may be affected by new zoning ordinances that were just passed by the Commission. Discussion pursued on how those document recordings should be managed. A decision was made that the Land Use Administrator, States Attorney, and the Recorder will work together to decide on such documents. If any of the three are concerned about it, the document will need to be brought

to the Zoning Board for their review. Radermacher and Schmidt will work together to add this wording on the Recorder's website.

South Central Dakota Regional Council (SCDRC) representatives Jennifer Schultes and Traci Redlin joined the meeting at 9:54.

The meeting went into recess at 10:05 and returned at 10:07. Tax Director Don Flaherty joined the meeting.

Redlin presented materials that explained what SCDRC does and how it aids communities and counties. The county has paid the annual fees, and that allows the local cities to also get assistance from SCDRC. The information also included the usage of the local area political subdivisions. One area within Dickey County was the assistance given for the grant received for the new Ellendale Ambulance building. Hokana requested a list of other county projects in the state of North Dakota.

Schultes presented the newly updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by the Federal government to be updated every 5 years. Schultes contacts all cities in the county to update the information. Errors in the report were given to Schultes who stated they will get updated. A resolution needs to be passed adopting the plan. Roberts made a motion to adopt the plan with grammatical and name changes that were noted in the meeting. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to open the omitted tax hearing at 10:30. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty presented five parcels that will need to be added to the tax rolls for 2026. These changes are related to information received after equalization but should have been included at the time. One property in the city of Monango has 2025 tax due as well as the current tax year because the original deed was not

recorded. Due to the error of the purchaser, there will be no 30-to-60-day grace period on the interest and penalty for the 2025 taxes due. All five parcels will be included in the tax rolls for 2026. Hokana made a motion to approve all five parcels as presented. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen, KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski, and resident Brad Retzlaff joined the meeting at 10:49. Resident Pam Cook joined via electronic means.

Hagen gave an update on the fuel pump replacement. Hagen will get updated pricing from the contractor on repairs if repairing the pump is an option.

Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 10:55.

Carlson asked Hagen about how the trees that are pulled out of the right of way by the county and who needs to clean those up after that is done. The county has pulled the trees but has left the trees in the ditch. A decision was made to continue to leave the trees in the ditch but send a letter to the landowners stating it is their responsibility for the removal of the trees. If the trees are not taken care of, a personal letter to the landowner should be sent.

Tykwinski updated the Commission on the 87th Avenue and Highway 11 project. Phase 1 should be done in the first part of August.

Tykwinski stated the preconstruction meeting will be next week for the box culvert on 86th Street north of Oakes and the project will start mid-August. The township will be invited to the preconstruction meeting so that they are aware of the project.

The County Road #12 project will be bid in November. Because of the delay in the project being completed, the state has agreed to pay any increase in project costs.

Retzlaff stated that they had not been notified by the state or the county concerning the expansion of Highway 11 for the bypass lane installed in the state right of way close to their house during the current road project. Retzlaff and Cook were not contacted before the project started. Retzlaff has the issue of getting their big equipment out on the road and could be dragging the belly of the truck on the road because of the change in the slope. Suggestions have been made by Retzlaff and Cook but nothing has changed. Holm stated that the Commission was under the understanding that all affected parties had been contacted. Carlson suggested the possibility of putting an approach on 87th Street and a road into Retzlaff's yard to assist with the issue. A permit would be required from Ellendale Township. Tykwinski stated that a culvert would have to be put in place. Holm requested that they consider this as an option and to let the county know what they decided. Tykwinski stated they would not be completing that section until mid-August, so they had time to consider options. A meeting

of Commissioner Walsh, ND DOT representative Nathan Haaland, and Tykwinski will meet with Retzlaff and Cook. The Commission will want an update on any decisions made.

Estes informed the Commission that Administrative Assistant Colleen Rithmiller will be retiring October 1st. Sheppard will work with Estes to get the job posted and in the newspaper. This will allow for a month of training before Rithmiller leaves.

Oakes Ambulance paramedics Curt Halmrast and Mike Sandy were at the meeting via electronic means. Sheppard had forwarded an e-mail and a letter received from Halmrast and Sandy concerning the comment in the minutes that a discussion occurred in the Commission meeting concerning joining the 911 dispatch of Richland County instead of State Radio, which was not listed on the agenda for that meeting. Holm stated that it was an update from the 5-County

meeting and that the Commission was not at a point where a decision could be made at that time. If it were to be looked at, all parties would be involved in the discussion, and it will be included on the agenda.

Sheppard requested a motion to authorize Holm to sign the township road mileage report that is due July 1st. Carlson made a motion to authorize Holm to sign the report. Roberts seconded. Motion carried. Hokana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50.

#### Salaries

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| 208,843.65                        |           |
| Cities, Townships, Schools        | 53,682.68 |
| Human Services                    | 895.54    |
| Code 4 Services INC               | 9,486.42  |
| Cole Paper                        | 805.63    |
| Election Systems & Software INC   | 1,091.00  |
| Fed Ex                            | 75.11     |
| House of glass Inc                | 495.00    |
| Innovative Office Solutions LLC   | 637.42    |
| Kinzler Kasie                     | 189.00    |
| Linn County Sheriff office        | 43.86     |
| Linn County Sheriff office        | 42.86     |
| Lorena's Cleaning Service         | 450.00    |
| Montana Dakota Utilities          | 90.09     |
| ND Dept. of Environmental Quality | 330.00    |
| Overpayment Refund                | 2,880.91  |
| Oakes Truck and Trailer           | 545.99    |
| Sign Solutions                    | 11,271.83 |
| Hepper's                          | 104.04    |
| Gemar Justin                      | 10.15     |
| Hansen Stephen                    | 116.00    |
| John Quandt                       | 14.50     |

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| Moore Engineering INC              | 2,998.00   |
| AT&T Mobility                      | 830.78     |
| Dickey County Hwy Dept             | 2,201.31   |
| KLJ Engineering LLC                | 20,686.03  |
| North Central International LLC    | 163,844.37 |
| Text My Gov INC.                   | 4,500.00   |
| Community Volunteer EMS Of LaMoure | 66.22      |
| Kulm Ambulance Corps               | 76.94      |
| Edgeley Ambulance Service          | 55.83      |
| Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service  | 754.03     |
| Ellendale City                     | 1,045.22   |
| Oakes City                         | 213.30     |
| Garrison Diversion                 | 642.32     |
| James River Soil Conservation      | 763.77     |
| Ellendale Fire                     | 594.08     |

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| Oakes Fire                            | 415.88    |
| Dickey County Senior Citizens         | 494.22    |
| Dickey County Historical              | 123.57    |
| ND State Treasurer                    | 264.26    |
| Dickey County Treasurer               | 800.00    |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 55,182.80 |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 485.82    |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 9,474.20  |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 458.72    |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 56.76     |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 138.04    |
| Aflac                                 | 2,391.56  |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 1,910.18  |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 746.00    |
| Wex Health INC                        | 7,281.95  |
| ND Public Emp Ret.                    | 712.18    |
| ND Child Support Division             | 508.50    |
| Wex Health INC                        | 75.32     |
| Advanced Business Methods             | 238.26    |
| Arcasearch LLC                        | 1,360.00  |
| Balco Uniform                         | 48.00     |
| Dickey County 4-H Council             | 5,000.00  |
| Dickey County Hwy Dept                | 1,151.13  |
| Dickey County Hwy Dept                | 23.82     |
| Election Systems & Software INC       | 1,644.98  |
| Ellendale True Value                  | 93.51     |
| Farmers Union Oil Co                  | 177.44    |
| Geffrog Designs                       | 1,300.00  |
| Henningsen Paul                       | 179.99    |
| Information Technology Dept           | 1,817.95  |
| Inman Irrigation                      | 1,197.31  |
| J & M Printing                        | 250.67    |
| Miller Gage                           | 40.01     |
| Napa Central                          | 272.79    |
| Postmaster Ellendale                  | 558.00    |
| Q&N Corporation                       | 2,226.05  |
| Rapid Response Plumbing Heating & Air | 215.00    |
| Vestis                                | 168.13    |
| Wald Lori                             | 88.20     |
| Agtegra Oakes                         | 4,013.03  |
| Dakota Valley Electric Coop           | 196.00    |
| Ecolab Pest Elimination Division      | 103.49    |
| Economy Oil Co                        | 2,643.36  |

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| Ellendale True Value       | 247.39    |
| Lorena's Cleaning Service  | 400.00    |
| Mertz Const & Supply       | 60.48     |
| Napa Central               | 1,386.45  |
| ND Association of Counties | 126.00    |
| Oakes Truck & Trailer      | 10,535.98 |
| Ottertail Power Company    | 78.01     |
| Praska's Hardware Hank     | 24.47     |

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| Sign Solutions                | 548.40    | Dickey County Hwy Dept   | 670.49    | Wex Health INC               | 1,423.62 |
| Southeast Water Users         | 50.88     | Dickey Rural Networks    | 1,403.35  | ND Public Emp Ret.           | 712.18   |
| Vestis                        | 204.96    | Ellendale City Auditor   | 683.22    | Delta Dental Plan of MN      | 2,305.84 |
| Vistos Carquest               | 49.99     | Farmers Union Oil Co     | 4,612.73  | Ameritas Life Insurance Corp | 386.32   |
| Office of Attorney General    | 310.00    | KLJ Engineering LLC      | 36,612.22 | ND Child Support Division    | 375.00   |
| Pharmchem INC                 | 671.52    | Montana Dakota Utilities | 164.22    | ND Child Support Division    | 508.50   |
| Chads Electric INC            | 6,947.10  | Election Workers         | 2,515.36  | James Valley Regional Lodge  | 66.34    |
| Stutsman Correctional Center  | 3,200.00  | Election Workers         | 208.49    | Dylan or Meagan Stearns      | 762.60   |
| Amazon Capital Service        | 614.48    | Election Workers         | 1,992.68  |                              |          |
| Ellendale Grocery             | 16.42     | Human Services           | 3,240.68  | Respectfully Submitted       |          |
| North Dakota State University | 86.00     | Hansen Judy              | 114.47    | Kacey Holm, Chairman         |          |
| Q&N Corporation               | 149.25    | Moore Engineering INC    | 301.00    | Wanda Sheppard, Auditor      |          |
| Dickey County Leader          | 22.50     | JP Morgan Chase Bank NA  | 3,261.64  |                              |          |
| Ellendale True Value          | 189.52    | ND Public Emp Ret.       | 26,549.93 | (July 23, 2026)              |          |
| Farmers Union Oil Co          | 135.49    | ND Public Emp Ret.       | 3,526.26  |                              |          |
| Nutrien AG Solutions          | 12,280.00 | ND Public Emp Ret.       | 1,910.18  |                              |          |
| Valley Plains Equipment       | 44.52     | ND Public Emp Ret.       | 746.00    |                              |          |
| Dakota Valley Electric Coop   | 137.00    | ND Public Emp Ret.       | 90.39     |                              |          |