

Divide County Commission Minutes

May 6, 2025

The Board of Divide County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, with members Jacobs and Eriksmoen present member Johnson by conference call, Chairman Jacobs presiding. Jordan Rusche, Journalist, were also in attendance.

Minutes from April 24, 2025, meeting was read and approved with corrections.

Correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.

Fees collected for the month of April 2025, deposited into the General Fund, and reports placed on file are as follows: Zachary Schroeder Sheriff-\$386.00, Christina Running-Recorder-\$0. Clerk of Court-\$539.90.

Gayle Jastrzebski, Auditor/Treasurer, submitted the April financial and investment statements.

Carol Williams, Tax Director, met with the board to present the following PRC abatements: Natalie Johnson and Shawn Adams 2024 mobile homes. Motion was made by Commissioner Eriksmoen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve these abatements. All present voted

in favor.

Ms. Williams next presented the renewal for Vanguard website contract for 5 years for \$9,625.00 or \$1,925.00 per year. Motion was made by Commissioner Eriksmoen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve this contract. All present voted in favor.

Shari Bublitz, 911/DES/Zoning Director, met with the board to request the following travel June 25th – Well Control Awareness – night course 6:30-9p.m.-Williston, June 3-5th. Then Spring Meeting for 911 in Bismarck, NDEMA – Bismarck September 8-10th, NDPIO – Bismarck July 13-16th and May 28 Stanley for quarterly DES meeting. After discussion motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to approve these travel requests. All present voted in favor.

Ms. Bublitz next discussed the information that she received from T-Mobile. After discussion board agreed that since this was grandfathered in and they are not changing the footprint that this is just informational.

Ms. Bublitz next referred to the Crosby app that is listed on the agenda. After discussion board agreed not to renew this contract.

Bryan Haugenoe, Road Superintendent, met with the board to update them that he has done the work at Skjermo Lake and Baukol Noonan. Mr. Haugenoe mentioned that he has submitted a request for road project dollars to Geoff Simon with ND Energy. Mr. Simon mentioned that he will submit it to NDDOT and see if they can provide any money back to Divide County for infrastructure.

Commissioner Eriksmoen mentioned that the floor in the sports arena where the water main is needs to be replaced. Board agreed to have the same individual that is replacing the floor in another area of the sports arena do this one too.

Commissioner Eriksmoen mentioned that the EDC wants to do a mural and maybe would like to do it on the west wall of the sports arena. After discussion board agreed that they should work with the fair board. He further mentioned that this is covered by a state arts grant.

Board asked about the Sheriff

Bond fund account. Ms. Jastrzebski was not sure why this was established and what it can be used for, but will touch base with the sheriff.

Board reviewed the new quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield for large employer group Your Blue 90/500 for \$71,699.10 per month versus small employer group-Blue Care Platinum 90 for \$88,290.63 per month. Call was placed to Jeffrey Wendt, BCBS agent. After discussion board requested more about each policy and the deductibles and scheduled Mr. Wendt to come to their next meeting.

Payroll in the amount of \$208,822.32 on motion made and carried placed in line for payment.

The following bills on motion made and approved were placed in line for payment:

Zach Schroeder \$28.50

Waynes

Welding And Repair..... \$287.70

Wayne Lervik..... \$81.70

Wallwork Truck Center... \$1,571.01

Vestis \$633.20

Vanguard Appraisals Inc \$11,925.00

United States Postmaster.... \$890.31

Tyler Technologies \$449.00

Transunion

Risk An Alternative..... \$220.00

Tamara Rodham \$811.51

Shawn And Cynthia Adams ... \$500.00

Shari Bublitz \$137.40

Relx Inc DbA Lexis Nexis ... \$78.00

RDO Trust 80-5800 \$61,596.01

Quill \$204.66

PRO It LLC Minot \$2,620.00

Northwest Septic Service... \$625.00

North Country Mercantile

And Equipment..... \$8,885.40

Normont Equipment..... \$11,135.00

Nemont

Telephone Cooperative \$50.00

ND Attorney General..... \$300.00

Natalie Johnson..... \$500.00

NAPA..... \$2,292.69

Motorolla Inc \$2,100.00

Mitchell James \$71.81

Micromarketing..... \$172.90

Marco Technologies LLC.. \$222.86

Mallory

Safety & Supply LLC \$265.80

Lindsey Grocery..... \$115.33

Linde Gas Equipment Inc .. \$399.14

Lawson Products, Inc..... \$972.89

Kimball Midwest \$515.34

Kemper Construction Co. \$1,605.00

Journal Publishing Inc..... \$858.67

Jamie Vandal \$138.00

Jacobs Hardware Hank \$33.95

Interstate

Power Systems Inc \$4,996.71

Gerald Herman..... \$738.40

First State

Bank And Trust \$1,069.16

Farmers Union

Oil Company \$3,046.66

Divide County Treasurer \$82.89

Demco \$551.28

Dakota

Electric Construction \$5,700.00

Crafts 4 U \$555.00

Clubhouse

Hotel And Suites \$297.00

Bummer Depot..... \$140.20

Auto Value Crosby \$314.94

Amazon Seattle \$429.97

Total \$131,215.99

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to reconvene May 22, 2025.

Gayle Jastrzebski

County Auditor/Treasurer

Isaac Jacobs, Chairman,

Board Divide County

Commissioner

Ray School Board Minutes

Unofficial Regular Meeting Minutes May 19, 2025

Present: Foss, Johnsrud, Bingham, Barman and Schmitt.

Also present: Matthew Heier; Secondary Principal, Michael Bergstrom, Athletic Director, Jordan Rusche, Divide County Journal, Ashley Elsworth, Teacher Representative

President Foss called the regular May meeting of the Board of Nesson School District #2 to order at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Additions/Corrections to the agenda: None

Delegations/Special guests: None

Bills were presented and reviewed. A motion made by Bingham second by Schmitt to pay the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

ACT, Inc 2,773.50

Amazon Capital Services.. 1,271.24

Best Western

Roosevelt Place Hotel 198.00

Casey’s General Store 80.50

Cash..... 602.04

Chaney’s Total

Auto Exhaust & Towing 50.58

Circle Sanitation

Service Inc. 1,833.00

City Of Ray 1,035.77

Computer Store, The 9,000.00

Dakota Diesel..... 2,661.90

Davis, Alaelra 200.00

Deering, Tyler 73.18

Dollywood Foundation 53.40

Easy Time Clock, Inc..... 105.00

Eckroth Music..... 10.00

Heier, Kelli 21.44

Holiday Stationstore..... 26.42

Horizon Resources..... 7,825.73

I-State Truck Center..... 720.62

Innovative Office

Solutions, LLC 291.28

Journal Publishing Inc..... 332.50

Jpm Music Publications 24.30

Linde Gas & Equipment Inc ... 115.01

Lyall-Larkin, Jaimie 125.00

Marco Technologies LLC..... 43.75

Marco Technologies Llc..... 1,950.08

Menards - Williston..... 317.33

Montana-Dakota

Utilities Co..... 9,840.99

NASCO 72.000

NDCEL 600.00

NW Communications Coop..... 682.06

Pearce Durick PLLC 1,923.75

Popplers Music Inc 13.19

Ray Foods 131.95

Ray Recreation Council..... 122,405.89

Ray Service Center 191.21

Really Good Stuff, LLC 525.14

Rosco Vision 15.00

School Specialty, LLC..... 178.65

See It Bigger 23.89

Share Corporation 590.87

Simonson

Station Stores - Bismarck..... 68.00

South East

Education Cooperative..... 1,100.00

Stamart

Travel Centers - Bismarck 67.00

Stein’s Inc..... 1,930.87

Strand, Stephanie 615.00

Teachers Pay Teachers 17.00

Thoresons Meat..... 391.76

Tioga Hardware..... 21.94

Top Dead

Center Automotive 391.89

Tri-Energy Cenex..... 26.29

United States Postal Service .. 23.95

United Truck Body Co. Inc..... 90.00

Western Education

Regional Cooperative..... 2,393.50

Wex Health, Inc..... 50.00

Workforce Safety & Insurance 76.68

Zoom.Us..... 4,782.24

Total 180,982.28

A motion made by Bingham second by Johnsrud to approve the con-

sent agenda. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Heier reported that round 3 of Fastbridge Universal Screener Assessment were completed May 5th-9th. Progress monitoring showed increases in a majority of these students. We have a tentative 7-12 class schedule. All students are preregistered. There will be a registration day in August to make changes if needed. Mr. Heier will be working on multiple reports that are due in June and will review legislative changes and assist with those policies.

Mr. Kuehn reported the last day of school, the staff End of Year BBQ and Graduation went exceedingly well. He will be attending the Summer Leadership Conference in Bismarck in June. He went over some of the new legislation policy changes. He and the principals will meet and come up with guidelines on the new policies that will need to be adapted.

Mr. Bergstrom reported that there are updates needed for the weight room. He went through items that would need to be purchased first and removing items deemed unsafe. He presented a quote from BSN. The earliest delivery time would be July.

Mr. Bergstrom also would like to improve the lighting system. The board will decide on these purchases at the next meeting.

The election results were canvassed. The results from the school board election tally list show a total of 34 voters. There were two 3-year term positions up for election, the result are as follows: Benji Schmitt received 33 votes, Brent Bingham received 31 votes, Reachelle Littlefield received 1 write-in vote, Courtney Smith received 1 write-in vote, Joseph Hickel received 1 write-in vote, and Jenna Lee received 1 write-in vote. Having received the most votes, Benji Schmitt and Brent Bingham have been reelected by the voters to the Nesson Public School District #2 board of directors for the next three years. The results for publishing the school board minutes were 30 votes to continue to publish, 4 votes against publishing. A motion was made by Johnsrud to accept the results of the election, second by Barman. Roll call vote on the election results; Bingham; aye, Barman; aye, Schmitt; aye, Johnsrud; aye, Foss; aye. Motion carried.

President Foss gave a review of the negotiations with the REA. They met three times. What they settled on and recommend to the board is a one-year agreement with a 2.5% base increase, one additional personal day, the addition of a sick bank and agree to meet and look over the whole compensation package including the salary schedule in the next year. Mr. Kuehn reviewed the guidelines for the sick bank for certified staff. Foss went over how the teachers and finance committee will look at the salary schedule, insurance benefits, and TFFR options over the next year. A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Bingham to approve the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Schmitt to increase the Summer Driver’s Education instructor salary to \$33.00 an hour. Carried unanimously.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Meeting Room #29. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL LOTS FOR SALE

The City of Ray (“City”) will accept written bids until 3:00 p.m. (central) on June 5th, for the following Properties (lot/s) in Ray, Williams County, North Dakota:

Property #1: Lot 5R Rearrangement of Lots 1-22, Block 4 Jordan Heights

Property ID: 02-000-00-21-04-055

All sales subject to the following conditions:

- Buyers must construct a permanent, habitable residential structure that complies with applicable City ordinances on the property within 18 months of closing.
- City reserves oil, gas, and minerals.
- Title subject to easements and right of ways of record.
- Minimum bid is:
- o **Property #1: Lot 5R, Block 4: \$27,264.48**
- The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularities in the bidding procedure.

Bids must be in writing and received at City Hall, 101 Main St.

(south entrance on 1st Ave), PO Box 67, Ray, ND 58849, no later than 3:00 p.m.(central), June 5th, 2025. Bids must include the bidder’s name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, description of lot and amount of the bid for that lot (in whole USD). Bidders interested in multiple lots must submit separate bids for each lot; single bids for multiple lots will not be accepted. Bids will be opened Monday, June 9th, 2025, at the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM, Ray City Hall, 101 Main St. (south entrance on 1st Ave), Ray, ND. Bidders are encouraged to attend bid opening as the top three bidders for each lot will be allowed to raise their bid. The successful bidder must pay 10% of purchase price as earnest money upon acceptance of the bid, balance payable at closing. Purchase Agreement to be executed at acceptance of bid.

Bid packet available upon request to: raynd@nccray.net or calling City Hall, 701-568-2204.

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00054

IN THE DISTRICT COURT,

NORTHWEST JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COUNTY

OF DIVIDE,

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of

Ardis M. Slotsve

Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diane Stehura has filed in this matter a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative. A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 11th day of July 2025, at 10:30 o’clock a.m. at the Courtroom of the Divide County District Court in Crosby, Divide County, North Dakota.

Dated this 7th, day of May, 2025.

/s/ Brittany F. Foust

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,

OF DIVIDE COUNTY,

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of

Nancy Jo Burgett

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Lynne A. Murphy, Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy Jo Burgett, c/o DeMakis Law, PLLC, P. O. Box 1748, Minot, ND 58702-1748, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Lynne A. Murphy

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Divide County Public School District

Crosby, NORTH DAKOTA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for Guaranteed Energy and Operational Savings Contract Provider

Divide County Public School District, requests proposals to evaluate qualified providers for the development and implementation of energy and operational efficiency projects on a guaranteed energy and operational savings contract basis. This Request

for Proposal (RFP) will provide a competitive means in which to select a provider to implement the improvements in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 48-05-09 through 48-05-13.

Proposals shall be electronically received in the office of Ms. Suzanne Lamontagne, Divide County Public School District, 106 1st St NE, Crosby, ND 58730, no later than 4 p.m. CT Monday, June 2, 2025.

To receive the full RFP details, contact Ms. Suzanne Lamontagne, Administrative Assistant; via e-mail at Suzanne.lamontagne@k12.nd.us.

Dust Control

The Divide County shop is offering dust control for 2025 season.



If you are interested please contact the county shop at 965-6522

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The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2025-2026 Deer Hunting Proclamation.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov. The deadline for submitting applications is June 4, 2025.

SEASON	OPENS	CLOSES	AREAS	RESTRICTIONS
DEER BOW	August 29 12:00 noon (CT)	January 4	Statewide	Residents - Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. Nonresidents - Restricted to species of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required of all bow hunters during regular gun season.
DEER GUN	November 7 12:00 noon (CT) 16 1/2 Day Season	November 23	All units	Restricted to type of deer and unit described on license. Type of deer includes species and whether antlerless or antlered (at least one visible antler). Note exception for white-tailed deer hunters in units 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E. Orange clothing required.
MUZZLELOADER	November 28 12:00 noon (CT)	December 14	Statewide	Restricted to white-tailed deer only and type of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required.
YOUTH DEER	September 19 12:00 noon (CT)	September 28	Statewide	11-, 12- and 13-year-olds – Any antlerless deer is legal.* 14- and 15-year-olds – Any deer is legal.* Orange clothing required. *Hunting units 4A-4F, 3B1 and 3B2 a special license is required to hunt mule deer. These licenses are valid only in the unit specified on the license.
SPECIAL DEER-BOW HERD REDUCTION	August 29 12:00 noon (CT)	January 31	See Proclamation	Restricted to any-antlerless deer as described on license.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- The 2025 North Dakota deer hunting season is set with 42,300 licenses available, 7,800 less than last year.
- A total of 806 muzzleloader licenses will be available in 2025, 150 less than last year.

A complete 2025 deer hunting proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game & Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300 or online at gf.nd.gov.