

Divide County Commission Minutes

June 3, 2025
The Board of Divide County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday June 3, 2025, with all members present, Chairman Jacobs presiding. Jordan Rusche, Journalist, were also in attendance.
Minutes from May 22, 2025, meeting was read and approved with corrections.
Scott Williams, US Fish Wildlife met with the board to request no objection for land acquisitions for easements. Mr. Williams mentioned that he needs local boards approval before he goes to the state for their approval. These easements are for Type 2 or Type 3 grasslands. Motion was made by Commissioner Eriksmoen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve this request. All present voted in favor.
Christina Running, Clerk/Recorder met with the board to request keeping Ms. Vandal through the summer to cover vacations. Board authorized this request.
Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to appoint Rosemary Tanberg to the library board with the resignation of Michael Melgaard. All present voted in favor.
Correspondence was reviewed and placed on file.
Fees collected for the month of May 2025, deposited into the General Fund, and reports placed on file are as follows: Zachary Schroeder Sheriff-\$333.00, Christina Running-Recorder-\$67,434.50, Clerk of Court-\$701.50.
Gayle Jastrzebski, Auditor/Treasurer, submitted the May financial and investment statements
Chairman signed final progressive estimate on CP1203 (023)-137550.41.
Motion was made by Commis-

sioner Eriksmoen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to sign off on the Sheridan Electric capital credits.
Motion was made by Commissioner Eriksmoen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following travel: Gayle Jastrzebski Auditor Treasurer June 24-27 Watford City for convention and July 30 Minot for NDIRF insurance updates. All present voted in favor.
Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to approve \$35.00 per hour to Melissa Rindel for cleaning the fairground bathrooms. All present voted in favor.
Board reviewed the information that Jason Mayfield, Wold Engineering, sent for the applying for the flex seeding in 2025 for 2027.
Rose Demint and Marshall Nelson, Janitorial, Travis Binde, NDSU agent, met with the board to discuss the leaks. Ms. Demint and Mr. Binde mentioned that water is coming in between the walls all the way from the second floor to the sheriff office when it is windy with a hard rain. After discussion board mentioned they will go look at the problem. Ms. Demint mentioned the sprinkler people were here and no breaks. Commissioner Eriksmoen mentioned that Ms. Demint needs to put more dirt and grass seed down. Ms. Demint mentioned she got 6 bags and that the hardware store was going to order more. Board agreed they need a pallet of top soil. Board mentioned that Ms. Demint needs to mow more often and she said she will let her individual know.
Travis Binde, NDSU agent, met with the board to present his first quarter report.
Jerry Herman-Veterans Service Officer, met with the board to request the month of November off for medical. Board authorized this request.

Carol Williams, Tax Director, met with the board to present the county equalization: Also in attendance was Brandon Peterson. Mr. Peterson was there for appeal on salt water disposal well. Ms. Williams mentioned that NDCC says whatever is in place February 1 is how she needs to assess the property. Board mentioned that they have to agree with Ms. Williams that everything was still there February 1. Mr. Peterson mentioned that Secure is in the process of removing everything and reclaiming the site. Mr. Peterson mentioned that he is concerned about the taxes. Board asked who paid them. Mr. Peterson mentioned that Secure pays the commercial buildings and he pays the commercial land and farmland. Board asked if they would pay this year's taxes. Mr. Peterson mentioned that he wasn't sure. Commissioner Eriksmoen mentioned to be sure that he was satisfied with the reclamation and that the proper forms were signed off on for the state. Commissioner Eriksmoen mentioned that once everything is complete to come back to zoning and get it changed back from commercial to agricultural. Mr. Peterson agreed and left the meeting. Ms. Williams continued with the following agenda items:
1. Assessment and Sales Ratios
2. Reassessing Schedule and Updates
a. Tax Year 2025
i. Crosby / Townships
ii. Updated pricing manual & converted tax software
iii. Vanguard reviewed grain elevators; County reviewed underground tanks
b. 2026 – Tax Equalization Office plans
i. Crosby / Townships
ii. Ag Land Update
iii. Replace CAMA Remote

iv. Legislative Changes
3. Credit and Exemptions
4. Appeals:
a. Appeals – Brandon Peterson SWD
5. Recommended changes from what was presented at local jurisdictions' equalization meetings.
Jurisdiction, Owner, Parcel, Category, Value Change, Reason for Change
Gooseneck, Rollin & Joyce and David Wolter, 17-0000-52390-000, Commercial, -21,000 CS, Remove CL accidentally added to CS.
Gooseneck, David Wolter Etal, 17-0000-53000-000, Commercial, -21,300 CS, Remove CL accidentally added to CS.
Gooseneck, Jeffrey and Tiffany Jeglum, 17-0000-53400-001, Commercial, -26,300 CS, Remove CL accidentally added to CS.
Fertile Valley, Vyrion Larsen LE, 12-0000-11600-000, Ag Land, -2,400 FM, No change in use.
Fortuna, Gary and Cynthia Rust, 35-0000-68700-000, Commercial, -2000 CS and 1300 CL, Demolition.
Fortuna, Randy Haagenson, 35-0000-68900-000, Residential -3,400 RS, Demolition.
Noonan, Peter Grigg, 36-0000-67534-000, Residential, - 700 RL, Lot Size.
Writing Rock, James Reistad, 32-0000-23980-000, Ag Land, -11,600 FM, No change in use.
6. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to accept the county changes. All present voted in favor. Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to accept the 2025 Tax Equalization Assessments. All present voted in favor.
7. State Board of Equalization is

Tuesday, August 12th, at 8:30 a.m. at the State Capitol Building
8. Adjournment
Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Eriksmoen to approve the following travel requests: Travis Binde, Extension Agent, June 9-12 West Farm Safety-Williston, July 3 NACCA Conference Billings, MT, and Carol Williams, Tax Director, August 13-14 tax classes-Bismarck. All present voted in favor.
Bryan Haugenoe, Road Superintendent, met with the board to review what Mr. Mayfield sent for flex funding. Mr. Haugenoe informed the board that he has been flagged on 5 bridges. He mentioned that he had to come up with an emergency plan. Mr. Haugenoe mentioned that Sheridan County is interested in the dozer. Mr. Haugenoe asked if the county would be interested in letting the townships use the mower tractor. After discussion board decided it would be in best interest if the townships went together and applied. Mr. Haugenoe informed the board that there is a NDDOT auction and he is interested in pickups. Board mentioned there is one budgeted for 2025. Mr. Haugenoe asked if the county is interested in more property to the south. Yes, but they would have to know the price, Commissioner Eriksmoen mentioned that Mr. Haugenoe should get with Williams County and submit to the state for making County Road 17 a state highway.
Payroll in the amount of \$210,894.09 on motion made and carried placed in line for payment.
The following bills on motion made and approved were placed in line for payment:
Wold Engineering PC . \$131,535.24
Westlie Crossroads..... \$2,785.38

Wallwork Truck Center..... \$751.73
Vestis..... \$321.96
United States Postmaster.... \$604.80
Swanston
Equipment Corp..... \$5,255.26
Share Corporation..... \$310.69
Ryan Motors Inc..... \$514.80
Rough Rider Industries ... \$1,749.00
Relx Inc Dbx Lexis Nexis \$78.00
RDO Trust 80-5800 \$6,857.68
PRO It LLC Minot \$2,620.00
Oriental Trading Company \$151.70
Northwest Septic Service... \$850.00
Normont Equipment..... \$1,235.45
NDSU Ag Communications \$37.50
ND Workforce
Safety & Insurane \$250.00
NAPA..... \$2,379.85
Micromarketing..... \$206.57
Mayo Construction Co..... \$137,550.41
Marco Technologies \$198.71
Marco Inc Nw 7128 \$2,662.98
Justin Hanson..... \$700.00
Journal Publishing Inc..... \$187.60
Joseph Minwegon \$180.00
Jamie Vandal..... \$264.50
James Stacey \$90.00
Hometown Lumber \$50.00
Dept Of Treasury..... \$2,143.83
Demco \$400.27
Deborah Selle..... \$1,375.00
Crosby City \$11.00
Crafco, Inc..... \$29,346.50
Circle Sanitation Inc \$284.00
Brady Martz CPA..... \$14,175.00
Brad Johnson Insurance \$11.00
Auto Value Crosby \$165.72
Amy Jacobs..... \$600.00
Amazon Seattle \$372.56
Total \$349,253.69
There being no further business meeting adjourned at noon to reconvene June 24, 2025.
Gayle Jastrzebski
County Auditor/Treasurer
Isaac Jacobs, Chairman,
Board Divide County
Commissioner

Ray City Commission Minutes

RAY CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING Ray City Hall June 23, 2025 6 p.m.
A special meeting of the Ray City Commission was called to order by President Troy Kupper at 6:04 p.m., with the following Commissioners present: Casey Brunner, Richard Liesener, and Andrew Nelson. Absent: Eric Barman. Also in attendance: Tim Blossom, Adam Weyrauch, Ann Velo, Hal Hickel, Harvey Fitzgerald (IEI), Jan Dancer, Deputy Auditor and Auditor, Ronda Rustad. Via Zoom: Brad Nygaard (Crosby Journal), Anita T., and Janelle Mitzel.
The commission discussed revisions to an ordinance regulating restaurants with alcohol licenses, focusing on ensuring it applies broadly to future restaurants rather than tai-

loring it for a specific business. They considered limitations on operations when the kitchen is not in full service, live music, and public dancing, as well as the potential for outdoor dining during special events. The commission decided to postpone the Restaurant Liquor License discussion until their next meeting, which may be scheduled as a special meeting to include Commissioner Barman. They agreed to get input from Chief Pinski for all future discussions, as well as to notify all interested parties about the rescheduled meeting. The commission emphasized the importance of developing a comprehensive restaurant ordinance rather than a bar ordinance, emphasizing the need for a balanced ordinance that aligns with other local regulations; and agreed to take the time necessary to get it right.
Brunner moved to postpone agenda items second reading of Restau-

rants Alcoholic Beverage ordinance and Resolution 2025-03: Fixing the number of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses and fees, until the next meeting. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.
Harvey Fitzgerald, IEI, presented the engineering analysis of the splash pad and water/sewer capacity. The analysis showed that the proposed splash pad would add 0.43 cubic feet per second to the sewer system, which is less than the pipe's capacity of 0.5 cubic feet per second and would cause a minimal 2 psi drop in water pressure, which is within acceptable ranges. The team discussed whether the pressure drop would be sufficient to affect the park board's watering of ball fields across the street, Harvey will confirm with Dean Peterson that the calculations account for maximum town demand.
The city commission discussed

a \$225,000 request from the Park District for a splash pad project. They reviewed information provided by Interstate and agreed to move forward with the decision. The commission expressed support for the project, with members suggesting that any grant funding received by the Park Board for this project be used to pay back the city's portion. They also discussed the need for a contract between the city and park board to address liability concerns.
Liesener moved to assist the Park Board with \$225,000.00 towards the splash pad project, asking the Auditor to work with attorney on agreement to keep city from any liability. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.
Liesener moved for the President to sign the Notice to Proceed with Astech for the 2025 Chip Seal Project, with a start date of July 9, 2025. Seconded by Brunner, RCV MCU.

Liesener moved to have the President sign the Notice to Proceed with Wagner Construction for the 2025 Water and Sanitary Sewer Project, with a start date of July 9, 2025. Seconded by Brunner, RCV MCU.
Liesener moved to change the President to sign the NDDOT insurance statement, that the City's insurance is consistent with NDDOT's provisions. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.
Liesener moved to change the address per Dean Vass request from 20 Main Street to 22 Main Street, Seconded by Brunner, RCV MCU.
Brunner moved to obtain a city credit card for the Public Works Director, Shane Schmidgal. Seconded by Liesener, RCV MCU.
Brunner moved to approve Fisher Chiropractic's request to advertise on the city sign in the mall parking lot, with the understanding that they would pay for the glass and the origi-

nal Walla sign would be returned. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.
Brunner moved to approve the 50/50 gaming application 2025-02 for the Grain Palace City Foundation as presented. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.
Brunner moved to advertise with GameDay Media, continuing with the Premier Package. Seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU.
Brunner moved to adjourn, seconded by Nelson, RCV MCU. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m..
RCV MCU = roll call vote motion carries unanimously
Ronda Rustad
Auditor, City of Ray
Troy Kupper, President
Ray City Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ray City Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at City Hall in Ray. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on a variance application. The Applicant requests a variance from the R-1 zoning district regulations minimum lot area shall be 10,000 sq feet and with a minimum lot width of 75 feet. to allow for construction of an accessory building to a 672 sf existing home.
An application was submitted by the applicant on June 27th, 2025. The parcel is Lot 4 and 27.99 feet of Lot 5 & 6, rearrangement, Block 8 of the Scotts Addition, address 316 Church Street, Ray, North Dakota.
A copy of the variance application

can be reviewed at the Office of the City Auditor Monday through Friday during regular business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The City Commission will consider all comments, written or spoken, at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to the City Auditor's Office prior to the meeting date.
Should you plan to attend the hearing and need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, contact the City Auditor at (701) 568-2204. The City Auditor will provide digital connection information for individuals interested in attending the meeting via Zoom upon request.
Ronda Rustad
Ray City Auditor


ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION RULES RELATING TO THE COMPLAINT PROCESS
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Ethics Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code ch. 115-02-01 at 9:30 am on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 600 E Boulevard Ave, Judicial Wmg Rm. 321, Bismarck and on Microsoft Teams. These are not emergency rules.
A copy of the proposed rules and a link for the hearing may be found at www.ethicscommission.nd.gov or obtained by calling (701) 328-5325. Written comments may be submitted on the Ethics Commission's website or to 600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 195, Bismarck, ND 58505 until September 22, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Ethics Commission at the above telephone number at least 14 days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 26th day of June, 2025.
Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission


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