

GUELPH NEWS... by Rose Sell

Nondenominational services are held each Sunday at the Guelph Community Church at 10AM with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating. All are welcome and dress is casual. Come and make yourself comfortable.

Mother's Day weekend was celebrated in a variety of ways in the area. Randy & Anna hosted their family on Saturday evening. Included in the entertainment were: Kaleb Sell & Shaunay Jones; Logan & Claire Sell; Rod & Rose Sell; and Faffa Mullon. The next morning Makenzie, Reece, Jalen, Julianna, & Becket Breitbach met with family at Mass. They then spent the afternoon at the Sell farm while Alex was working.

The Thorpe's have begun the tradition of spending Mother's Day planting the 6 huge planters situated in Ludden with a plethora of multicolored flowers. Due to the horrendous wind they were loaded onto a flatbed trailer & taken to Thorpe's shop. These planters are done each year as a tribute to Ryan who would have turned 50 on Monday, the 12th. Involved were: Larry & Jeanne; Ross & family; Robert & family; Robyn & family. That being done they all retired to have supper together & reminisce.

Tuesday, the 13th, Rod & Rose made their way to Aberdeen with a trailer filled with what was left of our Community Rummage Sale. This was all unloaded at 'Kids Against Hunger' to benefit another group of people. 'Paying it Forward'

Wednesday, the 14th, Grama Jeanne was in Moorhead to cheer on Zoey Maley at a track meet that included hundreds of Moorhead 4th graders at the high school football stadium. Zoey's family fan base included: Robyn Jason, Zade & Grama Jeanne as she placed in 2 events (100 meter & 200 meter).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank

Chuck and Sue German shared in an early Easter dinner at Elaine

and Gerry Kluck's new Hawley home on Saturday, April 19. Also present were Barb Sherburne, Jason and Alison Stuart and family, and Megan and Patrick Brejcha and boys.

Sue German hosted the monthly Active Arts Club meeting at her house, Tuesday, April 22, along with Kathie Hay as co-hostess.

Weekend guests of Chuck and Sue German for a late Easter celebration on April 25-27 were Matt and Aiden Kalbus, Fargo; Rachel and Ben, Carli, Taylor, Cole, and Apryl from Grand Forks. There was lots of fun and food including an Easter egg hunt!

Chuck and Sue German had supper at Matt and Aiden's home, and then attended the 8th grade band concert at West Fargo Liberty Middle School on Thursday, May 1. Aiden is a trumpet player in the band. What a fine concert!

Sue German travelled to Bismarck on May 2. She was a judge for the State Class B Music Contest at Bismarck State College on Saturday where she heard many fine musicians from throughout the state.

Sue German stopped for a visit with Andy and Kara Kalbus on Friday morning, May 9, to celebrate an early Mother's Day. She was then honored to attend the RN pinning of her granddaughter, Taylor Jordan, in Grand Forks later that day. Afterwards she had lunch with Rachel and Taylor before heading back to Fargo. Then she also had a short visit in Fargo with Matt and Aiden Kalbus for another early Mother's Day celebration.

Saturday May 10, Sue German joined relatives and friends for a lovely bridal shower for Kyle Steiner in Watertown, SD. She returned home that night. Bryan & Lisa German were at Jerry & Claire's for Mothers Day where Bryan made supper for them after Claire & Lisa did some flower shopping. Fun Day!

Dickey County
Senior Menu
Oakes: 742-3509
Ellendale: 349-4513

Friday: Chicken Fillet on Bun, w/Lettuce, tomato, onion, Tator Tots, Peas, Mixed Berries w/whipped top.
Monday: CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday: Macaroni & Vegetable Casserole, Roasted Broccoli, Cottage Cheese & Pineapple.
Wednesday: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Asparagus, Heavenly Fruit Hash.
Thursday: Italian Pasta Bake, House Salad w/dressing, Carrots, Choice of Fruit.



NOTICE OF COUNTY
EQUALIZATION MEETING

The Dickey County Commission will convene as the Dickey County Board of Equalization on **Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 1:00 PM** in the commissioner room of the Dickey County Courthouse.

Equalization of Cities first followed by Equalization of Townships

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment.

For Zoom details feel free to visit the Dickey County website at www.DickeyND.com or contact the Office of Tax Equalization at (701) 349-8319.

Dickey County
Public Transportation
Handicapped Accessible Vehicles

Ellendale:
Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Oakes:
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

To Aberdeen:
The third (3) Monday of each month

If you need a ride, call:
742-3509

The McIntosh County Bus goes through Ellendale on their way to Aberdeen the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you would like to catch a ride call: 701-731-0072

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701-349-3222
dcleader@drtel.net

Oakes Times
701-742-2361
oakestms@drtel.net

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NOTICE

THE DICKEY COUNTY WEED BOARD wishes to inform the residents of Dickey County that road right-of-ways will be sprayed, and that spraying will continue for the duration of the summer and fall.

OAKES GOOD SAMARITAN NURSING DEPARTMENT

NURSING STAFF: full time RN night time/day nurse with \$20K sign on bonus and full time LPN nights for \$15K bonus.

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Dickey County Commissioners Meeting, April 15, 2025

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hair Brandon Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. Commissioners John Hokana, Jerry Walsh, Kacey Holm, and Marke Roberts were also present. Auditor Sheppard, JETx representative Kris Koch and Applied Digital representative Martin Vega were also present. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dickey County Sheriff's Office, Recorder Kelly Schmidt, States Attorney Kim Rademacher, Deputy Clerk of Court Cresta Miller, Deputy Recorder Lori Wald, and Administrative Assistant Amy Mittleider joined the meeting via electronic means.

Agenda

- Human Services Zone meeting
- DC #3 east of Oakes
- Easements for Divide Township box culvert project

Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st meeting with corrections. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

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

Hokana made a motion to approve the March financial statement. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Valley Township Clerk/Treasurer Dale Rademacher joined the meeting at 10:00.

Walsh gave an update on the Human Services Zone meeting he attended. Medicaid numbers have declined. The call center is experiencing a high turnover in staff, due to the nature of the job.

Tax Director Don Flaherty and Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting at 10:13.

Flaherty discussed with the Commission possibly missing a township equalization meeting or two. Flaherty is requesting that Ellendale City Auditor Nicole Kempf, who is a certified assessor, be responsible for any meetings Flaherty may miss, as Deputy Tax Director Kasie Kinzler is not certified at this time. Walsh made a motion to pay Kempf \$150 for each meeting that requires her attendance plus any cost of travel. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to open the abatement hearing. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty presented four parcels with late homestead credit filings. Three of the four parcels include tax year 2023 and 2024. The fourth parcel is for tax year 2024. One parcel has 50% credit for 2023 with an increase to 100% for 2024 tax year. One parcel is 50% credit for both tax years. All the other parcels are 100% for the tax years filed. All applicants fit the guidelines of homestead credit.

Walsh made a motion to approve the abatements as presented. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Flaherty informed the Commission about two corrections that need to be recalculated on two parcels. The first will

be a refund and the second one will need a portion paid back to the county. Due to the issue was a county error, Flaherty is requesting that the discount received on the incorrect number be honored for the second payment if the payment is received in the next 30 days. Roberts made a motion to approve granting the discount, if payment is received within 30 days. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Flaherty requested the Commission allow Flaherty to contract with Vanguard Appraisal for assessing the new buildings at Applied Digital. Flaherty stated the cost would be approximately \$215 per hour, with a cap of \$12,000. Walsh made a motion to authorize Flaherty to contract with Vanguard Appraisal for the appraisal on the new buildings at Applied Digital. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm and Carlson updated the Commission on the land auction with a gravel pit in Dickey County. The price agreed upon during the executive session was not high enough and the auctioneer would not split the offer. Discussion continued concerning possible changes to the auction. Rademacher advised that the Commission should enter in executive session to discuss matters if something were to change.

Sheppard informed the Commission that the air conditioning unit in the Auditor's office vault appears to have died. The server in the vault needs to be kept cool. Sheppard is requesting authorization to purchase a new A/C unit, if needed. Holm made a motion to authorize Sheppard to purchase a new a/c unit, if needed. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion followed concerning the combining of the Auditor and Treasurer position that Walsh presented at the March 4th Commission meeting. Also discussed was the plan Roberts presented at the March 18th meeting of changing the Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder position to appointed and the hiring of a County Manager that would also handle human resource issues. The cost of a Human Resource person was discussed. Walsh stated that a Human Resource person could be appointed with the retirement of either the Auditor or Treasurer. Roberts stated that adding more tasks to one person is not the answer in his opinion. The terms of the current Auditor and Treasurer do not end until 2027. Rademacher stated that to make the changes proposed by Roberts, there would need to be a change in the form of government for Dickey County. No decision was made.

Sheppard presented the software support/license renewal agreement with Software Innovations. Sheppard stated that Software Innovations is under new ownership. Walsh made a motion to sign the agreement. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Applied Digital Representative Andrea Mireles joined the meeting via electronic means at 10:50. Water Board members John Quandt and Steve Hanson, Young

Township supervisor Jason Hildenbrand, Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen, KLJ engineer Bryan Tykwinski, and Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 10:55.

Rademacher submitted the proposed "Consent for Utility Company to cross a public road or section road" form. Rademacher stated it is a more comprehensive agreement and combines overhead crossings and boring crossings to one form. Rademacher has conferred with Tykwinski and the ND DOT on the form. Rademacher stated it is consistent with other counties. The current fee is \$200. Walsh made a motion to adopt the new consent form for road crossings with a \$200 fee. Hokana seconded. Motion carried. Hagen will have IT Consultant Nelson update the web site.

Hildenbrand informed the Commission the need to replace a culvert at 82nd Street and 89th Avenue between sections 24 and 25. The landowner has paid for the hydrology study. Hansen had informed Hildenbrand about the cost share program with the Water Board and Dickey County, which is a sharing of the cost evenly between the township, county, and the Water Board. Hildenbrand is requesting this funding. Hokana made a motion to approve the use of funds to replace the culvert in Young Township. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Water board will discuss the project at tomorrow's meeting. Hildenbrand will get the bill to Sheppard when the project is complete.

Roberts made a motion to open the propane bid hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Three bids were received as listed below.

Agtegra Coop	\$1.499/gallon
Economy Propane	\$1.30/gallon
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$1.24/gallon

Holm made a motion to accept the \$1.24/gallon bid from Farmers Union. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to close the propane bid hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented the easement for the Divide Township project that Tykwinski had given her. Tykwinski stated it is a permanent easement and a temporary easement that need to be filed with the Recorders Office. Holm made a motion to sign the easements. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Tykwinski informed the Commission that Dickey County 3C and the road to the winery were both denied for the safety program. Tykwinski stated that the best funding for County Road 3C is the flexible funding available through the state or federal aid funding. Discussion included having the highway staff place more gravel on the road and put chloride on it. Hagen stated he would look at that.

Tykwinski discussed with the Commission old easements on the north two miles of County Road #12. Most easements have been found, but have not located those for the north two miles. Tykwinski will send the list to the Recorder and the Auditor to see if anything else can be found. Tykwinski also reminded

them of the bid opening on April 21st at the Highway Shop at 11:00 am.

Hagen presented a utility permit from DRN to bury fiber optic cable along Highway #1 in sections 17 and 20 in Divide Township. Roberts made a motion to approve the permit. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Hagen presented two agreements for township blading for 2025. The agreements are with Valley and Lorraine townships. Holm made a motion to have the Chair sign the agreements. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting went into recess from 11:40 to 11:45.

Applied Digital representatives Nick Phillips and Janelle Combs joined the meeting at 11:45. Phillips discussed with the Commission the passage of house bill 1444 and the effect of the bill on the actions to be taken on 87th Avenue in Ellendale Township. Phillips stated there were some things that still need to be worked through. Discussion followed concerning having a joint powers agreement with the city of Ellendale for the first mile of 87th Avenue. Applied Digital is requesting the county continue one more mile through Ellendale Township to the Elden Township line at 96th Street. Elden Township has verbally stated they would agree to have the county take over 87th Avenue to 95th Street and the two miles of 95th Street to Highway 281. Phillips stated that ND DOT has agreed to pay 50% of the cost to pave these roads. Applied Digital would agree to pay the loan payment through a special assessment to pay the balance of the total cost. Phillips stated they are hoping that the project can be completed in two phases.

Phase 1 would be the portion in Elden Township, as they have agreed to allow the county take over that section of road. One thing that will need to be considered is who is responsible for the maintenance of the road. Discussion included adding the road to allow the county to get federal funds in the future. Contingent on Elden Township turning over to the county the roads discussed and the approval of States Attorney Rademacher on all paperwork, Walsh made a motion to authorize Dickey County to take steps necessary to take over the roads in Elden Township (Phase 1) with the development of a joint powers' agreement with Elden Township for the first two miles on 95th Street from Highway 281 west and one mile south on 87th Avenue. Holm seconded. Roll call was Roberts yes; Carlson yes; Holm no; Hokana yes; Walsh yes. Motion carried.

Based on the framework of HB 1444 which is effective August 1, 2025, Walsh made a motion for the county to work with the city of Ellendale and Ellendale Township to take steps necessary the development of a joint powers' agreement with the City of Ellendale and the takeover of land in Ellendale Township. Holm seconded. Roll call was Walsh yes; Hokana yes; Holm yes; Carlson yes; Roberts no. Motion carried. Combs agreed to start the process and forward to Rademacher for her review.

Sheppard presented a request from

the city of Ellendale for support on a grant for the purchase of a new police car. Roberts made a motion to sign the support letter. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Estes informed the Commission of a possible candidate for a deputy sheriff who decided to not interview because of the lack of housing in the area. Estes will be applying for the highway safety grant, as well.

Estes discussed with the Commission on the new building and the need for an impound lot. Based on the placement of water after the last snow, more material will be needed to be added if the lot would be placed on the east side of the building. Estes feels the north side would work better. Discussion included the motion made earlier to have Estes investigate putting an outside fencing area and the cost. Discussion went on to discuss the large door and the door opener that is not installed. Sheppard stated that it has been paid for. Hagen and Estes stated they would get that installed.

Hokana made a motion to adjourn at 12:40.

Salaries	182,085.63
Health District	3,535.36
Cities, Schools, Townships	737,314.35
Avid Hawk LLC	360.00
Bower's Tree Service	500.00
Jarman's Water Systems	248.00
Dickey County Hwy Dept	600.00
ND Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation	300.00
Overpayment Refund	5.56
Overpayment Refund	23.43
Pierson Ford- Lincoln INC.	88.49
Schmidt Kelly	200.25
Dakota Plains Credit Union	42.00
Fastenal Company	216.08
Oakes Truck & Trailer	12,290.86
Southeast Water Users	52.40
Ellendale City Auditor	4,542.44
Napa Central	10.26
Opera INC	150.00
Hansen Stephen	647.50
AT&T Mobility	828.21
Dickey County Leader	510.02
KLJ Engineering LLC	26,044.73
Q & N Corporation	5,264.76
ND Public Employees Retirement	46,691.66
ND Public Employees Retirement	439.56
ND Public Employees Retirement	8,223.10
ND Public Employees Retirement	458.72
ND Public Employees Retirement	14.19
ND Public Employees Retirement	130.02
ND Public Employees Retirement	1,674.00
Wex Health INC	1,217.49
ND Public Employees Retirement	724.97
Wex Health INC	50.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	562.00
Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure	186.74
Kulm Ambulance Corps Inc. C/O Jennifer McDermid	1,313.68
Edgeley Ambulance Service	281.13
Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	1,927.27
Ashley Ambulance District	94.10
Ellendale City Auditor	9,470.65
Oakes City	1,474.33
Garrison Diversion	3,362.95
James River Soil Conservation	7,451.89
Ellendale Fire	6,841.23
Oakes Fire	1,309.53

Dickey Sargent Joint Water Resource District	219.18
Dickey County Senior Citizens	3,336.08
Dickey County Historical	834.28
Dickey Sargent Irrigation District	2,624.31
ND State Treasurer	3,021.34
Dickey County Treasurer	680.00
Human Services	2,612.20
Dakota Electronics	41.25
Dickey County Hwy Dept	1,074.51
Dickey County Leader	642.40
Dickey County Leader	203.28
Ellendale True Value	98.17
Farmers Union Oil Co	82.29
Information Technology Dept	1,795.20
Montana Dakota Utilities	89.98
Overpayment Refund	3,737.64
Quadiant Leasing USA. Inc	294.99
Q&N Corporation	678.96
Software Innovations	2,100.00
Software Innovations	9,900.00
The Angry Beaver Lodge	25.00
US Records Midwest LLC	556.28
Vestis	164.53
Agtegra Oakes	474.96
Dickey County	1,134.27
Economy Oil Co	2,770.30
Ellendale True Value	59.98
Lorena's Cleaning Serv.	400.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	271.50
Napa Central	1,604.80
NDLTAP/UGPTI	150.00
Novak Electric	350.95
Ottertail Power Company	77.39
True North Steel	18,144.00
Vestis	192.58
Office of Attorney General	620.00
Q & N Corporation	187.10
Dakota Plains Credit Union	380.20
Ellendale True Value	73.37
Kiser Breana	961.00
Livestockjudging.com	300.00
NDSU	265.00
Z's Fresh Market	91.88
Postmaster Ellendale	72.00
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	124.00
Dickey County Hwy Dept	512.38
Dickey County Hwy Dept	88.17
Dickey Rural Networks	3,124.24
Ellendale City Auditor	547.81
Mertz Const. & Supply	13,875.00
Office of the Adjutant General	22,839.38
Q & N Corporation	3,812.94
South Central Dakota Regional Council	14,000.00
Center for 4-h	175.00
Ohnstad Twichell	3,558.53
ND Public Employees Retirement	25,064.38
ND Public Employees Retirement	3,221.84
ND Public Employees Retirement	1,674.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	562.00
ND Public Employees Retirement	127.80
Wex Health INC	1,217.49
ND Public Employees Retirement	724.97
Aflac	2,573.57
Delta Dental of MN	2,491.66
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	405.28
ND Child Support Division	200.00
James Valley Regional Lodge	66.34

Respectfully Submitted
Brandon Carlson, Chairman
Wanda Sheppard, Auditor
(May 22, 2025)