

Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Logan
County Commissioners
Napoleon, ND
April 9, 2025
(unofficial or subject
to approval)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 pm in the meeting room of the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schumacher moved, seconded by Batsch, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the March regular meeting minutes and the minutes of one special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the auditor's list of vouchers prepaid during the months of March and April, vouchers payable for April except the Widmer Roel voucher, as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for \$43,483.49 VSO for \$802.00, E911 for \$425.00, Weed Control \$124.80 and Highway Dept for \$19,557.01. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached which were authorized for payment by the Board:

14798-BEK Communications-phone service for several offices855.52
14799-Verizon-5G mobile broadband51.64
14800-Uniform Center-New vest for Deputy Marolt1,196.00
14801-ACME Tools-Generator maintenance & oil changes1,290.85
14802-KLJ Engineering-Burnstad Road Engineering Services3,057.50
14803-Electronic Communications-Fixed radio in 4380 & relocate antenna285.00
14804-Advanced Business Methods-Contract Base for Recorder Office210.48
14805-BEK Communications-Courthouse security internet191.49
14806-Locals' Convenience Center-Clerk of Court/Recorder & sheriff travel....117.55
14807-Advanced Business Methods-Copier for Clerk/Recorder Office4,965.00
14808-Computer Express-VSO computer1,395.00
14809-Computer Express-Install New Server & Cat Cable1,472.99
14810-Napoleon Homestead-Burn ban notice, minutes & stamp997.40
14811-Motorola Solutions-2 Radios for Sheriff's Dept.....9,857.40
14812-Information Technology Dept-Office 365/VPN/WAN/Intune959.00
14813-Amanda Hayen-Wash windows & trim trees300.00
14814-Andrew S Marquardt-Mental health services legal fees108.00
14815-Josh Becker-LEPC Meeting mileage22.40
14816-Loren Schroeder-LEPC Meeting mileage56.00
14817-Advanced Business Methods- Base rate for April & overage for March243.06
14818-Montana Dakota Utilities-Courthouse electricity1,831.92
14819-Lila Wirt-reimburse for food pantry purchases2,281.86
14820-Stutsman County Corrections-Custody of prisoners200.00
14821-Fireside Office Solutions- Box of labels30.98
14822-Pfeifle Ford-Check engine light diagnostics149.10

14823-Dustin Hammond-reimburse for internet April 2025.....96.50
14824-Northside Napa-gravel trailer repairs419.94
14825-KEM Electric-Napoleon Shop electricity...208.18
14826-Butler Machinery-Breather, Glass & wiper arm.....237.13
14827-NDEMA- 2025 annual dues50.00
14828-Jim Fettig & Sons-Snow removal February 2025365.00
14829-Dewald Tire Sales-tires, valves, orings & tire repair6,277.80
14830-Blanche Schumacher-mileage reimbursement.....196.00
14831-City of Lehr-water, sewer & garbage Lehr shop & water on empty lot...92.11
14832-Central Dakota Frontier Coop- Official travel & bulk fuel2,080.22
14833-Dakota Valley Electric Coop- Gackle shop electricity-224.13
14834-South Central Regional Water Dist- Water at Napoleon shop40.60
14835-Quill Corporation-markers for gravel maps.....33.46
14836-City of Gackle-Water & garbage at Gackle shop...49.71
14837-Sayler Implement-filters224.08
14838-Fredonia Coop Oil-bulk fuel Lehr shop2,900.00
14839-Allied Energy-LP heating fuel Lehr shop..320.00
14840-JM Autobody-2018 Ford F150 bumper & light repairs-296.00
14841-Johnsen Trailer Sales- shop supplies352.83
14842-OK tire store-steer tires1,317.14
14843-Napoleon Oil Co-Agent travel & bulk fuel...2,285.15
14844-Mac's Hardware-misc shop supplies & tools298.89
14845-Martell's Carquest-Misc Shop supplies.....158.63
14846-Logan County Auditor- Road maintenance4,657.12
14847-Gackle Coop Oil Co- official travel1,607.96
14848-Stock Growers Bank- final payment on 2018 Grader52,979.70
14849-Dept of Emergency Services- Line fees, terminal fees & annual renewal9,192.36
Monthly fund reports and highway worker daily logs were reviewed.

A statement of fees was received from the offices of County Sheriff and County Recorder for the month of March, reviewed by the board and placed on file.

Committee reports were given.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Brownsfield Application for the old Lehr shop. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, updated the Board on the progress of the Burnstad Road Project. HSIP funding was approved and is expected to be released in 2028 for Phase 2 - widening of the road. She anticipates the county would need to borrow ahead on federal aid funding in 2029 and 2031 for paving and seal coating. Katie requested permission to apply for flex funding in an attempt to, if approved, get Phase 2 and Phase 3 (paving) done at the same time. The commissioners approved the request.

Katie spoke to the Board regarding the state's request to quit claim it's interest in the West Lake Ave road. The state is unwilling to negotiate any type of assistance in making repairs before quit claiming it. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald to decline the quit claim offer until such time as county funds and budgets are built or restored to an amount with which to adequately repair the road. All in favor, motion carried.

Katie provided a contract for

the Board to sign for professional engineering services for a project identified as Burnstad Road (CMC 2416) Roadway Widening for HSIP funding. Kristiansen questioned the hold harmless clause based on information received during ILG training. Walker will look into it. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract once Walker is finished. All in favor, motion carried.

A bid opening was held at 2:00 pm for fuel for the Napoleon area. One bid was received. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to award bids as follows: Gackle Coop Oil – all diesel products for the Gackle area, Fredonia Oil – all diesel products for the Lehr area, Allied Energy for LP in the Gackle and Lehr area and Napoleon Oil for diesel products in the Napoleon Area. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Kristiansen provided updates regarding the Gross Cattle building permit and Bonnet Pit agreement.

The propane tank containment shed on the courthouse grounds will be removed once the ground is firm enough to get a payload in.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to maintain ag values at 98%. All voted in favor, motion carried.

An abatement hearing was held at 2:15 pm for parcel 05015040. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve a 2023 and 2024 abatement for the parcel. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to authorize the Chairman's signature on a community service contract with Jamestown Community Corrections to begin July 1, 2025. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve a building permit application that was not approved last month pending on-site inspection. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Board agreed to make no changes to the current muskrat control agent list.

Schumacher provided the Board with a proposed culvert order in the amount of \$26,496, reporting that it would leave around \$33,000 remaining for culverts the rest of the year.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher to authorize the Chairman's signature on MOUs for Grant Writing and Administration Services with Gackle Care Center, Gackle Ambulance, the City of Gackle and the Napoleon Rural Fire Protection District. All in favor, motion carried.

The second reading of proposed amendments was held at 2:30 pm, with no one from the public present, the Board read them silently. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the addition of Section 12 to the Logan County Zoning Ordinances. All in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to amend/revise the permit fee schedule within the Logan County Zoning Regulations. All voted in favor, motion carried. Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to correct/change the name of the "ND Dept of Health" in Section 6.9 of the Logan County Zoning Regulations to the "ND Department of Environmental Quality." All in favor, motion carried.

Sheriff Andrew Bartholomaus and Assistant State's Attorney Grant Walker said they have a need for a part time secretary so that someone is always in the Sheriff's office to field calls and file paperwork. Kristiansen offered information on what was approved and still available for budgets for the 2025 calendar year. The Board gave their blessing to see if anyone would be interested in the position and the topic could be looked into further during the 2026 budgeting process.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to approve the following building permits and conditional use permit: Josh Becker – post

construction building with attached lean to, Dakota Central – permit and CUP for replacing fiber and Richard Gross - pole building. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve a liquor license for the Napoleon Country Club. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Eric Hoberg met with the Board to discuss moving forward with an irrigation project. Hoberg informed the Board that he had secured funding from the Logan County JDA, the Linton Industrial Development Corporation and the Horse Head Irrigation District. During discussion, many questions were asked and answered and concerns of the commissioners and taxpayers who contacted the commissioners were shared. After discussion, Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to deny the request from Moore Engineering and Eric Hoberg to execute the cost-share grant agreement for the Logan County Irrigation District Feasibility Study; to disallow the county to act as the project sponsor in its current form, and that Logan County proceed no further with the proposed district.

Hoberg was allowed to continue discussion before the motion was voted on. Hoberg urged the Board to vote no on the motion and requested the Board give him a chance to study the project feasibility. Schumacher had shared that she received input from 26 taxpayers and 24 were against it. Hoberg stated he could provide more than that who would be in favor. Batsch requested to see all signatures that Hoberg acquired for the petition that was being circulated. Hoberg agreed to provide all Board members with the signatures. Schumacher tabled her motion until such time as the signatures have been reviewed.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department, general accounts receivable report and NDIRF annual meeting date/time and proxy voting information.

Budget dates were discussed and it was agreed upon that the Board will meet with department heads to discuss budgets beginning at 9 am on June 25, 2025.

Kristiansen shared that she was unable to complete the LATCF and ARPA reports, as the permissions to access those reports were granted to Isaac Zimmerman. There is a case open with the Treasury's tech department to get everything switched over.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held May 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

John Wald, Chairperson
Board of Logan
County Commissioners

Attest:
Jody Kristiansen
Logan County Auditor



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