Minutes of
Logan County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Logan County Commissioners
Napoleon, ND
March 11, 2026

(unofficial or subject to approval)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 1:00pm 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. Community members present included Bill Becker, Thomas Wilen, Kyle Graber, Tim Rath, Travis Jensen, Ryan Becker, Darrell Becker and Adam Weigel. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Wald moved, seconded by Schumacher, to approve the agenda with the addition of rock picking, gravel retrieving/raking, tractor and Lehr trailer. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve the February 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 February and March, vouchers payable for March as well as the following payroll vouchers: County General for $45,149.12 VSO for $822.00, E911 for $425.00, Agent for $2,940.00, and Highway Dept for $16,808.91 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:

16242-Computer Express, February & March monthly service contracts.....1,500.00
16243-Dustin Hammond, reimburse residential internet.....38.65
16244-Information Technology Dept., Office 365, VPN, WAN & Adobe.....1,089.20
16245-Quill, ink, batteries & misc. office supplies....1,211.10
16246-BEK Communications, phone service for several offices.....841.28
16247-BEK Communications, EOC TV & Internet.....122.25
16248-Verizon, 5G Mobile Broadband.....54.01
16249-Radisson, Election training hotel.....113.50
16250-North Dakota Clerk's Association, 2026 dues.....100.00
16251-Pfeifle Chevrolet, Tires, struts & shocks courthouse Buick.....2,585.64
16252-MDU—courthouse electricity.....1,395.80
16253-Napoleon Homestead, printing minutes, notices, meetings & subscription 783.73
16254-Local's Convenience Center, official travel.....182.80
16255-Amanda Hayen, Install 9 smoke detectors throughout courthouse.....37.50
16256-Advanced Business Methods, annual contract recorder & base rate & overage for auditor office...418.66
16257-OTIS Elevator, annual maintenance contract.....4,575.72
16258-Secure Software Solutions—2026 PAT License.....4,400.00
16259-Pro Forms, warrant checks.....247.53
16260-Dakota Business Solutions, postage machine ink.....295.99
16261-Ramada, Tax Director Spring Conference Hotel-.....110.00
16262-City of Gackle, total back flow kit.....423.10
16263-Jim Fettig & Sons, January snow removal.....375.00
16264-Vanguard Appraisals, Vanguard.....5,050.00
16265-Dakota Valley Electric Coop, Gackle shop electricity.....347.28
16266-Blanche Schumacher, reimburse mileage.....106.58
16267-Logan County Auditor, snow removal & blading FTM & FAS roads.....2,175.00
16268-Main Street Hardware, livetrap, masks, mounting tape & cleaner.....157.45
16269-Ecolab, Pest control at county shops.....650.00
16270-Gackle Coop Oil Co., official travel & misc tools and supplies.....808.70
16271-ND Association of Co & Tribal Vet Service Officers, dues & spring regist.....170.00
16272-Josh Becker, reimburse supplies, hotel & gas.....276.59
16273-KLJ Engineering, preliminary Turner bridge project engineering.....5,000.00
16274-Dehne Septic Pumping, Gackle shop septic pumping.....248.00
16275-KEM, Napoleon shop electrical payment.....250.00
16276-Fredonia Coop Oil Co., tire tube, dust cap & bulk fuel Lehr shop.....1,488.46
16277-Sayler Implement, Hydraulic arm for Napoleon blade.....232.81
16278-Martell's Carquest, de-icer, clamps & filter.....138.71
16279-Martell's True Value, battery, paint marker & drill bit.....47.47
16280-JM Autobody & Paint, back glass for 2007 KW T800.....361.42
16281-Napoleon Oil Co., Sheriff oil change & bulk fuel Napoleon shop.....2,192.09
16282-Pinke Lumber, 2x4x8' Gackle shop.....32.83
16283-City of Lehr, water, sewer & garbage at Lehr shop & water on empty lot.....94.41
16284-Allied Energy, LP heating at Gackle & Lehr shops.....1,473.90
16285-Wallwork Truck Center, window & seal for Gackle truck & latch-hood hold down.....996.57
16286-City of Gackle, water & garbage at Gackle shop...43.11
16287-South Central Regional Water District, water at Napoleon shop.....43.69
16288-Central Dakota Frontier Coop, official travel, oil change on Bronco & propane for courthouse ..1,565.34
16289-NDSU Ag & Extension Conference, spring conference for ANR agent .215.00

The monthly fund report, highway worker logs, and statements of fees were reviewed.

Committee reports were given.

Katie DeWitt, KLJ Engineering, provided updates to the Burnstad Road Project, Turner Bridge Project and Blue Ball Project. It was reported that 14.6 acres would need to be acquired for the 45mph route for the 56th St. road alignment.

Wald shared several bids for renting equipment to aid in the removal of the fuel containment shed on the courthouse grounds. The Board also discussed using the equipment for rock picking. No action taken.

The Board reported having not completed going through the handbook but asked Kristiansen to add that the Board will not recognize Juneteenth as a holiday.

Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to find a minimum of seven Logan County residents to serve on the Logan County Zoning Board prior to the next regular meeting in April and to place a one year moratorium for approval of building/zoning permits for the following types of projects: AI data centers, ASI data centers, animal feeding operations, battery energy storage systems, camp/crew housing, cryptocurrency facilities, nuclear and high level radioactive waste, pipelines, petroleum/natural gas processing facilities, chemical processing plants, railroad yards/spurs, commercial solar energy conversion facilities, transmission lines, wind energy facilities, expansion of wind energy facilities and/or transfer of wind energy facility siting permits. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Bid openings began at 2:00 pm. Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to award the culvert bid to True North Steel. All in favor, motion carried. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch to award gravel crushing to James Valley Sand & Gravel. All in favor, motion carried. Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to award gravel hauling to Hoffer Sand & Gravel on an as needed basis. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim Rath spoke as a representative for the public that was present at the meeting. He thanked the Board for taking public concerns seriously and implementing the moratorium on everything that needed to be addressed by the zoning board and not singling out one specific type of industry.

Tax Director Trisha Laine met with the Board to present the agricultural value per acre for the 2026 assessment provided by the state. Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to maintain values at 98% tolerance which will result in a 5.66% decrease in the overall average value per acre of ag land in Logan County. All in favor, motion carried.

Wald motioned, seconded by Batsch, to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Fire Emergency Declaration Burn Restriction Proclamation provided by Daniel Schwartz. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed weight enforcement, load restrictions and speed limits. The matter was tabled to the next meeting to allow the Board to look into signage and check what the county already has in inventory.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to approve a proposal submitted by ABM to enter into a new lease agreement for a Ricoh copier. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board received a petition for county enforcement action regarding a right-of-way obstruction. Travis Jensen was available and provided clarification to the Board regarding his request. Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to send a letter to the landowner responsible for the obstruction requesting the matter be corrected within 30 days. All in favor, motion carried.

County Recorder Laura Henry read a letter of response to the Board regarding the letter that was approved and distributed to all county employees regarding the atmosphere in the courthouse. Henry's letter addressed concerns about what the letter did to the morale in the courthouse, as everyone is doing their best and no supervisors were notified that there were issues in any of their departments. The letter also touched on disappointment with the way the letter was handled by the local press and reported in the newspaper. She concluded with asking the Board to deal with specific problems as they come up with the individuals involved rather than a blanket letter of blame to all.

Amanda Hayen shared that the issues with the northwest door are being caused by the stairs pulling the wall away from the building. Wald asked that the Hayens do what they can to caulk the gap being created at this time.

Lisa Weigel, Risk Manager, requested the Board approve two additional memberships for NDACE, as each commissioner needs to have their own membership and login in order to complete the mandatory reasonable suspicion training required for CDL supervisors. Batsch motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to purchase two additional memberships for a total of $100.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Wald, to appoint Connie Schumacher as inspector for the 2026 election cycle and to authorize Auditor Kristiansen to fill any vacancies that occur. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Batsch shared several photos of gravel retrieving and raking that his been done improperly and is causing issues in areas around the county. Wald and Schumacher agreed to speak with their highway workers to correct the issues.

Batsch requested the Board consider putting one of the county tractors up for sale on bids as it is no longer being used. The Board agreed and Batsch will supply Kristiansen with a proper description of the tractor for the bid notice and bids will be opened at the April meeting.

Batsch shared that the highway worker in his area isn't comfortable with the level of welding required to repair a trailer being used in the Lehr area. An estimate of $700.00 was received for labor. The Board agreed the total cost would be between $2,500.00 and $3,000.00 and authorized the repairs.

Chairman Wald reported that Val Gross didn't agree with the amount he was paid for gravel. Gross requested another $1.00 per yard. Wald shared that he was aware there was no signed agreement and gravel was only supposed to be taken out the pit in question for emergency purposes. Batsch shared that Gross had approached him about the situation as well. Schumacher informed the Board that she spoke with ASA Grant Walker about the matter before the payment was made and his advice was that since the county's established rate for gravel is $1.50/yard, and there was no other agreement in place with Gross, that he be paid the same rate as the county's other gravel suppliers.

Informative materials were handed out that included the accounts receivable report for the highway department and the general accounts receivable report. Kristiansen requested the Board remind the highway workers that they are to call the Auditor's office when they need bulk fuel and LP moving forward as Kristiansen will have to get bids before any fuel is delivered since the Board chose to forego yearly fuel bids going forward.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners will be held April 8, 2026, at 1pm.

John Wald, Chairperson
Board of Logan County Commissioners
Attest:
Jody Kristiansen
Logan County Auditor

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