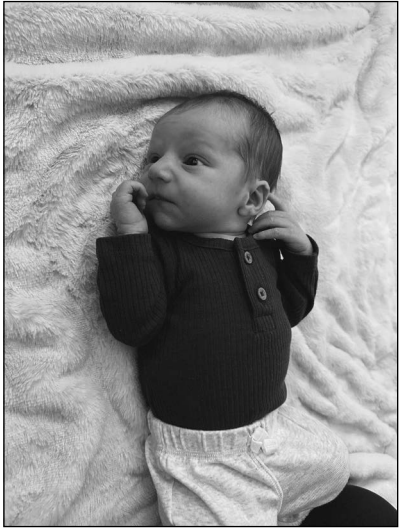


# Madden Shawn McNea



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Madden Shawn McNea was born Jan. 10, 2026 to Peyton McNea and Kiah Seymour of Monroe, NC. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21.5" long. Grandparents are Chad and Bev McNea of Lisbon and Chad and Michelle Seymour of Matthews, NC. Great-grandparents are Kim Degenstein of Forman and Janice Degenstein of Gwinner, Frank and Sonja Seymour of Pollock, SD, Richard and Donna Stewart of Hatton, Sheila McNea of Moorhead, Julie and the late Terry McNea of Hatton. Madden was welcomed home by fur brother Thor.

# Monty Wade Urbach



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Monty Wade Urbach was born January 30, 2026 at 1:32 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 22 inches long. He is the son of Kaitlin and Jordan Urbach. Grandparents are Wylie and Sherry Geyer and Tracey and Wade Urbach. Great-grandparents are Kent and Katherine Plessner, and Al and Betty Michels.

## Ransom County Commission

### Ransom County Commission Regular Meeting - January 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Greg Schwab, Sye Olson, Kevin Bishop, and Todd Anderson. Absent: Neil Olerud. Also, present: Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, joining via Teams Meeting; Lynn Kaspari, Maria Langland, Heather Bergemann, Betsy Greenley, Jenna Heiggelke.

Agenda – Garrison Diversion and a few other items were added. Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the agenda with additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Clerk Of Court's office was discussed. Heather Bergemann put in her two-week resignation. Bergemann's last day will be January 30, 2026. Bergemann is willing to come back and help out as needed while the office is short staffed. The board called Kris Iverson from the Fargo Court Administration Office to find out who does the hiring for that office.

Neil Olerud arrived  
Adam Schultz appeared before the board to discuss moisture issues they are having in the Sheldon Shop. Schultz looked into a few different options: dehumidifier which would be \$3000, exhaust fan \$4000, or an air exchange \$3000. Schultz discussed a new shop off of HWY 27 for two blades. He would like to get a cost estimate for a 50 x 70 shop with 3 overhead doors. Schultz is working on securing roughly 1-2 acres for around \$4600-\$5000 per acre. Anything above \$250,000 needs to be engineered. Scott Smyth will work on getting a rough estimate for engineering cost. Schultz would also like to get a concrete floor poured in the Milnor shop, add a drain field, and a bathroom. Schultz will look into the lot size for the Milnor Shop. The board also asked Adam to check the size of the lot in Fort Ransom & Engelvale.  
Joe Mathern arrived at 9:35a.m.

Andi Sarbaum from Fallon Kelly's office arrived at 9:50 a.m.  
Michael Briss and Teresa Haecherl joined the teams meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Scott Smyth with KLJ let the board know the Hock Bridge has been selected to be replaced and fully funded by Flex funds. The county will only be responsible for preliminary engineering cost. The Hock Bridge is a historical bridge, on the Sheyenne River, so DWR and SHIPHO will be involved which will slow down the process. Smyth is expecting the bid to be late fall 2027 if all goes smooth. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to move forward with KLJ on engineering for the Hock Bridge. All aye. Motion carried. Smyth let the board know the remaining flex funds have not been awarded yet. Sye Olson let Smyth know there are some rough spots on the leading edge of the Sheldon Bridge in the northbound lane.

Joe Mathern let the board know he has heard some disrespectful comments towards the Hutterites. Mathern would like the comments to stop or he will get a petition to remove anyone saying the comments.

Tanya Weiler joined the commission meeting via telephone to discuss best practices for hiring. Tanya Weiler advised to open the clerk of court position up internally and externally until filled. Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to post the clerk of court position in the Gazette for one week, and start interviews immediately. All opposed the motion. Motion died. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to advertise the clerk of court position until position filled and start interviews on February 6, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to have Todd Anderson, Kevin Bishop, and a representative for the Fargo Court Administration on the interview board. All aye. Motion carried.

Jenna Olerud, Brenna Welton, and Chelsey Jones joined the meeting via Team at 10:45a.m.

Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on January 6, 2026 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

The current website and AE2S were discussed. Gentzkow will get the numbers of how much the county spends yearly on the current website for the next commission meeting.

Greg Schwab let the board know the Garrison Diversion Recreation Division Matching grant fund has gone from 50,000 – 100,000. Gentzkow will reach out to see what the grant can be used for and report back.

The 5 County meeting will be held on January 29, 2026. There will be a tour at Northland Sire and the business meeting at the Dry Hallow Saloon.

Gentzkow presented a quote from Dakota Color for painting a few front offices and the entire commons area of the courthouse. The quote was \$6,047. Bishop moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the quote from Dakota Color for \$6,047. All aye. Motion carried.

The commissioners filled out the required Statement of Interest and turned in to the auditor's office.

Raymond Hessler and Paymaster were discussed. Nicole Gentzkow, auditor and Kathie Erickson, treasurer met with Raymond Hessler with Paymaster who offers the county a check bond. Hessler's insurance policy will cover an unlimited amount of checks up to \$100,000 per check if any fraud takes place. Hessler also leases a check writing machine to the Treasurer's office in the price of insurance policy which is \$848 for a two-year period. Erickson checked with local banks and what policies they have for fraud. Erickson presented fraud protection from OMB and Bell Bank along with American Bank and Trust. American Bank and Trust will not charge the county for 3 years, after that time period they can renegotiate. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to move to American Bank and Trust so we have the 3 years of free fraud policy. All opposed the motion. Motion failed. The board asked Kathie Erickson to do a little more research and report back.

Bills were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the audit listing in the amount of \$85,176.99. All aye. Motion carried.

BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	5,159.00
BLEECKER, KEVIN	750.00
CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.	4,128.56
CODE 4 SERVICES, INC.	7,880.31
COLE PAPER INC.	121.26
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,875.00
GILBERT, KIRSTEN	50.00
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL	150.00
HEGLE, KELSEY	112.70
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	2,459.75
JONES, CHELSEY	361.00
KELLY, FALLON M.	1,004.30
LARSON, MEGHAN	227.50
LISBON POSTMASTER	78.00
LISBON TRUE VALUE	74.39
MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME	7.50

ND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOC	500.00
ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	1,725.00
ND COUNTY RECORDERES ASSOCIATION	500.00
ND DEPT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	6,189.90
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION	29,162.19
ND 911 ASSOCIATION	100.00
NDSU AG COMMUNICATION	164.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510	15,744.96
OLAND, KENT	444.96
OLERUD, NEIL	960.40
POPP BINDING & LAMINATING	50.83
QUAL, ANGELA	250.00
RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER	500.00
RECORD KEEPERS, LLC	55.00
SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT	576.15
ST FRANCIS HEALTHCARE CAMPUS	478.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	328.00
TANYA WIELER	1,500.00
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS	96.72
WELTON, BRENNIA	181.00
WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH	102.86
WEX HEALTH, INC.	70.00
WILTSE, CAYLA	57.75
Total	85,176.99

Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 12:05p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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## Notice to Creditors

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RANSOM, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of HERMAN J. KULLA, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

1. 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 KRISTIE K. KUHN, KIM K. KULLA, AND KAREN K. KULLA, copersonal representatives of the estate, at 10869 84th St. SE Oakes, ND 58474 or filed with the Court.

/s/ Kristie K. Kuhn  
Kristie K Kuhn

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Probate No. 37-2025-PR-00044

IN DISTRICT COURT OF RANSOM COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE HIEGGELKE, 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 or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Robert Elijah 101 4th Ave E, Lisbon, ND 58054 Personal Representative of the estate, or filed with the Court.  
Dated this 22nd day of January, 2026.

/s/ Robert Elijah  
101 4th Ave E  
Lisbon, ND 58054

Publish: February 2, 9, 16 2026

## Invitation to Bid

### INVITATION TO BID Lisbon Middle School HVAC Upgrades Lisbon, North Dakota

Sealed Bids for the Lisbon Middle School HVAC Upgrades, Lisbon, North Dakota, will be received until 10:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Bids must be delivered before the time and date indicated above to the High School Conference Room, 502 Ash Street, PO Box 593, Lisbon, ND 58054, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Multiple Prime bids will be received from General, Mechanical and Electrical Contractors.

Informal Pre-Bid Walkthrough: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Lisbon Middle School will be available for verification of existing conditions during that period only. All interested prime bidders are urged to attend and field verify on their own the existing conditions.

All Bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by Foss Architecture + Interiors, Fargo, North Dakota.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until Bid opening time:  
Minnesota Builder's Exchanges in Minneapolis  
North Dakota Builder's Exchanges in Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck

The Project will be available also at Quest CDN (www.QuestCDN.com) PDF/Digital Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Architect, by PRIME Bidders only. No deposit is required, or cost charged, for one set for those prime bidders. Addenda will be submitted to those receiving full sets of Bidding Documents.

Note: Hard Copy sets of drawings may be available if requested for PRIME Bidders only. However, those requesting will be charged a non-refundable fee to cover reproduction costs and mailing.  
Bidding sets will not be issued after the issuance of the last addendum.  
No Bids will be read or considered which do not fully comply with North Dakota bond and license requirements.  
Each Bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's bond in a sum equal to Five Percent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's Bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his Bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing board.

Bid security shall be made payable to Lisbon Public Schools, District # 19, Lisbon, North Dakota. Bid security of two lowest Bidders will be retained until Contract has been awarded and executed, but not longer than 30 days.  
Performance and Labor/Material Payment bonds are required for this Project.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities therein.  
FOR THE OWNER: Lisbon Public Schools, Lisbon North Dakota  
BY: Mr. Justin Fryer, Superintendent

Publish: February 2, 9, 16 2026

## Amendments to Ordinances

### AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2007 OF THE CITY OF SHELDON, NORTH DAKOTA

CHAPTER 04-02 / FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT – NO MAP SECTIONS:

04-02-01. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS OF FACT,

PURPOSE, AND OBJECTIVES.

04-02-02. DEFINITIONS.

04-02-03. LANDS TO WHICH THIS ORDINANCE APPLIES.

04-02-04. ADMINISTRATION

04-02-05. PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION.

04-02-06. VIOLATIONS.

(Comment: this Ordinance Chapter follows the framework of the North Dakota

Model "A" Floodplain Management Ordinance – No Map as suggested by the

National Flood Insurance Program and the North Dakota Department of Water

Resources, Floodplain Management Division, November 21, 2025.)

04-02-06. VIOLATIONS.

1. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

A. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements,

including violations on conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants or variances or conditional uses, shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment for each such offense, and in addition shall pay costs and expenses involved in the case.

Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

B. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City Council of the City of Sheldon,

North Dakota from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

Enacted February 10, 2026.  
That all other provisions of the Revised Ordinances of 2007 of the City of Sheldon, North Dakota, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

s/s Ben Holmgren  
Ben Holmgren, Mayor, City of Sheldon, North Dakota

s/s Tammy Boeder  
Tammy Boeder, Auditor, City of Sheldon, North Dakota

First Reading: January 16, 2026  
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