

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DUNN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 22, 2026**

Members Present: Commissioners Heiser, Olson, Pelton, Kleemann & Dolezal

Others Present: Sally Whittingham, Terry Schwartzberger, Jeremy Wood, Carl Rohde, James Kadrmas, Gary Kuhn, LoAnn Roshau, Pat Merriman, Willard Tormaschy, Adeline Ingold

Motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Heiser, to approve the January 7, 2026 minutes as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Kleemann, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the January 22, 2026 agenda as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Carl Rohde with Civil Science updated the commission on their projects. 92nd Ave. SW is on hold until spring. 12th St. SW, 404 permit is secured and they are working on finalizing the plans. 20th St. SW, 98th Ave. SW, 86th Ave. & 9th St. SW, final designs are in process for these projects.

Darin Schaeffer with Bartlett and West appeared via Teams and gave the commission updates on their projects. 119th Ave. SW and 99th Ave. SW projects are on hold until spring. 7th St. & 101st Ave., working on easements on this project. Manning Waterline Improvement Project bid opening will be February 4th, 2026.

James Kadrmas, Interstate Engineering, discussed updates on their projects. 109th Ave. SW, stamped plan and document have been delivered for easement acquisition. 82nd Ave. SW (South Segment), revised documents have been delivered to the road department. 82nd Ave. SW (North Segment), preliminary plans are awaiting review of the road department. The Corps application has been submitted.

Jeremy Wood with Northern Plains Engineering appeared to discuss their road projects. There is a pay estimate for 98th Ave. & 4th St. SW in the amount of \$67640.42, pay estimate #6 to Bechtold Paving. Motion by Commissioner Pelton, seconded by Commissioner Heiser to pay Bechtold Paving \$67640.42 for pay estimate #6 on 98th Ave. & 5th St. SW. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried. Pinewood Meadows and 3T Ave. projects are completed and waiting on punch list items. 103rd Ave project has an anticipated bid opening on February 18th.

Terry Schwartzberger, Road Superintendent, presented utility permits. Roughrider Electric has an underground, Endeavor has a pipeline crossing. Motion by Commissioner Pelton, seconded by Commissioner Kleemann to approve the utility permits as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Terry Schwartzberger, Road Superintendent, gave the commission updates on the road department.

The Food Pantry will be completed in February. After discussion, NDIRF suggested that the county permit the food pantry to be under the county policy. They would have a building and liability policies. Being under the county it would save them quite a bit of money. They could pay the county back for the cost of the policies. Motion by Commissioner Heiser seconded by Commissioner Pelton to add the Food Pantry to the County NDIRF policy and have them reimburse the County. All voted aye, motion carried.

Auditor Whittingham presented the 2025 budget amendments. The following departments need amendments; Governing Board \$16321.78, Auditor \$22,487.46, Communications \$9048.91, SWMCCC \$118,722.72, Park Board \$36045, VSO \$92.66, Emergency Management \$99,222.11 and Capital Projects \$515,665.75. Motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Pelton to approve the amendments as presented. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Taylor Van Dyke with Roughrider Electric presented a Utility Permit. Crossings will parallel 24th St. SW and improve reliability from the current line. The Road Superintendent recommends approval. Motion by Commissioner Heiser, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the permit as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Commissioners serve a meal at the annual Dunn County Fair. The County has been doing the meal for the last five years and the event is growing. The commission would like to give all county vendors a chance to put in a quote. Motion by Commissioner Olson to commit to the meal at the fair and open it up to any Dunn County vendors, seconded by Commissioner Heiser. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ryan Anderson with JE Dunn presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal for the Public Safety Center and remodel of the Courthouse. The price is \$22,861,387 for the total project budget. This is assuming all contingencies are spent. There are some plans in place to reduce this further. To keep the schedule, we need to get the project approved and the contract signed. It would be a May 2026 start date with a completion date in September 2027. The PSC would be first and then the remodel of the courtroom. Motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Heiser to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal of \$22,861,387.00 and the construction project. Upon roll call vote, Heiser, Olson, Pelton and Dolezal voted aye, Commissioner Kleemann voted no. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Pelton, seconded by Commissioner Heiser, to approve the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND (10)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
ACH	Merriman, Pat	Salary	\$4,000.00
303980	Barnhard, Nicky	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303983	Benz Oil Company	Propane/Fuel	\$5,704.05
303984	Billman, Tyler	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303987	Boss Office Products	Paper	\$259.95
303989	Brost, Cutler	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303990	Brost, Easton	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303991	Brost, Mike	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303992	Brosten, Casey	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303993	Carney, Richard	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
303996	Character That Counts	Annual Dinner Speaker	\$3,500.00
303998	ClearGov	Digital Budget Book Renewal	\$17,386.40
303999	Counties Providing Technology	Programming Software	\$1,694.00
304002	Dentinger, Harold	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304003	East End Auto	Towed Vehicle	\$352.00
304007	Garcia, Maria	Cell phone reimbursement	\$300.00
304009	Hellinger, Jesse	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304066	High Plains Community Center	Annual Contribution	\$99,275.30
304010	Hinrichs SuperValu - Sheriff	Supplies	\$12.25
304012	Information Tech Department	Service Contract / Tech Support	\$3,410.88
304013	Intoximeters	Sheriff's Equipment	\$125.00
304018	Kissinger, Christina	Reimbursement for travel	\$117.00
304021	Kuhn, Gary	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304024	Marco Technologies, LLC	Office equipment	\$295.01
304025	McClellan, Dale	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304027	McKenzie Electric Cooperative	Radio Tower & Oper. Round Up	\$283.68
304030	MOCIC	Membership fees 2026	\$150.00
304038	NW Tire	Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,276.04
304044	Red Rock Ford of Dickinson	Vehicle Maintenance	\$280.73
304046	Richardson, Kiel	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304047	RoughRider Electric	Electric	\$623.56
304067	Roosevelt Custer Reg Council	Annual Contribution	\$11,450.00
304049	Sanders, Christina	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304050	Slope Area Rifle & Pistol Club	Range Usage Fees	\$1,500.00
304054	Thomas Reuters - West	Subscription Software	\$774.59
304055	UKG Inc.	Payroll Contract	\$10,503.00
304057	Wenisch, Buddy	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304059	WEX Health Inc.	FSA Fees – December	\$133.00
304060	Wolf, Phil	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00
304061	Wolters, Cord	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$802.48
304062	Worley, Phil	UPS Store Reimb. Uniform All	\$1,096.68
304063	Young, J	Uniform Allowance 2026	\$1,000.00

ROAD (14)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
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303981	Bartlett & West	Engineering	\$54,668.75
303982	Bechtold Paving, Inc	Road Project	\$67,640.42
303985	Bobcat of Dickinson	Parts	\$783.49
303986	Boespflug Trailers	Parts	\$83.27
303988	Braun Distributing	Office Supplies	\$263.47
303994	Carquest Auto Parts Store	Parts	\$1,984.27
303995	Certified Power Inc.	Parts	\$399.57
303997	Civil Science Infrastructure Inc.	Engineering	\$79,620.00
304000	Dakota Tool & Machine	Parts	\$60.00
304001	Dakotaland Autoglass	Parts	\$468.75
304004	Embroidery Arts (ND)	Safety Supplies	\$559.00
304005	Environmental Systems Res	GIS subscriptions	\$3,225.00
304006	Fisher Sand & Gravel Co.	Road Material	\$68,766.68
304008	General Steel & Supply	Parts	\$395.83
304011	Hose & Rubber Supply	Parts	\$2,605.36
304015	John Deere Financial	Parts	\$168.43
304016	JP Steel & Supply	Sign Supplies	\$381.20
304019	Klym, Chris	Easement	\$1,000.00
304020	Kohler Communications	Radios	\$67.00
304022	Mac's Hardware	Shop Supplies	\$199.00
304029	Menards	Shop Supplies	\$39.87
304035	North Dakota One Call	One Calls	\$39.00
304036	Northern Plains Engineering	Engineering	\$136,982.50
304037	NSC Minerals	Road Salt	\$18,965.83
304040	Olson, Shane	Easement	\$1,000.00
304041	Prairie Auto Parts.	Parts	\$3,031.90
304042	Pump Systems	Parts	\$34.56
304043	Queen City Upholstery Inc	Parts	\$204.90
304053	Syn-Tech Systems	Fuel master	\$1,100.00
304056	W.D. Larson Companies Ltd In	Parts	\$1,998.01

SWMCC (19)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304051	Sunrise Youth Bureau	Annual Contribution	\$32,683.00
304052	SWMCCC	Annual Contribution	\$22,132.00

COUNTY PARK (21)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304027	McKenzie Electric Cooperative	Little Mo Rec Area	\$87.01

COUNTY AGENT (26)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304033	NDAWN Center	Maintenance of NDAWN station	\$500.00
304034	NDSU Extension	Office Supplies	\$112.00
304034	NDSU Ag. Budget	Office Salaries	\$26,154.30

SENIOR CITIZEN (18)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304065	Elder Care (GL 18)	Annual Contribution	\$13,000.00
304068	SW District Health Unit (GL 18)	Annual Contribution	\$18,000.00
304070	West River Transit (GL 18)	Annual Contribution	\$7,500.00

DEM (29)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304032	State Radio (ND Dept)	Everbridge Fee / 911 Line Fee	\$26,247.04

24/7 (05)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304039	Office of the Attorney General	LETS Terminal	\$526.00
304045	Redwood Toxicology Lab	Testing	\$451.45

CAPITAL PROJECTS (40)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304064	Domestic Violence Center	Annual Contribution	\$32,683.00
304014	JLG Architects	Remodels	\$15,278.68

BUILDINGS (41)

WARRANT #:	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT:
304017	Killdeer, City of	Water, Garbage and Sewer	\$560.64
303983	Benz Oil Company	Propane	\$3,216.64
303988	Braun Distributing	Janitorial Supplies	\$579.28
304023	Manning Waterworks	Water	\$200.00
304027	McKenzie Electric Cooperative	Electric	\$1,397.31
304028	MDU	Utilities	\$5,041.66
304031	Midwest Doors of Dickinson	Building Maintenance	\$3,073.72
304048	Roughrider Electric Coop	Electric	\$4,021.07
304058	Western Heating & Air LLC	Furnace Repair	\$2,102.74

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Matt Oase, City of Killdeer, is asking if the County Commission would be interested in sharing the cost of the removal of the old Social Services Building. The JDA Board would be willing to help pay some of the cost as well. Tile removal would be approximately \$44,000 due to asbestos. The main building tear down would be approximately \$104,600. A total of \$148,600. The city would like to have the tear down completed by mid-summer. Motion by Commissioner Heiser, seconded by Commissioner Pelton to have the county pick up half of the demolition of approximately \$74,300.00. Upon roll call vote, Heiser, Olson, Pelton and Dolezal voted aye, Commissioner Kleemann vote nay. Motion carried.

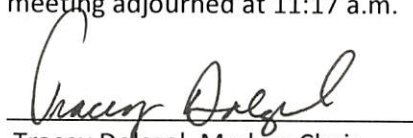
The City of Killdeer will hold a special meeting January 29th regarding the location of the new grocery store in Killdeer. Bronson's did purchase Hinrichs SuperValu this week. Currently Bronson's will be operating out the Hinrichs store until the new one is built.

Mountain View Shooting Complex is putting up indoor targets for archery, looking at a tentative February or March tournament or league for adults. The school kids are already practicing in it. They are starting tournaments this weekend.

The Halliday Public Library is having a grand opening February 21st through the 24th.

The Dunn County Airport Authority, Mike Schollmeyer & Jeff Jacobson, appeared to discuss the proposed cell tower near Weydahl Field. John Burchfield with LCC Telecom Services, also appeared via Teams. The proposed location would greatly affect the operations of the airport. It would be at the end of the runway as it sits now. The airport wants to expand the runway to bring in more business flights. The future expansion of the airport depends upon expanding to the North. John Burchfield discussed he has no issues or suggestions to add to what Mr. Schollmeyer discussed. His only ask is this to be a discussion only and make no votes today. They would like to cooperate with the airport on this matter but need time to investigate the possibility of moving the tower to a new location or moving it on the same location. The State's Attorneys suggestion would be to involve both sides as the CUP has already been approved. Give them some time to get another location that may work as well. Motion to table until the February 18th Commission Meeting and no building permit will be issued by Commissioner Kleemann, seconded by Commissioner Pelton. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Kleemann, seconded by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.


 Tracey Dolezal, Madam Chair

February 4, 2026
 Date

ATTEST:

 Sally Whittingham, Auditor