

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Eddy County Commission Room

May 22, 2026 8:00 A.M.

The Eddy County Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairperson Dave Gehrtz. Present were Chairperson Dave Gehrtz, Commissioner James F. Allmaras, Commissioner Glenda Collier and Auditor Bobbie Indergaard. State's Attorney Ashley Lies and Nathan Price with the New Rockford Transcript were also present.

Ashley Lies, State's Attorney, updated the Commissioners on the demand letter received from David Fite.

State's Attorney Lies discussed hiring and paying for a Special Assistant State's Attorney to address all matters related to zoning and wind towers. Lies informed the Commissioners that Patrick Waters, Oliver County State's Attorney, indicated his willingness to take on the work at his rate of \$350.00 an hour. James F. Allmaras made a motion, seconded by Dave Gehrtz, to hire Patrick Waters at the provided rate. Roll call vote: James F. Allmaras yes vote, Glenda Collier yes vote, and Dave Gehrtz yes vote. Motion carried.

State's Attorney Lies read the Attorney General's Executive Session Format language for consultation on reasonably predictable litigation pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1. Lies requested a motion to discuss this issue in an Executive Session. James F. Allmaras made a motion, seconded by Dave Gehrtz, to proceed in Executive Session. Roll call vote: James F. Allmaras yes vote, Dave Gehrtz yes vote, and Glenda Collier yes vote. Motion carried.

Executive Session was called to order at 8:05 A.M. Present were State's Attorney Lies, Auditor Indergaard, Chairperson Gehrtz, Commissioner Allmaras, and Commissioner Collier. The Executive Session was recorded and was ended at 8:11 A.M. The public was then called back into the room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 A.M.

Attest: Bobbie Indergaard
Bobbie Indergaard, County Auditor

Date: 6-2-26

Approved: Dave Gehrtz
Dave Gehrtz, Commission Chair

Date: 6-2-26