

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
May 5, 2026
8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairperson Dave Gehrtz. Present were Commissioner James F. Allmaras, Commissioner Glenda Collier, State's Attorney Ashley Lies, Auditor Bobbie Indergaard, Treasurer Becki Schumacher, and Nathan Price with the New Rockford Transcript.

Chairperson Dave Gehrtz began the meeting by leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of the bath house update. Commissioner James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the April 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes with date correction. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the April Financials and Expenditures and Revenue Budgets. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve the April 2026 bills. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Glenda Collier yes vote, James F. Allmaras yes vote, and Dave Gehrtz yes vote. Motion passed.

April Bills

Alan's Furnace Service, Inc	337.44
AT&T Mobility	621.86
Cenex Fleetcard	858.01
Cole Papers Inc	159.78
Flower Scent-R	53.00
Grafix Shoppe	455.00
Meehan Machine	149.60
Mike Schaefer	1,500.00
Miller's Fresh Foods	5.51
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co	1,798.27
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative	295.00
Opdahl Enterprise	49,062.50
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	500.00
Software Innovations	10,800.00
Transcript Publishing	1,187.34
Historical Society	95.06
Eddy County Water Resource	1,679.28
Eddy County Council on Aging	760.76
Two Rivers Ambulance	1,870.80
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District	734.54
Eddy County Soil Conservation District	1,596.71
State Treasurer	522.37
City Of New Rockford	54,029.95
New Rockford City Park District	5,586.76
City Of Sheyenne	5,324.11

New Rockford-Sheyenne School District #2	50,682.26
Midkota School District #7	8,675.48
Warwick School District #29	2,080.33
Dakota Prairie Public School District #1	2,616.09
Paradise Township	965.55
Cherry Lake Township	572.15
Columbia Township	562.93
Pleasant Prairie Township	628.73
Superior Township	572.54
Rosefield Township	2,380.63
Colvin Township	1,083.80
Lake Washington Township	817.38
Tiffany Township	3,807.56
Sheldon Township	861.54
New Rockford Township	880.03
Munster Township	651.08
Freeborn Township	563.53
Eddy Township	435.90
Hillsdale Township	443.70
Bush Township	810.44
Gates Township	582.37
Grandfield Township	670.54
Tolna Fire Protection District	170.25
Warwick Fire District	55.85
New Rockford Rural Fire District	653.08
New Rockford Community Ambulance	169.31
McHenry Ambulance	168.21
Advanced Business Methods	536.98
*** Void *** Ashley Lies	208.89*
AT&T Mobility	621.86
Bank Forward	27.20
Bill Smith	40.00
Cash & Carry Lumber Assoc., LLC	3,556.59
CenDak Cooperative	2,851.83
Central City H2o+	130.00
City Of Sheyenne	110.10
Corey Longnecker	40.00
Dakota Dust-Tex Inc.	171.65
Dauenhauer Diesel Repair	4,256.44
Do It Best	151.22
Donna Young	17.02
Elan Financial Services	1,392.67
Information Technology Dept	1,347.10
Jerry Schuster	40.00
Lake Region District Health Unit	19,622.75
Lake Region Law Enforcement Center	8,152.20
Leaf	256.04
Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc.	105.86
Linderman Construction	2,100.00
Mike Schaefer	40.00
Napa Auto Parts - Nr	892.99
Nd State's Attorney Association	400.00
NDSU Extension Service	12,092.43
New Rockford Utility Services	334.83
NoDak Electric Cooperative	76.79
North Dakota Telephone Company	872.97

Office Of Attorney General - 1250	155.00
Otter Tail Power Company	224.55
Paul Lies	28.00
Randy's Body Shop	82.25
Rdo Equipment Co	867.99
Rockin Fitness	600.00
Steins, Inc.	449.67
Summit Fire Protection	352.96
Tia Davis	733.50
Viking Electric	3,798.65
Office Of State Tax Commissioner	1,082.36
Job Service Nd	250.65
*** Void *** Eddy County Council on Aging	14,623.28 *
Aflac	145.21
Aflac	536.46
Ameritas	248.85
Colonial Life	461.25
Electronic Federal Tax Payment	24,788.27
Nd Public Employees Retirement Systems	32,076.46
Nd Public Employees Retirement Systems	17,492.87
Nd Public Employees Retirement Systems	1,089.00
Payroll	78,756.49

State's Attorney Lies provided an update to the Commission on Public Comment. Lies reminded the Commission and residents that the public comment period is for comments only, not an open discussion with the Commission. Lies stated she recently attended a zoning training where they encouraged counties to have a one and done policy for members of the public that interrupt public meetings. Chairperson Gehrtz had requested Lies to provide an update on how much the lawsuits against the County have cost so far; Lies stated she requested that information from NDIRF and would update the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Lies also reported that Eddy County zoning regulations match the state in regards to animal agricultural zoning.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent discussed county road and bridge issues. Weber also discussed the possibility of needing to temporarily close a road in Columbia Township to local traffic only. Weber is also working on easements around Klump Bridge.

There was discussion on the rent regarding Hamar Shop. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve \$400.00 per month rent for Hamar Shop for a one-year term. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Wells McGiffert from PRC gave an update on the project and discussed development agreements.

Lisa Thompson, Emergency Management, discussed siren activation and testing for Eddy County.

Old Business:

James F. Allmaras made a motion to affirm the changes made to the zoning ordinance amendments made on March 10th 2026. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. Those voting were in favor. Glenda Collier abstained.

New Business:

Glenda made a motion to approve the Resolution for Inspectors for the 2026 Election cycle. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to add Bobbie Indergaard to the Bank Forward checking account. Glenda Collier seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to appoint Becki Schumacher as interim Treasurer with the discussion of salary in the June meeting. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the Brady Martz engagement agreement. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve Circle Trail Riders Local Permit. Glenda Collier seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve Warwick WELCA Local Permit. James F. Allmaras seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Zoning request from Colvin and Cherry Lake was discussed. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve. No second. Discussed their understanding to the advised steps from State's Attorney Lies. Commissioner James F. Allmaras made a motion to table. Dave Gehrtz seconded. Motion passed with Commissioner Glenda Collier opposed.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to appoint Brady Richter to the Water Board. Glenda Collier seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to approve Lease Agreement for Dinger/Cook wedding. Glenda Collier seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Glenda Collier gave an update to the bath house with dirt and cement work in May. Decision was made to apply for a building permit through Eddy County.

Announcements: none.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:45 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be June 2, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.

Attest: Bobbie Indergaard
Bobbie Indergaard, County Auditor

Date: 6-2-26

Approved: Dave Gehrtz
Dave Gehrtz, Commission Chair

Date: 6-2-26