

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
January 6, 2026 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson. Commissioners James F. Allmaras, and Glenda Collier were present. The New Rockford Transcript was also represented.

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

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding under New Business: change of regular meeting date in March. Also, to add Carrie Nichols and Tiffany Munson in place of Michelle Gillery to event updates and fair board. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following additions/corrections: to add the time of 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. as the time open for elections at the Brown Memorial, and to strike the motion that Dave Gehrtz made a motion to purchase the 2024 Ford Edge SEL AWD with 15508 miles with warranty for \$30,000.00. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Larry Danduran and David Fite were present to give public comment.

Larry Danduran spoke to commission to clarify standard of North Dakota Law regarding conflicts of interest. David Fite spoke to commission regarding conflicts of interest.

Lisa Thompson, Emergency Manager discussed with the Commissioners the Senate bill 2027 which will mandate by July 1, 2026 that Floodplain will be decoupled from regular Zoning. Floodplain Management with the exception of cities will be under the jurisdiction of the counties. A Public Hearing will need to be set for this change. James F. Allmaras made a motion to change the Eddy County Zoning Ordinances to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 2027. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Carrie Nichols and Tiffany Munson from the Eddy County Extension Office were present to discuss the progression of the Eddy County Fair Board. Five applicants who live in Eddy County have applied to be part of a 7-member board, along with one applicant who does not live in Eddy County to serve as a liaison to the Board. There needs to be one City of New Rockford Commissioner on the Board as well as one Eddy County Commissioner to serve. A county representative was discussed. Dave Gehrtz was suggested, however, it was agreed to have SA Lies give her opinion as to if it was acceptable to have Dave Gehrtz serve on the Board, if he has a daughter also serving. If this is not acceptable then Glenda Collier agreed to serve as the representative of Eddy County.

Julie Shrock, VSO director gave update on her department. Shrock is working on a new record, screening for possible veterans in the area. Shrock has active claims open for 48 veterans in the County, with 78 additional veterans that are receiving service.

Old Business:

A quote for an iPad, case and pencil was presented. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the purchase of an iPad, case and pencil for the Eddy County Commissioners. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a made a motion to approval the Tyler Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by James F. Allmaras. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

There was discussion on remote work allowance. Will work in to policy handbook as time allows for various departments.

James F. Allmaras made a motion to renew the Golf Course Liquor License as presented. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was discussion to place an ad in Newspaper for the open Treasurer position.

There was discussion on compensation for the Auditor and Treasurer while covering the Treasurer office. A Special Meeting was called for 4:00 P.M. on January 6, 2026 to discuss.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the transfer out of County General for 10,085.17 to County Agent to cover the end of year deficit. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Joint Powers Agreement with the LRLEC was discussed. James F. Allmaras made a motion to stay with LRLEC for 2026. Dave Gehrtz seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the meeting date change for March, from March 3, 2026 to March 10, 2026. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Announcements: none.

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

The next regular meeting will be February 3, 2026 at 8:30 A.M.



ATTEST: Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson



Becki Schumacher, Auditor