

Cavalier County Commission Proceedings

On December 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. the Board of Commissioners of Cavalier County, North Dakota, met at the Cavalier County Courthouse in regular session, with all members present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Austin Lafrenz called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:

Lafrenz asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Nick Moser; motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Shane Gallagher; motion carried.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor; and Sheldon Romfo, Road Foreman; met with the commissioners to review current road projects. Johnston presented a proposed Mud on Roadway Policy. **Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the Mud on Roadway Policy as presented, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.** It was decided to put the policy on the county website, publish it in the newspaper in the spring, present it at the township officers meeting, and include a copy in the township packets from the Auditor in January.

Purchase of a Road Groomer was discussed again. Johnston informed the commissioners that the leased tractors from Langdon Implement might come in June this year and the county would have to pay to go over the allotted number of hours. **Greg Goodman made a motion to purchase an 8.5' Road Groomer with hydraulic pump kit, carbide teeth, and weight box, for a total of \$26,194 to be paid from Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Nick Moser. All voted in favor except Stanley Dick. Motion carried 4 to 1.** Goodman directed that the Road Groomer be put in the Vang District.

There was lengthy discussion with Romfo and Johnston regarding the snow removal that was not getting done, as well as the operator from District 1 that was on extended vacation. The commissioners stated that the operators will be written up if they are not putting in their required hours and getting more hours put on the equipment and terminated if it continues after the write up.

The Load Pass permitting program was discussed again. There was concern about who would be responsible for keeping the program updated and being in charge of approving permits. The Emergency Manager was suggested. It was decided to table the decision and put it on the agenda for January.

Johnston informed the commissioners that Romfo had enrolled in the Sourcewell program, but that they had not received any motor grader prices from Butler or RDO yet.

A bill from Dan Fischer for work done for a bridge in Alma Township was reviewed. It was decided to split the bill with the Water Board paying 60% and the County paying 40%.

Amber Witzel, Emergency Manager/E-911 Coordinator, and Angelo Mondragon, State's Attorney presented draft Flood Plain Management Ordinances. Goodman stated that he wanted to look into it further with the ND Bankers Association. It was decided to table it and put on the agenda in January.

Stephanie Bata, Tax Director, met with the commissioners to present a list of one "undrained cropland" modifier, as required by NDCC. **Nick Moser made a motion to approve the one**

modifier, with the addition that it must be 10+ contiguous acres to qualify, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.

Bata also explained how the centrally assessed values were entered incorrectly in taxation. It was decided to make the corrections to the centrally assessed values and increase the mill levies as needed for the 2026 approved budget so the tax statements can get sent out as soon as possible.

Nick Moser made a motion to appoint the following to the JDA Board: Jerry Nowatzki; Lyndsey Wiseman; Steven Zimmer; Bill Mack; and Daren Christianson, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.

Greg Goodman made a motion to appoint Doug Klein to the Education Board, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried.

Nick Moser made a motion to continue the following election precincts: Precincts 1 (Langdon City), Precinct 2 (remainder of District 15 in Cavalier County), and Precinct 3 (District 19 portion of Cavalier County), with one precinct-consolidated vote center/polling location at the Cavalier County Memorial Courthouse for the 2026 elections, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.

Greg Goodman gave an update on the first County Strategic Planning meeting that was held.

Stanley Dick made a motion to transfer \$26,850.78 from E-911 Fund to County General Fund, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to transfer \$2,000.00 from Vanguard Collections Fund to County General Fund, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to transfer \$21,660.64 from Road & Bridge Fund to City Funds, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. Shane Gallagher made a motion to transfer \$412.50 from Road & Bridge Fund to Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Greg Goodman, motion carried.

Greg Goodman made a motion, seconded by Shane Gallagher to review and approve the following audit of claims; motion carried:

108375	MATTHEW HEIL	\$360.00	R&B
108376	TAYLOR PRINT IMPRESSIONS	\$5,255.61	ELECT
108377	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$579.00	REC/MISC
108378	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$85.14	TREAS
108379	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$682.52	COMM
108380	SIGN IT	\$185.00	AUD
108381	WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$370.78	STATE'S ATTY
108382	ECOLAB INC.	\$136.45	MAINT
108383	LEEVEES FOODS	\$28.47	MISC
108384	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$13.00	CLERK
108385	FRANKIE STREMICK	\$360.00	ELECT
108386	LISA GELLNER	\$360.00	ELECT
108387	JOSH PLUMMER	\$360.00	MAINT
108388	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$1,511.46	AUD/ELECT
108389	STANLEY DICK	\$126.00	COMM
108390	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,794.93	GEN/R&B/VSO

108391	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$4,880.38	REC/DOC PRES
108392	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,063.23	GEN/R&B
108393	LANGDON CITY	\$519.93	GEN/R&B
108394	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$107.63	R&B/WEED
108395	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$5,053.80	GEN/E-911
108396	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	\$1,981.77	SHERIFF / K-9
108397	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC	\$149.46	SHERIFF
108398	ROLETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$2,724.64	SHERIFF
108399	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$2,733.42	SHERIFF
108400	PEMBINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$900.00	SHERIFF
108401	UNIFORM CENTER	\$340.97	SHERIFF
108402	SCHROEDER FURNITURE	\$439.00	SHERIFF
108403	CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC.	\$106.40	SHERIFF
108404	ROAD GROOM MANUFACTURING	\$26,194.00	R&B EQUIP
108405	FISCHER LAND SURVEYING & ENG	\$695.12	R&B
108406	FARMERS UNION OIL DEVILS LAKE	\$626.48	R&B
108407	AUTO VALUE OF LANGDON	\$563.92	R&B
108408	MIKKELSEN BROS CONST CO INC	\$2,738.50	R&B
108409	CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC.	\$11,872.50	R&B
108410	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	\$15,235.22	PRAIRIE DOG/R&B
108411	MAYO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.	\$3,813.34	PRAIRIE DOG
108412	CLYDE FARM SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC.	\$169.00	R&B
108413	CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP.	\$441.82	R&B
108414	RICHARD'S WELDING, INC.	\$1,280.00	R&B
108415	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$1,230.40	PRAIRIE DOG
108416	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$2,629.97	R&B
108417	WALHALLA COOP OIL CO.	\$244.98	R&B
108418	VALLEY TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE INC	\$1,257.48	R&B
108419	PARK RIVER IMPLEMENT LLC	\$694.01	R&B
108420	DAHL TRUCK & AUTO	\$884.54	R&B
108421	JENSON A/C & HEATING LLC	\$145.00	R&B
108422	ADAM WIRTH	\$599.00	R&B
108423	MAC'S HARDWARE	\$131.36	R&B
108424	JACOB ROMFO	\$360.00	R&B
108425	RICK ROSTVET	\$360.00	R&B
108426	SHELDON ROMFO	\$360.00	R&B
108427	SHAWN HALL	\$360.00	R&B
108428	JOE SCHNEIDER	\$90.00	R&B
108429	TRAVIS HANSEL	\$360.00	R&B
108430	FINEST AUTO BODY & GLASS, LLC	\$555.00	R&B
108431	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$57.16	EMG MGR
108432	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$66.51	E-911
108433	CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC.	\$70.30	VSO
108434	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$127.38	VSO
108435	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$65.11	NDSU EXT.
108436	COLE PAPERS, INC.	\$79.60	NDSU EXT.
108437	ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$224.21	NDSU EXT.
108438	KATIE HENRY	\$1,906.05	NDSU EXT.

108439	LAHNI STACHLER	\$360.00	NDSU EXT.
108440	KATIE HENRY	\$360.00	NDSU EXT.
108441	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$109.97	NDSU EXT.
108442	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$48.71	WEED
108443	BISMARCK HOTEL AND CONF CENTER	\$100.00	WEED
108444	LANGDON CITY	\$117.00	SS
108445	MOSTAD INSURANCE SERVICES	\$50.00	NVHSZ
108446	SCHUMACHER & SONS	\$25.00	NVHSZ
108447	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$70.42	NVHSZ
108448	DOCU SHRED INC.	\$92.34	NVHSZ
108449	BJORNSON OIL CO	\$25.00	NVHSZ
108450	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$79.20	NVHSZ
108451	KAYLA AND TAYLOR KWAI	\$175.12	NVHSZ
108452	PEMBINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$40.00	NVHSZ
108453	LEEVERS FOODS	\$40.99	NVHSZ
108454	EVERETT'S ALIGNMENT SERVICE	\$250.00	NVHSZ
108455	LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC	\$45.90	NVHSZ
108456	CAVALIER COUNTY HEALTH	\$50.00	NVHSZ
108457	TERRI MACHART	\$14.96	NVHSZ
108458	JEANETTE JOHNSON	\$130.16	NVHSZ
108459	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$669.00	AUD

At 11:00 a.m., Greg Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shane Gallagher; motion carried.

*Board of Commissioners
Cavalier County, North Dakota*

Austin Lafrenz – Chairman

Attest: Lisa Gellner - Auditor