

Cavalier County Commission Proceedings

On February 17, 2026, at 9:30 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. Shane Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Stanley Dick; motion carried. Nick Moser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greg Goodman; motion carried.

Terry Johnston, Road Supervisor; and Sheldon Romfo, Road Foreman; met with the commissioners and reviewed Sourcewell quotes for motor graders from Butler Machinery and RDO Equipment. **Greg Goodman made a motion to purchase a 2026 772P John Deere from RDO for \$363,018 with trade in allowance for the 2011 770G John Deere motor grader; and purchase a 2025 CAT 150-15 from Butler Machinery for \$370,813.91 with trade in allowance for the 2010 770G John Deere motor grader, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried. Greg Goodman made a motion to borrow with each purchase price on a separate note at Farmers & Merchants State Bank at 4.25% interest for 7 years, seconded by Stanley Dick. Gallagher abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried 4-0.**

Jeff Daley, KLJ, met with the commissioners to review the list of easements needed for the County 55 project. **Greg Goodman made a motion to pay \$1,500/acre for the permanent maintenance easements and \$150/acre for the temporary construction easements, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.** It was decided that KLJ will prepare the easement paperwork and Romfo and Johnston will communicate with the landowners to get it signed. **Stanley Dick made a motion to add an estimated 130 hours to the current KLJ contract for ROW's for preparing the paperwork, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried.**

The commissioners had no changes to the ad for gravel/machinery bids.

Johnston confirmed that the commissioners still wanted to proceed with gravel projects on County 21 and County 6 this summer. Possible funding options for the projects were reviewed due to the Prairie Dog funding being unlikely for this year.

Steph Welsh, Public Health; and Josh Short, Weed; met with the commissioners for department updates.

Cindy Stremick, Treasurer, met with the commissioners for a department update and reviewed the security of pledges at the county's financial institutions, with the county being in a pledge pool of \$140,000,000 at Choice Financial; security pledges of \$8,895,784 at Farmers & Merchants State Bank; security pledge of \$4,640,000 (including the FDIC insurance) at Horizon Financial; and the balance at the Bank of North Dakota covered under the \$250,000 FDIC insurance. **Greg Goodman made a motion to approve the security of pledges presented, seconded by Nick Moser, motion carried.**

Stremick also presented information to the commission on the TextMyGov messaging app which would enable the county to send county related mass text messages to taxpayers/citizens that opt into receiving the messages. **Stanley Dick made a motion to approve the proposal for TextMyGov,**

with the cost being paid from the Motor Vehicle fund, seconded by Shane Gallagher, motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed CD rates for the 6-month \$2,000,000 Special County Highway CD that is coming due this month at Horizon Financial. **Stanley Dick made a motion to re-invest the \$2,000,000 for 91 days at Farmers & Merchants State Bank with interest at 3.70%, seconded by Greg Goodman. Goodman abstained from voting on the motion due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried 4-0.**

Nick Moser made a motion to appoint Cody Schlittenhard to the JDA board, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the future of the Tax Director position, to include possibly combining it with the Recorder after the next election. It was decided to wait until the Help Wanted ad closes and have Courtney Clouse train to help cover the office in the meantime. Goodman informed the commissioners that Stephanie Bata and Anita Beauchamp will cover the upcoming township/city equalization meetings that the county has contracts with and be compensated \$250/meeting from the county.

The commissioners decided to re-schedule County Equalization to 5:00 PM on June 2, 2026, with the regular commission meeting re-scheduled to start at 4:30 PM that day.

Nick Moser made a motion to transfer \$2,967.25 from Road & Bridge Fund to Road & Bridge Equipment Replacement Fund, seconded by Stanley Dick, motion carried.

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

108818	ERLING'S OIL, INC.	\$2,254.98	R&B
108902	STANLEY DICK	\$87.00	COMM
108903	LANGDON FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$220.00	MAINT
108904	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	\$1,960.98	MAINT
108905	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$3,695.00	MISC
108906	CAVALIER COUNTY MVD	\$5.00	MISC
108907	MOSTAD INSURANCE SERVICES	\$50.00	MISC
108908	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC	\$2,887.50	TX DIR
108909	WITZEL CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$1,995.00	MAINT
108910	SAMSON ELECTRIC LTD.	\$2,598.78	MAINT
108911	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$38.97	CLERK
108912	BORDERLAND PRESS, INC.	\$260.77	COMM
108913	WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$370.78	STATE'S ATTY
108914	BUSINESS ESSENTIALS	\$20.10	AUD
108915	TERRI JOHNSON	\$250.00	STATE'S ATTY
108916	LIFELOC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$75.48	MISC
108917	WALSH COUNTY AUDITOR	\$17,047.17	MISC
108918	PEMBINA COUNTY AUDITOR/TREAS	\$10,668.01	MISC
108919	ECOLAB INC.	\$135.45	MAINT
108920	MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$2,954.53	GEN/R&B
108921	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,602.48	GEN/R&B

108922	LANGDON CITY	\$484.09	GEN/R&B
108923	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$104.51	R&B/WEED
108924	CHRISTIE MOTOR SALES, INC.	\$140.60	SHERIFF/R&B
108925	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,716.84	GEN/R&B/VSO
108926	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK	\$946.02	SHERIFF
108927	DOLLAR GENERAL -REGIONS 410526	\$5.30	SHERIFF
108928	ROLETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$2,790.00	SHERIFF
108929	LEEVERS FOODS	\$38.38	SHERIFF
108930	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$54.44	DISP
108931	COMPUTER EXPRESS	\$575.00	SHERIFF
108932	KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	\$23,487.66	PRAIRIE DOG/R&B
108933	DUBOIS OIL CO.,INC	\$3,134.00	R&B
108934	CAVALIER RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP.	\$535.85	R&B
108935	RICHARD'S WELDING, INC.	\$3,872.00	R&B
108936	DAHL TRUCK & AUTO	\$6,558.52	R&B
108937	DALGLIESH ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$1,200.00	R&B
108938	CLARK GRAVEL & CONST. INC.	\$1,252.50	R&B
108939	LARRY & LINDA TRELEAVEN	\$900.00	R&B
108940	DARRYL JOHNSON	\$900.00	R&B
108941	HANNAH CITY AUDITOR	\$300.00	R&B
108942	ERLING'S OIL, INC.	\$76.98	R&B
108943	AUTO VALUE OF LANGDON	\$442.35	R&B
108944	FINEST AUTO BODY & GLASS, LLC	\$1,182.50	R&B
108945	ALSEN FARMER'S ELEVATOR	\$220.83	R&B
108946	FARMERS UNION OIL DEVILS LAKE	\$547.10	R&B
108947	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$49.59	EMG MGR
108948	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$69.92	E-911
108949	TOM HARDY	\$11.00	VSO
108950	FARMERS UNION OIL CO	\$43.17	VSO
108951	LEEVERS FOODS	\$48.57	NDSU EX TR
108952	UNITED COMMUNICATIONS	\$56.76	NDSU EXT.
108953	CROWN TROPHY	\$32.00	NDSU EXT.
108954	MIKKELSEN BROS CONST CO INC	\$40.00	WEED
108955	WARNE CHECMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	\$71.90	WEED
108956	JOSHUA SHORT	\$84.10	WEED
108957	LANGDON CITY	\$117.00	SS
108958	HANSONS AUTO & IMPLEMENT INC	\$931.77	NVHSZ
108959	NICOLE NIELSEN	\$980.00	NVHSZ
108960	THE JACOB CENTER	\$1,500.00	NVHSZ
108961	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	\$79.20	NVHSZ
108962	MINDY & ETHAN ZILLINGER	\$84.80	NVHSZ
108963	QUILL LLC	\$45.38	NVHSZ
108964	QUILL LLC	\$36.96	NVHSZ
108965	PREMIUM WATERS, INC.	\$51.44	NVHSZ
108966	LEEVERS FOODS	\$33.95	NVHSZ
108967	CARL HOFFARTH	\$270.00	NVHSZ
108968	SCHUMACHER & SONS	\$102.02	NVHSZ
108969	VESTIS	\$123.94	NVHSZ

108970 HP INC

\$591.03 NVHSZ

At 12:15 p.m., Stanley Dick 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