Commissioner Meeting
October 6th, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jerry Walsh, Brandon Carlson, Marke Roberts, and John Hokana were present. Also, present were Deputy Auditor Bertsch, State's Attorney Kim Radermacher, and Applied Digital Representative Emma Perrotti. Deputy Clerk of Court Cresta Miller, Treasurer Wonada Lematta, Deputy Treasurer Chris Robey, Dickey County Sheriff's personnel, Health District personnel, and Dickey County Extension Agent Breana Kiser attended electronically. The media was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the agenda
86th Street
Dickey County 12 Project
Hiring an Extension Administrative Assistant
Veterans Service Officer position.

Carlson moved to approve the September 15 meeting minutes. Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An additional voucher in the amount of $2,125,874.89 to Central Specialties, Inc. and $531,402.90 to Midwest Contracting, LLC was presented. Roberts moved to approve the vouchers with the additions. Carlson seconded. Roll call vote: Walsh, yes; Hokana, yes; Carlson, yes; Holm, no; Roberts, yes. Motion carried.

Holm informed the Commission that the Veterans Service Officer had been terminated effective September 30 due to another missed deadline. Roberts moved to approve the termination of the Veterans Service Officer. Carlson seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson moved to open the Veterans Service Officer position for hiring. Roberts seconded. It was determined that the position would remain part-time. Carlson will contact Ransom County to determine whether they can assist Dickey County's current veterans until the position is filled. The position will be advertised as soon as possible, with applications closing October 29. The starting salary will be $26,529, depending on experience. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Regarding the Extension Office, Holm questioned the 40-hour work week for the administrative assistant position. Walsh stated that he preferred to leave the position at 40 hours per week, with the understanding that hours could potentially be reduced in the future. Walsh moved to approve hiring an Extension Administrative Assistant. Hokana seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson moved to allow Chairman Holm to appoint two commissioners to the hiring committee at his discretion for the hiring of the Veterans Service Officer and County Agent positions. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Walsh moved to appoint Breana Kiser as the State Fair delegate. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Land Use Administrator Mittleider gave an update on the Mike Merkel conditional use permit for his campground. The matter remains pending state approval. Walsh moved to approve the conditional use permit for Mike's Farm Camp contingent upon the State's approval. Carlson Seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Chair Holm reviewed 2027 budget options. The board discussed possibly lowering some line items for the 2026 Road Department budget. The Land Use Administrator position was not budgeted for 2026; however, there will be a budget for that office in 2027. Corrections were also made in the Auditor's budget regarding salary allocations. Salary funds were removed from the Auditor's budget and placed into the Land Use Administrator salary line.

Tax Director Don Flaherty and resident Cindy Bagley and Jason Rattie joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The Sheriff's Office budget was also reviewed. Chair Holm removed the third deputy position from the 2027 preliminary budget and reduced DES funding to 50 percent for 2027.

Holm stated that these adjustments were made to avoid using the 3 percent cap and to limit budget growth while maximizing total growth to assist with the 2027 budget.

The Commission recessed for a five-minute break at 10:20 a.m.
Holm called the meeting back to order at 10:25 a.m.

Carlson moved to open the public hearing on a road closing request. Commissioner Walsh seconded. Discussion followed; Hokana asked how many section lines are permanently closed in Dickey County States Attorney stated that would be hard to say without extensive research.

Carlson moved to close the section line due to safety concerns. Commissioner Walsh seconded. Jason Rattie stated that the property owners would fence off the area and post private property signs. Roll call: Walsh, yes; Hokana, yes; Carlson, yes; Holm, yes; Roberts, no. Motion carried.

Roberts moved to close the public hearing. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chris Estes, Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen, and DES/911 Charlie Russell joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Discussion of the budget regarding the 3 percent cap continued; Holm stated that they are under the 3 percent for 2025 and 2026, with the Holm proposed changes. Flaherty explained that based on the adjustment made, there is $41,000 remaining without using the 3 percent cap. Walsh stated that he would like to see any unallocated funds placed in the General Fund Reserve.

Hokana asked the Sheriff how not approving a third deputy position from the 2027 budget would affect the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Estes explained how it would affect him and how the rotation of his deputies works. The Sheriff stated that he believes there is a need for a part-time third deputy.

Holm moved to amend the preliminary budget for Road and Bridge, reducing $50,000 from parts and repairs out of Road and Bridge for 2026, reducing $50,000 from gravel out of Road and Bridge for 2026, reducing $40,000 for gravel haulers out of Road and Bridge for 2026. Roberts seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm moved to remove $25,104 from the full-year 2026 auditor's budget. Carlson seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried

Holm moved to remove the administrator salary along with FICA, Medicare, and retirement from the 911 budget for 2027. Hokana seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Holm moved to remove the Sheriff's third deputy position and retirement for the 2027 budget. Roberts seconded. Roll call: Walsh, no; Hokana, no; Carlson, yes; Holm, yes; Roberts, yes. Motion carried.

Holm moved to approve the preliminary budget with the amendments. All unallocated funds will be placed in the General Fund Reserve. Walsh seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous.

KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Commission entered executive session at 11:13 a.m. Carlson moved, and Roberts seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Holm moved to adjourn the executive session at 11:31 am

Walsh moved to deny CSI's request for additional funding and to continue prohibiting use of County Road 2 as a haul road. Hokana seconded; roll call vote was unanimous.

Tykwinski discussed hauling gravel and blading 86th Street. Tykwinski discussed the Glueph Road and plans for next year to put 5 inches of gravel over the existing asphalt and then reclaim it together. This would result in 11 inches of mixed base. The top 6 inches will be stabilized, completing phase one.

Hagen presented a utility permit for Scott Hansen, Dickey County 12 drain tile. Roberts moved to approve the permit contingent on the water board approval and fee being paid. Carlson seconded; roll call was unanimous.

Hokana moved to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

Commissioner Meeting
October 20th, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jerry Walsh on Zoom, Brandon Carlson, Marke Roberts, and John Hokana were present. Also present were Deputy Auditor Bertsch, State's Attorney Kim Radermacher, Applied Digital Representative Emma Perrotti, and Resident Samual Reis. Clerk of Court Andi Schimke, Deputy Treasurer Chris Robey, Dickey County Sheriff's personnel, Health District personnel, and resident Cindy Bagel attended electronically. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the agenda
Dickey County Road - 3, 3C, and 4
Pheasant Lake land sale
Administrative Services
Mowing and Baling ordinance

Carlson moved to approve the October 6th minutes with corrections. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried

Hokana moved to approve the Financial Statement. Roberts seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Land Use Administrator Amy Mittleider joined the meeting at 9:14

Mittleider stated that South Central Regional Council has a grant available to apply for a housing and infrastructure study of the county. Holm stated to send it over to cities.

Holm stated that Tax Director Don Flaherty reached out to him, stating that nowhere in the minutes did it say there was a motion to accept the purchase price for the Pheasant Lake Properties. State's Attorney Radermacher stated the price would be on the tax deed, and they are public record.

Chairman Holm called a special meeting for November 6th at 9 a.m. to interview for the Administrative Services position and for the Veteran Service Officer.

State's Attorney Radermacher discussed that there was an error on the Mowing notice that was in the paper. Radermacher reached out to Holm about this error, and there will be no assessment on mowing this year due to this error. Radermacher will draft an ordinance for Mowing and Hay bales in the right-of-way and present it at the next commissioner meeting.

Land Use Administrator Mittleider provided an update on the Planning and Zoning on Private Septic System ordinance. Carlson moved to approve the updated wording; Roberts seconded; motion carried. Mittleider also presented a conditional use permit for Dulc's Dining Facility. Roberts moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Dulc's Dining Facility; Carlson seconded; roll call vote was unanimous; motion carried. Mittleider asked for clarification on the flood plan permit she received. State's Attorney Radermacher stated that the landowner or engineer should be contacting the state to do an assessment on the project. No action was taken on the flood plan permit at this time.

Walsh gave an update on the NDACo Conference.

Applied Digital Representative Emma Perrotti gave an update at the Applied Digital site: Building 3 construction is finished, and Building 4 is still being worked on.

Deputy Treasurer Chris Robey joined the meeting at 10:09.

Deputy Treasurer Chris Robey presented the tax parcel sale listing; there are three parcels up for back taxes. Carlson moved to set the total amount due for each parcel as the minimum price; Roberts seconded. Roll call vote unanimous; motion carried.

Carlson moved to open the abatement hearing; Roberts seconded; Deputy Auditor Stormy Bertsch presented 3 parcels with late homestead credit filing. Roberts moved to accept all the late homestead credit filings. Carlson second. Roll call vote was unanimous; motion carried. Carlson moved to close the abatement hearing; Walsh seconded; motion carried

Commissioner took a recess at 10:20.

Holm called the meeting back to order at 10:28.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen joined the meeting at 10:35

Hagen presented a tree variance permit, which would replace existing trees and add three more rows of trees. Roberts moved to approve the tree variance permit; Carlson seconded; motion carried.

Hagen presented another tree variance permit for planting new trees. Carlson moved to approve the tree variance permit; Roberts seconded; motion carried.

Holm stated there is a fee for a tree variance; asked if they wanted to waive the fee;

Carlson moved to waive all tree variance fees off the tree policy; Roberts seconded; roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Hagen presented a utility permit from Intermountain Infrastructure Group, LLC through Dickey Rural Network for boring underground. Roberts moved to approve the utility permit. Carlson seconded; roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried

DES/911 Charlie Russell joined the meeting at 10:44.

Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 10:45

KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski joined the meeting at 10:55

Tykwinski gave an update on the 87th Ave turning lanes; he also presented a scope of service contract for an extension. Carlson moved; Roberts seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried

Carlson discussed Dickey County 4. A resident on the water board asked about a survey to get some of the water off the road, and landowners are in favor of possibly tiling to get water moving away from the road.

Discussion on funding for County Road 2 project happening in 2027.

DES/911 Charlie Russell asked if the temporary stop signs at the corner of Hwy 281 and Hwy 11 by Blumhardt could possibly become permanent, as it has had positive feedback.

Tykwinski will talk with DOT and Ellendale City about the temporary stop sign

Deputy Director of Tax Kinzler joined the meeting at 11:50

Roberts moved to approve vouchers; Carlson seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Hokana moved to adjourn the meeting at 12 pm.

Salaries 196,437.63 64575-64668

ND State Tax Commissioner	ST W/H TAXES	2,041.10	122368
Advanced Business Methods	Color used on copier	127.23	122369
Central States Radar	ACI Stalker for all the vehicles	126.00	122370
Climate Control	3 Months' rent water softener	195.00	122371
Dickey County Leader	Aug 18th minute, fair board meeting, mail ballot application	698.40	122372
Election Systems & Software INC	Media Burn, Audio	1,659.48	122373
Electronic Communications	Radio Programming	500.00	122374
Ellendale True Value	Pipe Vinyl, Hose, Camp cover, Glue, Adapter, Battery, Towel, Fluo Flags, Polish, Padlock	178.34	122375
Inman Irrigation	Repair to Irrigation	96.99	122376
Lorena's Cleaning Serv.	Sept. Lake Bathroom Cleaning	450.00	122377
NACO	County Dues	450.00	122378
Schimke Andi	Unit 2 Training- Fargo- Mileage- Meals	286.68	122379
Q&N Corporation	Monthly Service Agreement, Dropbox Pro, Ink for Printer- Tax Office	2,923.96	122380
Vestis	Rug Service- invoice 2520837564	170.72	122381
Agtegra Oakes	Fuel for Hwy Dept	3,055.70	122382
Butler Machinery Co	Sealing Lid, Blades	603.46	122383
Dakota Electronics	Radio for new truck	731.50	122384
Dakota Improvement	Aug Gravel Haul	17,839.05	122385
Economy Oil Co	Fuel Oakes shop	5,230.80	122386
Ellendale True Value	Cleaner, Trimmer Line, MISC Building supplies	346.80	122387
Hills Hardware	Had Soap, Coupler Plug Set	44.55	122388
John Deere Financial	Filters, Filter Elements	3,678.70	122389
Lorena's Cleaning Serv.	Cleaning of Shop Offices and Bathroom	400.00	122390

Oakes Truck & Trailer	Work Done on 2008 Kenworth W900	5,680.90	122391
Oakes Truck & Trailer	Wiper Motor	139.57	122392
Safety Kleen Systems INC	Part Washer Solvent	297.08	122393
Southeast Water Users	Utilities for west shop	50.56	122394
Vestis	Rug Service - Invoice 2520841458	139.04	122395
Vestis	Rug Service invoice 2520834272	139.04	122396
Vistos Carquest	Flat Washer, Coupler, Filter, Cleaner, Nut, Bolt	46.71	122397
Office of Attorney General 1250	24/7 Program	155.00	122398
Barnes County Corrections	Held Inmate for 4 Days	400.00	122399
Richland County Corrections	Held Inmate for 10 days	850.00	122400
Dickey County Leader	DC Vet Office AD	72.00	122401
Kemmar Anna	Office Supplies	49.97	122402
North Dakota State University	Vet Diagnostics Lab Testing	126.00	122403
Sand Amy	Mileage	304.00	122404
Weis Terance	Mileage	304.00	122405
Starion Bond Services	Bond Interest	2,890.00	122406
AT&T Mobility	Courthouse, Pio, Road, Weed Board iPad, 911, VSO- Phone Charges	1,861.76	122407
Ellendale City Auditor	Courthouse, Park, Irrigation, Hwy Dept, Weed Board- Utilities	1,671.50	122408
Farmers Union Oil Co	Repair to County Car, LP CYL, Fuel for Hwy Shop, Propane for Hwy Shop	5,719.97	122409
KLJ Engineering LLC	Micro surfacing Project on DC 2, Fxs-0011(035) pcn 86th street se, ND Hwy 11 RT turn lane	143,792.83	122410
Montana Dakota Utilities	Park, Storage Shed, Courthouse, Hwy Shop, Weed Board- Utilities	2,603.83	122411
Human Services	Monthly Expenses	67,340.87	122412 - 122426
ND Public Employees Retirement	BCBS	57,942.68	122427
ND Public Employees Retirement	Life Ins	504.10	122426
ND Public Employees Retirement	BCBS- HD	7,579.36	122429
ND Public Employees Retirement	Dental	323.98	122430
ND Public Employees Retirement	Vision	42.57	122431
ND Public Employees Retirement	Life INS HD	122.48	122432
Aflac	Cancer	2,420.76	122433

Cities, Township, Schools	Cities, Townships, Schools	54,513.21	122434 - 122482
Central Specialties Inc	Progress Payment for Applied Digital	2,125,874.89	122483
Midwest Contracting LLC	86th ST SE Box Culvert	531,402.90	122484
Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure	Collections	66.79	122485
Kulm Ambulance Corps	Collections	324.24	122486
Edgeley Ambulance Service	Collections	54.76	122487
Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	Collections	777.10	122488
Ellendale City Auditor	Collections	1,328.02	122489
Oakes City	Collections	301.18	122490
Garrisson Diversion	Collections	790.34	122491
James River Soil Conservation	Collections	1,037.09	122492
Ellendale Fire	Collections	379.93	122493
Oakes Fire	Collections	299.39	122494
Dickey County Senior Citizens	Collections	613.01	122495
Dickey County Historical	Collections	153.34	122496
Kedish House	Collections	2,446.16	122497
ND State Treasurer	State Medical, Clerk of Court Fees	465.69	122498
Dickey County Treasurer	Clerk of Court Fees	1,185.00	122499
ND Public Employees Retirement	Def Comp	1,910.18	122500
ND Public Employees Retirement	Def COMP	661.00	122501
ND Public Employees Retirement	HSA	712.18	122502
ND Child Support Division	Garnishments	508.50	122503
Wex Health INC	Cancer	72.80	122504
Amy Mittleider	Meals for Conf	36.00	122505
Bertsch Stormy	Meals and mileage for NDACO Conf	306.34	122506
Climate Control	3 Months' rent water softener	195.00	122507
Cole Paper	Janitor supplies, Copy Paper	1,418.42	122508
Dickey County Fair Board	Taxes Collected	395.13	122509
Dickey County Hwy Dept	Gasoline for Law Enforcement Vehicles	1,207.61	122510

Election Systems & Software INC	Media, Ballots	3,884.05	122511
Ellendale True Value	Park Supplies	54.42	122512
Farmers Union Oil Co	Office Supplies	97.44	122513
Graham Tire Co	New Tires on 2026 Chevy Tahoe	902.32	122514
Industrial Commission of North Dakota	Sheriff's Foreclosure sale	28,600.00	122515
Information Technology Dept	Tech fees	1,909.65	122516
Inman Irrigation	Winterize Lawn Irrigation System	162.75	122517
Lematta Wonada	NDACO Conf mileage and meals	278.88	122517
Lorena's Cleaning Serv.	Cleaning of Park Bathrooms	450.00	122519
Miller Cresta	Annual Training	94.25	122520
Office of State Auditor	Audit Progress Bill 1	16,347.00	122521
Q&N Corporation	Office Supplies- State's Attorney	239.99	122522
Quadient Leasing USA	Lease Payment on Postage Machine	353.19	122523
Rapid Response Plumbing Heating & Air	Replace Broken pipe and install drain	5,700.00	122524
Simple Wolf	Decal	114.99	122525
Starion Insurance Agency	Notary Bond- Lori W	50.00	122526
Valley Plains Equipment	Maintenance Kit	69.34	122527
Walsh Gerald	Meals, Mileage, Hotel Stay for NDACO Conf	491.60	122528
Agtegra Oakes	Fuel for Hwy Dept	7,367.99	122529
Bear Creek Gravel LLC	Gravel Loading	1,600.00	122530
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	West Shop Utilities	184.00	122531
Dickey County	20% Road and Bridge	86.51	122532
Hills Hardware	Finance Charge	2.50	122533
Napa Central	Air and Cabin Filters, Flushing Nozzle and Washing Nozzle	177.43	122534
ND Association of Counties	Drug Test	33.00	122535
North Dakota One Call	Locate Call	21.00	122536
Ottertail Power Company	Oakes Shop Utilities	72.60	122537
Sign Solutions	Signs	928.77	122538
Vestis	Rug Services invoice 2520847952	139.04	122539

Waste Management	Waste Pickup	113.13	122540
Barnes County Corrections	Held Inmate for 4 days	400.00	122541
Stutsman Correctional Center	Held Inmate for 30 days	3,000.00	122542
Cornerstone Legacy INC	JDA Loan	75,000.00	122543
Epsilon Sigma PHI	Memberships	95.00	122544
Dickey County Leader	Summer Spraying ADS	157.50	122545
Ellendale True Value	Shop Supplies	180.69	122546
Heppers	2027 Polaris- Weed Board	17,789.00	122547
NDWCA	Dues/ Memberships	665.00	122548
Nutrien AG Solutions	Chemicals	49,777.50	122549
Weis Terance	Paid for Training	225.00	122550
Dakota Electronics	Repairs to tower	2,859.95	122551
AT&T Mobility	Courthouse, Pio, Road, Weed Board iPad, 911, VSO- Phone Charges	1,172.14	122552
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	Wilsom dam, Guelph Tower Utilities	138.00	122553
Dickey County Hwy Dept	Gasoline for DES, Park, County Car, Lawn Mower, VSO Vehicle	695.79	122554
Dickey County Leader	Constitutional Measures 1 & 2, Agenda, Public Hearing notice, Weed Mowing Notice	458.40	122555
Dickey Rural Networks	Phone Charges	1,434.90	122556
John Deere Financial	Parts, Shop supplies, 2 EPDM suction hoses- weed board	9,798.36	122557
Montana Dakota Utilities	Storage shed, Courthouse, Fullerton shop, Hwy shop, Weed board building	2,781.71	122558
Office of the Adjutant General	LETS Terminal Fee, 2nd Quarter 911 fee	25,720.59	122559
KLJ Engineering LLC	FXS-0011(035) PCN 24676 86TH ST SE, ND Hwy 11 rt turn lane, Ellendale Twp 96th St SE	127,080.41	122560
Human Services	Monthly Services	16,907.87	122561 - 122572
JP Morgan	Hotel stay, service contract, utilities, fuel, postage, office supplies, programs, vehicle expense	1,918.13	122573
Hansen AG Air LLC	Maintenance	770.66	122574
Hansen Stephen	Mileage	182.40	122575
John Quandt	Mileage	10.64	122576

Ohnstad Twichell	Legal Fees	840.92	122577
ND Public Employees Retirement	Retirement	25,861.47	122578
ND Public Employees Retirement	Retirement	2,771.16	122579
ND Public Employees Retirement	Def Comp	1,910.18	122580
ND Public Employees Retirement	Def Comp HD	661.00	122581
ND Public Employees Retirement	HSA	712.18	122582
Delta Dental Plan of MN	Dental	2,393.50	122583
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Vision	353.22	122584
ND Child Support Division	Garnishments	375.00	122585
ND Child Support Division	Garnishments	508.50	122586
James Valley Regional Lodge	Dues	66.34	122587
JP Morgan	Correction	2,670.29	122588

Kacey Holm, Chairman

Stormy, Bertsch Deputy Auditor