

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S SPECIAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE
MAY 15, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M., with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and Jim Vander Vorst being present.

On the agenda was a liquor license for the Strasburg Blue Room for a special event.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the application and issue a liquor license to the Strasburg Blue Room for a special event held on June 1, 2025 at the Welk Farmstead, Section 21, Township 131, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Vander Vorst mentioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 A.M.

Approved: June 3, 2025

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Dan Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners**

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Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The April, 2025 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure reports were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Magrum motioned to appoint Kathryn Holzer to the Emmons County Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Melvin Jahner. Term is effective May 6, 2025 and will expire on January 1, 2029. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the Utility Permit for South Central Regional Water to install one-inch rural waterline crossing 1 ½ St. SW, Section 11, Township 132, Range 78, and to approve the Utility Permit for KEM Electric to bore cable under gravel roadways on 78th St. SW and Main Ave. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the Plat of Irregular Description, Lot F of Lot 5 & SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 6, Township 132, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Plat of Tract 1, S ½ SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 131, Range 74, 5th P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Plat of Irregular Description, Auditor's Lot A, NE ¼ of Section 8, Township 130, Range 76, and to approve the Plat of Irregular Description, Auditor's Lot B, NW ¼ of Section 9, Township 130, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Plat of Irregular Description, Tract 1, in the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 133, Range 78 of the Fifth Principal Meridian. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for VV Farms, Inc. to construct a grain bin on the NW ¼ of Section 20, Township 129, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Loren Vander Vorste to construct a 52 X 48 residence with a 50 X 50 attached garage on the NW ¼ of Section 17, Township 129, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the building permit for Dennis Benz to move a 56 X 24 home on the 14 Ac Square in the SE corner of SE ¼ of Section 5, Township 136, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Ronald Jangula to add a 42 X 20 addition to the existing cabin on the SW ¼ SE ¼ SE ¼ NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 130, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the building permit for John Zacher to erect a 60 X 40 building for storage use on Lot 3 of Tract B, W ½ SW ¼ of Section 9, Township 130, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for T-Mobile to swap out three parcels on the existing tower located on 7797 Highway 1804 SW, Linton, ND. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Justin Burgad contingent upon approval of Western Plains Public Health septic inspection. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

At 9:50 A.M., a County Park Board meeting was held. Present were Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst; County Park Board Member, Dean Weiss and County Park Board Chairman, Andy Reis. Also present was Korlene Schmidt representing Kintyre Park Board, Rosalie Rambough representing Braddock City Park Board and Shannon Shirado representing Linton City Park.

County Park Board Chairman, Andy Reis, called the meeting to order. James Vander Vorst motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Dan Materi. All members voting “YES”. Motion carried.

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, presented the following county park budget information to the board:

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| 2024 County Park Expenditures | \$44,518.12 |
| 2025 County Park Budget | \$77,500.00 |
| YTD 2025 Expense Report | \$ 1,785.23 |

Received was a letter from Ann M. Moch, Kintyre Park Board, providing an update on the Kintyre Park for 2024.

Erin Magrum motioned to allocate \$3,000.00 to Linton City Park, Hazelton City Park, Braddock City Park Hague City Park and to the park in Kintyre; and to allocate \$1,500.00 to the Strasburg City Park and \$1,500.00 to the Strasburg Park Expansion. Seconded by James Gartner. All members voting “YES”. Motion carried.

Erin Magrum motioned to adjourn. Seconded by James Vander Vorst. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

At 9:20 A.M., the Board of County Commissioners reconvened in regular session.

Sheriff Gary Sanders introduced Deputy Joseph James who started his employment with Emmons County on May 1, 2025.

As advertised, at 9:30 A.M., a public hearing was held to receive public comment and direction in regards to a Petition to close the section line from the Northwest Corner of the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 131, Range 74, and running East for ¾ of a mile. The portion of the section line to be closed is approximately ¾ miles. Also, at 9:40 A.M., a public hearing was held to receive public comment and direction in regards to a Petition to close the section line from the Northeast Corner of the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 131, Range 74, and running South until it reaches the Northeast corner of the South Half of the North Half of Section 28, Township 131, Range 74. The portion of the section line to be closed is approximately ¼ mile.

Terry Buechler and Douglas Gefroh were present and stated that they want to put up new fencing and would like to see the section lines closed as they haven’t been traveled on since the early 80’s. There were no citizens present in opposition to close the section lines. The Commissioners had concerns about closing the section line running north and south because the road is travelable, even if it leads to nowhere, and acknowledged the importance of maintaining public access. After further discussion, Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to close the section line from the Northeast Corner of the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 131, Range 74, and running South until it reaches the Northeast corner of the South Half of the North Half of Section 28, Township 131, Range 74 due to the condition of the road being unsafe and dangerous for the people to travel. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried. Commissioner Miller motioned to deny the Petition to close the section line from the Northwest Corner of the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 131, Range 74, and running East from ¾ of a mile. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The Commission shared their frustrations towards the North Dakota Association of County’s on how they handled major bills of interest to county government this past Legislative Session. Suggestion was made to bring this topic forward at the next Central Dakota Six-County Organization meeting.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve a Gaming Site Authorization beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the Joseph E. Appert, American Legion Post 126, at Cattail Resort. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried. Present was VA Officer, Brad Huber.

Tabled was the Zoning Ordinance update, Article VI, pages 15 – 18, conditional use requirements.

Tanya Wieler, Independent Human Resource Consultant, telephoned into the meeting with recommended changes to the Employee Handbook. Commissioner Gartner motioned to amend the employee handbook as follows:

Section 3 – EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, Section 3.5 – change the last sentence to read “during this introductory period and throughout the duration of the employment relationship, both the employee and Emmons County have the right to terminate employment without advance notice”.

Section 3 – EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, Section 3.16 – amend the third paragraph to read “employment with Emmons County is based on mutual consent, both the employee and Emmons County have the right to terminate employment at will, with or without cause at any point during the employee relationship”.

Section 3 – EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, Section 3.16 – remove the words “in advance” from the fourth paragraph.

Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Gartner and Miller reported that they attended the After-Action Review (AAR) at the courthouse auditorium that was conducted by Emergency Manager, Mary Senger. The event was interesting and well attended by participates of the Glencoe Fire event.

Commissioner Miller brought forward discussion relative to sending road department equipment operators to firebreak training.

Jon Martin, PE and Michael R. Rivinius PE, Wold Engineering, P.C., appeared to present a cost estimate in the amount of \$671,764.50 for the Cattail Bay Road Cement Stabilization project (East-West 2 miles only). Emmons County was approved for funding through the Special Road Fund Program with the NDDOT. The maximum NDDOT contribution is limited to 60 percent, with the financial participation amount limited to \$300,000.00. Commissioner Gartner motioned to accept the \$300,000.00 from the Special Road Fund Program through the NDDOT and to proceed with the two-mile Cattail Bay Road Cement Stabilization project. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update on activities for the county road department. Some of the employees are attending the NDLTAP shoulder pulling live demo training in McIntosh county. Discussion was held regarding the condition of the road located in between sections 28 and 33, Township 136, Range 75.

Francis Krumm appeared to address concerns about the road system in the Southeast corner of the county. Concerns addressed were large holes on the road going south on 22nd Ave SE, and gravel out on the shoulders of the road.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the application of trust and mobile properties that qualify for the 2024 Primary Residence credit. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to accept Moore Engineering’s estimate in the amount of \$83,729.00 for the county contribution towards the Linton street overlay project. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16919 – LP16942, LP16981 – LP16982, Payroll - \$112,654.12
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16983– LP16993, LP16943, Payroll - \$74,843.45

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

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| 46441 | MDU | Utilities | 148.34 |
| 46444 | Martin Oil Co. | Fuel | 23,161.00 |
| 46454 | Puklich Chevrolet | 2025 Chevy Silverado Pickup | 60,843.00 |
| 46528 | Job Service ND | Notice of Reimbursement Due | 8,386.70 |
| 46529 | Acme Tools | Tools | 502.66 |
| 46530 | Advanced Business Methods | Extension Copier | 396.68 |
| 46531 | Ampride | Unleaded Gas | 52.17 |
| 46532 | A Train Auto | 2025 Utility Trailer | 3,800.00 |
| 46533 | Auto Value Linton | Parts | 98.16 |
| 46534 | Balco Uniform Co., Inc. | Uniforms | 728.05 |
| 46535 | Beastrom Oil Co. | Fuel | 5,267.72 |
| 46536 | BEK Communications | Telephone Service | 3,038.92 |
| 46537 | Bobcat of Mandan | Parts | 1,176.52 |
| 46538 | Braaten Law Firm | Legal Service | 7,280.00 |
| 46539 | Burleigh Morton Detention Center | Prisoner Billing | 3,700.00 |
| 46540 | Butler Machinery Co. | Parts/Labor | 3,933.56 |
| 46541 | Centre, Inc. | Community Service Program | 1,200.00 |
| 46542 | CHS, Inc. | Propane | 206.25 |

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| 46543 | Hazelton City | Water Bill | 36.00 |
| 46544 | Linton City | Water Bill | 100.83 |
| 46545 | Strasburg City | Water Bill | 92.61 |
| 46546 | Cole Papers, Inc. | Supplies | 341.54 |
| 46547 | The Crazy Daisy LLC | Carwash | 6.00 |
| 46548 | Dakota Dynamics | HR Services | 400.00 |
| 46549 | Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. | Service | 59.30 |
| 46550 | Dakotaland Auto Glass | Urethane | 304.95 |
| 46551 | Deis, Nancy | Expense Reimbursement | 491.30 |
| 46552 | DMC Wear Parts, LLC | Grading Bit | 6,461.65 |
| 46553 | Dockter's Blacksmith | Supplies | 35.77 |
| 46554 | Electronic Communications | Installed 2way Mobile Radio System | 1,557.00 |
| 46555 | Emmons County Record | Publishing | 525.56 |
| 46556 | Emmons County Treasurer | Current Expense | 914.64 |
| 46557 | Emmons County Treasurer | Post Machine Use | 321.93 |
| 46558 | Fireside Office Products | Supplies | 526.55 |
| 46559 | Hazelton Insurance Agency | Insurance Endorsements | 379.00 |
| 46560 | Heartland Waste Management | Service to Langelier's | 120.00 |
| 46561 | Information Technology Dept. | Internet Access & Netmotion | 1,717.45 |
| 46562 | Jack's Electric & Trenching | Service | 1,679.18 |
| 46563 | Jerome Distributing, Inc. | Water Refills | 87.50 |
| 46564 | John's Autobody & Sales, Inc. | Door Repair | 338.70 |
| 46565 | John's Auto Body and Sales, Inc. | Repair Chevy Tahoe | 10,404.66 |
| 46566 | KEM Electric Coop, Inc. | Utilities | 373.96 |
| 46567 | Kris Engineering, Inc. | Parts | 7,403.04 |
| 46568 | Linde Gas and Equipment, Inc. | Supplies/Welder | 4,410.20 |
| 46569 | Linton Auto Parts | Parts | 758.07 |
| 46570 | Locators & Supplies, Inc. | Reflective Wear | 2,502.02 |
| 46571 | Martin Oil Co. | Gas | 3,271.23 |
| 46572 | MDU | Utilities | 1,766.58 |
| 46573 | Morton County Hwy Dept. | Crack Sealing Oil | 6,116.36 |
| 46574 | New Vision Security, LLC | Monitor Security System | 105.00 |
| 46575 | Nodak True Value | Parts/Supplies | 494.86 |
| 46576 | NDACO | Pre-Employment Drug Testing Fees | 126.00 |
| 46577 | NDACO Resources Group | Server Management | 2,403.00 |
| 46578 | ND County Recorder Association | Dues | 500.00 |
| 46579 | NDLTAP | Employee Roadway Training | 175.00 |
| 46580 | ND One Call | Location Request | 3.00 |
| 46581 | NDPOA | Dues | 120.00 |
| 46582 | ND Peace Officers Association | Dues | 80.00 |
| 46583 | ND State Radio Communications | 911 Fees | 13,570.57 |
| 46584 | ND State Radio Communications | LETS | 263.00 |
| 46585 | ND State Surplus Property | Chairs | 60.00 |
| 46586 | NDSU Extension | Salary Reimbursement | 14,193.13 |
| 46587 | NW Tire, Inc. | Tire and Repair | 1,941.90 |
| 46588 | OK Tire Store | Tires | 518.32 |
| 46589 | Braddock Park Board | Contribution | 3,000.00 |
| 46590 | Hague Park Board | Contribution | 3,000.00 |
| 46591 | Hazelton Park Board | Contribution | 3,000.00 |
| 46592 | Linton Park Board | Contribution | 3,000.00 |
| 46593 | Strasburg Park Expansion | Contribution | 1,500.00 |
| 46594 | Strasburg City Park | Contribution | 1,500.00 |
| 46595 | Kintyre Park Board | Contribution | 3,000.00 |
| 46596 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 258.82 |
| 46597 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 1,189.76 |
| 46598 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 1,219.45 |
| 46599 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 780.81 |
| 46600 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 1,228.98 |
| 46601 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 483.68 |
| 46602 | Power Plan Corp. | Parts/Service | 10,154.32 |
| 46603 | Prairie Heating and Air, Inc. | Filters | 19.00 |
| 46604 | Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. | Postal Machine Lease | 353.19 |
| 46605 | Renschler, Norman | Maintenance to Langelier's/Rice Lake | 950.00 |
| 46606 | Sayler Implement, Inc. | Parts | 483.01 |
| 46607 | Schneider, Jackie | Food Pantry | 500.00 |
| 46608 | Sign Solutions | Road Signs | 1,612.00 |
| 46609 | South Central Regional Water | Water | 81.00 |

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| 46610 | Stuckle, Acacia | Expense Reimbursement | 314.80 |
| 46611 | TC Specialties, Inc. | Service | 57.00 |
| 46612 | Tyler Technologies, Inc. | Software Training | 3,780.00 |
| 46613 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Service | 170.90 |
| 46614 | Walk-N-Roll | Parts | 146.40 |
| 46615 | White Cap LP | Parts | 110.97 |
| 46616 | Widmer Poel | 2024 Audit Expense | 1,056.00 |
| 46617 | Wold Engineering, PC | Engineering for Grade Raise – Braddock | 18,320.00 |

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Gartner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Approved: June 3, 2025

Daniel Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The March, 2025 end of month fund balance report and the year to date expenditure reports were distributed to the board.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 regular meeting and the March 18, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of a building permit for Wayde and Trish Bauman to construct an 80 X 30 residence with a 44 X 30 attached garage on the Government Lot 2, Less RW and Acres to USA, Section 4, Township 131, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Tabled was the Housing Authority Board Member to replace the unexpired term of Melvin Jahner – 2024-2029.

New Business:

Sam Renschler appeared to discuss maintaining Langeliers's Bay Campground and restroom facilities and the facility at Rice Lake for calendar year 2025 at a fee of \$190.00 per trip.

Commissioner Miller motioned to adopt the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, July 2nd, 2025 will mark the 70th Anniversary of the national debut of "The Lawrence Welk Show" on television; a show which was aimed at family friendly variety in acts and music which spanned numerous genres such as Country, Jazz, Pop, Polka, and Patriotic.

WHEREAS, Lawrence Welk, a native of Strasburg, North Dakota took to the national stage values and love for music that started like crops in North Dakota soil and the harvest benefited generations of Americans during times of war and peace, prosperity and difficulty.

WHEREAS, in North Dakota he was recognized in his lifetime such as being inducted into the Rough Rider Hall of Fame in 1961, awarded an honorary degree by North Dakota State University in 1965. Later, his birthplace, the Ludwig and Christina Welk Homestead where he lived until he was 21 was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is today open to the public, and owned by the State of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, many North Dakotans are of full or partial German and/or Norwegian descent, it is noteworthy that Lawrence Welk was a German (German Russian) heritage, and Myron Floren originally from Webster, South Dakota was the son of immigrants from Norway and was himself inducted into the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame in Minot, North Dakota in 1984. Their success stories are among the examples of how far Americans from anywhere in America can go with hard work and perseverance.

WHEREAS, "The Lawrence Welk Show" is still aired regularly across America in a number of states including North Dakota (on Sunday evenings in North Dakota) more than 40 years after its last episode, and more than 30 years after his passing.

WHEREAS, his aim at family friendly entertainment is an example of a worthy goal in any generation as in the idea of bringing together quality from the past and present, and worth of all corners of North Dakota to come together to celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Emmons County Commission hereby proclaims July 2, 2025 Lawrence Welk Day and a day to honor "The Lawrence Welk Show" in Emmons County, North Dakota.

Adopted by the Emmons County Commission on the 1st day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:
s/s Marlys Ohlhauser
County Auditor

APPROVED:
Dan Materi
Emmons County Chairman

Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

VA Officer, Brad Huber, appeared and gave his quarterly report.

Acacia Stuckle and Nancy Deis, Extension Agents, provided a quarterly narrative report.

The board reviewed zoning ordinances, general provisions in Article II – V, pages 6 – 14. Suggestion was made to include electrical generation, storage, and/or transmission facility to Article II.B conditionally permitted uses, item #10. States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, suggested changing item #10 on page 7, Article II.A, Agricultural District to non-farm residences on lots of one (1) acre or more.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for Adam Feist to construct a 38,500-bushel grain bin on the N ½ SE ¼ and E ½ NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 130, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to remove six existing antennas, install twelve new antennas, remove twelve existing RRH radios, install nine new RRH radios, install new surge protectors, remove four DC power trunks, install five new DC power trunks on the cell tower located on the SW ¼ of Section 25, Township 135, Range 77. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to deny the building permit for Landon Twardski to move a house on Lot A in the NE ¼ of Section 19, Township 132, Range 76, due to not fitting in with the county’s current zoning ordinances. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the Plat for Tract 1 in the W ½ of Section 15, Township 135, Range 76 of the Fifth Principal Meridian. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Plat for Tract A in the S ½ NE ¼ of Section 6, Township 135, Range 76 of the Fifth Principal Meridian. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Nathan and Erin Weiser to construct a 64 X 36 home with a 30 X 39 attached garage on Section 15, Township 135, Range 6. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried. Magrum abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0003-00144-000 for tax year 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for A-Train Auto LLC to erect a 112 X 54 shop on Lot 4, W ½ of SE ¼ of Section 15, Township 131, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the building permit for Wayde and Trish Bauman to construct an 80 X 30 residence with a 44 X 30 attached garage on Government Lot 2 Less RW and acres to USA, Section 4, Township 131, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried. Gartner abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Eric Hoberg, Napoleon Economic Development, and Jim Guler, Moore Engineering, Inc., appeared to further discuss the proposed Irrigation Project aimed at utilizing water from the Missouri River into Logan County for Irrigation. Eric Hoberg provided a list of fifteen (15) local farmers expressing support for the proposed Irrigation Project and has additional interest from others in the Long Lake and Strasburg areas. Commissioner Gartner had a conversation with a young farmer who emphasized the potential benefits of diversifying crops noting that younger farmers are keen on exploring diverse agricultural practices, which could lead to increased profitability. Last year this local farmer successfully implemented irrigation for crops such as onions.

Jim Guler provided a handout on why this feasible study matters and the scope of the study. The study will help determine the best routes for water distribution from the Missouri River. Creating an irrigation district could allow landowners the ability to increase yields and expand farming opportunities, improve drought resilience and boost the local economy by supporting agricultural production.

The Commissioners were asked to contribute \$25,000.00 towards the local cost share of the grant received from the Department of Water Resources to generate the feasibility study. Concerns were addressed regarding the use of county funds for the feasibility study due to compliance with legal and budgetary constraints.

Clint Scherb, NextEra Energy Lead Project Manager Development, appeared to outline plans to apply for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Emmons-Logan Energy Storage Project. The fee structure would be similar to that of the previous wind farm project with a suggested fee of \$250.00 per battery container resulting in a total of \$34,500 for the 138 containers. The Energy Storage project will be located on a 15 acre parcel adjacent to the substation. The anticipated lifespan of the battery system is projected to last between 30 – 35 years.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update on activities for the county road department. Tyler Scherbenske from RTS Shearing, LLC was present to discuss gravel sampling test results. There was discussion on hiring an additional fulltime equipment operator and purchasing retriever discs for the front of the blades.

Commissioner Gartner brought forward a county JDA (Job Development Authority) after participating in an ILG class “Role of County Commissioner” where commissioners noted that every county and city should ideally have a JDA to facilitate job growth and development and emphasizing the importance of having dedicated funds for economic projects. Emmons County has the authority to levy up to four mills for a JDA. States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson explained that the Board of County Commissioners, by resolution, may create a job development authority for the county, or may discontinue a job development authority which has been created for the county.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16782 – LP16805, LP16842 – LP16843, Payroll - \$111,870.96
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16844– LP16852, LP16806, Payroll - \$64,392.49

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

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| 46282 | MDU | Utilities | 215.11 |
| 46362 | Acme Tools | Parts | 213.62 |
| 46363 | Advanced Business Methods | Extension Copier | 390.20 |
| 46364 | Auto Value Linton | Parts | 15.44 |
| 46365 | Balco Uniform | Uniform Accessories | 170.81 |
| 46366 | Beastrom Oil Co. | Fuel | 24,914.44 |
| 46367 | Braaten Law Firm | Legal Services | 4,072.00 |
| 46368 | Burleigh Morton Detention Center | Prisoner Billing | 2,900.00 |
| 46369 | Burleigh County Emergency Mgmt. | DEM | 9,000.00 |
| 46370 | Central Dakota Frontier Coop | Gas | 56.47 |
| 46371 | Circle H. Lumber | Material | 1,183.06 |
| 46372 | Linton City | Water Bill | 98.71 |
| 46373 | Cole Papers, Inc. | Supplies | 77.80 |
| 46374 | The Crazy Daisy | Carwash | 6.00 |
| 46375 | CREA | Supt. of Schools Service | 35.00 |
| 46376 | Curtis Rud Oil Co. | Propane | 67.60 |
| 46377 | Dakota Dynamics | HR Contract | 800.00 |
| 46378 | Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. | Service | 59.30 |
| 46379 | Electronic Communications, Inc. | Radio Repair | 190.00 |
| 46380 | Emmons County 4H Leader | 4H Program | 950.00 |
| 46381 | Emmons County Record | Publishing | 511.24 |
| 46382 | Fireside Office Products | Notary Stamp | 26.24 |
| 46383 | Great Plains Directory Service | Wall Map | 155.00 |
| 46384 | Hulm, Allan | Expense Reimbursement | 18.50 |
| 46385 | Jacks Electric & Trenching | Service | 1,783.36 |
| 46386 | Jerome Distributing, Inc. | Water Refills | 143.25 |
| 46387 | Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc. | Parts | 1,081.62 |
| 46388 | Kiesler Police Supply | Ammunition | 1,176.34 |
| 46389 | Kriss Engineering, Inc. | System 2000 | 21,135.40 |
| 46390 | Lexipol LLC | Police Academy | 495.00 |
| 46391 | Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc. | Material | 770.95 |
| 46392 | Linton Auto Parts | Parts | 866.57 |
| 46393 | Magrum Excavating & Plumbing | Service | 1,300.00 |
| 46394 | Martin Oil Co. | Gas | 3,337.24 |
| 46395 | MDU | Utilities | 2,268.69 |
| 46396 | New Vision Security | Alarm Monitoring | 120.00 |
| 46397 | NDACO Resources Group, Inc. | Computer/Server Support | 2,628.00 |
| 46398 | ND State Surplus Property | File Cabinet | 130.00 |
| 46399 | Outlawn Outdoor Lawn Service | Lawn Service | 100.00 |
| 46400 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 335.77 |
| 46401 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 475.95 |
| 46402 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 6,100.65 |
| 46403 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 380.99 |
| 46404 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 1,064.35 |
| 46405 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 648.46 |
| 46406 | Power Plan Corp. | Parts/Service | 3,899.60 |
| 46407 | Prairie Heating and Air, Inc. | Install Unit Heater | 3,908.29 |
| 46408 | Renschler, Norman | Maintenance to Rice Lake | 380.00 |
| 46409 | Rigging and Tools, Inc. | Tow Strap | 728.30 |
| 46410 | Schneider, Jackie | Food Pantry | 500.00 |
| 46412 | South Central Regional Water | Water Bill | 78.00 |
| 46413 | Strasburg State Bank | Equipment Lease Payments | 33,893.55 |
| 46414 | Strasburg State Bank | Equipment Lease Payment | 73,864.15 |
| 46415 | Stryker Corp | Battery | 900.00 |
| 46416 | Stuckle, Acacia | Expense Reimbursement | 75.60 |

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| 46417 | TC Specialties | Service | 57.00 |
| 46418 | Tower Communications | Tower Rent | 600.00 |
| 46419 | Tyler Technologies, Inc. | Software Setup | 4,560.00 |
| 46420 | Unison Bank | Equipment Lease Payment | 73,826.06 |
| 46421 | Unison Bank | Equipment Lease Payment | 139,668.44 |
| 46422 | Unison Bank | Equipment Lease Payment | 150,391.47 |
| 46423 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Service | 512.85 |
| 46424 | Wallwork Truck Center Corp. | Parts | 631.02 |
| 46425 | White Cap LP | Eucofloor | 211.94 |
| 46426 | Wickenheiser, Michael | Reimbursement for Supplies | 37.00 |
| 46427 | Zoom Away | Oil Change/Tire Repair | 190.19 |
| 46428 | Hazelton City | Water Bill | 36.00 |
| 46429 | Emmons County Treasurer | Postal Machine Use | 707.76 |
| 46430 | Office of Attorney General | Scram Fees | 155.00 |
| 46431 | Strasburg City | Water Bill | 92.14 |
| 46432 | KEM Electric | Utilities | 445.69 |
| 46433 | Nodak True Value | Supplies | 1,198.38 |
| 46435 | Information Technology Dept. | Internet Access & Netmotion | 1,696.25 |
| 46436 | Linton Food Center | Supplies | 22.19 |
| 46437 | BEK Communications | Telephone Service | 3,047.44 |
| 46438 | CHS, Inc. | Propane | 510.35 |
| 46440 | Outlawn Outdoor Lawn Service | Lawn Spray | 300.00 |

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Gartner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Approved: May 6, 2025

Daniel Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S SPECIAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE
MARCH 18, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and Jim Vander Vorst being present.

Emergency Manager, Mary Senger, explained the March 18, 2025, Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions Declaration.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Gartner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 A.M.

Approved: April 1, 2025

**Dan Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners**

**Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of gravel discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Auditor Ohlhauser reported that the NDIRF adjuster completed the claim investigation regarding the farm equipment damage from a rock and ruts in a field, and will be denying the claim because there were no findings where the county is negligent. The adjuster sent an email to Dan Moch asking him to provide her with his story, and he never responded back to her. Commissioner Magrum motioned to remove this item from old and unfinished business on the agenda going forward, unless something resurfaces. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for Verizon and Crown Castle USA for minor modification to the existing wireless facility in the NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 25, Township 131, Range 76, W of the 5th P.M., and to approve the building permit for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to install six (6) new antennas, remove twelve (12) RRH radios, install nine (9) new RRH radios. Remove and replace one (1) tower mounted surge protector. Install one (1) new DC power trunk cable on the cell tower in the NE ¼ NW ¼ Less RW, Section 25, Township 131, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-6-446-0 and for parcel #29-0000-04017-000 for tax year 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned authorizing Chairman Materi to execute the Langelier's Bay Annual Management Program, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for calendar year 2024 and the Annual Management Program and budget for 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the building permit for Richard Weigelt to replace windows, doors and flooring to the residence, tract 425.6 X 177' and tract 3 in the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 132, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The Six County Commission meeting hosted by McIntosh County will be held on March 11, 2025 in Ashley, ND.

As advertised, at 9:15 A.M., a public hearing was held to receive public comment and direction in regards to a Petition to close the section line in between the N ½ of Section 7, Township 130, Range 75 and the N ½ of Section 8, Township 130, Range 75, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 24-07-03. Kenny and Danny Nieuwsma were present and provided a history of the road from 1950 to present. States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson provided his opinion from Chapter 24-07 in the North Dakota Century Code that reads the board of county commissioners, if petitioned by a person having an interest in the adjoining land, after a public hearing, may close section lines which are not used for ten years, are not traveled due to natural obstacles or difficulty of terrain, are not required due to readily accessible alternate routes of travel, or are intersected by interstate highways causing the section line to be a dead end. There were no citizens present in opposition to close the section line. Commissioner Gartner motioned to close the section line. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The board reviewed zoning ordinance, general provisions and Article 1, RA – Recreation District. Commissioner Magrum motioned to begin a list of amendments with the first amendment proposed for the list would be to take item #2 under 1.A. and move it into item #8 under 1.B. in Article 1. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding the potential hiring of an engineer. Commissioner Gartner reported that the county engineer should have expertise in gravel, culverts, bridges, and if there's going to be a cost share with any of the cities, the engineer should also have expertise on curb and gutter and pavement. Noted was the salary range for an experienced engineer, and the lack of office space in the county shops and courthouse, suggesting possible location at Linton City Hall.

Eric Hoberg, Napoleon Economic Development, and Carl Jackson, Market Engineer for Moore Engineering, Inc., appeared to further discuss the proposed Irrigation project aimed at utilizing water from the Missouri River into Logan County for Irrigation. Eric Hoberg stated that he’s trying to make a large impact by utilizing water from the Missouri River for an irrigation project with the potential to impact local agriculture and economic development. Carl Jackson reported that in order for this project to move forward one of the requirements of the Department of Water Resources is that an Irrigation District is formed. This would involve a feasibility study to gauge interest among landowners and assess the potential costs and logistics of establishing an Irrigation District. Requested was for Emmons County to contribute \$25,000.00 towards the local cost share of the \$200,000.00 grant received from the Department of Water Resources to generate the feasibility study so the district can be brought to a vote of the landowners. Commissioner Magrum expressed concerns about spending \$25,000.00 to seek out if landowners want this project, and would like to see a list of landowners that have an interest in the project. Further discussions will be held with Eric Hoberg and local landowners regarding the project.

Commissioner Magrum will take the responsibility of finding a Housing Authority Board Member to replace the unexpired term of Melvin Jahner.

Leon and Therese Beitelspacher appeared to request road maintenance on the one mile stretch running within Section 3 in Township 133, Range 77. Commissioner Magrum motioned to authorize the Road Superintendent to maintain Lyla Lane as he sees fit. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update stating that the department has been performing maintenance on some equipment, small remodel project to the Linton County Shop, seven blade operators attended roadway foundation basics and gravel quality training in Valley City, opening of culverts, and gravel site testing. Jerry Lauinger and Dustin Huber started employment with the county as equipment operators. Russell Lawler worked out a deal with Morton County on getting tar for the year for the county and the City of Linton. Noted was the access road going into Rice Lake on 96 X Street needs some road maintenance, which is part of the plat agreement.

Commissioner Gartner presented a quote from Verizon Connect for Vehicle Trackers for the road department. After some discussion, Commissioner Magrum motioned to accept the quote from Verizon Connect (option #2) for up to 18 vehicle trackers for a monthly cost of \$18.95 per unit with 50% off the first three months. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement between Campbell Township and Emmons County for the following services:

Road Grading Services - \$350.00 per certified mile
Road Snow Removal - \$200.00 per hour

Agreement is effective April 1, 2025 and shall continue until March 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:
General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16782 – LP16805, LP16842 – LP16843, Payroll - \$111,870.96
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16844– LP16852, LP16806, Payroll - \$64,392.49

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

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| 46125 | MDU | Utilities | 194.25 |
| 46129 | NDACO Resources Group | Server Support | 2,300.00 |
| 46169 | ND Attorney General | Criminal Background Check | 30.00 |
| 46202 | Acme Tools | Tools | 39.98 |
| 46203 | Advanced Business Methods | Extension Copier | 461.24 |
| 46204 | Agtegra Redfield Bulk | Service | 1,634.04 |
| 46205 | Ampride | Gas | 69.01 |
| 46206 | Auto Value Linton | Parts | 935.17 |
| 46207 | Beastrom Oil Co. | Propane | 8,428.69 |
| 46208 | Braaten Law Firm | Legal Services | 1,312.00 |
| 46209 | Burleigh Morton Detention Center | Prisoner Billing | 2,800.00 |
| 46210 | Butler Machinery Co. | Parts/Labor | 918.62 |
| 46211 | Camp Knoll LLC | Gravel Lease | 175.00 |
| 46212 | Central Dakota Frontier | Gas | 54.33 |
| 46213 | Central Specialties, Inc. | Kelsch Crossing Project | 98,422.41 |
| 46214 | CHS, Inc. | Propane | 1,155.00 |
| 46215 | Circle H. Lumber | Material | 1,757.74 |
| 46216 | Linton City | Water Bill | 100.79 |
| 46217 | Code 4 Services, Inc. | Replace Lights | 58.80 |
| 46218 | Cole Papers, Inc. | Supplies | 302.89 |
| 46219 | Costco Membership | Dues | 65.00 |

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| 46220 | D & B Engraving & Tees | Spelling Bee | 7.00 |
| 46221 | Dakota Business Solutions | Annual Maintenance Postal Machine | 450.00 |
| 46222 | Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. | Service | 202.00 |
| 46223 | Dakota Sound Systems, Inc. | Sound System | 42,675.00 |
| 46224 | Electronic Communications | Micro Holder | 200.00 |
| 46225 | Emmons County Record | Publication | 454.34 |
| 46226 | Emmons County Treasurer | Supplies | 85.15 |
| 46227 | Emmons County Treasurer | Postal Machine Use | 302.64 |
| 46228 | Fireside Office Products, Inc. | Fireside Office Products, Inc. | 1,133.66 |
| 46229 | Information Technology Dept. | Internet Access & Netmotion | 1,696.25 |
| 46230 | Jack's Electronic & Trenching | Supplies and Service | 679.82 |
| 46231 | Ron Jangula Construction | Painting | 6,565.20 |
| 46232 | Johnsen Trailer Sales, Inc. | Parts | 36.19 |
| 46233 | Keller's Hardware | Supplies | 98.70 |
| 46234 | Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc. | Supplies | 484.55 |
| 46235 | Linton Auto Parts | Parts/Labor | 753.81 |
| 46236 | Little Falls Machine, Inc. | Parts | 360.08 |
| 46237 | Martin Oil | Gas | 551.30 |
| 46238 | Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. | ND Court Updates | 32.43 |
| 46239 | MDU | Utilities | 2,371.80 |
| 46240 | Mosset, Robin | Bond | 86.00 |
| 46241 | New Vision Security, LLC | Fire Alarm Monitoring | 120.00 |
| 46242 | Nodak True Value | Parts/Supplies | 939.77 |
| 46243 | NDACO Resources Group, Inc. | Computers/Support | 21,441.64 |
| 46244 | ND Clerks Association | Dues | 100.00 |
| 46245 | NDACTVSO | Dues/Registration Fee | 170.00 |
| 46246 | NDSAA | Dues | 400.00 |
| 46247 | ODP Business Solutions, LLC | Webcam/Supplies | 462.37 |
| 46248 | OK Tire Store | Tires | 295.26 |
| 46249 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Food/Supplies | 327.54 |
| 46250 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Food/Supplies | 761.08 |
| 46251 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Food/Supplies | 6,113.15 |
| 46252 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Food/Supplies | 285.06 |
| 46253 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Food/Supplies | 723.39 |
| 46254 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Food/Supplies | 306.41 |
| 46255 | Pfeifle | Parts and Service | 149.10 |
| 46256 | Prairie Heating and Air, Inc. | Service | 686.73 |
| 46257 | RDO Truck Center | Cover | 1,159.77 |
| 46258 | Renschler, Norman | Rice Lake Maintenance | 380.00 |
| 46259 | RJ Sales and Service | Service | 285.70 |
| 46260 | Sayler Implement, Inc. | Parts | 494.93 |
| 46261 | Schneider, Jackie | Food Pantry | 500.00 |
| 46262 | Sign Solutions | Signs | 1,324.61 |
| 46263 | South Central Regional Water | Water Bill | 79.20 |
| 46264 | Strasburg State Bank | 2022 JD Blade Lease Payment | 54,104.16 |
| 46265 | Stuckle, Acacia | Expense Reimbursement | 186.20 |
| 46266 | TC Specialties, Inc. | Service | 57.00 |
| 46267 | Tyler Technologies, Inc. | Software Data Conversion | 14,921.40 |
| 46268 | Unicom | Graphics for Sheriff Vehicle | 899.95 |
| 46269 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Service | 593.60 |
| 46270 | Walk-N-Roll | Parts | 10,908.27 |
| 46271 | Widmer Roel | 2023 County Audit | 798.00 |
| 46272 | Wold Engineering, P.C. | Senger Lake Road Project | 76,479.50 |
| 46275 | Hazelton City | Water Bill | 36.00 |
| 46276 | KEM Electric | Utilities | 436.02 |
| 46277 | NDDOT | Bridge Inspections | 338.49 |
| 46278 | Strasburg City | Water Bill | 97.32 |
| 46283 | BEK Communications | Telephone Services | 3,054.61 |

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Magrum motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Approved: April 1, 2025

Daniel Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present. Also present was States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of section line discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Further discussion was held regarding county employees being able to volunteer for local organizations, (such as Fire Department, EMS, etc.). Commissioner Magrum motioned that Emmons County allow for county employees to have eight hours of annual volunteer time, approved by the department head, with any modifications being at the discretion of the board of county commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Reported was the NDIRF insurance claim is still open regarding the farm equipment damage from a road project (rock and ruts in field); therefore, no action was taken.

Discussion was held on updating the Zoning Ordinance Manual where the board agreed to work through a chapter every month with States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson. The commission decided to add zoning ordinance update – general provisions in chapter one on the March agenda.

Chairman Materi and Commissioner Miller looked into the section line matter located on the NW ¼ of Section 7, Township 136, Range 78, 55th St. SW tabled from the December 3, 2024 meeting. Chairman Materi reported that the section line is not drifted in as previously described; instead, there's a 15 – 20-foot embankment and ravine grown over with trees. Citizens are driving on a trail south of the section line. There's a small pile (wheelbarrow size) of cement pieces on the section line. GIS Coordinator, Josh Odden, stated that he found a photo dated back in the 1950's where citizens were driving around the section line. State's Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, provided an opinion that the county could grant permission to Mr. Woodland to improve the section line using his own equipment to build up the road so that it's drivable; but, the county has no obligation to this road. The board concluded that this is not a county matter.

New Business:

Commissioner Vander Vorst inquired about the section line located in between Sections 4 and 9 in Township 131, Range 74, asking if the county would be responsible if something would happen if the section line gets washed out and impossible to cross. States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, stated that this section line is not part of the county's road system, and if the section line becomes dangerous, the county could close access to the road.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to enter into a Limited Services Agreement with Tanya Wieler of Dakota Dynamics, Human Resource Consulting for Local Government, for providing general Human Resource assistance and guidance to Emmons County. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to terminate Easement No. DACW45-2-70-6059 within Section 6, Township 135, Range 78, and release it to the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Director of Tax Equalization, Christina Seppanen, appeared to present the 2025 agricultural land valuations provided by the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department of the North Dakota State University. NDSU calculated the statewide average values per acre with the following results:

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| Cropland | \$910.51 |
| Non-cropland | \$163.09 |
| All agricultural land | \$676.46 |

Emmons County's average value per acre for the year 2025 is as follows:

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| Cropland | \$924.38 |
| Non-cropland | \$165.55 |
| All agricultural land | \$675.89 |

North Dakota Century Code ruling requires County's to be within a tolerance level of 90% - 100% on their agricultural land values determined by the North Dakota State University Agricultural Economics Department.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to maintain a 92% tolerance level to keep the county average in compliance with state requirements. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

NextEra Energy Resources Representatives, Clint Scherb and Evan Shea, appeared and presented information on a proposed Emmons-Logan Energy Storage Project. The project would be located on a 15-acre parcel adjacent to the substation in Emmons County. The project includes a 140-megawatt, four-hour battery energy storage project (560 megawatt hours), and is aimed to start construction in 2025 with commercial operation targeted for December 2026. The project has a lifespan of 30-35 years.

Tony Holzer and Becky Thatcher-Keller provided an update on the Emmons County Senior Food Services. The State Director for Council on Aging for Senior Services called for a Kidder County Commission meeting to be held to discuss issues with the KESS (Kidder Emmons Senior Services). There were problems with financial reports, releasing money belonging to Emmons Seniors, and bad business decisions with closing down meal sites. After a heated discussion between the State Director, board members, and guests, the Kidder County Commissioners ordered the Secretary/Treasurer with KESS to pay Emmons County Senior Food Service \$39,002.90 from a savings account for Emmons County Senior Food Services. The State Director ordered an audit so it's unclear whether the Emmons County Senior Food Services will be receiving more funding. The Kidder County Commissioners asked all the KESS board members and the director to resign effective February 1, 2025. The Commissioners complimented Tony Holzer for the excellent job that he's doing with the Emmons County Senior Food Services. Tony Holzer stated that they are very thankful for the community contributions that they received. Noted was meals on wheels will begin delivery to Strasburg.

Francis Krumm appeared and provided a correction to the public record and comments made at the January 7, 2025 meeting regarding frost boils to the county roads at the time he was the county road superintendent. Mr. Krumm stated that when he was road superintendent, he had a conversation with Emergency Manager, Mary Senger, who recommended that the county supply all the road department employees with county owned cell phones in case of open record requests that their personal information would not be jeopardized. With the help from Mary Senger and FEMA, all grade operators were trained to locate and measure each of the frost boil sites accurately. The employees did an excellent job of locating the frost boils and provided all the paperwork requested by FEMA. After the paperwork was completed, it was turned in to Mary Senger who then filed the paperwork with FEMA. According to the conversation held with Mary Senger, FEMA did not cover the frost boils in Emmons County during that time period, and the denial had nothing to do with the paperwork process. She filed the paperwork the second time and was denied again. There were 309 frost boils, but only 109 needed to be repaired for a cost of \$518,159.82. The other frost boils only needed grading. Before Francis Krumm was road superintendent, there was no paperwork or time cards kept by the employees. The Commission agreed that the road department needed to have paperwork and documentation, so they hired Kelly Krumm to do the paperwork. Every hour of every work day over the course of 2020 and 2021 was documented by each employee. The time cards listed what each employee was doing, what piece of equipment was used and the hours spent on each task. This information was used to provide the cost of each road repair project. Books were compiled that contained all the annual road projects completed. Each Commissioner was provided with one of these books that should be handed down to the next commissioner.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update stating that the department has been blading on warmer days, riprapping out by Larry Leier's and Gefroh's on the federal aid road, doing maintenance in the shop, building fenders on the Low Boy trailer, building racks for outside, and a couple of employees are working on some packers in Strasburg. There was some discussion on various roads that need culvert work, blading and graveling.

Commissioner Gartner reported that he's waiting on a quote from Verizon Wireless for tracking graders and possibly trucks and pickups as a tool to protect the employees.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to amend the 2024 appropriations for prairie dog road by \$184,108.10, LATCF by \$9,267.12, police contract by \$33,971.41, and ARPA by \$75,874.92. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the plat for the west 47' of the N ½ of lot 9 of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 17, Township 132, Range 79. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the plat for Lot C of the SE ¼ of Section 18, Township 132, Range 76. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court/Recorder, Robin Mosset, introduced Wayne Ehley, newly hired Deputy Clerk of Court and Myckea Gross, newly hired Deputy Recorder.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #15-5426-10 for tax year 2024 and to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #22-0000-04698-000 for tax year 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16720 – LP16741, LP16771 – LP16772, Payroll - \$107,501.35
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16773– LP16781, LP16669, Payroll - \$64,193.91

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

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| 45964 | MDU | Utilities | 199.98 |
| 45966 | ND Attorney General | Background Check | 15.00 |
| 46045 | Job Service ND | Notice of Reimbursement Due | 1,998.20 |
| 46046 | Acme Tools | Tools | 504.98 |
| 46047 | Advanced Business Methods | Extension Copier Contract | 386.26 |
| 46048 | Auto Value Linton | Parts | 448.82 |
| 46049 | Balco Uniform Co., Inc. | Uniforms | 331.57 |
| 46050 | Braaten Law Firm | Legal Service | 3,175.88 |
| 46051 | Burleigh Morton Detention Center | Prisoner Billing | 500.00 |
| 46052 | Butler Machinery Co. | Parts/Labor | 4,632.15 |
| 46053 | Central Dakota Frontier | Starting Fluid | 42.09 |
| 46054 | Centre, Inc, | Community Service Contract | 1,200.00 |
| 46055 | CHS, Inc. | Propane | 1,710.75 |
| 46056 | Linton City | Water Bill | 86.18 |
| 46057 | Code 4 Services, Inc. | Sheriff Vehicle Equipment | 7,132.63 |
| 46058 | Cole Papers, Inc. | Supplies | 901.75 |
| 46059 | Crazy Daisy, LLC | Carwash | 6.00 |
| 46060 | Dakota Business Solutions | Postal Machine Ink | 241.00 |
| 46061 | Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. | Service | 202.00 |
| 46062 | Dickinson Research Ext. | Postage | 24.85 |
| 46063 | Emmons County Record | Publishing | 394.22 |
| 46064 | Emmons County Treasurer | Notary Bond | 51.65 |
| 46065 | Emmons County Treasurer | Postal Machine Use | 657.17 |
| 46066 | Fed Ex | Service | 21.53 |
| 46067 | Fireside Office Products | Supplies | 600.85 |
| 46068 | Galindo, Jordyn | Wages | 447.15 |
| 46069 | Hulm, Allan | Expense Reimbursement | 150.00 |
| 46070 | Jack's Electric & Trenching | Service | 813.75 |
| 46071 | Jerome Distributing | Water Refills | 90.25 |
| 46072 | Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc. | Parts | 318.85 |
| 46073 | Linton Auto Parts | Parts | 1,075.76 |
| 46074 | Martin Oil Co. | Gasoline | 3,483.61 |
| 46075 | MDU | Utilities | 2,520.01 |
| 46076 | Mosset Welding LLC | Service | 84.00 |
| 46077 | New Vision Security, LLC | Panic Alarm Service | 860.75 |
| 46078 | Nodak True Value | Supplies | 1,236.69 |
| 46079 | NDACO | Programs | 1,027.40 |
| 46080 | NRG Resource Group | IT Services/Computers | 9,510.74 |
| 46081 | ND One Call | Location Request | 1.50 |
| 46082 | ND Sheriff's and Deputies Assoc. | Dues | 400.00 |
| 46083 | ND State Radio Communications | Phone Collections | 14,779.87 |
| 46084 | ND State Radio Communications | Everbridge Fee | 904.28 |
| 46085 | ND State Radio Communications | LETS Billing | 120.00 |
| 46086 | NDSU | Software | 166.00 |
| 46087 | NDSU Extension Service | Salary Reimbursement | 14,193.19 |
| 46088 | ODP Business Solutions, LLC | Supplies | 55.78 |
| 46089 | Pahlke Steel | Steel | 448.00 |
| 46090 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 213.74 |
| 46091 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 165.00 |
| 46092 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 2,539.34 |
| 46093 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 324.85 |
| 46094 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 343.01 |
| 46095 | Pearson, Mark | Expense Reimbursement | 46.77 |
| 46096 | Power Plan Corp. | Parts | 949.23 |
| 46097 | Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. | Postage Machine Lease | 402.00 |
| 46098 | RDO Truck Center | Parts/Service | 621.60 |
| 46099 | Renschler, Norman | Maintenance to Rice Lake | 380.00 |
| 46100 | Sanders, Gary | Expense Reimbursement | 99.97 |
| 46101 | Sanders, Gary | Expense Reimbursement | 264.05 |
| 46102 | Sayler Implement, Inc. | Parts | 711.56 |
| 46103 | Schneider, Jackie | Food Pantry | 500.00 |
| 46104 | Softchoice Corp. | Office Programs | 1,919.76 |
| 46105 | South Central Regional Water | Water Bill | 81.00 |
| 46106 | TC Specialties, Inc. | Service | 57.00 |
| 46107 | Twin City Roofing, LLC | Courthouse Roof Repairs | 93,162.00 |
| 46108 | Tyler Technologies, Inc. | School ERP Program | 1,769.00 |
| 46109 | Unlimited Office Products | Supplies | 179.70 |

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| 46110 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Service | 412.75 |
| 46111 | Warrens Locks and Keys | Digital Lever and Key Tags | 243.50 |
| 46112 | Widmer Roel | 2023 County Audit | 3,930.00 |
| 46113 | Wold Engineering, PC | Engineering | 22,476.27 |
| 46116 | Strasburg City | Water Bill | 93.07 |
| 46117 | Hazelton Insurance Agency, Inc. | NDIRF Premium | 78,674.00 |
| 46118 | Information Technology Dept. | Internet Access & Netmotion | 1,611.45 |
| 46119 | KEM Electric Coop, Inc. | Utilities | 434.24 |
| 46120 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 236.55 |
| 46126 | BEK Communications | Telephone Service | 3,007.62 |
| 46130 | Hazelton City | Water Bill | 36.00 |

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Magrum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Approved: March 4, 2025

Daniel Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
AT IT'S REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025**

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, called the reorganizational meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Dan Materi, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, opened nominations for the 2025 Chairman. Commissioner Magrum nominated Commissioner Materi. Commissioner Materi nominated Commissioner Gartner. Commissioner Vander Vorst nominated Commissioner Miller. The Commission voted by paper ballot and Commissioner Materi, receiving the highest number of votes, was declared Chairman for 2025.

Chairman Materi opened nominations for the 2025 Vice Chairman. Commissioner Magrum nominated Commissioner Miller. Chairman Materi nominated Commissioner Gartner. The Commission voted by paper ballot and Commissioner Miller, receiving the highest number of votes, was declared Vice Chairman for 2025.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of zoning ordinance update, Morton County Road Committee, culverts and blading. Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Further discussion was held regarding policy and procedures in the county's employee handbook for employees who are active volunteer firefighters/EMS, and whether permission be granted to these employees to respond to calls during regular working hours. The commission agree that employees should be able to volunteer as firefighters/EMS with approval from their supervisor with some compensation, and will work on a rough draft on amending the employee handbook with States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson. Further discussion will be held at the February 4, 2025 meeting.

Tabled was the farm equipment damage from road project (rock and ruts in field) pending information from the NDIRF Insurance adjuster.

New Business:

Commissioner Magrum motioned to appoint or re-appoint the following board members:

County Park Board – Andrew J. Reis
County Park Board – Dean Weiss
Weed Board – Sterling Larson
Weed Board – James Nagel
Water Board – Richard Keller
Public Health Board – Erin Magrum
Emmons County Housing Authority – David Moch
County Committee – Steven Nieuwsma

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Marlys Ohlhauser to the South Country Human Services Board. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to appoint or re-appoint the following officers:

Director of Tax Equalization – Christina Seppanen
VA Officer – Brad Huber
Risk Manager – Marlys Ohlhauser
911 Coordinator – Gary Sanders

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Acacia Stuckle and Nancy Deis, Extension Agents, provided a quarterly narrative report. Commissioner Vander Vorst volunteered to be assigned the portfolio for the Emmons County Extension Agents, and will participate in their performance reviews.

Eric Hoberg, Napoleon Economic Development, and Jim Guler, Moore Engineering, Inc., appeared and presented information regarding a potential Irrigation project that they've been working with the Department of Water Resources on that would bring water out of the Missouri River into Logan County for Irrigation. Hoberg stated that Logan County currently has about 6,000 acres that could be productive with the use of irrigation. If a

pipeline is run through Emmons County from the Missouri River, Logan County could increase that acreage to 66,000.

In order to make a request for the irrigation to become a project that the state would consider was to form an Irrigation District which meant that you need a comprehensive study, and you need 51% of the potential landowners to sign a petition. Eric Hoberg collected the signatures for the petition identifying the area on lands that would be good for irrigation. A draft study conducted by Moore Engineering, Inc. was submitted to the state. The cost of the study is approximately \$200,000. There is a cost share program with the state for 75% of the cost with a local cost share of 25% if partnered with a county.

During discussion, it was noted that the Horsehead Irrigation District that was formed years ago has become active again where two meetings were held. Eric Hoberg will be reaching out to the district.

Jim Guler approached the Commission about a joint effort or to team up in some capacity as the pipeline project would run straight through Emmons County. Commissioner Magrum asked if there was a preliminary design or a rough draft? Also, having a rough pipeline size and knowing a rough depth of the pipeline are questions that are going to be asked by the landowners.

Commissioner Magrum questioned whether the water moving through the pipeline would be considered potable due to recent updated zoning ordinances. Another question asked by Commissioner Magrum was are there plans on adding outlets to the pipe with the idea that you could add irrigation for Emmons County? Eric Hoberg stated that he's hoping to design this project so that they can service all of the land in Emmons County and Logan County that's irrigable.

VA Officer, Brad Huber, appeared and gave his quarterly report.

Commissioner Gartner motioned authorizing the Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the County Deeds conveying the county's interest in tax deed property as follows:

Anthony J.P. LaFond and Samantha A. Fond – Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Two (2), Dillman's Addition to Strasburg City, Emmons County, North Dakota.

City of Strasburg – Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Fifteen (15), Milwaukee Land Company's Second Addition to Strasburg City, Emmons County, North Dakota.

City of Strasburg – Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Fifteen (15), Milwaukee Land Company's Second Addition to Strasburg City, Emmons County, North Dakota.

Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to remove Kathleen Dosch and add Robin Mosset to have authorization to sign on the Clerk of Court/Recorder checking account at BNC National Bank. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The Commission directed Auditor, Marlys Ohlhauser, to reach out to Tanya Wieler, to propose a limited contract for Human Resource Consulting.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, reported on activities for the county road department.

Time card processing discussion was held. Equipment is being moved to repair the bridge in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28 of Township 133, Range 75, approximately 5.5 miles east and 2 miles north of Linton, ND. The Commission noted positive comments received from the public on the recent blading done to the roads. Discussion was held regarding the tar tank owned by the county and if they would sell tar to cities where Russ Lawler commented that he will do some research and report back.

Commissioner Vander Vorst, Commissioner Miller and Road Superintendent, Russell Lawler, attended a meeting at Morton County and reported that they have a good system where two commissioners, road supervisor and a couple of citizens from the community meet to discuss road matters/projects, and bring their ideas and recommendations before the commission at their regular meeting. Chairman Materi and Commissioner Gartner will be attending the next meeting at Morton County on January 15, 2025.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to approve the building permit for Orville Dykema to erect a 34 X 30 residence with a 54 X 30 attached garage on the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 21, Township 129, Range 77. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Magrum abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the application for abatement or refund of taxes for parcel #52-0006-00523-000 for tax year 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$1,182,691.99 from Industrial Builders, Inc. received in the bid opening of December 13, 2024 for Project BRJ-0015(021) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Emmons County will award to Industrial Builders, Inc. the contract for Project BRJ-0015(021) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

DATED at Linton, North Dakota this 7th day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:
s/s Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

APPROVED:
s/s Daniel Materi
Emmons County Chairman

Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to hire Wold Engineering, P.C to perform construction engineering for road project BRJ-0015(021) PCN 23706, replacement of structure No. 15-131-31.1, located 3 miles north and 9 miles east of Strasburg, ND on Section 4 and 5, Township 131, Range 74. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vander Vorst commented that the stinger bits on the blades have really improved the roads. Also mentioned was the culvert on 14th Ave SE near Dennis Haan’s needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Miller brought forward the Zoning Ordinance Manual that needs to be updated. Further discussion will be held at the February regular meeting with States Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson.

The Commission reviewed a letter from the office of State Tax Commissioner congratulating Director of Tax Equalization, Christina Seppanen, on a successful review of the Emmons County agricultural land valuation methods. Emmons County is fully compliant with North Dakota Century Code #57-02-27.2(8).

Commissioner Magrum motioned to appoint Commissioner Gartner as a member to the Community Action Program Region VII Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call “YES”: Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:
General and 911 – Voucher Numbers LP16644 – LP16668, LP16707 – LP16710, Payroll - \$110,693.62
Highway Tax – Voucher Numbers LP16711– LP16719, LP16669, Payroll - \$48,104.65

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

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| 45792 | MDU | Utilities | 152.07 |
| 45796 | CNH Industrial Accounts | Inspection and Repairs | 7,833.11 |
| 45873 | Advanced Business Methods | Extension Copier Contract | 424.09 |
| 45874 | Auto Value Linton | Parts/Supplies | 661.46 |
| 45875 | Beastrom Oil Co. | Propane | 1,848.50 |
| 45876 | Braaten Law Firm | Legal Service | 968.00 |
| 45877 | Burleigh Morton Detention Center | Prisoner Billing | 3,200.00 |
| 45878 | Butler Machinery Co. | Parts | 3,205.44 |
| 45879 | Central Dakota Six County Org. | Dues | 300.00 |
| 45880 | CHS, Inc. | Propane | 806.00 |
| 45881 | Hazelton City | Water Bill | 36.00 |
| 45882 | Linton City | Water Bill | 84.61 |
| 45883 | Comstock Construction, Inc. | Courthouse Project | 49,053.46 |
| 45884 | D & E Supply, Inc. | Supplies | 99.74 |
| 45885 | Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. | Service | 233.25 |
| 45886 | Deere Credit, Inc. | Tractor Rental | 5,600.00 |
| 45887 | DMC Wear Parts, LLC | Parts | 8,621.34 |
| 45888 | Electronic Communications, Inc. | Programming | 450.00 |
| 45889 | Emmons County Record | Publishing | 646.18 |
| 45890 | Emmons County Treasurer | Dues/Supplies/24-7 | 109.00 |
| 45891 | Emmons County Treasurer | Postage | 2,732.26 |
| 45892 | Emmons County Treasurer | Special Assessments – Strasburg Shop | 778.17 |
| 45893 | Fireside Office Products | Supplies | 197.84 |
| 45894 | Governsoft | Software | 16,424.00 |
| 45895 | Hanson, Joseph | Attorney License Renewal | 395.20 |
| 45896 | Harry Petrie Library | Contribution | 2,500.00 |
| 45897 | HP, Inc. | Computer | 1,308.69 |
| 45898 | Information Technology Dept. | Internet Access & Netmotion | 1,630.85 |
| 45899 | Innovative Office Solutions | Toner | 206.62 |

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| 45900 | Jerome Distributing, Inc. | Water Refills | 69.50 |
| 45901 | Keller's Hardware | Supplies | 17.95 |
| 45902 | KEM Electric | Utilities | 369.52 |
| 45903 | Kramer Electric | Service | 740.20 |
| 45904 | Lewis & Clark Reg. Development | Dues | 6,625.84 |
| 45905 | Lexipol LLC | Law Enforcement Manual | 5,393.95 |
| 45906 | Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc. | Parts | 402.10 |
| 45907 | Linton Auto Parts | Parts/Supplies | 1,620.31 |
| 45908 | Linton Fire Dept. | County Contribution | 2,500.00 |
| 45909 | Martin Oil Co. | Gas | 520.46 |
| 45910 | Midwest Investigation & Security | Alarm Monitor | 130.00 |
| 45911 | MDU | Utilities | 1,944.77 |
| 45912 | Moos Repair & Sales | Seal Kit | 9.50 |
| 45913 | Mountain Plains Youth Service | Attendant Care Contract | 1,750.00 |
| 45914 | NACO | Dues | 450.00 |
| 45915 | Nodak True Value | Supplies | 216.34 |
| 45916 | North Central International LLC | Parts | 90.51 |
| 45917 | NDACO | Dues | 7,224.00 |
| 45918 | NDACO Resources Group, Inc. | NRG Secure Cloud | 1,212.00 |
| 45919 | ND County Auditor/Treas. Assn. | Dues | 400.00 |
| 45920 | ND County Commissioners's Assoc. | Dues | 1,725.00 |
| 45921 | ND 911 Association | Dues | 100.00 |
| 45922 | ND State Surplus Property | Chairs | 100.00 |
| 45923 | Pahlke Steel | Window Guards | 555.13 |
| 45924 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 549.63 |
| 45925 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 791.93 |
| 45926 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 563.17 |
| 45927 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 394.63 |
| 45928 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 128.86 |
| 45929 | Payment Remittance Center | Gas/Fuel/Supplies | 396.34 |
| 45930 | RDO Truck Center | Parts | 699.57 |
| 45931 | Renschler, Norman | Maintenance to Rice Lake | 380.00 |
| 45932 | Rigging and Tools, Inc. | Material for Schwab Bridge | 688.23 |
| 45933 | Sanders, Gary | Reimbursement for 6 Tier Rack | 299.98 |
| 45934 | Sayler Implement, Inc. | Filters | 1,375.06 |
| 45935 | Schneider, Jackie | Food Pantry | 500.00 |
| 45936 | Softchoice Corp. | Office Standard | 319.96 |
| 45937 | South Central Regional Water | Water Bill | 76.80 |
| 45938 | Specialty Sling Company | Material for Schwab Bridge | 556.80 |
| 45939 | Strasburg Fire Dept. | County Contribution | 1,000.00 |
| 45940 | Strasburg Insurance Agency, Inc. | Notary Public | 50.00 |
| 45941 | TC Specialties | Service | 114.00 |
| 45942 | TK Elevator Corp. | Elevator Maintenance Contract | 2,083.73 |
| 45943 | Tower Communications | Tower Rent | 600.00 |
| 45944 | Tri-County Exhibitors | Contribution | 2,000.00 |
| 45945 | Tyler Technologies | Software | 5,385.00 |
| 45946 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Service | 412.75 |
| 45947 | Walk N Roll | Parts | 6,842.06 |
| 45948 | Warrens Locks and Keys | Digital Key Pad | 240.00 |
| 45949 | Wold Engineering, PC | Engineering Services | 65,316.25 |
| 45950 | Wolbaum, Kenneth and Connie | Gravel Lease | 356.50 |
| 45959 | BNC National Bank | Box Rent | 15.00 |
| 45960 | BEK Communications | Telephone Service | 3,122.17 |
| 45961 | Strasburg City | Water Bill | 92.56 |
| 45962 | ODP Business Solutions | Supplies | 118.41 |
| 45963 | Quadient Finance USA, Inc. | Postage | 4,000.00 |

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Approved: February 4, 2025.

Daniel Materi, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Marlys Ohlhauser
Emmons County Auditor

