

REGULAR MEETING,
ROLETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: November 18th, 2025

The board convened at 9:00AM, November 18th, 2025. Members (present) Henry LaRocque, Ross Zaste, Kent Abrahamson, Chairman Allen Schlenvogt presiding. Member Cam Mickelson absent.

Also present: Sheriff-Nate Gustafson, Tax Director-Wendy Belgarde

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by LaRocque to accept additions of the Public Health appointment, road issues, Excel Energy & Wold Engineering to agenda, Seconded by Zaste.

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Abrahamson to approve the November 4, 2025 minutes with additional corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

- Auditor Update

Discussion: Internal Audit- LaRocque has had contact with Eide Bailly LLP (handout) who submitted scope of service and service agreement documentation. Brady Martz to be contacted for an estimate for a similar audit.

Motion by Zaste, seconded by Abrahamson to table until December 2, 2025 meeting. On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion to get Deputy Auditor Nancy Henry signature authorization for Dakotah Bank. Approved unanimously. Dakotah Bank to receive copy of Minutes as soon as possible.

Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Zaste to remove current Auditor from the Dakotah bank account and to authorize Deputy Auditor Nancy Henry to sign for the account. On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

- Payment of bills

Discussion: Deputy Auditor Henry asked for a cap amount for monthly (re-occurring) bills to expediate the payment process.

Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Zaste to set a \$6,000 cap for monthly bills, to watch for red flags and to bring any questions to the Commissioners.

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

- Sheriff Gustafson

Discussion: Sheriff discussed the possibility of a policing contract between Dunseith and Rolette County. Zaste suggested that Zaste and Gustafson contact the TM Tribal Council for input and possible aid.

- Public Health appointment

Discussion: Christopher Albertson, CEO SMP & Public Health Board President asked to appoint Barbara Frydenlund as board member to fill vacant seat. Current members include, Karen Armstrong, Bernie Belgarde, Allen Schlenvogt and Christopher Albertson.

Motion Abrahamson, seconded by Zaste to appoint Barb Frydenlund to the Public Health Board.

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE" Motion carried unanimously.

- Excel wind tower project update

Grant Wilson, Regional Construction Manager, Excel Energy, presented a progress report on the wind tower project. LaRocque relayed concerns with the condition of some county roads. Wilson proposed a possibility that Rolette County contract to fix issues, with Excel to re-imburse costs. Issues and sign off for project to be addressed Spring of 2026.

- Wold Engineering projects update

Discussion: Seth Demontigny and Kent Indvik, Wold Engineering, presented a paving (from Betty's Bar to Rolette) update and estimates for costs of the 1.6 million dollar contract. To date \$ 1,466,000 has been spent. Also discussed was the cost and funding for other road projects. (Highway 43, Lake Upsilon).

Motion by Abrahamson to adjourn meeting, seconded by Zaste.

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE" Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Allen Schlenvogt
Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Rolette County, North Dakota

ATTEST

Wendy Belgarde
Tax Director