

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: June 17th, 2025

The board convened at 9:00AM, June 17rd, 2025 members (present) Poitra, LaRocque, Abrahamson, Zaste Member Schlenvogt presiding.

Also, Present: Race Rolland, Doug Lemieux, Sheriff Gustafson, Becky Leonard, Leslie Thomas, Doc Brien, Loren, States Attorney Grosinger, Krystal Armstrong, Sandy Shively, Ann Pollard, Cody Mattson

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to accept agenda with addition of Race Rolland with Xcel Energy seconded by LaRocque

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

- Race Rolland

FYI: They currently started the work on the replacing wind mill blades. Trucks have been moving and hauling. They will fix and work on the roads they are on as they move along if culverts need to be replaced they can fix with like for like.

- Weed Board Meeting- Krystal Armstrong

Discussion: Mr. LaRocque would like Krystal's leave posted on door when she is not there for public. Spray will be moved this fall out of garage to one of the shops. Krystal will order more spray as needed. Doug Lemieux asked for the commission to look at an alternative spray from Tordon. Krystal will look into it.

- Historical Society Letter of support-Becky Leonard

Discussion: Historical Society is looking to preserve a Round Barn in Rolette County. They are applying for a grant and are asking for the Rolette County Commission to submit a letter in support of it.

Motion Poitra

Motion to give a letter of support to Historical Society, Seconded by Zaste

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

- Dunseith Police: Loren Baumgartner

Discussion: Loren addressed the council on getting together and doing a police contract with Rolette County. They currently have 3 officers: 1 has been out on leave and the chief is leaving for another position. Mr. Schlenvogt stated they will have Sheriff Gustafson reach out and meet with Dunseith council to talk about it. Sheriff Gustafson stated he is not against a contract with Dunseith but he would be looking at needing 4 guys hired as the call volume is high in that area. Loren will talk to council and have a special meeting with Sheriff Gustafson to talk about what would be needed.

- NCPC-Mobile Career Exploration: Sandy Shively and Ann Pollard

Discussion: NCPC have a mobile career exploration vehicle they bring to schools and show career options to Junior and Seniors. Their grant expires Dec 2025 and the cost for running it for 1 year is \$67,397. They are

asking surrounding counties for funding. Rolette county covers about 15.14% they are asking for \$10201.00 in support.

Motion Poitra

Motion to support January 2026 of \$10,201 after budget is created for 2026 and a line item can be created for it, Seconded by LaRocque

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

- Garrison Diversion Con District

Discussion-Mr. LaRocque asked the commission "Why are we not a member of this? He would like the commission to be part of it for grant opportunities. Mr. Poitra asked for more information on joining the group and about our water resources. Discussion was tabled for more information.

- Raffle Permit-Turtle Mountain Animal Rescue

Motion Zaste

Motion to issue the raffle permit to TMAR, Seconded by LaRocque

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

- Minutes

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to Accept Minutes with Corrections. Seconded by Zaste

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

- Bills

Motion by Abrahamson

Motion to Accept bills as present. Seconded by Zaste

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

- Emergency Manager-Fire Rolla

Discussion: Cody updated the commission on the May 4th Fire in Rolla that started from a compost fire that spread fast over 350 acres. No primary residence was lost. He worked along side City Mayor and Auditor, Fire Dept to send alerts out and to keep the citizens informed. He later was informed because of the power outage a cell tower was out and alerts did not reach people and they are currently working on this problem to solve it so it will not happen in the future process.

Mr. LaRocque stated the reason for the update was a citizen called about not getting alerted. But, he explained why.

Mr. Schlenvogt asked why a meeting was not set up after it. Cody stated he talked to auditor McCloud and they are setting up a review with local agency on the what happened and how to improve.

Mr. Poitra thanked Cody for all that he does and the extra he puts into his job.

- Road Supervisors

Discussion: LaRocque said there was V-Plow in the junk yard in Rolla looks to be in good shape that they could use. If under \$1,000 he can purchase.

Discussion: New Hire for St. John shop

There was no recommendation from the interview committee

Motion LaRocque

Motion to hire DeCoteau for position with Defender as the alternate, Seconded by Abrahamson

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

Gladue will be hired as a part-time in Rolette shop when Sam takes leave.

Meeting adjourned

Motion by LaRocque seconded by Zaste, unanimously approved by the board

Meeting adjourned.

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

ATTEST

Kimberly Wuori
Rolette County Auditor