

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2026

9:00 AM

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order. Commissioners Lance Johnson, Bryan Bruner, David Schmitt, Brady Nelson and Armann Anderson present. Also present was Matthew Petersen.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Nelson to approve the May 5th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Frank Anderson with RDO Equipment met with the board to discuss motorgrader options.

The board discussed the situation with the canine. It was not advertised in the paper as the Sheriff's Department wanted to offer it to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. No offers were received. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to advertise the dog in the paper. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesley Jones, Holly Christianson and NDSU District Director, Shana Forster met with the board regarding the Memorandum of Understanding presented to them at the May meeting. Shana explained the MOU is stipulating the child car seat safety services cannot be performed in the NDSU Extension Office and the services cannot be represented as an NDSU extension event. Commissioner Nelson expressed his concern with this being perceived as a county service and would rather see it handled through the Bottineau Ambulance District, who paid the registration for the class, or First District Health. The board would like to meet with Holly to develop a clear understanding of what will be allowed during compensatory time.

Alex Thompson with Central Specialties, Inc met with the board regarding information stating they were mining product in Section 36-153-80 without a conditional use permit. Thompson clearly stated no mining was being performed, as the sand had been previously hauled in and they were just hauling it out. The site was being used strictly for storage. A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to approve a storage site only and that no material can be removed. Commissioners Schmitt, Bruner, Johnson and Anderson voting aye. Commissioner Nelson voting nay. Motion carried.

Steve Jacobson joined the meeting. The board reviewed the conditional use applications from B&J Excavating for the following gravel pits: Neuhalfen pit located in the N ½ of Section 3-154-79 and the Gange pit located in the NW ¼ of Section 12-153-78. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to approve the CUP for the Gange pit. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Nelson to approve the road use agreement with B&J for use of county roads. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Nelson to approve the CUP for the Neuhalfen pit. Motion carried unanimously.

Knife River representatives met with the board to discuss changes to the haul road agreement for Co Rd 19. They asked if the board would consider allowing them to haul legal loads up to 105,500 with the appropriate axle configurations, if Knife River would be responsible for the full cost of the gravel. They would also be willing to place dust suppressant where needed. The board requested they send the county a written proposal and the board will review it.

Jason Mayfield, Steve Jacobson and a Knife River representative were in attendance for the opening of the bids for the Special Road fund projects on roads leading to Buffalo Lodge and George Lake. Bids were received from B&J Excavating, C3 Energy Partners and Strata/Knife River. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to reject all bids. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to readvertise the projects individually rather than combined as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously. The board recessed for lunch.

Tax Director, Kristi Brodehl and township assessor Doris Holen joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to recess as a Board of Commissioners and reorganize as a Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the city assessments. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to approve the city assessments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the organized township assessments. A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to approve the township assessments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the assessor adjustments to the following Velva City parcels made after the city equalization meeting: Veteran Credit on parcel 55-30-11245, Homestead Credit on parcel 55-8008-2047, clerical error on 55-11-10975 where a value was removed and it should have remained on.

The board reviewed the following assessor adjustments made after the township equalization meetings on the following parcels: 4-645, 6-1064-1, 13-2490-2, 13-2490-1.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to approve the adjustments made to the assessments after the city and township equalization meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to make no adjustments to the ag land values for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to recess as a Board of Equalization and reorganize as a Board of Review for the unorganized townships. Motion carried unanimously. The board reviewed the assessments, farm residence exemptions, veteran's credit and homestead credits for the unorganized townships. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to approve the changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to approve the Homestead Credits. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to approve the Veteran Credits. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Nelson to approve the Farm Residence Exemptions. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to adjourn as a Board of Review and reorganize as a Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to accept the changes for the unorganized townships. Motion carried unanimously. The board questioned the valuation placed on the data center. The assessor will return to the meeting with the determined value. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to adjourn as a Board of Equalization and reconvene as a Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to send payment for the following outstanding checks to unclaimed property: 1582, 1912, 80576, 80606, 80619, 80626, 85615. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to reissue lost instrument #90035. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to approve abatement #1704. Commissioners Johnson, Nelson, Anderson and Bruner voting aye. Commissioner Schmitt voting nay. Motion carried. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to approve the special event permit for The Rafter Bar for an event on September 26, 2026 and Finishline Burgers and Brew for an event on June 27, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to approve the utility permit for Verendrye Electric bore under Co Rd 10 between sections 26/27 in 152-76, just south of 38th St NE. Motion carried unanimously.

Doris Holen presented the data center value to the board. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to recess as a Board of Commissioners and reorganize as a Board of Equalization. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to approve the added value for the data center. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to adjourn as a Board of Equalization and reconvene as a Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the right-of-way spraying performed by the weed board and questioned the rotation.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to purchase a disk for the Drake blade and six C-springs. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the current situation pertaining to outside employment and using county equipment, which is against county policy.

Commissioner Bruner left the meeting.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to advertise for a new blade for the July meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Bruner absent.

A consent motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Nelson to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #51391-51489; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$198,534.95; County Recorder May recording fees of \$3,847.00 and misc fees of \$355.43; Sheriff May statement of fees \$690.00, Sheriff mileage \$500.00.

The board continued to audit bills until completed. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt that the following bills be approved and the proper checks be issued thereof:

Warrant	Paid	Reason	Amount
93058	Amazon Capital Services	Elevated Dog Bed, Sheriff Office Supplies	91.66
93059	Bag LLC	LEPC Meetings, Sample Ballot	260.12
93060	Bottineau County Sheriff Office	Board Prisoners	2,445.00
93061	Brian Vollmer	Mileage	221.85
93062	Bryan Bruner	Mileage	300.88
93063	Butler Machinery Co	Anamoose-Loctite	22.53
93064	Cenex Fleetcard	Gas	4,859.27
93065	Dakotah Paper Company	Batteries, Swiffer, Disinf Wipes, Toilet Paper	243.76
93066	Darlene Carpenter	Mileage	262.99
93067	David Schmitt	Mileage	240.70

93068	Dirty Dog Digging Trucking	Culvert Replace Meadow Twp Sec 17,20	3,500.00
93069	DK Service	Granville-Bulk Fuel, Sheriff-Wipers,Oil Chng	5,232.66
93070	DMC Wear Parts	Cutting Edges, Wedge Bolts	27,646.35
93071	Domestic Violence Crisis Center	April/May-Victim Witness Fee	312.30
93072	Drake City	May Utilities	63.75
93073	Election System Software	Test Deck,Publication Ballot,Program Chrg	8,003.72
93074	Enerbase	Sign Truck Gas	255.84
93075	Envision Cooperative	Gas-Towner Pickup,Co Vehicle, Sheriff-Tire Patch	403.15
93076	Everspring Suites-Bismarck	Trey Lodging	220.00
93077	First District Health Unit	Mill Levy 2026 2nd Quarter	28,197.00
93078	Granville City	Water/Sewer	84.06
93079	HACTC	Board Prisoners, Prisoners Medical	25,618.50
93080	Heart Of America Medical Ctr	Prisoners Medical	4,791.75
93081	Heartland Market	Stepping On Snacks	43.00
93082	Holly Christianson	HDMI Cable, Mileage	43.55
93083	Ihry Insurance Agency Inc	2026 Ford Police Vehicles(2),CR-Tar Tank	3,119.00
93084	Information Technology Dept	May Data Processing Fee	1,391.20
93085	Jerome Suchor	Sprayed CH,MB	450.00
93086	John Deere Financial	Anamoose-Lithium Poly Grease,CR-Grease	126.90
93087	Karlsruhe City	Proceeds From Property Sale	3,325.00
93088	Kathryn Slavick	Drought Monitoring, AVS BIO	351.29
93089	Lesley Jones	NDNC Membership, Mileage	512.90
93090	Linde Gas Equipment Inc	Rental 4/20-5/20/2026	111.34
93091	Lorinda K Haman	Atlas Lamination, Office Supplies	340.87
93092	Lynn Stone	Meals	23.00
93093	Matthew Bender Co Inc	ND Century Code 26 RV11	96.81
93094	McHenry County Treasurer	2016 Ford Explorer Mileage-May	223.20
93095	Menards	Granville,Towner-Pressure Washer	1,025.37
93096	Minot Auto Supply	1/2 Jaw Coupling	15.00
93097	Mouse River Oil Co	Voltaire-Diesel,Lake Hester-Oil,Sheriff-Gas	5,329.80
93098	ND Association of Counties	Random Testing, Mileage,Wait Time	89.40
93099	NDSU-Dept 3110	Weed Guide Books, Cost Share Computer	447.22
93100	Nelsons Automotive Center	2026 Ford Interceptor (2)	92,100.26
93101	Newman Signs Inc	Road Signs, Posts	3,124.54
93102	Newport Township	Overweight Fees	114.20
93103	Northside Autobody and Repair	Collision Repairs,Impounds,Unit Service	11,888.19
93104	Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	Chemical	223,363.00
93105	Office Depot Inc	Election Address Labels,Envelopes	144.22
93106	OK Tire Store Minot	New Tires (4)	518.32
93107	Otis Elevator Company	Logistic/Fuel Impact Fee	175.00
93108	Otter Tail Power Co	Electric Service	2,991.52
93109	PowerPlan OIB	Oil/Fuel/Hydraulic Filters,Filter Kits	2,131.45
93110	Pratt Township	Overweight Fees	113.02
93111	PRIA	Recorder Membership	60.00
93112	Ralph's Plumbing Heating Inc	CH Water Fountain	3,336.37
93113	Ray Allen Manufacturing	Dog Crate	121.00
93114	Running Supply Inc	Upham-1Gal Sprayer, Squeegee	27.98
93115	RV Enterprises	Rose Bush Twp Gravel	3,627.00
93116	SKM Collections Division	Execution Payment	200.00
93117	Smette Oil Co	Deering/Granville-Grease, Filters, Gas	4,819.48
93118	SRT Communications Inc	Phone	850.04
93119	Streicher's	Mechanical Breach Kit	599.00
93120	Thomas Severin	Execution Payment	2,216.87
93121	Thompson-Larson Funeral Home	Transport To State Medical Examiner	725.00
93122	Timothy Schmidt	Reissued Ck	100.00
93123	Tina Powell	Meals	23.00

93124	Top Notch Upholstery	Tractor Cover,Mower Tarp Repair	250.00
93125	Towner City	Utilities	393.39
93126	Towner Health & Wellness	States Atty Office Rent	832.00
93127	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	Anamoose-Hose Clamps,Shaft Collar	274.27
93128	Transunion Risk Alternative	May Online Investigation Resource Fee	110.00
93129	Trey Skager	Vision Zero Conference	110.00
93130	Trinity Medical Group	Juvenile Medical	1,384.00
93131	Tyler Technologies Inc	Vetraspec Renewal July 2026-2027	504.50
93132	United Laboratories Inc	Bathroom Chemicals	413.81
93133	Verizon	Wireless Service	794.92
93134	Wagar Township	Overweight Fees	18.37
93135	Ward County	Board Prisoners, Juvenile Inmate	8,650.00
93136	Ziegler Oil Co	Anamoose Co Pickup-Fuel Filt,Fuel Nozzle	103.00
93137	Verendrye Electric Cooperative	Granville, Lake Hester, Buffalo Lodge	332.71

At 4:10 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor/Treas.

Armann Anderson, Chairman