

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 1, 2026

9:00 AM

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

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to approve the August 4th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Skager met with the board to inform them another deputy vehicle was totaled from a deer hit. He stated an additional \$17,000 would be needed to purchase a replacement car. The car has been ordered. It was agreed only two vehicles would be needed in 2027. The board questioned the speed of the deputies and requested they do not use such excessive speeds so as to not put themselves in danger or others.

Cynthia Mogard joined the meeting for the public hearing to vacate a portion of 4th St in the unincorporated townsite of Norwich that lies south of Block 5 and a portion of Johnson Ave that lies east of Block 5 in the unincorporated townsite of Norwich. No one else appeared for or against the petition. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to vacate the above stated streets. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Gotvaslee and Kristine Brodehl joined the meeting for the discussion on the variance application from Mr. Gotvaslee to construct an attached garage, which would be 51' from the center of 9th Ave N located in the N ½ NE ¼ in Section 23-155-79. Mr. Gotvaslee explained the reason for the variance request and the lack of other options. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to approve the variance due to the hardship with no other option. Motion carried unanimous.

A letter was received from the Wells County Commission, requesting McHenry County to pay a portion of the States Attorney's benefit package. The board would like to look into the State retention grant before decisions are made.

The board received a complaint about the speed bump installed on the county road east of Velva. The speed bump is situated within city limits, so the complaints need to go to Velva City.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to approve abatement 1707. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to allow compensation for a high school work co-op student. Motion carried unanimously.

Braaten Law Firm suggested the board appoint a committee to meet with them regarding the Hanretty Bridge. The board prefers to meet as a full board.

The board reviewed the motor grader specifications.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to purchase some asphalt patch material. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Mayfield met with the board to deliver news of the state BRJ funding running out. The county had two bridge replacement projects approved for 100% funding through BRJ. The state allocated funds from another county to McHenry County, but was still short of what is needed. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to use BRJ funds for the Halvorson Bridge and Sallee Bridge. Motion carried unanimously. The third bridge will be placed on hold for now. The two bridges will be bid in November.

A consent motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Nelson to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #51739-51852; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$192,088.60; County Recorder July recording fees of \$4,673.00 and misc fees of \$284.64; Sheriff August statement of fees \$860.00, Sheriff mileage \$1,164.00; Deputy reports for July.

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

Warrant	Paid	Reason	Amount
93333	Acme Tools	Blade Set Freight	6.95
93334	Amazon Capital Services	Hard Drives, Bubble Mailers	141.22
93335	B & J Excavating Inc	Co Rd 19, Red Cross, Gorman	41,884.14
93336	B & M Laundry Service	Wash Towels, Mop	50.00
93337	Bottineau County Sheriff Office	Board Prisoners, Medical	2,620.75
93338	Bryan Bruner	Mileage	155.04
93339	Butler Machinery Co.	Adapter	55.20
93340	Dacotah Paper Company	Janitorial Supplies	218.02
93341	Dakota Business Solutions	Postage Machine Ink and Tapes	471.99
93342	Darlene Carpenter	Mileage	34.96
93343	David Schmitt	Mileage	275.12
93344	DeDesigns Co	Fall Newsletter, Postage	1,002.40
93345	Dirty Dog Digging Trucking	Gravel, Concrete Block Relocation	820.00
93346	Dk Service	Bulk Fuel	2,520.00
93347	Domestic Violence Crisis Center	August Victim/Witness Fee	115.00
93348	Dustin Welstad	IAAI Annual Training Conference	53.00
93349	Enerbase	Oxygen, Bulk Fuel, Gas	4,471.31
93350	Envision	Gas, Bulk Fuel, Tire Patch	3,124.03
93351	First District Health Unit	Mill Levy 2026 3rd Quarter	28,197.00
93352	Gabriel Marquart	Hitch Pins	22.47
93353	Galls LLC	Belt, Boots	309.80
93354	Guardian Fleet Safety	Full Build Config, Full Strip of Vehicle	17,911.12
93355	HACTC	Board Prisoners, Medical	35,999.85
93356	Hardware Hank	Windshield Fluid, Trim Line, Cleaning Supp	308.88
93357	Heart Of America Medical Ctr	Pre-Booking Medical Clearance	1,115.00
93358	Ihry Insurance Agency Inc	Property Insurance Renewal	11,808.00
93359	Information Technology Dept	July Data Processing Fee	1,391.20
93360	John Deere Financial	DEF Pump, Blades, Shoes	599.81
93361	Kara Thoman	Vest Panel	105.00
93362	Kathryn Slavick	Supplies, Mileage	175.81
93363	Lake Agassiz Development Group	Zoning Ordinance Update	4,200.00
93364	Lance Johnson	Mileage	226.48
93365	Lesley Jones	Supplies, Mileage	787.12
93366	Linde Gas Equipment Inc	Cut Tip, Wire Brush, OX, Acetylene, Rent	353.73
93367	Mac's Hardware	Slip Hook	15.98
93368	Matthew Bender Co Inc	NDCC	174.61
93369	Mattingley LLC	Sprayer Miles	2,990.00
93370	Napa Auto Parts of Minot	Degreaser	51.98
93371	NDACo and Tribal VSO	2026 Conference, Dues	120.00

93372	ND Dept Of Transportation	BRC-BRJ-2500(023)	2,221.42
93373	NDACo Resources Group	Sept. Server Backup, Remote Support	240.00
93374	NDSU - Dept. 3110	State Fair Printing	90.00
93375	Northside Autobody And Repair	Impounds, Collision Repairs	3,878.54
93376	NW Tire Inc	Tire Change, Disposal	843.24
93377	Office Depot Inc	Office Supplies	225.98
93378	Otter Tail Power Co	Electric Services	1,856.44
93379	PharmChem Inc	Sweat Patch Analysis	95.85
93380	PowerPlan OIB	Parts, Warranty Work	3,909.88
93381	Pro IT LLC	Building-to-Building Bridge	1,279.00
ACH	Quadient Finance USA Inc	Postage	4,000.00
93382	Rugby Veterinary Service	Dog Boarding	87.00
93383	Running Supply Inc.	Pipe Caps, Clamps, Pliers, Misc Cleaner	198.51
93384	Schiller Township	Load Pass Fees	39.40
93385	SKM Collection Division	24-007X, 25-001X	273.91
93386	Smette Oil Co	Gas, Bulk Fuel	3,246.38
93387	SRT Communications Inc	Phone, 911 Services	1,004.14
93388	Tenvoorde Ford Inc	2026 Interceptor	43,471.44
93389	Terry Bailey	Mileage	625.72
93390	Tony's Tire Service	Labor, Mileage, O-Ring	250.00
93391	Towner City	Utilities	403.53
93392	Towner Health & Wellness	St Atty Rent	832.00
93393	Transunion Risk Alternative	August Online Resource Fee	110.00
93394	Tyler Technologies Inc	School ERP Consulting	120.00
93395	Uniform Center	Pants, Belt	94.98
93396	Verendrye Electric Coop	Electric Services	292.77
93397	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Service	795.03
93398	Wold Engineering, PC	Upham Survey, Bridge Replace/Removal	38,385.00
93399	Woodall Dirtworks	Gravel Co Rd 3	14,800.00
93400	Ziegler Oil Co	Bulk Fuel, Propane	4,219.20
93402	ND Dept of Transportation MVD	Title, Registration 2013 Dodge Durango	10.00
93403	ND Dept of Transportation MVD	Title, Registration 2007 Chevy Silverado	11.50

At 1:40 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor/Treas.

Armann Anderson, Chairman