

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 7, 2025

9:00 AM

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

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to approve the September 2nd, 19th and 26th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Harry Nelson met with the board regarding the damage that occurred along Co Rd 8 when CTI dropped an excavator in the ditch. The board will obtain bids from contractors who have a long-reach to repair this site before freeze-up.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to approve a special event permit for Finishline Burgers & Brew for an event on November 29, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to approve the jail contracts with Ward and Pierce Counties. Motion carried unanimously.

Frank Anderson and Brad Murphy joined the meeting to discuss the options for the two blades that the leases will be expiring on soon. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bruner to buy the leases out. Motion carried unanimously. Frank provided information on some used skidsteers/Bobcats.

The board opened the public hearing for the 2026 FDHU and county budgets. Sheriff Skager and Leonard Bischoff joined the meeting. No one appeared for or against the FDHU budget. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to approve the FDHU 2026 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously. No one appeared for or against the county budget. Leonard Bischoff voiced his concerns with the Towner Ambulance levy. The board heard his concerns but informed him they have no control over the ambulance budget and that he needed to attend the budget hearing for the ambulance district. Trey questioned the board regarding the decrease in overtime, which they explained. Trey mentioned they will need additional funds to purchase a new vehicle since the request through the Stonegarden grant was not approved. The board decided to use \$37,000 of reserves to cover the additional cost. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to approve the 2026 budget as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Steff Basgaard with Knife River was in attendance for the review of the conditional use application to mine aggregate and place a hot mix asphalt plant in Section 3 and 10 of 153-79, also known as the Colby Pit. There was some opposition to this at the public hearing held with zoning board from Mark Feist and Wade and Lori Lagge regarding safety issues with all the truck traffic. They requested the route be changed, which would be a township matter. Commissioner Nelson stated his frustration with Knife River, as they have not been properly maintaining the haul roads used by the Verendrye pit. Nelson emphasized the need for Knife River to be blading the haul road used from the Colby Pit, due to the amount of truck traffic. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Johnson to approve the Conditional Use Permit, adding the condition that if the road maintenance agreement with the township is not being fulfilled, the CUP will be revoked. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the variance application from David Bolduc to construct a polebarn 130' from the center of 15th Ave N in the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 11-153-80. The zoning board recommended to approve the permit. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to approve the variance. Motion carried unanimously.

Jodie Frankl with Globe Life Family Heritage Insurance met with the board to explain the coverage she has to offer.

The board recessed for lunch.

Jason Mayfield met with the board and presented estimates for the projects submitted for Flex funds through the state. The projects were to reshape and widen Co Rd 19 and mill and overlay Towner North. Jason also provided estimates for the five bridge removals and one replacement that have been placed on the short list with NDDOT. The county will be notified by the end of the year of the projects selected by NDDOT.

The board set the minimum sales prices for the county land to be sold at the county land sale on November 18th. A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to approve the prices. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to issue the proper deed to James Haskins for the redemption of county property described as Lots 11-12 of Block 8 in Original Anamoose. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to reappoint Joan Gunter and Jerry Effertz as county delegates on the ND State Fair Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Nelson to approve abatements 1649-1652. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to sign the MOU with the Secretary of State office regarding the ownership and maintenance of election equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to enter into a 5-year contract with Sidwell for the Portico (GIS) system. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Nelson to approve the extension of the overweight permit for Murex Petroleum until May 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

One bid was received for the cement bridge decks in Granville. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to accept the bid, pending they are aware the bid was for purchasing and not disposal. Motion carried unanimously.

The board conducted interviews for the Towner blade operator position.

Cliff and Mary Hanretty met with the board to get an update on the bridge. The board did apply for Flex funding, but it was denied by NDDOT. Gravel has been placed on a trail to the west of Hanretty's to improve that access.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bruner to place salted sand in Upham. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Anderson to offer the Towner blade operator position to Dustin Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

A consent motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Nelson to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #50551-50666; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$180,760.67; County Recorder September recording fees of \$4,339.00 and misc fees of \$279.02; Sheriff August statement of fees \$270.00, Sheriff mileage \$560.00, Sheriff September statement of fees \$1,100.00, Sheriff mileage \$1,012.00, Deputy reports for Aug/Sept.

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

Warrant	Paid	Reason	Amount
92276	Burckhard, Adam	S of Taylors Dip in Road	312.00
92277	Amazon Capital Services	Daily wall Calendars, Storage totes	344.87
92278	American Welding Gas Inc	Cylinder Rental - Aug. & Sept.	80.99
92279	Anderson, Armann	Mileage	200.90
92280	Attorney General Office	SCRAM Fees	735.00
92281	B & J Excavating Inc	Gravel Twp Roads	172,090.00
92282	B & M Laundry Service	Wash Janitor Towels & Mop	46.01
92283	Balfour Twp	LoadPass Overweight	137.90
92284	Berwick Twp	LoadPass Overweight	19.61
92285	Blue360 Media LLC	ND Criminal & Traffic Law Manual	92.95
92286	Bottineau County Sheriff Office	Prisoner Board	175.00
92287	Brit Communications	Radio Hookups	373.98
92288	Bruner, Bryan	Mileage	422.80
92289	Cenex Fleetcard	Gas - Sheriff's Dept	4,178.09
92290	Carlson, Christopher	Execution Payment 25-006X	418.00
92291	Cousin Freddy's Septic Service	Porta Potty Rental/Pumping Granville Shop	200.00
92292	Dacotah Paper Company	Floor mat, toilet paper, pine sol	377.43
92293	Schmitt, David	Mileage	290.50
92294	Goodman, Denver & Tina	Tax payment refund	12.20
92295	Dirty Dog Digging Trucking	Fix Bridge/Haul Tractor to Auction	6,300.00
92296	DK Service	Fuel - Granville, Labor for Tires- Welstad	3,091.59
92297	DMC Wear Parts LLC	Carbide Edges	10,783.26
92298	Drake City	Utilities	127.50
92299	Enerbase	Gas- Sign Truck, Fuel - Drake	3,225.52
92300	Envision Cooperative	Gas- Sign Truck, Forklift Rental	2,384.63
92301	Farm & Ranch Publishers	Atlases	340.00
92302	Keller, Floyd J	Execution Payment 25-007X	2,590.73
92303	Fosness Construction LLC	Water & Sewer Granville	9,110.68
92304	Galls LLC	Jackets	378.00
92305	Golden West Industrial Supply	Folding Pocket Knives giveaway	284.97
92306	Graphics Lettering Trim	Stripes packages for new cars	860.00
92307	Grilley Twp	LoadPass Overweight	5.58
92308	Guardian Fleet Safety	24 Ford Explorer quick mounts	1,168.21
92309	HACTC	Prisoner Board & Medical	15,728.91
92310	Hardware Hank	2 gallon dist water, washer fluid, dog food	1,066.90
92311	Heringer Lumber	Bolt & nut, trash bags, dish soap	78.20
92312	Christianson, Holly	Mileage/water	85.10
92313	I Design	Shirts - Sheriff's Dept	3,007.44
92314	ITD Information Technology Dept	Data Processing Service Fees	2,729.10
92315	Smette, Jeff	Mileage	81.20
92316	Suchor, Jerome	Trimmed all trees & bushes	350.00
92317	Hansen, Jerry	Mileage	85.40
92318	Joe's Pumping Service	Pump outhouses - Buffalo Lodge	300.00
92319	John Deere Financial	Shoes, Bolts, Wear Plates	1,730.08
92320	Slavick, Kathryn	Mileage, Supplies, Conference	784.69

92321	Keller Backhoe Service	Haul backhoe to Auction	180.00
92322	Brodehl, Kristine	Mileage/Lodge	310.80
92323	Johnson, Lance	Mileage	423.50
92324	Jones, Lesley	Mileage, Supplies, Conference	541.40
92325	Linde Gas & Equipment	Rental Period	438.27
92326	Marshall, Lisa	Mileage/meals	483.80
92327	Lowes Garden Center	Flowers for Britney - Loss of Dad	70.00
92328	Matthew Bender & Company	ND Century Code 25	362.96
92330	Menards	Toilet Bowl cleaner, glass cleaner	108.39
92331	Merchants Bank	Execution Payment 23-001X	300.00
92332	Motorola Solutions Inc	Door Security Keys	6.00
92333	Mouse River Journal	Minutes, Notice of Weeds, Job Opening	487.70
92334	Mouse River Oil Company	Gas- Sheriff Dept, Fuel - Karlsruhe	6,395.12
92335	National Sheriff's Association	2026 Member Dues	125.00
92337	NDACo Resources Group	Datto Backup	225.72
92338	Northside Autobody & Repair	Impounds, oil change, windshield replacement	5,878.88
92339	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Chemicals	50,596.80
92340	Office Depot Inc	Envelopes, Labels, paper	762.52
92341	OK Tire Store - Minot	Tires	518.32
92342	Otter Tail Power Company	Utilities	1,953.54
92343	PharmChem	Sweat Patch Analysis	191.70
92344	PowerPlan	Filter Kit, Air Filters, Oil	2,809.71
92345	RDO Equipment	Velva and Deering motorgraders	542,000.00
92346	Runnings	Couplers, Grease, Dish soap	178.27
92347	SKM Collections Division	Executions payments 24-007X/006X,25-001X	975.00
92348	Smette Oil Inc	Fuel - Upham, Deering, Gas - Sheriff's Dept	5,779.51
92349	SRT Communications Inc	Phone, 911 Service	1,069.89
92350	State Radio Communications	Lets, Line fees	22,520.91
92351	Streicher's	quick Disconnect Kit	126.97
92352	Sundre Sand & Gravel Inc	CO Rd 3	19,945.69
92353	Susag Sand & Gravel Inc	Co RD 7, CO RD 9	57,358.60
92354	Bailey, Terry	Mileage	329.70
92355	Sidwell Harris Local Government	Mapping Service	11,050.00
92356	Third Watch Communications	Installation of 2 Motorola radios	2,660.00
92357	Powell, Tina	Mileage	266.60
92358	Towner City	Utilities	993.93
92359	Towner Health & Wellness	Office Rental	832.00
92360	Towner Parts & Equipment	Zerks	12.98
92361	TransUnion Risk & Alternative Data	Online Investigation Resource Fee	210.00
92362	TrueNorth Steel	Culverts	17,189.24
92363	Tyler Technologies Inc	School ERP	1,080.00
92364	Underground Vaults & Storage	Storage Rental For Microfilm	308.40
92365	Uniform Center	Shirts - J-Sot	135.00
92366	Upham City	Upham Shop	162.00
92367	Velva Twp	LoadPass Overweight	4.38
92368	Verendrye Electric Cooperative	Utilities	288.89
92369	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Services	794.92
92370	Western Dakota Energy Assoc	2025 Annual Meeting - Carpenter	125.00
92371	Wold Engineering	C8-2533(025) Flex- Towner N	124,080.00
92372	Ziegler Oil Company	Fuel - Drake	2,725.83
92373	Zietz, Joe & Anita	Tax payment refund	53.11
92374	McHenry County Treasurer	Sheriff fees, mileage, tow bill	4,736.43
92375	Reinholdt, Josh	S76 Bobcat w/Forks	32,000.00

At 4:25 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schmitt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor/Treas.

Armann Anderson, Chairman