

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 6, 2026

9:00 AM

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

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Schmitt to approve the December 2nd and 16th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to issue the proper deed to the City of Anamoose for the sale of county land described as Lots 11-12 of Block 1 in Original Anamoose, and to cancel any remaining taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to approve abatement 1669. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Bruner to have Wold Engineering determine whose property the county shop in Karlsruhe is located on. Motion carried unanimously.

Veteran Service Officer, Lisa Marshall met with the board to provide an update on her activities.

The board reviewed the 2026 ag land values as set by the state. McHenry County is currently at 96%.

Extension agents Kathryn Slavick and Leslie Jones met with the board to provide an update on their events and activities, which include Ranchers Night Out, Porch pots, Stop the Bleed class, calving school, beef quality assurance training and pesticide training. On the Family and Community Wellness side, activities include Stepping On in Towner and Sun Safety at pesticide trainings. Lesley will be speaking at a Rural Grocery conference in Fargo and will be highlighting the Velva grocery store.

The board reviewed the proposal for public depositories received from Merchants Bank and Peoples State Bank. No decision was made at this time to provide additional time to review.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to approve the pledge of assets with a letter of credit from Merchants Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Skager met with the board to discuss possibly purchasing three new vehicles by using funds from equipment sales and trade-ins on older squad cars.

The board discussed replacing the roof on the old shop in Towner.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to purchase a 2000 International sand truck for \$11,000. Motion carried unanimously.

A consent motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schmitt to approve the following: Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts #50891-50986; the monthly payroll in the amount of \$184,630.82; Clerk of Court December County fees \$766.52, State fees \$20,826.41; Sheriff December statement of fees \$859.00, Sheriff mileage \$977.00.

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

Warrant	Paid	Reason	Amount
92621	Amazon Capital Services	Workstation, supplies	1,529.96
92622	Anamoose Senior Citizens	Rental fee	265.00
92623	Anderson, Armann	Mileage	72.80
92624	Atlantis Global LLC	Citation paper	194.40
92625	B & J Excavating, Inc	Salted sand	4,289.62
92626	Bruner, Bryan	Mileage	144.90
92627	Cenex Fleetcard	Gas	3,310.16
92628	Dacotah Paper Company	Hand towels, ice melt	239.52
92629	Dakota Fluid Power	Hose assembly	105.72
92630	Schmitt, David	Mileage	196.00
92631	Drake City	Utilities	63.75
92632	Enerbase	Gas	190.23
92633	Envision Cooperative	Gas & diesel	225.56
92634	Guardian Fleet Safety	Equip 2-2025 Ford Explorer	49,315.50
92635	HACTC	Prisoner board and medical	16,962.85
92636	Hardware Hank	Shovel, totes, misc	403.78
92637	Heringer Lumber	Washer fluid, towels	75.00
92638	Johnson, Lance	Mileage	173.60
92639	Magic City Garage Door	Granville shop repairs	362.25
92640	Main Electric Construction	Install light bays - Hester	1,245.31
92641	Matthew Bender & Company	Century Code updates	174.61
92642	Mouse River Journal	Minutes, Bids, Dep Aud/Treas	381.73
92643	NAPA Auto Parts-Rugby	Heater core	73.90
92644	NAPA Auto Parts-Minot	Grease fitting blaster	74.99
92645	National Association of Counties	2026 Dues	450.00
92646	ND Association of Counties	2026 Dues	8,429.00
92647	ND County Auditors Association	2026 Dues	400.00
92648	ND County Commissioners Association	2026 Dues	1,725.00
92649	ND County Recorders Association	2026 Dues	500.00
92650	ND Dept of Transportation FMD	Bridge inspections	5,817.55
92651	Northside Autobody & Repair LLC	Collision repairs, impounds	29,520.51
92652	OK Tire Store	Tires-McTaggart, Dewanz	1,052.18
92653	Otis Elevator Company	2026 Service contract	1,953.72
92654	OtterTail Power Company	Electric Service	3,860.18
92655	PowerPlan	Bulk DEF, filters	1,040.36
92656	ProIT, LLC	Upgrade Office-Clk Ct, VSO network	250.00
92657	Haskins, Rachel	Replace mailbox-Jerry H	96.65
92658	Runnings	Impact drill kit-Upham, misc	328.46
92659	Smette Oil	Gas & diesel	2,632.13
92660	SRT Communications	Phone service	994.23
92661	Stevens Welding and Machine	Repair payloader	923.09
92662	Thomas Law Firm	Health hearings	175.00
92663	Titan Machinery	Air cleaner-payloader	150.12
92664	Towner City	Utilities	440.02
92665	Towner Health & Wellness	Office rent	832.00
92666	Towner Parts & Repair	Couplers and oil	206.41
92667	Travis Truck & Trailer Repair	2000 Intl cylinder repair	9,693.84
92668	Tri-N Propane	Propane - Granville, Deering	1,114.75
92669	Tyler Technologies	TaxWise/Schools ERP	2,717.50
92670	Upham City	Utilities	81.00
92671	Vanguard Appraisals	Ag Bldg license fee, 2026 Service contract	13,536.00
92672	Verizon Wireless	Wireless service	795.03

At 12:05 PM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor/Treas.

Armann Anderson, Chairman