

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 as 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