

December 22nd, 2025, Steele County Commission Meeting

The Special Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Strand. Commissioners Brandon Oxtan, Perry Brown, Brandon Krueger, and Chris Grandalen, Auditor Jana Flaten, Ben Gates (DES/Road) were present, and State Attorney Charlie Stock attended via phone.

Gates discussed the EMR class that Kyle will be hosting in Hope and is asking the commissioner to help set the cost for residents to take the class. The funds will be reimbursed after the exam is completed. The price per person is \$155.00, and they are hoping to get 10 people to take the class. Commissioner Kruger made a motion to set aside \$2000.00 for the reimbursement and revisit if more people sign up. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Gates brought the final bill and paperwork for the fog seal project and is seeking approval to sign off and pay the bill. Mike (interstate engineering) okayed this, and the job is complete. Commissioner Brown approved the final paperwork and bill for the fog sealing job. Seconded by Commissioner Grandalen. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Flaten presents the liquor and beer licenses for Steele County, Hope Gulf Course, Golden Lake Acres, and Lakeview Catering, all of which had applied and paid for their licenses. Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept all the licenses, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

At 9:11 am, Commissioner Brown made a motion to go into an executive session- 44-04-19 NDCC. Seconded by Commissioner Oxtan. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Zoom audio was muted, and the video was blacked out. The recording was still on.

Meeting reconvened at 9:39 am, Zoom audio and video were turned back on.

Commissioner Krueger made a motion to keep Reid Oien on paid leave until December 31, 2025, and to terminate him at the end of that day. Commissioner Oxtan seconded that motion. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

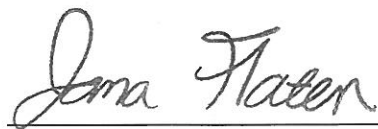
Commissioner Oxtan motioned to approve the bills, and Commissioner Grandalen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Grandalen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Richard Strand- County Chairman



Jana Flaten -County Auditor