

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING OF Thursday, February 12th, 2026.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were, Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Stevens.

Chairman Hiltz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:07 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting, Supervisor Hiltz seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Slough read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$61,969.07, Road and Bridge \$940,786.00 Fire Fund \$69,822.00, with outstanding items of \$2,000.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,074,577.07, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Supervisor Eckman seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Eckman made a motion to pay bills as submitted, motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, passed unanimous roll call vote.

Murray Surveying- \$3,380 is the total bill received for Countryside and Fern Lake. The work on Countryside was \$2,125.00, Murray does not expect to be paid for all the work on the bills, the Board members discussed and made a decision to pay the full amount of \$3,380 he did the work and should be paid for it.

**VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:**

The new data entry is extensive for Wes Hegna, assessor, he is learning the process. Approx. \$6 million in new construction for Grant Valley is the rough estimate he is giving us, doesn't include finished houses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The date for Local Board of Appeal April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.

Beltrami Co bridge inspection- Grant Valley received a letter that the County has established a bridge inspection fee of \$400 per bridge inspection, effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Supervisors' reports for annual meeting, Bob- animal, Russ- fire, roads and storm and Eckman will discuss history.

Clerk Stevens is working with Caleb Sturgill from the State and needs to add Dale Vogt's class 5 bill and check over a few more things for June 2025 storm reimbursement.

Annual meeting agenda...anything to add? Swing-arm mailboxes would need to be discussed.

Discussion on the annual meeting minutes and information that is in the Township insider.

Clerk Stevens will look into the "board of audit" report and verify what to do for the minutes of that as well.

**OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Countryside- 3.36 acres purchase easement from state, Clerk Stevens will send the application in, attaching minutes.

For the record, Jamie Listebarger would like to say that purchasing this doesn't benefit the public, it benefits, Karl Lease and maybe one more resident but it hurts her, the board expanded on this stating, that it does benefit her access to her property.

The board respects her thoughts on his but would like to state that we are spending township money giving her easement to her property that she didn't have before. As we work on Fern Lake Rd and Countryside, we do not want washout onto the road. Class 5 is a large expense on the road. It needs ditches. Question of how large the ditches will be, min of 12-18 feet and a slope will be needed. Once this is all approved and done the Board would like to have Murray stake the land.

Chairman Hiltz Motion to bring files from Grant Valley Townhall Office to Arrow Printing for approx. \$60 for scanning and uploading of the files, over the other of approx. \$95/hour, motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, passed unanimous roll call vote.

Insurance asking for update- Chairman Hiltz will get ahold of PG Drywall to ask if he is available to fix the men's bathroom, the roof repair will need to wait until Spring.

Chairman Hiltz motion to follow up questions on road policies, seconded by supervisor Hiltz.

**REPORTS:**

Fire- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> a meeting at Northern Townhall- annual meeting with city and rural- Harrison has a letter for a possible quorum, the Board is welcome to come. Chairman Hiltz will be attending the meeting. Print out of what happened in each township and a presentation. Replacing one firefighter and possibly hiring another. Budget is 1.6 million, it was raised 5%, plus cpi is 2.6 %. The budget is up. Fire truck is 2+ years out. Chairman Hiltz made a motion that any board members wanting to attend the Annual fire meeting will be paid a meeting rate, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman and passed unanimous roll call vote.

Animal Control- Board members will look over new ordinance- add to March agenda.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion for any board members to attend the short course seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed unanimous roll call vote.

**ROADS:**

Winging them out, they are looking great. Discussion of sand costs and sanding the roads, Wade has been keeping them scrapped down, this is helping a lot. Doing great on roads.

Luke Paine, Gladin Const. reached out to Chairman Hiltz for brushing ditches 218-556-0214, he has approx. 25' rotary head.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 PM , seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kayley Stevens