

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, November 13th, 2025.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 13th, 2025 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

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

Chairman Hiltz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve the October 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting, Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Fix typo Keith's name.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk Stevens read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$65,896.61, Road and Bridge \$913,443.51 Fire Fund \$75,538.37, with outstanding items of \$0.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,054,878.49, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Stevens will add weed control pricing to the agenda in May.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Halloween party that Fern Township has advertised, the sign for the party is still up at the roundabout of Becida Rd and Division St. Neither of these are our roads.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Country Side Rd- Russ met with Matt Murray- Suveryor- 2 weeks ago he walked road/fence lines, Carl Lease's property lines, he has pin points on the fences/road. He found the meander line for Fern Lake he found 2 pins but can't find the other 2. Meander line- back in the day since it is following the edge of the lake, they would take a compass, shoot angle that hits the road and use feet, degrees, they did this to get the road around the lake. Matt Murray is conducting Survey and should be in attendance at the December meeting. Chairman Hiltz has a sample of Matt Murray's findings so far, discussion of what this could mean. The board needs Mr. Murray to explain it further once he completes the survey. Discussion of the possible options that the board has. Jamie Listenbarger stated for the record that she would be happier if the road did not encroach on her property. The rest of Fern Lake Road they would like 33' right-of-way, there is a portion on the road that the township will only get 16'. The board would like to keep the current meander points and purchase the easement of 33ft from the meander points of 33 feet where possible and 16 feet where necessary. Discussion of budget for the road to be blacktopped next year, is it still in the budget and will the DNR approve this? The DNR should be able to approve the permits by Feb meeting, March at the latest. Discussion of ditches on Fern Lake Rd.

Send letter to township attorney, Jason Hill, asking what are our responsibilities for County Side RD SW? Under 1 mile (approx.) Do we have to maintain it, it the road ours? Suggested that he call Chairman Hiltz, once we get everything done from Murray, the board will update Jason, there is 100+ trees down, what should we do?

What is that road called that connects Country Side and Buchanan. Do we have the road order for Buchann, does it go all the way down to section 36. This is also a shared area with Bemidji Township.

Motion by Chairman Hiltz to ask what our responsible are, what can we do and what can't we do? Seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Fern Lake Road-Fern Lake Road has class 5 distributed where needed, once easement is purchased, a larger ditch may possibly be added, discussion on the wetlands that we must avoid. Discussion of the approaches/driveways.

N side of Beltrami line road and Buchanan Road need to have the ditches mowed still, Wade Thoring will get this done.

Min Main. rd- gate closed, could use new chain and padlock.

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Mailboxes- Discussion of adding to the Road Improvement Policy.

Road Policies- Clerk Stevens will update a few changes to the Snow and Ice Removal Policy and bring back to December meeting

Road Improvement Policy- a draft was distributed and reviewed. The board needs to define the descriptions of the road- (primary, secondary, development, and min. maintenance). What are the road standards? Should we add mailboxes to the policy? Calcium chloride policy, what does the board want to do? Discussion of cost-sharing for class 5, water the road and compaction. The board needs to define, businesses, lots, ect, when referencing who pays. -

Chairman Hiltz set committee- Work session meetings- Tommy Brown, Chad Blake, Marlys Eckman and Clerk Stevens will meet every other week starting on Monday the 17th at 6:30 at Grant Valley Townhall. If anyone would like to join the committee (road policy) they need to come to a regular board meeting to become approved.

Insurance- Check received, need someone to do men's bathroom ceiling, and find someone to do shingles in the Spring.

Review budget in Jan

Country Side has trees, discussion of adding that to the storm clean up since it is storm clean up. Chairman Hiltz will call Jason Hill and check with him about cleaning up the road/trees before the bill for storm removal. Approx \$260,000 is what the June 2025 storm damage road clean up.

REPORTS:

Fire- Meeting next week

Animal Control- review ordinance of Animal Control, on track for expenses. Next meeting is December 16th, 2025.

BATO- County Assessor Kaleb Bessler, talked about his job. Beltrami CO is experiencing cont. growth, with 44 types of classification. Value is determined by supply and demand. Rep Duran talked strongly about pro everything that the republicans are doing and anti what Governor Waltz is doing. Addressed gun control- Waltz didn't do the meeting to adopt gun control because he doesn't have votes in his party. Tony Klaers – HRDC updates on the walking trail off Division is expanding to Gene Dillion. Recent grant to grind up asphalt on CO road 11 and reapply it. Mel Melander is no longer district rep. Replaced by Town Clerk Mary Peterson. Short Course's is starting March 16. Township day at the capitol is early March, BATO is renting a bus that if you want to attend and take the bus you may. Mary discussed the support that Northern Township is receiving for annexation, they will not know the result but if it happened BATO will need a new rep and location for their meetings.

ROADS:

Roads are looking pretty good. Wade Thoring is hitting them as he can.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM , seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayley Stevens