

“Counties Matter”

National County Government Month

Schools are encouraged to arrange a tour of the courthouse and meet and greet the county departments. We were glad to see Kayla Tatro, teacher from the Roosevelt Public School in Carson, spend a morning with her students at the courthouse.

All Grant County departments, contacts and information are on the grantcountynd.com website. Recently added resource in the courthouse is a community events/talents board where the public is encouraged to post community events and their talents. Bulletin boards are located on the main and second floor. Let's get the word out of what the people of Grant County have to offer!

County Departments providing services for the residents of Grant County

Grant County Veteran Service Officer – Jessica Clifton

What is a County Veteran Service Officer?

A County Veterans Service Officer acts as a liaison between veterans and their families in obtaining benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Service officers assist veterans in filing service-connected disability claims with the VA. They also assist veterans in obtaining benefits relative to VA health care, vocational rehabilitation, VA home loans, education, insurance, burial benefits and non-service connected pension benefits. Basically, the Service Officer can take care of veterans' needs from their date of discharge until their date of death, and in many instances a Service Officer provides assistance to eligible dependents long after the veteran passes.

The ultimate job of a County Veterans Service Officer is to simplify what can be a very complex undertaking; that of obtaining eligible benefits from the Veterans Administration. As a veteran you served your country honorably, and your local County Veterans Service Officer wants to say “thank you” by ensuring you obtain all of the benefits to which you or your family members are eligible and entitled too. If you are not aware of your veteran's benefits, please call Stark County Veteran Service Office 701-456-7654, to schedule an appointment and learn about your Federal and State Veterans benefits.

Serving those who served,

Jessica L Clifton

Stark, Billings, Hettinger and GRANT County Veterans Service Officer

Best regards,

Jessica Clifton

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"Talent is a gift, Character is a choice"

Grant County Weed Board Merlin Leithold Weed Board Officer

We run a cost share program for certain chemicals to landowners for controlling noxious weeds.

We sell other chemicals at reduced rates to landowners for controlling noxious weeds.

We spray all maintained road ditches in the county for noxious weeds.

We scout for new and invasive weeds not yet found in the county.

We put on a Leafy spurge bio-control day every summer for collecting spurge beetles for controlling Leafy spurge in an environmental friendly way. Our county field day is the longest running field day in North Dakota and the United States. This summer will be our 25th Annual Field Day.

Weed Board Members

Leonard Gerhardt - Chairman

Dick Woodbury - Vice Chairman
Drew Gaugler
Matt Neiderman
Dennis Tibor
Morris Haase
Marty Meyer

Grant County State's Attorney – Grant Walker Administrative Assistant – Joan Bahm

State's Attorneys serve as legal counsel and advisor to the county. They represent the state in criminal cases acting as prosecutor. State's Attorneys provide guidance to county commissioners and officials in interpreting the meaning of the N.D. Century Code and legislation.

Grant County Emergency Services – Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator - Pat Diehl

Grant County Emergency Services

The Emergency Manager has responsibility for the day-to-day emergency management programs. The Emergency Management Office cooperates with a network of local, state, and federal Emergency Management personnel. The Emergency Manager also coordinates with governmental agencies, law enforcement, fire, ambulance, and other emergency personnel, as well as private businesses; volunteer organizations; and individuals to identify potential hazards. In identifying potential hazards, the five phases of Emergency Management (Prevention, Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery) are used to develop emergency plans for potential natural, technological, and adversarial hazards.

The 911 Coordinator is responsible for assigning or changing addresses, as needed, in the county. The 911 coordinator also keeps the 911 data base current and provides updates of the county's 911 telephone data base to North Dakota State Radio.

The 911 Coordinator works closely with State Radio and North Dakota Department of Emergency Services in the area of county mapping, ensuring that the state has a uniform mapping standard which plays an integral role for efficiently dispatching emergency responders.

Finally, the County 911 coordinator must adhere to 911 standards and guidelines as spelled out in North Dakota Century Code.

Grant County Sheriff's Office is part of County Government.

Sheriff John R. Foss is the Chief Law enforcement Officer in the county

His Deputies are:

Captain Garret Harding

Sergeant Terry Dillon

Deputy Gaby Urzola

Deputy Dakota Mazer

We enforce state criminal law, servant to the courts, process civil paperwork and execute civil judgments.

In our county, we are contracted to perform police duties in the cities and Lake Tschida.

Grant County Water Resource Board

Water Board Chairman - Jerald Christensen

Water Board Members

Gary Meyer - Vice Chairman

Julie Levorsen - Secretary / Treasurer

Harold Gaugler – Director

The Water Resource Board mission is to develop, manage and protect Grant County's water. They manage 2 recreation sites: Sheep Creek Dam area and the Raleigh Reservoir. Managing these sites includes maintenance and improvements. Recently, handicapped accessibility has been improved, along with the addition of a parking pad. Trees have been planted at the sites. The board gets involved in county wide water issues to assist Grant County residents to resolve concerns. They also pursue monies from outside sources to supplement Grant County funds, by applying for grant money through places like the Game and Fish and Outdoor Heritage Funds. Meetings are held every third Monday. Meeting minutes are on the Grant County website: grantcountynd.com.

Grant County Historical Society – Harold Bruning, Shirley O’Connell, Arlene Wells

The Grant County Historical Society was founded in 1970 as an organization dedicated to preserving, collecting, researching and interpreting historical information or items. It was created with the hope that it would help future generations learn about and understand their heritage. After formation the society decided to rent land from the Grant County Fair Board and establish a site on which they could preserve and display historic buildings, equipment and memorabilia. The Society acquired numerous buildings and artifacts that are now on display at the property located in Carson just west of the city park. Two large steel buildings, erected by the Society, are used for storing and displaying artifacts as well. Through individual donations and purchases, the Society's historical collection continues to grow and evolve in the preservation of Grant County's history.

Grant County Clerk of Court & Recorder Office - Julie Fischer Recorder/Clerk of Court; Katrina Hummel Deputy

The Grant County Recorder and Clerk of Court are a combined office and it is an elected position. Julie Fischer is the Recorder/Clerk of Court and Katrina Hummel is the Deputy.

The Recorder’s office records transactions for all the land in the county. The office is in the process of back scanning all the old microfiche cards onto the computer (which will take a few years to complete). The office also maintains & issues Marriage licenses, files Wills and Burial Transits permits. All land records are open to the public.

The Clerk’s office deals with traffic citations, civil, criminal, probates, mental health, small claims. The office is also a passport acceptance facility. Feel free to stop in anytime if you have any questions, about either office, we would be glad to help you.

NDSU Extension in Grant County

Staff include: Donna Vandenburg, Administrative Assistant, Amanda Dahners Family and Community Wellness Agent, and Tessa Osterbauer Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent.”

“NDSU Extension in Grant County gives local residents easy access to the resources and expertise of North Dakota State University. Through educational programs, publications, and events, extension agents deliver unbiased, research-based information to Grant County citizens. We can answer your questions on a wide array of topics. We also help organize a variety of programs and activities, including: Grant County Ag Days, yoga classes, garden tours, insta-pot cooking lessons, junior master gardener camps, coffee-talks, Communication Arts contests, and our biggest event of the year – the Grant County Fair & 4-H Achievement Days! The list could go on, but the bottom line is at all these events, we strive to connect with you, the community! So, if you have a question on what’s killing your tomatoes, want a water sample taken from a stagnate dugout, a nitrate sample submitted on your forages, want to know what upcoming events we have, are interested in enrolling your youth in 4-H, or just want to visit, feel free to contact us at the Grant County Extension office.

Three Rivers Human Service Zone – Carson Branch

Grant County Staff

Darla Hillius; Mary Suggs; Francisco Villasano ; Jessica Woodbury

Homemaker: Donna Mutschelknaus,

Three Rivers Human Service Zone provides services to citizens of North Dakota under programs such as Health Care, Medicare Savings Program, Long Term Care, BCAP (Basic Care), CCAP (Child Care Assistance) , SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families), LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). Applications are accepted on-line or by stopping by the office which is located in the Grant County Courthouse or by calling the office.

Grant County Auditor/Treasurer – Sara Meier; Deputies – Aimee White, Carmen Fitchner

Grant County has 28 regular employees. Twenty are full time annual employees, and 8 are seasonal. There are 15 employees that work in the 8 departments in the courthouse. Grant County has 3 commissioners to represent the concerns of the property owners and residents of the county. The road department consists of one road superintendent, one full time annual employee, and eight seasonal full time employees. We typically hire 2 trucker drivers for summer months. Other county organizations are the weed board, historical society, water resource district, and zoning board. Grant County has contracts with Stark County to provide veteran services.

Grant County Commissioners - Alton Zenker, Chairman; John Reinhardt; AlRoy Hochhalter

The County Commissioners plan for the county's budget and the needs of the county, present and future. They have to be realistic in setting and achieving goals. Listening to the public and the county departments is vital in understanding what issues are happening in the county. The Commissioner's serve the county as a whole, belong on boards that work together for the benefit of the county and each represent their area. It is important to stay involved, educated and up to date in county government by being a member of the North Dakota Association of Counties. The County Commissioner's meet 2 times a month, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The County Commissioners are elected officials. Minutes are posted on grantcountynd.com. The elected and appointed officials who serve Grant County are dedicated to serving the public. We are also committed to providing exceptional service at all times.

Grant County Tax Equalization Director – Jackie Steinmetz

The Director of Tax Equalization oversees the property tax assessment function for Grant County. The property tax is the primary means by which local government pays for services it provides such as police and fire protection, schools, roads, parks, courts, etc.

Grant County Planning and Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Board: Jackie Steinmetz, Tax Director/Administrator; Ray Alt, Chairman; Robert Ternes, Vice Chairman; AlRoy Hochhalter, Commissioner; members: Barb Kraft, Robert Larson, Vern Straub, and Brendan Becher.

The Planning and Zoning Board meets once a month. The Planning & Zoning Board follows the Grant County Ordinance. The Board works with zoning changes, Building permits for structures, and Utility permits within Grant County. Permits, minutes and information listed on grantcountynd.com.

Custer Health Services and Programs

Heidi Peltz; Bridget Winkler

Provides the following services and programs to the residents of Grant County: BAMBBE Program, Breastfeeding Resources, Car Seat Program, Child Health Screening, Family Planning, Health Maintenance, Health Tracks, HIV/AIDS, Home Health, Immunizations, School Health Services, Tobacco Prevention and Control, WIC (Women, Infants, Children), Women's Way

Nursing Services & Hours: Babysitters Course, Bike Helmets, TB Testing

Environmental Health Services: EH FORMS, Retail Food Safety & Sanitation, On Site Septic & Sanitation, Care Center Safety & Sanitation, Tattoo Parlor Safety & Sanitation, Nuisance Complaints, Land Use, Consultation, West Nile Virus Information, ND Public & Semi-Public Swimming Pool Safety & Sanitation

Grant County Road Department

Jon Alt - Road Superintendent

Currently the county road crew consists of nine full time employees and one seasonal truck driver. We work together with the county commissioners to maintain the gravel roads. There are approximately 2,000 miles of gravel roads here in Grant County. The blade operators don't just blade the roads but also pull shoulders, reshape and gravel the roads, as well as snow removal in the winter time. We also repair and replace bridges and culverts, remove trees and brush, mow ditches and maintain all of the road signs.

Grant County Courthouse Maintenance/Groundskeeper

Giving out a shout to Gary Schlosser, Maintenance/Groundskeeper for the upkeep of the Grant County Courthouse!