

WILLCI will use federal grant funding to examine and help address economic development needs.
 * A deadline of Fridays before meetings to place items on the next meeting's agenda.
 * An annual inspection agreement with Dakota Pump & Control for \$560.

regular meeting will be at 9 a.m. June 20 at the courthouse in Stanton.
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CONVENES
 Following the regular commission meeting, the Mercer County Board of Equalization

Land use administrator Gary Emter contended that the assessments took into account the land being rezoned from agricultural use to residential use, and that the lots did indeed have access to them.

Public Notice

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 Case No. PU-12-165
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 30, 2012

TAKE NOTICE that the Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to the N.D. Admin. Code, relating to public utilities, energy conversion and transmission facility siting, and surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

The public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., July 12, 2012, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. Written comments may be submitted to the Public Service Commission until the close of business on July 23, 2012.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, 701-328-2400, toll free 1-877-245-6685, Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888, orNDPSC@ND.gov. This information is also available to view on the Public Service Commission's web site at www.psc.state.nd.us under "Formal Actions/Case Search".

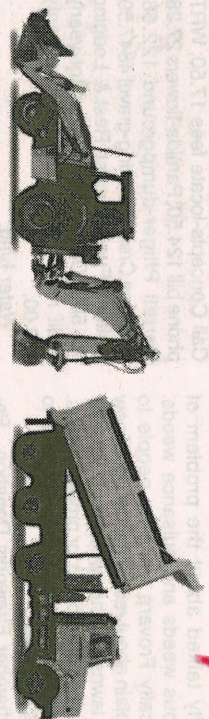
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Another grievance filed against county highway department

By CHRIS GESSELE

The Mercer County Policy Committee received another grievance against the Mercer County Highway Department and superintendent Roy Braun at its meeting June 6 in Stanton.

The grievance form was originally filed by former county equipment operator Patrick Lerner, Hazen, on May 22. On the form, Lerner cited the specific grievance as "assault from Braun on County Road 20 at approximately noon on May 11."

According to Lerner at the May 16 Mercer County Commission meeting, the "assault" consisted of statements made by Braun that Lerner's motor grader district, the Golden Valley District, was the "worst district in the county."

"I was demoralized. I was put down. I was attacked, and you know what, I attacked back," Lerner told the County Commission at its May 16 meeting. "I called him a (expletive) and mentioned some things about the condition of those roads when I started working them. And when I got back on Monday they said go blade the roads."

Lerner visited with residents along his motor grader route to get their feedback, according to the grievance form, before attending the commission meeting on May 16.

"I'm not here head-hunting anybody, but I'm telling you that there's some communications problems there," Lerner said at the May 16 commission meeting. "I've several times tried to talk with Roy. He's not a bad man. Maybe he and I just have personality problems."

"I find it very challenging to deal with him."

Lerner was fired by the highway department on May 16.

According to Mercer County auditor Monte Erhardt, a grievance hearing has been tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. June 26 at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton to allow the public committee to hear both Lerner and Braun present their cases.

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