

which 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.

The Commission's next 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

will be to tax a guy on raw land and undeveloped lots." 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.

to the lots. I hope all is going to buy those lots and come 11 a.m. June 20.

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 Lemer, Hazen, on May 22. On the form, Lemer cited the specific grievance as "assault from Braun on County Road 20 at approximately noon on May 11."

According to Lemer at the May 16 Mercer County Commission meeting, the "assault" consisted of statements made by Braun that Lemer'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," Lemer 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."

Lemer 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," Lemer 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."

Lemer 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 20 at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton to allow the policy committee to hear both Lemer and Braun present their cases.

Public Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission
Case No. PU-12-162
Public Utilities
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Public Service Commission
Case No. PU-12-165
Siting
Rulemaking

Public Service Commission
Case No. RC-12-166
Reclamation
Rulemaking

**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, or NDPSC@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".

If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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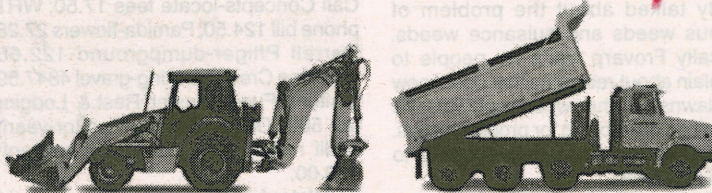
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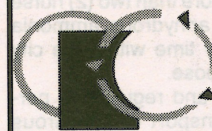
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