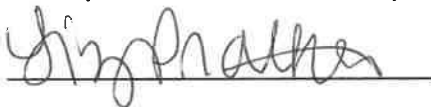


Affidavit of Publication

Liz Prather, being duly sworn, states as follows:


1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of: **Public Service Commission, Beginning with case no RC-23-355, 1** time(s) as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

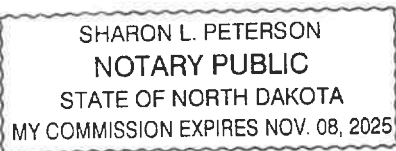
Signed: 

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of February, 2024.





Public Notices

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF HAZEN
HAZEN, NORTH DAKOTA
ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS
MOORE PROJECT NO. 23459**

General Notice
Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Hazen City Hall located at 146 Main St. East PO Box 717, Hazen, ND 58545 until February 14th, 2024 at 2:00 PM. local time. At that time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work: Remove and replace alley and parking lot surfaces.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Digital project bidding documents will be available at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.questcdn.com. You may download the complete set of digital documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 by locating eBidDoc™ Number 8926172 on the website. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration and downloading digital project information.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Moore Engineering, Inc.
4503 Coleman Street, Suite 105,
Bismarck, ND 58503

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the bid executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and a contract is awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after the notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond, and any conditions of the City of Hazen, as required by law. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If the City of Hazen elects to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the lowest responsible bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days, the bidder's bond will be forfeited to the City of Hazen and the City of Hazen may award the project to the next lowest responsible bidder.

Each bidder must possess a valid North Dakota contractor's license for the full amount of their bid, as required by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-7. Each bidder MUST enclose a copy of their Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, in their bid bond envelope, and each license must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Hazen
By: Jerry Obenauer
Title: Commission President
Date: January 25, February 1
1/25 & 2/1 - 68622

ARLEN M. RUFF
State Bar ID No. 03610
KELSCH RUFF KRANDA NAGLE & LUDWIG
103 Collins Avenue, PO Box 1266
Mandan, ND 58554
Telephone: (701) 663-9818
Fax: (701) 663-9810
Email: arlenruff@kelschlaw.com
Attorneys for: Estate
Probate No. 08-2024-PR-00008
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
BURLEIGH COUNTY,
SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Jacqueline Sanders, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Mikaela M. Sanders, personal representative of the estate at P.O. Box 1266, Mandan, North Dakota 58554-7266 or filed with the Court.
Dated this 12th day of January, 2023.
/s/ MIKAELA M. SANDERS
MIKAELA M. SANDERS,
Personal Representative
First Publication on the 18th day of January, 2023.
1/18, 25 & 2/1 - 68460

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation ("DOCR") is soliciting sealed bids from contractors interested in the removal and replacement of industrial paint line equipment located in the Roughrider Industries Building A located at the North Dakota State Penitentiary (NDSP) in Bismarck, North Dakota. The nature of work will include the removal and replacement of identified paint line equipment as specified in the engineering project manual, plans, drawings, and specifications.

Bid documents can be obtained from Prairie Engineering, P.C. via their website (www.prairieengineeringpc.com) or by contacting Chris Jangula by email at cjangula@nd.gov, or by mail at North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Central Office, ATTN: Chris Jangula, P.O. BOX 1898, Bismarck N.D. 58502-1893, or by phone 701-328-6133. All phone requests must be followed by a written request to the address above.

All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bid, as provided by Section 43-07-07 of the North Dakota Century Code. The bidder shall include a copy of his/her license or certificate of renewal thereof enclosed in the required bid bond envelope as required pursuant to section 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, as amended. Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and full bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five (5) percent of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond as required by Section 48-01.2-5, North Dakota Century Code, and executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after Notice of Award, shall execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid, and a Contractor's Bond as required by Section 48-01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code and any deficient bid must be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

A viewing of the project will be held on Friday, January 19th, 2024, at 10:00am CDT at the NDSP Heating Plant Building. Please contact Chris Jangula at cjangula@nd.gov or phone him at 701-328-6133 to RSVP.

Public opening of the sealed bids will be on Friday, February 2nd, 2024, at 9:00am CDT at the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Central Office North Conference Room located at 3100 Railroad Avenue in Bismarck, ND.

Contractor personnel who will be performing work on site are required to complete a background check approval process in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 and the FBI's CJIS Security Policy. They also must comply with all applicable DOCR policies, procedures, and practices, including COVID-19 testing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements.

1/11, 18 & 25 - 68270

NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION OF PARENT RIGHT'S TRIAL

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF VALLEY
CASE NO: CV43-22-276

In the Interest of: Anikah Garaas and Kaunir Archambault, Children Under Eighteen Years of Age. TO: MELISSA ARCHAMBAULT, the natural MOTHER of said children: YOU AND EACH OF YOU, will hereby take notice: That a Petition for Termination of Parent /Child Relationship was filed in the above-entitled matter on January 18, 2024. That a Termination Trial on the Petition has been set for the **April 10, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the Magistrate Court, Valley County Courthouse, 219 N Main St, Cascade, ID 83611.

Unless you file a responsive pleading within twenty (20) days, a default judgment may be entered against you. That you have the right to be represented by Counsel of your choosing or upon good cause shown, providing you are financially needy, the Court may appoint Counsel to act on your behalf. That you are required to register your claim of paternity with the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of Health and Welfare prior to the date of any termination proceeding, or proceeding wherein the child is placed with an agency licensed to provide adoption services, pursuant to Idaho Code 16-1513(5).
DATED this 18th day of January, 2024.
Idaho Attorney General's Office
1/25, 2/1 & 8 - 68665

To Place a Legal Advertisement
Call 355-8816, Fax 223-0959, or email: legals@bismarcktribune.com

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Minot State University
Student Union 1st Floor Remodel
Minot, ND**

Sealed Lump Sum Bids will be received for the **MSU Student Union 1st Floor Remodel** until **2:00 p.m., local time February 2, 2024**. Bids shall be prepared in compliance with the instruction to Bidders and shall be bid as General Contract (all trades) OR Multiple Contract consisting of the following Prime Contracts: General Building Construction; Mechanical Construction; or Electrical Construction.

Bids shall be addressed and delivered to: **Kevin Harmon, Vice President of Student Affairs, Minot State University, Student Union - Westlie Room, 500 University Ave West, Minot, ND 58707**. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud. Bids not fully complying with the requirements of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 48-01.2 will not be read or considered. Any deficient bid will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the Bidder's Contractor's license and bid security. The Bidder must be licensed for the full amount of the bid. Bid security in the form of a bidder's bond shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held at the Projection location on January 18th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., local time. Prospective prime bidders are requested to attend.

Project Description: Project consists of interior remodeling on the first floor of the Student Union building, encompassing roughly 4,800 square feet of area. Remodel work will include limited demolition, new exterior windows, new interior walls, acoustical ceilings, floor/wall/ceiling finishes, casework, and HVAC, plumbing, and electrical work. Project Location: 500 University Ave West, Minot, ND 58707

Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access through Quest CDN (www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents by inputting Quest project 8913354 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Exchanges: Obtain access by contacting any of the following exchanges: Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck Builders Exchange, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Williston, North Dakota; Minnesota Builders Exchange; Construction Industry Center, and Sioux Falls Builders Exchange, South Dakota.

All Prime contractors must contact Ackerman-Estvold through Sonya Boykin (sonya.boykin@ackerman-estvold.com) to be added to the Plan Holders list and to receive the links to the Bid Opening and Prebid Meeting video conferences.

Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time. Substantial Completion is required by August 1, 2024. Work is subject to liquidated damages. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.
Kevin Harmon, Vice President of Student Affairs
Minot State University
1/11, 18 & 25 - 68255

PUBLIC NOTICES

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens' everyday lives. Public notices have been printed in local newspapers, the trusted sources for community information, for more than 200 years.

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Located at: 910 Industrial Dr Bismarck ND
58501 Phone# 701-258-0451
1/23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29 & 30 - 68579

Benjamin W. Keup, ND #07013
PEARCE DURICK PLLC
P.O. Box 400
Bismarck, ND 58502
(701) 223-2890
bwk@pearce-durick.com
Atty for the Personal Representative
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
BURLEIGH COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Donna J. Elkins, Deceased.
Probate No. 08-2023-PR-335

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Gerald J. Elkins, personal representative of the estate at P.O. Box 400, Bismarck, ND 58502 or filed with the Court.
Dated Jan. 5, 2023. /s/ Gerald J. Elkins
1/11, 18 & 25 - 68269

District Judge
Flathead County Justice Center
920 South Main, Suite 310
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-758-5870

MONTANA ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FLATHEAD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF

**E.K., a Minor Child
THEODORE J. KAUFFMAN, JR.,**
Petitioner.

**Cause No. DG-23-122
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF FULL GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF A MINOR CHILD**

THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO: **Natalie Kauffman, Theodore S. Kauffman, Sr., Theodore J. Kauffman, Jr. and E.K., a minor.** NOTICE IS GIVEN to the birth parents of the minor child above referenced and all other interested persons that Petitioner has filed a petition with the Clerk of this Court to become the guardian and conservator of the minor child.

The hearing on the Petition for Appointment of a Guardian and Conservator for a Minor Child will be held at Flathead County Justice Center, 920 South Main, Suite 310, Kalispell, Montana, on January 31, 2024 at 8:30 am. Your failure to attend the hearing may result in the relief requested by the Petitioner being granted.
DATED January 2, 2024.
BRANT BEAUDRY
Snyder, Beaudry & Cook, PC
PO Box 717
Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-4383
Attorney for Petitioner
1/11, 18 & 25 - 68206

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC
Case No. RC-23-355
Notice of Violation 2301
Violation
NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE
January 18, 2024
Preliminary Statement
Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC was issued Notice of Violation (NOV) 2301 by the Reclamation Division on December 11, 2023 for failure to install appropriate measures to prevent and control water erosion in a portion of a reclaimed drainageway in Section 22, T143N, R88W of Surface Coal Mining Permit KR5B-8603 which resulted in a loss of Suitable Plant Growth Material (SPGM). On January 9, 2024, Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC requested an informal conference on this matter.
Notice of Informal Conference
Notice is hereby given that the captioned matter is set for an Informal Conference, commencing at 9:00 a.m., CST, on February 8, 2024, in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. The issue to be considered is whether a violation exists since erosion control measures were in place.
If you require any auxiliary aids, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission, at (701) 328-2400, or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Steve Kahl
Executive Director
1/25 -

**BURLEIGH COUNTY
REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENTS**

The 2023 Burleigh County real estate tax statements were mailed December 8, 2023. If you have not received a statement, please contact the Burleigh County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at www.burleigh.gov. Taxes may be paid online at www.burleigh.gov, in person, or via drop box at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office, located at 221 N 5th St., or mailed to PO Box 5518, Bismarck ND 58506-5518. North Dakota Century Code, Section 57-20-07.1 states, in part, as follows: "Failure of an owner to receive a statement will not relieve that owner of liability, nor extend the discount privilege past the February 15th deadline.
01/23, 24 & 25 - 67800

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - PROPOSED SECTION LINE VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Burleigh County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing during their scheduled meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5:00 pm local time in the Tom Baker Meeting Room, City/County Building, 221 North 5th Street, Bismarck, ND. The Board of Burleigh County Commissioners will at this time hear all interested persons regarding a proposed section line vacation. Petitioner is seeking a section line vacation described as follows:
Lots 12, 13, & 14, Block 1 of Riverside Subdivision in Sections 27 & 28, Township 140 North, Range 81 West of the 5th P.M., Burleigh County, North Dakota.

AREA OF REQUESTED SECTION LINE VACATION

If you are not able to attend this public hearing, you may submit your comments in writing to Burleigh County Building, Planning, Zoning, PO Box 5518, Bismarck, ND 58506-5518, or email at burleighcoubuilding@nd.gov. Letters and comments must be received by 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 so they may be distributed to the Commissioners before the meeting. Letters and comments received after 8:00 am, January 30, 2024, will be distributed at the meeting.
By Mitch Flanagan, Building Official/Planning Director
For Board of Burleigh County Commissioners
1/16 & 25 - 68305

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ATTENTION**WHEAT GROWERS**

The North Dakota Wheat Commission election for Mercer County will take place on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 12:00 PM (CT) at Beulah Civic Center, 120 7th St. NE, in Beulah, ND.

ELECTION

Persons who are residents of Mercer County and have been actively engaged in the production of wheat are eligible to vote. A Wheat producer must be present to vote but need not be present to be elected.

For more information contact the North Dakota Wheat Commission at 701-328-5111

ATTENTION**CANOLA GROWERS**

The North Dakota Oilseed Council - Canola election for Mercer County will take place on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 12:00 PM (CT) at Beulah Civic Center, 120 7th St. NE, in Beulah, ND.

ELECTION

Anyone who has planted Canola in 2023 or intends to plant in 2024 and is participating producer who resides in Mercer County is eligible and encouraged to vote.

For more information contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at 701-328-5107

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Andria L. Mueller (ID #07282)
andria@ldstrategies.com
Legacy Design Strategies
7 3rd Street SE, Suite 202
Minot, ND 58701
(701) 838-1998
Attorney for: Personal Representatives
Probate No. 29-2024-PR-00001

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of James M.
Connolly, deceased
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the undersigned has been appointed
personal representative of the above
estate. All persons having claims
against James M. Connolly are

required to present their claims within
three (3) months after the date of the
first publication or mailing of this notice
or the claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be presented to
Janet L. Connolly, James R. Connolly,
Hugh M. Connolly and Jessica C.
Eckroth, personal representatives of
the estate and their attorney, Andria
L. Mueller, at 7 3rd Street SE, Suite
202, Minot, ND 58701 or filed with the
Court.
Dated this 16th day of January, 2024
Janet L. Connolly
James R. Connolly
Jessica C. Eckroth
Hugh M. Connolly
(01-25-2024)(02-01-2024)(02-08-2024)

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Steve Kahl
Executive Director
(01-25-2024)

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
NAME CHANGE**

In District Court, MERCER County,
North Dakota
In the Matter of the Petition for Name
Change of Keri Jo Baumberger
1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a
Petition will be filed with the above-
entitled court requesting an Order
changing the Petitioner's name of
Keri Jo Baumberger (current full, legal
name)
to Keri Jo Roemmich (requested full,
legal name).
2. Notice is further given that thirty
days after publication, the Petitioner
intends to file a petition requesting
entry of the Court's Order changing

the Petitioner's name. Any objection
to granting this name change must be
given in writing to the address listed
below within 30 days of the date of
this publication. The written objection
must also be filed with the Court. If no
objections are given, the Court may
respond to the Petition without further
hearing.
Dated this 22 day of January, 2024
Keri Baumberger
1048 Otter Creek Loop
Hazen, ND 58545
(01-25-2024)(02-01-2024)
(02-08-2024)(02-15-2024)

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at
9:00 a.m. by Chairman Travis Frey.
Present were Commissioners Jamee
Folk, Rick Bauman, Liza Taylor, Gene
Wolf, Auditor Carmen Reed, and
Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others
present during portions of the meeting
were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Landfill
Director Candy Strand, Houston
Engineering Representative Sherwin
Wanner, NDSU Extension Family
and Community Wellness Agent
Metta Pfliger, Core Facility Solutions
Representatives Kris Schwab and Curt
Pierce, Dave Braun, Rick Thompson,
Randy Schantz, Bill Galvin, Donna
Boehm, Carol Galvin, Robert Treitline,
Sheryl Treitline, Sharon Moon,
Stephen Hoetzer, Steve Guenther,
and Pam Guenther.
Pledge of allegiance was said.

Wolf moved to approve the agenda as
amended. Folk seconded. All voted
aye. Motion carried.

Frey turned the meeting over to
Auditor Reed to reorganize the board
for 2024. Reed called for nominations
for Chairman. Folk nominated Gene
Wolf for Chairman. Reed asked if there
were any other nominations. Bauman
made a motion to cease nominations.
Taylor seconded. All voted aye.
Motion carried. Commissioner Wolf
was declared Chairman of the Board
of Mercer County Commissioners.
Auditor Reed turned the meeting
back over to Chairman Wolf. Wolf
called for nominations for Vice-Chair.
Taylor nominated Travis Frey. Folk
nominated Rick Bauman for Vice-
Chair. Wolf asked if there were any
other nominations for Vice-Chair. Frey
moved to close nominations for Vice-
Chair. Bauman seconded. Frey and
Taylor voted in favor of Travis. Folk,
Bauman, and Wolf voted in favor of
Rick. Commissioner Bauman was
declared Vice-Chairman for the Board
of Mercer County Commissioners.

Bauman moved to approve the
December 20, 2023, minutes as
presented. Taylor seconded. All voted
aye. Motion carried.

Frey moved to approve bills. Bauman
seconded. All voted aye. Motion
carried.

The following bills were approved for
payment: ADVANCED BUSINESS
METHODS \$1,076.80; ASKIM, CRAIG
\$370.26; BARBOT FUNERAL HOMES
\$2,755.00; BAUMAN, RICK \$434.96;
BEULAH JOB DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY \$1,084.33; BLUE 360
MEDIA, LLC \$237.62; BRONSON'S
MARKETPLACE \$13,844.11; CITY
AIR MECHANICAL, INC. \$350.46;
CULVER, ROSEMARY \$13.20;
ENTZE, CINDY \$13.20; FARMERS
UNION OIL CO \$420.00; WEX BANK
\$2,948.92; FLOOD, GARY \$7.50;
FREY, TRAVIS \$191.24; HAZEN
HARDWARE HANK \$40.95; AUTO
VALUE \$740.58; INTERSTATE
POWER SYSTEMS, INC. \$8.84;
KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$267.52;
LEWIS & CLARK REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT \$7,908.81; RELX
INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS \$220.11;
MERCER COUNTY PROPERTIES
INC. \$8,568.00; MERCER COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,268.16;
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES

HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hazen Public School
Regular Board Meeting
December 18, 2023
HS Room 102
Present at the meeting were board
members Brian Nolan, Jennifer
Wallender, Stephanie Huber, Jody
Murschel, Laura Zingg. Also present
were Supt. Ken Miller, Bus. Mgr. Billie
Jo Peterson, Principal Brandon Zahn,
Principal Sinclair, AD/Dean of Students
Bret Johnsrud.

Meeting called to order at 5:32p.m.
Minutes for the regular October
monthly meeting were presented.
Huber moved to approve, second by
Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
Financial Reports: a.) November
Financial Statement; b.) November
Bills totaling \$159,740.94; JP Morgan,
34,230.03; Dirk Plumbing & Heating,
10,640.00; Blick Art Materials, 338.05;
City of Hazen, 2,946.78; CHI St.
Alexius Health Care, 301.76; Farmers
Union Oil, 73.41; Harlow's School
Bus Service, 30,955.77; Hazen Star,
289.20; The Hub, 427.69; MDU,
10,365.59; Beulah Lumber, 136.83;
Bill Zingg, 31.00; Bobcat of Mandan,
6,976.54; Cengage Learning, 50.00;
CREA, 250.00; City of Hazen,
2,868.20; D&E Supply, 373.68; David
Mittelsteadt, 55.00; Eckroth Music,
12.99; Eggers Electric Motor, 880.48;
ETSystem, 1,066.00; Expressway
Suites-Bismarck, 192.60; Fastenal,

\$106.85; NAPA \$18.49; NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
\$450.00; ND ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTIES \$58,783.93; ND COUNTY
TREASURER'S ASSOC \$250.00;
ND DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES
\$1,944.80; NEUBERGER OIL
COMPANY \$5,345.28; NORTHERN
SAFETY CO., INC. \$0.35;
NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE
INC. \$5,763.75; OLIVER COUNTY
4-H COUNCIL \$64.00; PHARMCHEM,
INC. \$1,321.35; PLATINUM MOTOR
SPORTS INC \$815.91; LINDE GAS
& EQUIPMENT, INC. \$241.49; QUILL
OFFICE PRODUCTS \$233.10;
RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$266.49;
SCHUTT, RONA \$26.79; SCHWARZ,
TODD \$393.92; SPS COMPANIES,
INC. \$239.58; SWEEPER METAL
FABRICATORS CORP \$348.37;
TOWER COMMUNICATIONS INC
\$555.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES
INC. \$4,049.66; VERIZON WIRELESS
INC. \$727.14; VISION WEST ND
\$1,000.00; WOLF, GENE \$202.46
(CHECK #s 49547-49592) TOTAL
\$125,919.28.

Folk made motion to approve the
duplicate warrant #49439 for Sawyer
Zingg for \$1,000.00. Frey seconded.
All voted aye. Motion carried.

Frey made a motion to approve the
relinquishing of the joint jurisdiction for
Beulah ET zone. Bauman seconded.
Frey voted aye. Bauman, Taylor, Folk,
and Wolf voted nay. Motion failed.

Frey made a motion to accept the
state mileage rate of \$0.67 for 2024.
Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion
carried.

Bauman made a motion to approve
the transfer of funds from 2160 to
2140 for the County Road account.
Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion
carried.

Metta Pfliger, NDSU Extension Family
and Community Wellness Agent,
gave her quarterly activity report and
update.

The board recessed at 10:05 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:10 a.m.
Core Facility Solutions representatives
Kris Schwab and Curt Pierce, gave
an update on the 2024 scheduled
courthouse projects, which included
the chiller replacement, boiler system,
and completion of the courthouse
lighting updates. Frey made a motion
to approve the cost updates for
CFS.1a (boiler system) and CFS.5d
(courthouse lighting). Folk seconded.
All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sherwin Wanner presented an
update on the landfill capping project
regarding draft contract documents,
bidding dates, and preliminary cost
estimates.
Full cost with traditional top soil used
would cost \$329,000 for the total 2.65
acres of landfill cover in portions of
cells 3, 4, and 5. Working with the
State on possible top soil replacement
options for a cost savings. Draft
contract documents will be sent for
States Attorney's review and approval.
Requesting from the commission
approval to move forward with the
bidding process and set February
7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. for the bid
opening. Frey made a motion to set
the bid opening on February 7, 2024,
at 10:30 a.m. Bauman seconded.

16.62; Jesslyn Hall, 174.95; Harlow's
School Bus Service, 29,311.44;
Hazen Hardware, 791.18; Hazen
High School-St. Act., 35.00; Hot
Lunch Program, 927.45; Jackie
Karges, 62.00; Darcy Johnson, 50.00;
Kirkwood Hotel, 96.30; Krause's
Super Valu, 1,381.25; Kris Krause,
59.00; Lakeview Books, 504.73;
Learning Without Tears, 346.99; Sue
McCarthy, 62.00; Melissa Brandt,
42.00; Menards, 308.41; Mercer Co.
Landfill, 126.45; MidAmerica Books,
239.50; Tina Miller, 50.00; MDU,
9,394.21; NDSOS, 450.00; ND State
Spelling Bee, 160.00; Office of the
State Auditor, 750.00; Oliver Mercer
Spec. Ed., 24,381.37; Radisson
Hotel, 288.90; Record Keepers,
52.50; School Specialty, 9,070.20;
Alison Smith, 36.00; Stein's, 1,268.65;
Stroup Insurance, 8,894.00; Time
Management, 278.00. Murschel
moved to approve financial reports
and bills, second by Wallender. All
voted aye. M/C.

New Business:
Continuity of Service Plan Revision:
The Department of Public Intensity
requires that the district's Continuity
of Service Plan be reviewed twice
a year. Once in July and then again
in December. Wallender moved to
approve as presented, second by
Huber. All voted aye. M/C
High School Bison Time

Frey, Bauman, Taylor and Wolf voted
aye. Folk absent during vote. Motion
carried.

Landfill Director Candy Strand
discussed various issues facing the
landfill operations and costs.

Taylor presented a final HR position
description to the board for approval.
Taylor made a motion to accept the
HR job description as presented.

Frey seconded. All voted aye. Motion
carried. Folk made a motion for the HR
position to be posted on the county
website, completed applications go to
Tanya Weiler, and application deadline
is February 9, 2024. Taylor seconded.
All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of the Special
Assessment District Procedure was
discussed.

Frey made a motion to add "would
not circumvent any century code
procedures" to item number 23 on
page 3. Folk seconded. All voted
aye. Motion carried. Bauman made a
motion to change item number 10 from
sixty percent to fifty plus one for the
benefit of property owners that support
the proposal of improvement. Frey
seconded. Bauman moved to amend
motion to strike all wording in item
number ten and replace with wording
of N.D.C.C. 40-22-18. Frey seconded
the amendment. All voted aye.
Amendment carried. All voted aye on
the motion. Motion carried. Changes
once approved by the States Attorney
will be advertised for two weeks and
the second reading will be February
21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The board recessed at 11:30 a.m.
The board reconvened at 11:34 a.m.
Portfolio assignments were given as
follows:

Bauman-Sheriff, Road Department,
Planning & Zoning, Extension Agency,
Fair Board, MCED(Alternate).

Taylor-Treasurer, Airport Authority,
Ambulance Board, Lewis & Clark
Regional Development (Alternate),
Planning and Zoning (Alternate), HR,
and Emergency Management.

Wolf- Clerk of Court, States Attorney,
Auditor, Recorder, Veterans Services,
Policy Committee, Weed Board.

Folk – Landfill, Building Maintenance,
ND Missouri River Advisory Council,
Superintendent of Schools, LEPC,
Dakota Central Social Service
Governing Board, Western Plains
Public Health, West Central Human
Service Center Regional Advisory
Council.

Frey – Tax Director, Coal Conversion/
Vision West, Planning and Zoning,
Gas & Oil Counties, Lewis & Clark
Regional Development, Water
Resource Board, Library Board,
MCED, Western Dakota Energy.

Portfolio updates were given.
There being no further business the
meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.
The next regular meeting is scheduled
for January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in
the boardroom of the Mercer County
Government Center in Stanton, North
Dakota. The meetings can be viewed
online at www.mercercountynd.com
Approved: Gene Wolf, Chairman
Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor
(01-25-2024)

Recommendation: The curriculum
committee met on Nov 29th to discuss
recommended changes to the high
school Bison Time structure. New
changes that were made is that ALL
students grades 9-11 will be allowed to
leave during Bison Time if they meet
the following criteria; a) All A's and
B's; b) No request by teacher to come
in their room; c) No rules violations
according to the NDHSAA policy. The
rationale is that the students will get
more 1:1 time with their teacher and
increases motivation to try harder
in school. Zingg moved to approve,
second by Murschel. All voted aye.
M/C

Teaching Contract Approval: Nikki
Wolf - Elementary counseling
teaching contract for 95.5 days which
is equivalent to .52 FTE. Wallender
moved to approve, second by Huber.
All voted aye. M/C
January School Board Meeting Date:
Next date is set for January 16th 2024
at 6:30pm. Huber moved to approve,
second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
Administrative Reports:
The Principals, AD/Dean of Student,
and Superintendent presented their
reports.
Meeting ajourned at 6:31 p.m.
School Board President
Business Manager
Date Approved 16 Jan 2024
(01-25-2024)