



Affidavit of Publication

Katie Foiles, 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 exhibit.

A. Exhibit Attached (Overview):

NDNA Order Number: **26032NNO**

NDNA Invoice Number: **25402**

Description: **Notice of Consolidated Hearings, Case No. PU-25-283 and PU-25-284, Basin Electric Power Cooperative**

Publication(s): **Burke County Tribune, Williston Herald, Crosby Journal, Mountrail County Promoter**

Date published to ndpublicnotices.com: **February 4 and 7, 2026**

Exhibit details publication(s) and run dates published as requested by the placing agency or department; description of published notice.

2. 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.

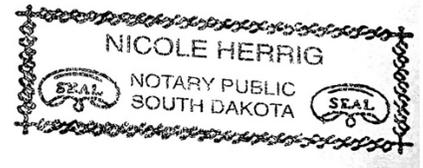
Dated: February 9, 2026

Signed: [Handwritten Signature]

Print Name/Title: Katie Foiles, Advertising Placement Coordinator

Notary Public: [Handwritten Signature]

My commission expires: May 4, 2027



PUBLIC NOTICES
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Initial Resolution for General Obligation Building Fund Bonds

POWERS LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27
BURKE, DIVIDE AND MOUNTRAIL COUNTIES, NORTH DAKOTA
INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BUILDING FUND BONDS
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the "Board"), that it is necessary and expedient for the Powers Lake Public School District No. 27, Burke, Divide and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota (the "School District"), to issue its General Obligation Building Fund Bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to North Dakota Century Code ("N.D.C.C.") Section 21-03-07(7) as hereafter described:

1. The maximum amount of the Bonds proposed to be issued is \$1,750,000.
2. The purpose for which the Bonds are proposed to be issued is to provide funds, together with any other funds available, to construct and equip an Ag Education addition. The addition will include an additional shop, locker room, unisex restroom, classroom, and an ITV space for students enrolled in distance education courses. A small area within the existing shop space will be sectioned off and remodeled to create the ADA circulation and corridor that will connect the school to the addition. Existing space will also be repurposed to use as a grade 6-12 Special Education Classroom, and to otherwise renovate, improve and maintain school buildings and property and make site improvements (the "Project").
3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the School District, as defined in Section 21-03-01, N.D.C.C., is \$103,112,725 as last finally equalized for the year 2025.
4. The total amount of bonded indebtedness of the School District, all issued for school building purposes is \$1,405,309.
5. The School District intends to issue the \$1,750,000 General Obligation Building Fund Bonds resulting in a millage of 10.48 mills, equal to \$10.48 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year after the Bonds are issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal of, premium, if any, and interest to be paid on the Bonds shall be paid from that portion of the tax levy authorized by Section 57-15-16, N.D.C.C. (School Building Fund Levy), as necessary for such payments, and, in the event the Bonds are issued, the tax levy authorized by Section 57-15-16 shall be dedicated to the repayment of principal of, premium if any, and interest on the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any owner of taxable property within the School District may, within 60 days after publication of this Resolution, file with the Business Manager a written protest against the issuance of the Bonds, describing the property which is the subject of the protest. If the Board finds such protests to have been signed by the owners of taxable property having an assessed valuation equal to five percent (5%) or more of the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the School District, as last finally equalized, all further proceedings under this Resolution are barred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Resolution to be published in the official newspaper of the School District, and that the Business Manager is further authorized and directed to post this Resolution on the website of the School District during the 60-day protest period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District hereby declares its intent to be reimbursed for all, or part of the expenditures made for the construction of the Project from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds to be issued by the School District.

Dated: January 26, 2026.
POWERS LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27
Attest:

Jake Loeks, President, School Board
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager
The governing body of the School District acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held in Powers Lake, North Dakota, on January 26, 2026, with the motion for adoption made by Helseth and seconded by Breeding, and the roll call vote on the motion was as follows:
"Aye" Grote, Breeding, Bullinger, Helseth, Loeks
"Nay"
Absent
Abstain

February 4, 2026

Notice of Final Public Hearing

Gas Distribution System Replacement

The City of Portal has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State of North Dakota Division of Community Services (DCS). CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons through rehabilitation and preservation, economic/job development and public facilities improvements.

The project and funding was approved for the City of Portal Gas Line Project #5162-CD22-PF in the amount of \$883,302.43. It is estimated that approximately 56.25% of the funds benefitted low and moderate income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses did not occur and no housing units were demolished or converted as a result of the above mentioned project.

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 23rd 2026 at the City of Portal City Hall to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to the performance of the City of Portal in carrying out its community development responsibilities.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received at the address below by the close of the public hearing. Oral and written comments will be considered to enhance the City of Portal in carrying out its community development responsibilities. Project summary information and records of the City's use of CDBG funds is available at the City of Portal City Hall during regular business hours, advanced notice is requested.

If special accommodations, such as an auxiliary aid, or services are needed, please contact the City of Portal at least three business days before the scheduled hearing so that appropriate aids can be made available. Alternate formats for disabled persons can be made available upon request.

City of Portal
PO Box 37
Portal, ND 58722
701-926-3601
cityofportal@ncrcray.com
Lisa Smith, Mayor
01/27/2026
Publication: February 4, 2026

Call for Bids for Equipment Rental

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Burke County at the Commissioners' Room in the Burke County Courthouse, located at Bowbells, North Dakota. Bids are for rental of earthmoving equipment to be used for constructing road grades, bridges, approaches, snow removal and other necessary work in the county road building throughout the County of Burke.

Bids must be submitted on an hourly or yardage basis, and, or on an annual rental basis with or without bidder furnished operator, and also with the Bidder furnishing repairs, fuel, oil, insurance and all other incidentals. The Bidder shall designate name, model, year, type, horsepower and serial number of each item of equipment included or covered by the bid. Bidder of equipment with operator must submit a Certificate of Liability Insurance. All bids and proposals must contain a copy of the Contractor's License. A contractor must be the holder of a license at least ten days prior to the date set for receiving bids, to be a qualified bidder.

The Board of County Commissioners of Burke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bids, and to waive any informalities or technicalities which they as County Commissioners may deem to be most favorable or beneficial to the County of Burke.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in the Commissioners' Room and bids will be received up to 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of March 2026, at which time and place the bids will be opened and read aloud.

All bids will be addressed and mailed to or delivered to the Burke County Auditor, PO Box 310, Bowbells ND 58721, and plainly marked on the envelope "Bid for Equipment Rental", date and time of opening.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Burke County, dated this 20th day of January, 2026.

Amie Vandegraff
Burke County Auditor
February 4, 11 & 18, 2026

Request for Proposal to Perform Construction Engineering

January 29, 2026
FOR PROJECT:
BRJ-0007(059), PCN 23969
PROPOSALS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE BURKE COUNTY AUDITOR
PO Box 310
Bowbells, ND 58721
By 4:00 PM, February 25, 2026
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PERFORM

Construction ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BURKE COUNTY
Burke County will engage the services of a prequalified engineering firm to perform Construction Engineering on the following projects in Burke County scheduled to be completed in 2026:

Removal of Existing Structures and Construction of New Structures, Project BRJ-0007(059) PCN 23969, located 2 miles South 2 miles East of Northgate on 106th St NW.

Work to be performed by consultant includes:

Construction Services: Perform Project Management, Project Administration, Construction Observation, Construction Survey, Materials Testing, and Final Record Keeping. The work will need to follow NDDOT standards and procedures. Additional services, if required, may be negotiated and supplemental agreements issued based on the consultant's performance, the consultant's proposal and available funding.

Firms are invited to submit a proposal for the project listed above. The proposals shall provide the following information:

- Past Performance
- Ability of professional personnel
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons and/or firms
- Related experience on similar projects
- Recent and current work
- Project understanding, issues, & approach

The proposal pages shall be numbered and must be limited to 5 pages in length. Proposals that exceed the 5-page length requirement will not be considered. The cover letter will not be counted as one of the 5 pages. The proposal should list the personnel who will be assigned to work on the project, including titles, education, and work experience. Burke County will only consider proposals received prior to **4:00 PM CST, FEBRUARY 25, 2026**. Late proposals will be deemed unresponsive.

The consultant's proposal may include an appendix. Resumes, references, a statement of qualifications and other materials outlining experience may be included in an appendix. The appendix will not be considered as a part of the 5-page proposal. Each proposal will be evaluated by a selection committee.

Burke County plans to interview up to three (3) of the most qualified engineering firms based on whose proposals most clearly meet the RFP requirements. Consulting firms selected for interviews will be contacted on or before February 27, 2026, to schedule interviews for March 9, 2026.

Fees shall be negotiated with the successful firm. If the fee cannot be agreed upon, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations, and then negotiate with the second and third ranked firms in order, if necessary, until a satisfactory contract has been negotiated.

All costs associated with the proposal shall be borne by the proposer. The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to not award contracts for any and/or all projects.

Engineering firms interested in performing the work shall submit 7 printed copies and 1 PDF version of their proposals to:

Burke County Auditor
103 Main St. SE, PO Box 310
Bowbells, ND 58721
BRJ-0007(059), PCN 23969
701-377-2861
avandegraff@nd.gov

Title VI assures that no person or group of persons may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs or activities administered by the Department. For information regarding the Title VI Program see the NDDOT website at: <http://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/civilrights/titlevi.htm>

February 4, 11 & 18, 2026

Notice of Final Public Hearing

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

The City of Portal has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State of North Dakota Division of Community Services (DCS). CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons through rehabilitation and preservation, economic/job development and public facilities improvements.

The project and funding was approved for the City of Portal Sewer Rehabilitation Project #5163-CD22-PF in the amount of \$250,000.00. It is estimated that approximately 56.25% of the funds benefitted low and moderate income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses did not occur and no housing units were demolished or converted as a result of the above mentioned project.

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 23rd 2026 at the City of Portal City Hall to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to the performance of the City of Portal in carrying out its community development responsibilities.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received at the address below by the close of the public hearing. Oral and written comments will be considered to enhance the City of Portal in carrying out its community development responsibilities. Project summary information and records of the City's use of CDBG funds is available at the City of Portal City Hall during regular business hours, advanced notice is requested.

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01/27/2026
Publication: February 4, 2026

Notice

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations from amendment No. 1 of the 2025-2026 small game, waterfowl, and furbearer proclamation.

The 2026 spring light goose conservation order will be in effect Feb. 21 - May 10, 2026. Only light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese. There will be no daily or possession limit on light geese during the conservation order.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov.
A complete proclamation along with amendment No. 1 that contains regulations for the 2026 spring light goose conservation order is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

February 4, 2026

Call for Bids for Motor Grader Cutting Edges and Bolts

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Burke County at the Commissioners' Room in the Burke County Courthouse, located at Bowbells, North Dakota. Bids are for cutting edges and cutting-edge bolts with bid price good for a period of forty-five days from time of bid opening.

Cutting Edges:
Bid lots of 20,000 pounds, 10,000 pounds, 5,000 pounds and single pieces.

Cutting Edge Bolts:
Please list length and grade of bolt and price, designating bolt-nut combination or as separate pieces.

- Burke County is looking for:**
- 5/8" x 8' Hardened double bevel curved grader blades with 5/8 bolt hole
 - 5/8 bolts 2 1/4", 3" and 3 1/2" Long
 - 4' Carbide/ Double carbide edges with 5/8 bolt holes
 - Pick/Stinger boards and bullet teeth with 5/8 bolt holes
 - 3/4" x 8" -6' or 12' wing edges with 5/8 bolt holes
 - Sharp cutting edges systems with 5/8 bolt holes
 - RoadMax systems without curb runners with 5/8 bolt holes
 - Blockbuster Systems with curb runner with 5/8 bolt holes

The Board of County Commissioners of Burke County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bids, and to waive any informalities or technicalities which they as County Commissioners may deem to be most favorable or beneficial to the County of Burke.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in the Commissioners' Room and bids will be received up to 10:15 a.m. on the 3rd day of March 2026, at which time and place the bids will be opened and read aloud.

All bids will be addressed and mailed to or delivered to the Burke County Auditor, PO Box 310, Bowbells ND 58721, and plainly marked on the envelope "Bid for Motor Grader Cutting Edges and Bolts", date and time of opening.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Burke County, dated this 20th day of January, 2026.

Amie Vandegraff
Burke County Auditor
February 4, 11 & 18, 2026

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 24794
Project No(s): HES-7-999(029)
Length: 0
Type: PAVEMENT MARKING
County(s): BURKE, DIVIDE, MCKENZIE, MOUNTRAIL, & WILLIAMS Cos

Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - WILLISTON DISTRICT

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, February 27, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:

Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation
February 4, 2026

Read the public notice in our newspaper or go to www.ndna.com click on public notices

North Dakota Community Foundation to Host ND Picnic in Arizona

The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) will be hosting the 58th annual North Dakota Picnic at Red Mountain Park in Mesa, AZ on Sunday, March 1.

The event is a gathering of anyone with North Dakota ties living either permanently or part-time in Arizona or elsewhere. The 2025 ND Picnic drew a crowd estimated at more than 2,000 people.

The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 1 at Red Mountain Park, 7745 E. Brown Road in Mesa.

It will feature musical entertainment by North Dakotan musicians Rick Senger, Matt Hodek and the Dakota Dutchmen, and Colleen Reinhardt, a variety of vendor booths, a classic car show, and the opportunity to meet up with old friends. There will be food available for purchase. Attendees are asked to donate \$5 per person at the Registration Table to help defray costs.

Overflow parking will be in the nearby Red Mountain High School parking lot with golf cart shuttles to the event.

For more information, visit www.NDCF.net/Picnic, www.facebook.com/NDpicnic, or contact the North Dakota Community Foundation at (701) 222-8349 or Deb@NDCF.net.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-283
Whelock to Saskatchewan 230kV Transmission Line Siting Application

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-284
Tande to Saskatchewan 230kV Transmission Line Siting Application

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS
On November 4, 2025, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 53-mile 230-kV electrical transmission located in Divide and Williams Counties, North Dakota. The project will originate at the Whelock substation near Ray, ND and terminate at the Canadian border near Crosby, ND.

Also on November 4, 2025, Basin filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 58-mile 230-kV electrical transmission located in Burke, Divide and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota. The project will originate at the Tande substation near Tioga, ND and terminate at the Canadian border near Crosby, ND. These projects will be consolidated for the purpose of hearings only. Both routes are shown on the attached map.

On November 11, 2025, Basin filed amended applications containing minor corrections to both cases.

Consolidated Public Hearings on the applications in Case Nos. PU-25-283 and PU-25-284 are scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Divide County Courthouse, 200 North Main, Crosby, ND 58730 and March 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Ray Auditorium, 215 Main Street, Ray, ND 58849.

The issues to be considered in the application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit are:

1. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888TTY. 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.

Issued: January 28, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Brian Johnson, Executive Secretary

Tande/Whelock to Saskatchewan 230-kV Transmission Project

Map Features:
- Project Substations
- Proposed 230-kV Transmission Route
- Counties

Cases No. PU-25-283 & PU-25-284
Notice of Consolidated Public Hearing

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GIVING HEARTS DAY
FEBRUARY 12

News Tip?
377-2626

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Amy L. Jenson #06597
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
51 Broadway, Suite 400
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Attorneys for Petitioner
Probate No. 12-2026-PR-00004
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Donna R. Ranstrom
Deceased.

filed herein a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative. The hearing will be held on March 13, 2026, at 11 :00 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of said Court at the Divide County Courthouse in the city of Crosby, County of Divide, State of North Dakota. Any persons having an interest may file an objection stating why said petition should not be granted. Such objections, if any, must be in writing, filed with the Court and copies served by mail on all interested persons.

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dean L. Ranstrom has

Dated this 22nd, day of January, 2026.
Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
/s/ Amy L. Jenson
Amy L. Jenson #06597, Attorney
Email: ajenson@fredlaw.com

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

Equipment Rental and Custom Hire

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Divide County, at the office of the County Auditor until 11:00 a.m., March 3, 2026, for Equipment Rental and Custom Hire on a work performed basis or an hourly basis for maintenance, construction, and repair work pertaining to roads and drainage facilities in the County. Hauling gravel can also be by the mile and should include an amount for loading

be listed by model, age, and rating or capacity. All bids shall include operators, supervisory personnel, and common labor hourly pay schedule; liability and Workers compensation; North Dakota Contractors license number and class shall appear on the bid or envelope containing the bid.

Bids shall be for the calendar year 2026 on an as needed basis.
All equipment for rent or hire shall

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the County and to waive any irregularities therein.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners, dated this 20 day of January, 2026.

Gayle Jastrzebski
Divide County Auditor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the City of Crosby Planning and Zoning Commission has received an application from Sierra Schneider for a Conditional Use Permit to locate a commercial business on a residentially zoned lot described as Crosby City-Holmes Block 1 Lots 8 & 9 of the City of Crosby, Divide County, North Dakota, and hereby sets a date for a public hearing on said Application for Conditional Use Permit before final recommendation for consideration by the Crosby City Council.

The hearing will be held on Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at Crosby City Hall located at 15 West Central Avenue, Crosby, North Dakota 58730. Any person wishing to comment on the Application for Conditional Use Permit may do so orally or in writing at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Planning & Zoning Commission
CITY OF CROSBY
Alexa Kruger, Auditor

Ray City Commission Minutes

UNAPPROVED RAY CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING Ray City Hall January 15, 2026 4 p.m.

A special meeting of the Ray City Commission meeting with the Nesson School District board was called to order by Kupper at 4:01 p.m., with the following Commissioners present: Eric Barman, Casey Brunner, Richard Liesener, and Andrew Nelson Absent: none. Also in attendance, Nesson School Board Members: Kristopher Kuehn, Superintendent; President Benjie Foss, Taryn Bergstrom, Brent Bingeman, Dustin Johnsrud and Benji Schmitt; Nesson School District attorney, Rachel Bruner; Dean Peterson (IEI), Ray City Attorney, Bryan Van Grinsven; Avonlea Brown, Crosby Journal; Kiara Bergstrom, Asst. Deputy Auditor; Jan Dancer, Deputy Auditor and Ronda Rustad, Auditor. Via Zoom: Lou.

the Nesson School District Board met jointly to discuss a potential collaborative development project involving a football field, track and throwing facilities, parking, and a possible community center. Focusing primarily on land ownership, transfer mechanisms, timelines, and legal safeguards necessary to move the project forward.

The City of Ray recently acquired twenty-six acres intended to support a shared athletic and community facility. The proposed athletic complex would utilize approximately sixteen to seventeen acres, incorporating a football field and track. The city would retain ownership of parking areas, while the School District would develop and operate the athletic facilities. A possible community center was discussed as a phased or parallel project.

A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) will govern the arrangement, including project milestones. Reversion of land to the city if deadlines are

not met; deduction of plating costs (estimated at \$15,000) if the project is abandoned.

Legal descriptions must be finalized before attorneys draft the agreement.

Proposed timeline & Milestones: 0-6 months: Finish surveying, platting, and legal documentation and complete land swap. Within 12 months: School District hires an architect or design contractor. Within 24 months: Construction contract is issued. Failure to meet milestones: Land ownership reverts to the city.

Early cost estimates for the athletic facilities range from \$1 million to \$6 million, though figures remain highly preliminary. The city expressed willingness to assist with: land preparation, lighting, and certain preliminary costs. Alternative financing concepts discussed included city loans, lease arrangements, and phased construction.

Mutual agreement that the project has long-term community value. Consensus that completing the land

swap first is essential to accurate design and cost planning. Direction given to legal counsel to begin drafting the Joint Powers Agreement once legal descriptions are complete.

Next Steps: Complete surveying, platting, and legal descriptions. Draft and review the Joint Powers Agreement. Develop clearer cost estimates and design concepts. Continue coordination to align City and School District timelines, including consideration of the School District's upcoming bond issue.

No final decision made on construction, funding, or final design at this meeting.

Kupper moved to adjourn Ray City Commission, MCU. Foss called for adjournment of Nesson School Board, MCU. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

RCV MCU = roll call vote motion carries unanimously

Ronda Rustad
Auditor, City of Ray
Troy Kupper, President
Ray City Commission

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

Crushing and Stockpiling Gravel

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Divide County, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Auditor up to the hour of 11:40 a.m. on March 3, 2026, for Crushing and Stockpiling Gravel. Said gravel shall meet the specifications provided by Divide County Road Department for a Modified Class 13. Contact Bryan Haugenoe-Road Foreman at 701-965-6522. The county owns any rock screened off. If jaws are needed, please include price. Please include cone size capability of crusher. Bid in tons. Three random samples shall be taken for each 10,000 ton of material produced. These samples shall be submitted to a certified testing laboratory for gradation testing and these costs of testing will be provided by the contractor. The contractor will be required to take the samples during production (appx. 1/3 intervals), submit for

testing, and supply test results to the county prior to acceptance and final payment of the material. Bid price shall include necessary stripping up to one foot in depth. Pit must be left in satisfactory condition. Bids to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid on Gravel" and shall be for a period of one year commencing April 1, 2026.

Bidder with approved electronic scale may bid by the ton. Measurements of stockpiles to be made by Contractor and County Commissioners. Divide County to make arrangements and pay pit owner for gravel.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the County and to waive any irregularities therein.

By Order of the Board of Divide County Commissioners dated this 20 day of January, 2026.

Gayle Jastrzebski
Divide County Auditor

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 24794
Project No(s): HES-7-999(029)
Length: 0
Type: PAVEMENT MARKING
County (s): DIVIDE, BURKE, MCKENZIE, MOUNTRAIL, & WILLIAMS Cos
Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - WILLISTON DISTRICT

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, February 27, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and

specifications are available on the NDDOT website at http://www.dot.nd.gov and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:
Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

Cutting Edges

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Commissioners for Divide County, North Dakota, up to the hour of 11:10 A.M., March 3, 2026. At the office of the County Auditor for a period of one year commencing April 1, 2026. For furnishing the County a 3/4" x 6" with a 3/4" hole, 4' Curved inlay Tungsten Carbide motor grader cutting edges to fit 16' moldboard. Also, bid one set of Scarifier Blades with 3/4" x 6" with 3/4" hole and carbide bits with cover blades.

Bidder to specify per foot price only and brand of item bid.

Bid envelope to be marked "Bid for Cutting Edges". Prices quoted in bid to be F.O.B. Crosby, North Dakota, with minimum order, if any.

The Board reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids or any part thereof.

By Order of the Board of County Commissioners, dated this 20 day of January, 2026.

Gayle Jastrzebski
Divide County Auditor

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

Dust Control

The Board of County Commissioners of Divide County, North Dakota, will receive bids at the office of the County Auditor up to the hour of 11:20 a.m. on March 3, 2026 for furnishing the County with the following:

Calcium or Magnesium Chloride (Specifications available from Bryan Haugenoe-Road Foreman)
Bids to be for a one year period

commencing April 1, 2026.

Bids can be submitted in a sealed envelope to be marked the type of bid enclosed, i.e. "Bid on Dust Control", and directed to the County Auditor.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bid.

By Order of the Board of County Commissioners dated this 20 day of January, 2026.

Gayle Jastrzebski
Divide County Auditor

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-283
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The issues to be considered in the application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit are:

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- Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

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Brian Johnson, Executive Secretary

DISTRICT 2 GOP CONVENTION

When: Sun., Feb. 22, 2026
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Tioga Community Center
Address: 510 6th St NW
Tioga, N.D.
Agenda: *Elect 67 delegates to State Convention
* Political Candidates
* Other District Business
Speakers: Alex Balazs
Senator Mark Enget
Nicole Skabo, District 2 Treasurer

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Dakota Gardener: Take Another Look At Ficus Trees

By Esther E. McGinnis, Horticulturist, NDSU Extension
The National Garden Bureau designated 2026 as the "Year of the Ficus." Your first thought might be the weeping fig (*Ficus benjamina*), the most commonly grown indoor ficus tree. Truth be told, the weeping fig can be persnickety, turning yellow and dropping its leaves. However, the Ficus genus encompasses many lesser-known species and cultivars that are easier to grow.

The rubber tree (*Ficus elastica*), with its shiny, oval-shaped leaves, is enjoying a resurgence. I am old enough to remember rubber trees being the trendy 1970s plant in the era of avocado-green appliances. New generations are rediscovering this beautiful tropical plant. Recent cultivars feature multicolored leaves with creamy margins, multiple shades of green on the interior, and red new growth.

To keep a rubber tree healthy, place it in bright, indirect light away from vents. In northern states, we can grow it in direct light in an east window. If you notice sunscald on the leaves, either move the plant towards the room's interior or behind a sheer curtain in a south- or west-facing window. Water the plant thoroughly until water trickles out the pot's bottom. Empty any water sitting in the saucer to prevent root rot. Allow the top inch or two of soil to dry between waterings. To keep the plant looking sensational and healthy, wipe the dust off the glossy leaves.

In indoor environments, rubber tree has a tendency to grow vertically without branching. Encourage branching by pruning above a node in spring or summer.

Fiddle leaf fig (*Ficus lyrata*) is another popular ficus. With its violin-shaped leaves, it is like the fashion

model of the houseplant world and graces the pages of many interior design magazines. From personal experience, this ficus requires an experienced plant parent. It is tough to grow in low-light environments and is finicky about watering. If you have struggled with fiddle leaf fig, give Ficus Audrey a try.

Ficus Audrey (*Ficus benghalensis*) is more forgiving than fiddle leaf and less likely to drop its leaves. Audrey's leaves look like a cross between those of rubber tree and fiddle leaf fig. The green oval leaves are shaped more like rubber trees', and the white leaf veins are reminiscent of fiddle leaf fig. While Audrey is more tolerant of watering mistakes, it is best to adhere to the watering advice mentioned for rubber tree.

Finally, a word of advice for those struggling with weeping fig trees mentioned at the beginning of this article. Treat this common houseplant like a drama queen. Understanding that the tree doesn't like change is the not-so-secret formula for being a successful ficus parent. If your tree is happy in its current location, don't move it. Otherwise, it will throw a tantrum and drop its leaves. Try and maintain a consistently warm temperature. In the winter, add a room humidifier to boost humidity, keep your ficus away from drafts and don't over-water.

All kidding aside, you can find a ficus tree to meet your needs and gardening level.

Helping ND Teens Recover From Human Trafficking, Other Trauma

By Mike Moen, Prairie News Service

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and North Dakota youth organizations said for teen survivors, an open ear is just as important as meeting their basic needs.

Whether it is a podcast, Instagram story or a news headline, leaders from a coalition of regional service providers said the steady flow of information is hard to ignore for teens who have been exploited. And if there is a mention of human trafficking or sexual assault, the trauma of past events can come roaring back.

Mark Heinert, executive director of Youthworks of North Dakota, said as part of this outreach, they remind homeless and runaway youth about their many services. He added making them feel safe is a big part of it.

"When youth are in those formative years, those teen years, we often find that they're saying that people aren't listening," Heinert observed. "We see it as our mission to provide that place where they've got their basic needs met, but they've got a caring person to be there with them."

Another statewide group, the 31:8 Project, pointed to its mentorship program for cases involving human trafficking, in which the survivor receives guidance in resuming their education or gaining job skills. Case managers can also accompany survivors to places like the grocery store or a doctor's appointment if they need an added level of comfort.

Heinert stressed such work is not just about helping a young per-

son after a traumatic event. He cited intervention efforts when there are signs a young person is thinking about running away from home.

"We have an opportunity to be able to do more than just react to challenges that exist," Heinert added.

Experts said excessive truancy or a teen hiding food, money and clothing are signs they are at risk of running away.

The latest messaging follows an announcement earlier this month, when six youth agencies shared details about the new ND HOPE Project. Partners are leading a campaign to highlight resources and bolster community awareness of sexual and domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking.

Dakota Datebook: Unusual Marriage

By Sarah Walker

At the end of January in 1929, a rather unusual marriage for two residents of Tappen took place in Steele. The reports circulated around the state: Gertrude Murdoch, the 27-year-old principal and music teacher of the local high school, married Gordon Bell, a 17-year-old sophomore in her school and a student in one of her classes.

At age seventeen, Gordon was considered a minor by four years. Had their roles been reversed, and he was 27, marrying a 17-year-old girl, she would have been a minor by one year. In any case, because he was a minor, Gordon's parents had to grant permission for him to marry. They stood by his side as he married his principal. Gertrude had her brother Alex as a witness.

The marriage took place in Steele, and after a short honeymoon, they returned to classes on February 6 as the Tappen school board had "given Mrs. Bell permission to keep her husband in her classes" and to "retain her as principal."

According to the Bismarck Tribune, Dr. J.S. Whitson, a doctor in Tappen, was a friend of the couple, and said that "young Bell will finish high school and then go to college." Other reports flying across the state said the young couple was staying at the Whitson home, but the doctor disputed the claim, noting that his family was out of town and he was simply staying at the same hotel as Mrs. Bell and the other teachers of Tappen school, a situation that "was probably responsible for the error."

It was perhaps something of a scandal, but it might have been topped by a similar story that appeared in the Tribune the same day: two Renville County farm couples divorced, then traveled to Manitoba where they swapped spouses and were married in a double ceremony!

NDSU Extension Sets 11th Annual Beef Cattle Update

Livestock producers in Nelson, Griggs, Grand Forks and Steele counties are invited to the 11th annual Beef Cattle Update hosted by North Dakota State University Extension on Friday, February 20, 2026, at the McVillie Auditorium in McVillie, North Dakota.

The event begins with a free lunch at noon provided by sponsors and served by Sissy's Bakery, followed by an afternoon of timely, producer-focused sessions.

"Every year we try to bring topics producers can use to work right away," said Traci Trostad, NDSU Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Nelson County. "Whether it's herd health, market outlook or planning for what's next in the operation and the family, this update is about practical information you can take home and use."

The agenda and presenters for the program are as follows:

12:30 p.m.: Meet the new Extension Veterinarian: Dr. Jake Galbreath, NDSU Extension veterinarian

1:00 p.m.: Veterinary Diagnostic Lab: Megan Vig, NDSU Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Steele County, and Traci Trostad

1:20 p.m.: Livestock Marketing Outlook: Tim Petry, NDSU livestock economist

2:30 p.m.: Succession Planning 101: Kelly Swenseth, attorney at Swenseth Law Office

This event is made possible with support from First United Bank, Haugen Cattle Company, Lakota Feed Inc., Ressler Land & Cattle, Ressler Ranch, Steele County Soil Conservation District, North Dakota Livestock Alliance, Grassy Meadows Ranch and Cooperstown Veterinary Clinic.

Event information can be found at ndsu.edu/BCU-26

For more information, contact Trostad at 701-247-2521 or traci.trostad@ndsu.edu or Vig at 701-524-2253 or megan.vig@ndsu.edu.

Requests for disability-related accommodations should be made by February 6.



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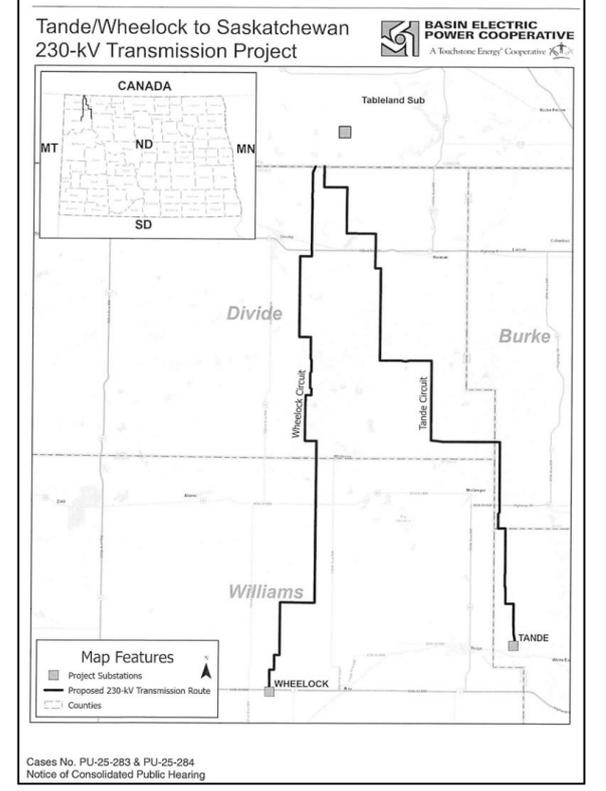
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Civil No. 31-2026-CV-00021
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL

IN DISTRICT COURT
NORTH CENTRAL
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SUMMONS

Marjorie J. Nething and Bonnie J. Lavik,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
James W. Moffat Estate, Emma Moffat Estate, David E. Nething as Co-Trustee of the James W. Moffat Residuary Trust, Merchants National Bank & Trust and their successors in interest as Co-Trustee of the James W. Moffat Residuary Trust, Jessica Nimitalo as Mountrail County Treasurer and Trustee of minerals for an unlocatable mineral owner named "James W. Moffat", and all unknown persons claiming any estate or interest in or lien, or encumbrance upon the property described in the Complaint,
Defendants.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in the above entitled action, which is filed in said Court in Stanley, North Dakota, and is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2026
/s/ Joseph F. Larson II
Joseph F. Larson II, ID #03229
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2411 Hwy. 281 South
P.O. Box 1599
Jamestown, North Dakota 58402
(701) 252-5541
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NOTICE TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS

Notice is hereby given to the Defendants the above action relates to and is brought for the purpose of determining adverse claims and quieting title to the undivided 10 mineral acres in Mountrail County, North Dakota, described as follows:

S1/2NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4SE1/4 and W1/2SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 158 North, Range 94 West of the 5th P.M., Mountrail County, North Dakota;
AND
S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4 of Section 24, Township 158 North, Range 94 West of the 5th P.M., Mountrail County, North Dakota;
AND
N1/2NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 158 North, Range 94 West of the 5th P.M., Mountrail County, North Dakota;
AND
NE1/4 of Section 27, Township 158 North, Range 94 West of the 5th P.M., Mountrail County, North Dakota [Mountrail County Minerals].

and no personal claim is made against any Defendants in this action for a personal money judgment.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.
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Probate No. 31-99-P-05156
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EVELYN ARNESON, DECEASED
**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION TO FORMALLY
REAPPOINT A PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE TO
DISTRIBUTE AFTER
DISCOVERED PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jonathan Frantsvold, of 932 1st Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota, 58601, has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition to Formally Reappoint a Personal Representative to Distribute After Discovered Property for the Estate of EVELYN ARNESON. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the clerk of the above Court.

Hearing upon said Petition will be held in said Court at the Courtroom of the Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley, North Dakota, on the 26th day of February, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object.

Dated this January 14, 2026.
KARELL KIMMET BEDDOW PLLP
By: /s/ Patrick G.N. Beddow
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Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2026

**NOTICE OF HEARING
N.D. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM CST Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at N.D. Oil & Gas Division 1000 East Calgary Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:
Case No. 32568: On a motion of the Commission to review the pilot injection project for enhanced oil recovery authorized under Order No. 30288 authorizing Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC, to continue the pilot injection project in the Big Butte-Bakken Pool utilizing the EN-Orloff #156-94-2635H-4 (File No. 27297) well, the EN-Orloff #156-94-2635H-5 (File No. 27296) well, the EN-Orloff #156-94-2635H-6 (File No. 27295) well, and the EN-Orloff #156-94-2635H-7 (File No. 27294) well located in a spacing unit comprised of Sections 26 and 35, T.156N., R.94W, Mountrail County, ND.

Case No. 32588: Application of Phoenix Operating LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Thompson Lake and Kittleson Slough-Bakken Pools to establish an overlapping 5120-acre spacing unit comprising Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, and 35, T.159N., R.91W, and Sections 2 and 3, T.158N., R.91W, Burke and Mountrail Counties, ND, authorizing one (1) horizontal well to be drilled in said unit, and/or such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 32597: Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Enget Lake-Bakken Pool to authorize up to three wells to be drilled on a laydown 2560-acre spacing unit described as Sections 25 and 26, T.158N., R.93W, and Sections 29 and 30, T.158N., R.92W, Mountrail County, ND, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Signed by,
Kelly Armstrong, Governor
Chairman, NDIC
Feb. 4, 2026



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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY
STANLEY, NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY ROUTE 2 HMA
SURFACING**

General Notice
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
COUNTY ROUTE 2 HMA SURFACING PROJECT NO. 02(64)25

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Mountrail County South Complex** located at **8103 61st Street NW, Stanley, ND, until Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 2:00 pm** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Sliver widening, aggregate base/re-reshaping existing aggregate base, and hot mix asphalt on 6.7 miles of County Route 2 beginning at County Route 3 (74th Avenue NW) and ending at County Route 11. The project will include the following approximate quantities: Borrow-Excavation - 60,000 CY; Aggregate Base Course CL 5 - 25,000 Tons; Superpave FAA 42 - 30,000 Tons; PG58H-34 Asphalt Cement - 1,700 Tons; Pipe Conduit 24IN-Approach - 600 LF; Pipe Conduit Jacked or Bored (multiple sizes) - 200 LF; Cured-In-Place Pipe (multiple sizes) - 2,000 LF.

The project has a date for substantial completion of **October 3, 2026**.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online at www.questcdn.com utilizing Quest project #10028809. QuestCDN can be contacted at (952)233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership, downloading and working with the digital project information. The cost to download the bidding documents will be \$50.00.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Sauber Engineering Inc.
2401 46th Avenue SE, Suite 110
Mandan, ND

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the website listed in this advertisement.

Instructions to Bidders
Bid will be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials. The owner intends to award a single (1) Contract on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items for the project.

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be 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. The bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after the notice of award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of Mountrail County.

The bidder must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by sections 43-07-07 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code.

No bid will be read or considered that does not fully comply with requirements pertaining to bid security and contractor's license.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the full amount of the contract.

Mountrail County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in any bid, rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received and accept the bid most favorable to the County.

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: **Mountrail County**
By: **Trudy Ruland**
Title: **Chairman, Board of County Commissioners**
Date: **January 20, 2026**
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2026



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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
00030**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Parshall, North Dakota, will receive sealed Bids at the Office of the City Auditor until **February 19, 2026** at the hour of **11:00 AM CDT**, for the purpose of furnishing all materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the construction of the 2026 **PARSHALL STREET IMPROVEMENTS** and incidental items, for said City, as is more fully described and set forth in the Plans and Specifications which are now on file in the office of the City Planner. Bids will be opened at Parshall City Hall at **11:00 AM CDT** and read aloud.

The Work for each contract is generally described as follows:

BASE BID General Construction - Seal Coat and Street Reconstruction: Work consists of bonding, mobilization, erosion control, and seal coating on multiple streets within the City of Parshall, consisting of approximately 184,664 square yards; preparation of street surfaces for work being performed; protection of concrete pavement, curb & gutter, valley gutters, and water and sewer utilities from seal coat operations; 1,493 square yards of asphalt pavement; 1,493 square yards of aggregate base; 1,493 square yards of geotextile fabric; 130 square feet of concrete valley gutter; 8,488 linear feet of pavement markings; traffic control and other miscellaneous and incidental items identified in the construction documents are also included.

General Construction, Alternate 1 - Asphalt Patching: Work consists of bonding, mobilization, and construction of three asphalt patches within the City of Parshall, consisting of approximately 500 square yards of asphalt pavement; 500 square yards of aggregate base; 500 square yards of geotextile fabric; 34 square feet of concrete sidewalk; 27 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter; 1 detachable warning panel; traffic control and other miscellaneous and incidental items identified in the construction documents are also included.

General Construction, Alternate 2 - Asphalt Patching: Work consists of bonding, mobilization, and construction of two additional asphalt patches within the City of Parshall, consisting of approximately 456 square yards of asphalt pavement; 456 square yards of aggregate base; 456 square yards of geotextile fabric; traffic control and other miscellaneous and incidental items identified in the construction documents are also included.

Complete digital project bidding documents, pursuant to which all labor, materials, or services must be furnished, are available at www.AE2S.com or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) by inputting Quest project #10026706 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. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC (AE2S), 601 18th Avenue SE, Suite 102, Minot, ND 58701 (701 852-4048). The Bidding Documents are available in the form of printed plans and specifications by request from AE2S, 3101 Frontage Road South, Moorhead, MN for a **NON-REFUNDABLE** charge of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each set of Plans and Specifications requested. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Builders Exchanges in Bismarck, ND; Mandan, ND; Minot, ND; Fargo, ND; Grand Forks, ND; Rapid City, SD; Minneapolis, MN. All Work shall be done in accordance to the Bidding Documents.

All Bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the Work and materials, and each Bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's Bond, payable to the City of Parshall, in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota, conditioned that if the principals' Bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within fifteen (15) days after Notice of Award, will execute and effect a Contract in accordance with the terms of his Bid and a Contractor's Bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the City Commission of the City of Parshall, North Dakota.

All Bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their Bids, as provided by Section 43-07-05 of the North Dakota Century Code. Cost of preparation of Bids by Bidder.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low Bid submitted by a responsible and responsive Bidder deemed most favorable to the City's interest.

All Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a Bid for the Project. In addition, the Bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

- The Work covered by the Bidder (General Construction).
- The name of the Bidder.
- Separate envelope containing Bid Bond and a copy of Contractor's License or Renewal Certificate.
- Acknowledgement of all Addenda.

Bids shall be delivered or mailed to:
Attn: City Auditor
City of Parshall
PO Box 159
23 N Main St
Parshall, ND 58770

The City of Parshall reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, to hold all Bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening Bids, and to accept the Bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the City. After the Bid opening the Owner will return Bid Security of all except the three lowest responsible Bidders. When a Contract is awarded, the remaining unsuccessful Bidder's Bonds will be returned.

The Work on the improvements shall be completed and ready for Final Payment no later than September 30, 2026, with a substantial completion date of September 15, 2026. Should the Contractor fail to complete the Work within the time required, as set forth in the Agreement, or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions approved by the City and Engineer, there shall be deducted from any amount due him the sum of \$1,000.00 per day as compensation to the City for each day and every day that the completion of the Work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety shall be liable for any excess. Such payment shall be as and for liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

All Bidders are invited to be present at the public opening of the Bids.
Dated this 23rd day of January, 2026.
By: /s/ Kelly Woessner, City Auditor
Parshall, North Dakota
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2026

NEWS

Tax the tourists? That cash grab may not be as lucrative as you think

Montana experts break down a sales tax and what Montana's tourism economy could expect

BY DARRELL EHRLICK
Daily Montanan

Frustrated by rising property taxes, complicated tax schemes and housing costs that seem out-of-control, leaders at the state, county and local level have been getting an earful from local residents, and some have raised the question: Is it (again) time to consider a statewide sales tax?

Just the mere mention of the concept is politically fraught in the Treasure State.

Bob Story, of the Montana Taxpayers Association, told a crowd in Billings on Tuesday that since 1971, the state had attempted some form of sales tax on at least five occasions, only having success once — for a limited local-option resort sales tax that exists in places like Big Sky, Whitefish and Red Lodge.

For a long list of politicians, the concept has been likened to political suicide as the state's residents have stubbornly refused efforts to implement a sales tax, stretching back to a last serious attempt in 1994 when the concept was defeated by state voters by a 3-to-1



Panelists Samuel Scott (left) of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Melissa Weddell (center) of the Institute on Tourism and Recreation Research and Joel Schumacher (right) of Montana State University's agricultural economics program speak at a conference in Billings at the Northern Hotel on Feb. 3.

BY DARRELL EHRLICK

margin. In addition to being just one of four states that doesn't have a sales tax, Montana may be the only one that has no sales tax but still has a constitutional amendment governing a sales tax.

Article VIII, Section 16, passed in 1994, and it caps a sales tax at 4% — even though the state has never had one, a sort of end-run to control the Legislature should it ever decide to

pass such a measure. A semi-annual Bureau of Business and Economic Research "road show" is traveling statewide and is tackling the controversial subject.

"Certainly, being a no-sales-tax state is part of our cultural identity," said Jeffrey Michael, the director of the BBER, of the University of Montana.

Tax the tourists

If Montana has any

popular support for a sales tax, it might be as a means to tax tourism, one of the largest sectors of Montana's economy. Local leaders have repeatedly pointed out that tourism takes a toll on infrastructure, which is hard to recoup because when out-of-state tourists travel the state, they don't pay taxes on purchases or food.

The state's Legislative Fiscal Division estimates that 88% of a state sales tax would fall on the shoulders of state residents. That estimate may be smaller than what some leaders expect because Montana already has a lodging tax, which captures revenue from motels and hotels.

While the average length of stay for an out-of-state tourist is more than five days, Michael said that many of the tourists coming to Montana are not shopping.

Rather, their time is often spent in national and state parks and recreation.

The state estimates a 4% sales tax would generate about \$1.3 billion in revenue, while Montana's current property taxes generate \$2.4 billion.

Proportionally, more tax is collected from out-of-state residents through property taxes than a sales tax capped at 4%, Michael said.

"That's because out-of-state residents generally have higher dollar property values," he said.

While state-to-state comparisons show visitors to Montana spend about the same or less money in the state compared to other locations, one of the noticeable differences is in gasoline.

Because many of the tourists want to travel around the state, sometimes with large recreational vehicles, they tend to spend about twice as much on gasoline.

Michael said an option to raising revenue could be increasing the gasoline tax, now at around 33 cents per gallon, which ranks 18th in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation. Michael said Montana could even consider a seasonal gas tax increase, too.

"Visitors put a lot of pressure on roads and infrastructure," Michael said.

Tourism trends

Melissa Weddell, the director of the UM Institute For Tourism and Recreation Research, located in Missoula, helped describe the economic activity of tourism on the state.

Overall, tourism in Montana during 2025 decreased by 4%, dropping to 13.3 million vis-

itors. In 2024, non-resident spending in the state topped \$5 billion. The average amount being spent by tourists is going up, and Weddell said it's incredibly positive 75% of those who visited are "repeat visitors."

Vacation and recreation top the list of reasons to visit Montana, and 89% feel a sense of being welcomed. Weddell said that Montana's tourism metrics are a very positive factor for the state.

"They want authentic and genuine experiences," she said.

She said adding flights to various airports, especially those east of the Mississippi River, have made it easier for folks to visit from farther away.

Montana also ranks No. 3 nationally in terms of gross-domestic product of tourism at 4.6% of the Treasure State's income coming from tourism.

Even though the Yellowstone or Glacier national parks act like a magnet for many visitors, Weddell said that often those same visitors spend more time or come back because they discover other recreational opportunities.

For example, mountain biking and target shooting have become two of the largest activities that draw residents.

While Weddell described Montana as doing "all the right things," she pointed out that to the east, North Dakota, has more tourists and visitors. Even though the Peace Garden State has the Teddy Roosevelt National Park, she pointed out that a massive investment in marketing North Dakota helps draw a higher-than-expected turnout.

And Weddell said with the economic uncertainty nationwide, the tourism industry is facing a "softening."

"And that's going around across the state," she said.

Those rising costs are dragging down the optimism of some travel-related businesses, of which, 67% reported an increased concern about the costs of fuel, goods or services.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Wheelock to Saskatchewan 230kV Transmission Line
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-25-283

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Tande to Saskatchewan 230kV Transmission Line
Siting Application**

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NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS

On November 4, 2025, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 53-mile 230-kV electrical transmission located in Divide and Williams Counties, North Dakota. The project will originate at the Wheelock substation near Ray, ND and terminate at the Canadian border near Crosby, ND.

Also on November 4, 2025, Basin filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 58-mile 230-kV electrical transmission located in Burke, Divide and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota. The project will originate at the Tande substation near Tioga, ND and terminate at the Canadian border near Crosby, ND. These projects will be consolidated for the purpose of hearings only. Both routes are shown on the attached map.

On November 11, 2025, Basin filed amended applications containing minor corrections to both cases.

Consolidated Public Hearings on the applications in Case Nos. PU-25-283 and PU-25-284 are scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Divide County Courthouse, 200 North Main, Crosby, ND 58730 and March 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Ray Auditorium, 215 Main Street, Ray, ND 58849.

The issues to be considered in the application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit are:

1. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888TTY. 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.

Issued: January 28, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Brian Johnson, Executive Secretary

**Tande/Wheelock to Saskatchewan
230-kV Transmission Project**

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