



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: **25460**

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**

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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.

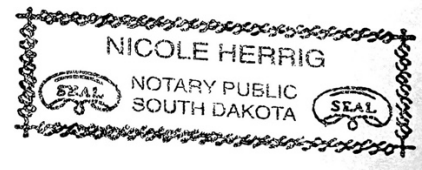
Dated: March 19, 2026

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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Notice of Filing Deadline City of Lignite

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Lignite is April 6th, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. The following positions are up for election.

City Council Members: Two (2) positions-4 year term
Mayor: One (1) position 4 year term.

A candidate for a city position must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time.

All forms are available from the City Auditor or can be obtained online at www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html
Feb. 18 & 25, March 4 & 11, 2026

Notice of Filing Deadline City of Portal

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have candidates name printed on the ballot for the City of Portal is April 6, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. The following positions are up for election:

Mayor: One (1) position 4 year term
City Council Member: Three (3) position 4 year term
Park Board Member: Four (4) position 4 year term

A candidate for a city position must turn in a completed a SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at www.nd.gov.
March 4 & 11, 2026

Notice of Filing Deadline City of Columbus

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have candidates' name printed on the ballot for the City of Columbus and the Columbus Park Board is Monday, April 6th, 2026, by 4:00 pm.

The following positions are up for election:

Mayor: One (1) position – 4-year Term
City Council Member: Two (2) positions – 4-year Term
City Council Member: One (1) position – 2-year unexpired Term
Park Board: Three (3) positions – 4-yr Term

Park Board: One (1) position – 2-year Unexpired Term

A candidate for a city or park board position must turn in a completed SFN 02074 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above deadline and time. A person is eligible to hold an elective city office if that person is a qualified elector of the city and has been a resident of that city for at least nine months before the election. (NDCC40-13-01).

All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms/html or www.Vote.ND.gov
March 4 & 11, 2026

Ordinance Floodplain Management City of Portal, ND

6.1 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

(1) Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations on conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants or variances or conditional uses, shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment for each such offense, and in addition shall pay costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(2) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Portal City Council from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

THE CITY OF PORTAL
Lisa Smith, Mayor
Kaydee Smith, Auditor
First Reading: March 2, 2026
Second Reading & Adoption: April 7, 2026
March 11 & 18, 2026

Official Proceedings of the Board of Burke County Commissioners February 17, 2026

OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the Burke County Courthouse, Bowbells ND with Chairman Jarret Van Berkum, Commissioner Shannon Holter and Commissioner Kurt Koppelsloen presiding. Also present were Lyann Olson, Burke County Tribune and States Attorney Amber Fiesel.

Chairman Van Berkum called the County Commission meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

2. BUSINESS
A. MINUTES
Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve the regular meeting of February 3, 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. BILLS
Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve the bills list and that the County Auditor be instructed to pay the bills out of the proper funds and to accept the following report for the month of January; Burke County Recorder \$13,712.00. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL	County Employees	\$78,877.74
TOTAL		\$78,877.74
COUNTY AGENT	County Employees	\$3,421.51
TOTAL		\$3,421.51
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER	County Employees	\$1,234.75
TOTAL		\$1,234.75

911	County Employees	\$244.89
TOTAL		\$244.89
GRAND TOTAL		\$83,778.89
ROAD & BRIDGE	Butler Machinery Company	\$35.51
City of Columbus		42.93
City of Lignite		139.00
City of Powers Lake		68.75
Dacotah Paper Company		199.22
Farmers Union Hardware		109.99
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.		106.39
North Country Mercantile & Equipment LLC		46.50
TOTAL		\$748.29

GENERAL	Amber Fiesel	\$523.25
Gabrielle Zepp		75.00
Tracy Stover		40.00
Balco Uniform		48.00
Bowbells Insurance, Inc.		100.00
Burke Divide Electric Cooperative		65.93
Dacotah Bank		1,214.97
Farmers Union Oil Company 2,107.60		
Information Technology Department		1,427.25
K Squared Electric Inc.		1,254.46
Liberty Insurance Agency		76.00
Lignite Oil Company		390.19
Lignite Service & Repair		149.99
Mountrail County Correctional Center		1,440.00
Morelli's Distributing, Inc.		97.60
ND Secretary of State		36.00
NDACO Resources Group, Inc.		9,356.13
Northwest Communications		179.65
Streicher's		255.00
Thomson Reuters- West		225.30
TK Elevator Corporation		3,367.45
Trinity Hospitals		217.22
Vestis		460.13
TOTAL		\$ 23,107.12

DISTRICT HEALTH	First District Health Unit	\$15,495.50
TOTAL		\$15,495.50

WEED CONTROL

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., \$121.55
ND Weed Control Association, 285.00
TOTAL

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

Jill Edwards, Planning & Zoning Administrator, met with the board.

2 CUP applications were received and recommended for approval by the P & Z board. A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve a CUP by Gravel Products Inc. on behalf of property owners, Tim & Laurene Nordloef, for gravel mining in Cleary Twp. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve a CUP by Gravel Products Inc. on behalf of property owners, Timothy Lucy ETAL, for gravel mining in Cleary Twp. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Spencer Goodman, County Road Supervisor, met with the board.

Spencer provided an update on Road Dept. activities and projects. Discussion included the Lucy Pit and the need to use up existing piles. CR 11 & 50 intersection was discussed, including the millings the DOT brought. Crack sealing has been completed. The condition of Bowbells Frontage Rd was discussed for potential chip sealing in the future. Spencer reported that delivery of pipes may be delayed due to the weather. Crews are continuing to check twp. roads, and an amended twp. load pass agreement was discussed. Work continues on equipment maintenance. Spencer is working with Wold Engineering on various safety projects possibilities throughout Burke County. Discussion was also held on demolition of properties acquired through tax foreclosure.

Eric Urness, Brosz Engineering, met with the board.

Eric presented the work order for the Bob Person bridge (07-104-03.0) for engineering services. A low water crossing may be an option and can be added to the project and design. The county was awarded construction & construction engineering from the flex funding. The county will be responsible for preliminary engineering. A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to enter into an agreement with the North Dakota Supreme Court for reimbursement of the clerk of court services for the 2027-2029 biennium. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve an abatement for Gary Melby. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to amend a previous motion from February 3rd to appoint Chairman Van Berkum to a 2-year term as the Burke County Representative to the Human Service board to a 3-year term. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jason Mayfield, Wold Engineering, met with the board.

Jason submitted the final estimate on BC 8 project FXP-0716(080). The bid date will be March 17th. A motion by Comm Koppelsloen, second by Comm. Holter to authorize the chairman to sign the Construction Engineering Service Agreement for project FXP-0716(080). Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried. The county obligation is \$1,500,000.00 and completion date for the project is estimated to be in October 2026.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. to meet again in Special Session March 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes read and approved this 3rd day of March 2026.

Jarret Van Berkum
Chairman, Burke County Board of Commissioners

Amie Vandegrift
Burke County Auditor

March 11, 2026

Notice of Annual School Election

Bowbells Public School District #14 Candidate Registration

Election Day will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Voters will choose candidates for two positions:

1) "one" candidate from the "rural" position currently held by Tyler Ross for a term of "three" years.

2) "one" candidate from the "city" position currently held by Adam Jensen for a term of "three" years.

Any individual seeking election to the Board of the Bowbells School District # 14 must file a Statement of Intent stating the individual's name and the position for which that individual is a candidate. Candidates must also file a Statement of Interests as required by NDCC 16.1-09-02. These documents must be filed with the school district business manager, Tarek Daugherty, by no later than 4:00 PM on April 6, 2026, as required by NDCC 15.1-09-08.

Absentee ballots will be available after May 1, 2026.

Tarek Daugherty, Business Manager

March 11, 2026

Advertisement for Bids

Projects FXP-0716(080)

Burke County, North Dakota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioners of the County of Burke, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids for **Burke County Project FXP-0716(080) - Roadway Reshaping and Hot Bituminous Paving - County Road 8 (CMC 0716) - From Burke County Road 11 to ND Hwy 8**, at the office of the County Auditor of said County until **10:00 A.M. CDST on March 17th, 2026**, at which time said bids will be opened and read aloud.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.woldengr.com or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting Quest project #10077496 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. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for Non-Refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please make your check payable to Wold Engineering, P.C., 915 East 11th St., PO Box 237, Bottineau, North Dakota, 58318. Please contact Wold Engineering, P.C. at 701-228-2292 if you have any questions.

The approximate quantities of work and material for construction of the project are as follows:

Reshaping Roadway	24 MILES
Aggregate Surface	
Course CL 13	960 TONS
Superpave FAA 42	61,168 TONS
PG 58S-34 Asphalt	
Cement	3,793 TONS
Incidental Items	

Each bid is to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and is to be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned County Auditor. Each bid is to be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid, as specified by the North Dakota Century Code Par. 11-11-28, to be forfeited to Burke County should the Bidder fail to effect a contract within ten (10) days after notice of an award. Bidder will execute and effect a contract in the amount of the bid and a Bidder's Bond as required by law and regulation and determination of Burke County.

The work on said project shall be completed by **October 17, 2026**, from such date liquidated damages shall be paid.

The right is reserved to reject all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid, and to hold the bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening bids.

DATE: February 17, 2026
SIGNED: Amie Vandegrift
Burke County Auditor
PO Box 310
Bowbells, ND 58721
Feb. 25, March 4 & 11, 2026

Notice of Burke County Boards of Equalization

Date/Time	Township/City	Location
Monday, April 6, 2026		
10:30 A.M.	Garness Township	Powers Lake City Hall
11:00 A.M.	Kandiyo Township	Powers Lake City Hall
11:30 A.M.	Dimond Township	Powers Lake City Hall
1:00 P.M.	Thorson Township	Powers Lake City Hall
1:30 P.M.	Vanville Township	Powers Lake City Hall
2:00 P.M.	Leaf Mountain Township	Powers Lake City Hall
2:30 P.M.	Battleview Township	Powers Lake City Hall
3:00 P.M.	Cleary Township	Powers Lake City Hall
3:30 P.M.	Colville Township	Powers Lake City Hall
4:00 P.M.	Lucy Township	Powers Lake City Hall
6:00 P.M.	Powers Lake City	Powers Lake City Hall
7:00 P.M.	Lignite City	Lignite City Hall
7:00 P.M.	Columbus City	Columbus City Hall
Tuesday, April 7, 2026		
12:30 P.M.	Harmonious Township	Portal City Hall
1:00 P.M.	Keller Township	Portal City Hall
1:30 P.M.	Vale Township	Portal City Hall
2:00 P.M.	Fay Township	Portal City Hall
2:30 P.M.	Foothills Township	Portal City Hall
3:00 P.M.	Short Creek Township	Portal City Hall
3:30 P.M.	Portal Township	Portal City Hall
4:00 P.M.	Forthun Township	Portal City Hall
5:15 P.M.	Portal City	Portal City Hall
7:00 P.M.	Flaxton City	Flaxton City Hall
Monday, April 13, 2026		
1:30 P.M.	Richland Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
2:00 P.M.	Bowbells Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
2:30 P.M.	North Star Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
3:00 P.M.	Minnesota Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
3:30 P.M.	Soo Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
4:00 P.M.	Clayton Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
4:30 P.M.	Ward Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
5:00 P.M.	Dale Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
5:30 P.M.	Roseland Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
6:00 P.M.	Lakeview Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
7:00 P.M.	Bowbells City	Bowbells City Hall

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment
March 11 & 18, 2026

City of Portal Council Proceedings

Meeting date: March 2, 2026

Unapproved Minutes

A regular meeting of the Portal City Council was held at the Community Center in Portal, ND on March 2, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Mayor Lisa Smith. Members of the City Council present were Kenneth Evenson, Tamara Rudland, Lorie Fitchner, Dustin Degenstien and Auditor Kaydee Smith. Others present via Teams were Patrick Samson with Ackerman-Estvoid.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by K. Evenson to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 special meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 special CDBG gas hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by K. Evenson to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 special CDBG sewer hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the financials as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrick talked about the close out documents and what is left to be paid for the CDBG projects.

A quote from Solotek was reviewed. Council is reviewing Planning and Zoning.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the monthly payment plan for the outstanding balance to MDU for construction and labor as discussed at last meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance Floodplain Management. All in favor, motion carried.

The memorial hall was discussed. Council discussed 90-day delinquency. April 7, 2026 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 5:15 pm is next regular meeting.

Motion was made by D. Degenstien, and seconded T. Rudland to adjourn the meeting 5:43 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: Feb: EFTPS \$976.18, Dacotah Bank 10.00.
Mar.: Ackerman \$1192.50, BC Sheriff 400.00, BC Tribune 134.46, Circle Sanitation 2413.00, First District Health 45.00, MDU (Utilities) 2636.83, MDU Contract 409.00, NCC 207.13, K Squared Electric 3937.93, Ricky Smith (Reimbursement) 74.00.
Kaydee Smith, City Auditor
March 11, 2026

City of Lignite Council Proceedings

Meeting date: March 3, 2026

Unofficial Minutes

Made a special meeting with date change

Meeting called to order by Mayor L. Granrud. Present CP W. Rick, CVP J. Ruby, Council members K. Termine, N. Sandberg, Maintenance Superintendent J. Ehke and Auditor Knutson. Guest Jason Hysjulien

- Motion to approve previous months minutes by J. Ruby, second by W. Rick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to approve financials as presented by W. Rick, second by J. Ruby. All in favor motion carried.
- Motion to approve transfer of the 109 Club liquor license to the Lignite Community Center, March 14, 2026 by W. Rick, second by J. Ruby. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to approve Special Event permit to the 109 Club for March 14, 2026 by W. Rick, second by J. Ruby. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to approve the following bills by K. Termine, second by W. Rick. All in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance report: The new Bobcat skid steer will be delivered next week. Jory will organize all the attachments and parts that are to go with the JD tractor that is being traded in and have it ready for them to pick up.

Jory checked on prices for a brush hog mower, pallet forks and broom attachments for a skid steer. Jory gave an overview of the exhibits and topics he attended during the Water Expo and the training he took in Tioga. Discussion on water testing and the water line by Lignite Oil. A fire hydrant should be installed both for flushing lines and for fire safety. The warranty is expiring on the JD mower. NDRW can help find lagoon erosion using a drone and it would be of no cost to the City since Lignite is a member.

Auditor: Motion to accept the Joint Powers Agreement with Burke County by J. Ruby, second by N. Sandberg. All in favor, motion carried. Monthly reports are done and two notices to shut off for none payment of utility bills for three months were mailed. Flags, envelopes, copier toner, employment posters, and pet license tags and books have all been ordered and the required Calendar of meetings has been done. The NW Vet Clinic's 2026 rabies clinic will be held May 9th, notices will be posted. First State CD was rolled over at a higher rate than originally expected. Bonding has been completed with the State and information from ND Commerce on LOIS and Lasso and information from Enbridge on #26 pipeline was reviewed.

Old Business: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1.0300 number of Council member by W. Rick, second by N. Sandberg. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Discussion on City decorations for the 250 anniversary of the U.S. Applications for the City Auditor's position were reviewed. The Auditor will begin to set up interviews next week.

Correspondence: NDIRF information
Next meeting April 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Bills for February 2026: Burke County Sheriff \$400.00; Burke Divide Electric 23.00; Circle Sanitation 3573.75; City Sales Tax 8780.89; Dept. of Enviro 183.55; Ehke, Jory 50.00; Fed 941 2502.18; First District Health 30.00; Knutson, Lisa 50.00; Lignite Oil 453.02; MDU 1936.45; McGee Law 427.50; NCC Ray 273.39; Payroll 1953.20, 1381.19, 960.09, 1812.10, 1953.18, 480.22; Sewer Passbook 2540.00; The Computer Store 169.00, 1833.09, 407.22; VISA 1715.25; WSI 441.75; Solotek 2582.74.
Lisa Knutson, City Auditor
March 11, 2026

Notice to Creditors

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BURKE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY J. ORMISTON, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
07-2026-PR-0009

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 of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Katrina I. Crilly, in care of Thomas Law Firm, 114 South Main Street, P.O. Box 2298, Minot, North Dakota 58702, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026.

/s/ Katrina I. Crilly
Katrina I. Crilly
Personal Representative
c/o THOMAS LAW FIRM
114 South Main Street
P.O. Box 2298
Minot, North Dakota 58702
March 11, 18 & 25, 2026

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-283
Wheelock 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 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

Map Features
 Project Substations
 Proposed 230-kV Transmission Route
 Counties

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

Crosby City Council Minutes

UNAPPROVED CROSBY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Monday, March 2, 2026 7 p.m.

Members Present:
Mayor: James Jacobs
Council Members: Doug Anderson, Marzell Trussell, Scott Sova, Brian Lund, Jerry King & Don Wolf
Members Absent:
Council Member: None
Others Present:
Alexa Kruger, Christine Keller, Mike Dehn, Paul Sannes, Austin Coates, John Bayer, Isaac Bangura, Kayla Jacobs, Josh Feil, Carol Williams, Suzie Jacobson, Greg Miller, Malinda Miller, Erin Sorum and Seymour Jordan
Microsoft Teams: Morgan Jacobs
Mayor James Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review/Approve Agenda:

Council Member Anderson approved the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Sova and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Review/Approve Minutes of Last Regular Meeting:

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Financial Statements:

Council Member King made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion seconded by Council

Member Lund and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Pledged Assets:

Council Member Sova made a motion to approve the pledged assets as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member King and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Citizen Comments:

a. None

Carol Williams:

a. Council Member King made a motion to approve the abatement for Wayne and Tiffany Vigness as recommended by tax assessor Williams.

b. Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

Sheriff's Department:

a. Sheriff Deputy Mike Dehn was available to present last month's stats. Council Member Trussell entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Moore Engineering:

a. 2026 General Engineering
a. \$15,000 of \$15,000 budget remaining
b. Pavement Maintenance Project for 2026

a. Update on private street and parking lots

b. Request motion to authorize auditor to advertise to bid seal coat project

i. Council Member Anderson made a motion to authorize the auditor to advertise for bid for the 2026 seal coat project.

ii. Motion seconded by Council

Member Lund and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King and Anderson. Nays: none.

c. Sewer Rehab Project for 2026

a. Request for bids
i. Council Member King made a motion to authorize the auditor to advertise for bids on the 2026 sewer rehab project.

ii. Motion seconded by Council Member Sova and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

b. Request motion for Council to approve Task Order Amendment 1 for adding Funding Agency Assistance.

i. Council Member Anderson made a motion approving Task Order Amendment 1 for adding Funding Agency Assistance not to exceed \$20,000.

ii. Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

d. ND Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) Water Development Plan

a. DWR is accepting project information and planning form submissions for the 2027-2029 biennium water development plan.

b. This must be submitted by April 30, 2026

c. Divide County Mill and Overlay a. County Road 15 project for 2026 update

JDA:

Isaac Bangura was present.

Park Board:

Not present.

Public Works:

Paul Sannes and Austin Coates were present to update Council on maintenance and projects.

Old Business:

1. Tree Ordinance 309
a. Tabled until the April 6th, 2026 Council Meeting.

2. Nuisance Properties (2026)
a. Tabled until the April 6th, 2026 Council Meeting.

3. Council Meeting Date and Time Change
a. By board consensus this will now be removed from the agenda.

New Business:

1. Daycare Building Loan
a. By Council consensus the City Council, Spirit Fund Board and the Crosby Kids Daycare Board will get together for a meeting. This will be tabled until the April 6th, 2026 Council meeting.

2. Quarterback Club Gaming Licenses: Joeys & The Bypass
a. Council Member King made a motion accepting the gaming licenses provided by the DC Quarterback Club for Joeys and The Bypass as presented.

b. Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

3. Appoint Wayne Benter to another 5-Year Term on Airport Authority
a. Council Member Lund made a motion appointing Wayne Benter to another 5-Year Term on the Airport Authority.

b. Motion seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

4. Bypass Utility Bill
a. By Council consensus they will not forgive The Bypass utility bill.

5. Sierra Schneider-Conditional Use Permit
a. Council Member King made

a motion approving the conditional use permit for Sierra Schneider as presented.

b. Motion seconded by Council Member Lund and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

6. ACH Payroll Deductions
a. Council Member Trussell made a motion authorizing the Auditor to ACH all payroll deductions.

b. Motion seconded by Council Member Sova and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

7. Chickens on Ballot
a. Council Member Trussell made a motion to pass the resolution to allow chickens in the city of Crosby to appear on the June 9th, 2026 ballot.

b. Motion seconded by Council Member Sova and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

Building Permits: None

Bills as presented:

Council Member King made a motion to approve bills as presented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Wolf and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

Advanced Business Methods...	113.04
Allison Kulstad	
Bookkeeping	195.00
Brad Johnson	
Insurance Agency.....	169.00
Circle Sanitation.....	20,165.78
Colonial Research	
Chemical Corp	3,766.84
Divide County Auditor....	20,833.33
Divide County Tax	
Equalization Office	7,500.00

Gustafson Septic	
Service Inc.	1,150.00
Jacob's Hardware.....	801.16
Jerry's Transfer Service.....	28.00
John Deere Financial.....	116.51
Jordan Law Office PLLC ..	1,500.00
Mid-American	
Research Chemical.....	1,294.26
Moore Engineering	14,822.75
.....	7,622.75
.....	7,200.00
NAPA	89.77
.....	35.99
.....	49.49
.....	4.29
New Century Ag	290.73
North Dakota Living.....	2,070.00
.....	995.00
.....	1,075.00
One Call Concepts	9.30
RDO	625.53
Share Corporation	1,048.86
Simonson & Oien	
Trucking Inc.	1,500.00
Sorum's Westland	6,323.47
T & T Transport	225.00
Tailor Made	
Solutions LLC.....	10,440.00
The Journal.....	737.20
Throntveit Cleaning	280.00
Vestis	198.17
Visa	109.19
TOTAL:.....	\$96,290.63

With no other business council Member King made a motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Council Member Trussell and carried by the following votes. Ayes: Council Member Wolf, Sova, Lund, King, Trussell and Anderson. Nays: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Alexa Kruger
City Auditor
James Jacobs
Mayor

Gooseneck Township Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Gooseneck Township will be held **Friday, March 20, 2026 at 7 p.m.** at Jason Bakewell's residence.

Clerk

Projects CP-1200(026)
Divide County, North Dakota
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioners of the County of Divide, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids for Divide County Project CP-1200(026) – MILL, RECLAMATION, CEMENT STABILIZATION, HOT BITUMINOUS PAVING, AND PAVEMENT MARKING – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, at the office of the County Auditor of said County until 2:00 P.M. CDST on March 17th, 2026, at which time said bids will be opened and read aloud. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.woldengr.com or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by input-

ting Quest project #10079583 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. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for Non-Refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please make your check payable to Wold Engineering, P.C., 915 East 11th St., PO Box 237, Bottineau, North Dakota, 58318. Please contact Wold Engineering, P.C. at 701-228-2292 if you have any questions. The approximate quantities of work and material for construction of the project are as follows:
Cement Stabilized

Subgrade-12in.....	58573 Sy
Aggregate Surface	
Course CI 13	6533 Tons
Full Depth Reclamation... 58573 Sy	
Rap - Superpave	
FAA 42.....	29,786 Tons
Pg 58s-34	
Asphalt Cement.....	1,772 Tons
Incidental Items	

Each bid is to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and is to be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned County Auditor. Each bid is to be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid, as specified by the North Dakota Century Code Par. 11-11-28, to be forfeited to Divide County should the Bidder fail to effect a contract

within ten (10) days after notice of an award. Bidder will execute and effect a contract in the amount of the bid and a Bidder's Bond as required by law and regulation and determination of Divide County. The work on said project shall be completed by October 17, 2026; from such date liquidated damages shall be paid. The right is reserved to reject all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid, and to hold the bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening bids. Dated February 17, 2026.
SIGNED: Gayle Jastrzebski
Divide County Auditor
PO Box 49
Crosby, ND 58730-0049

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-283
Wheellock 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 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

**CITY OF CROSBY
CROSBY, NORTH DAKOTA
CROSBY SEAL COAT
MOORE PROJECT NO. 30733**

General Notice

Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through Quest CDN until April 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 11:30 a.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.Quest CDN.com.

The Project includes the following Work: City-wide chip seal.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Digital project bidding documents will be available at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.Quest CDN.com. You may download the complete set of digital documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 by locating eBidDoc™ Number 10097332 on the website. Contact Quest CDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Moore Engineering, Inc.
1411 W Dakota Pkwy Ste 1B, Williston, ND 58801

Each bid must be accompanied by 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 Crosby, as required by law. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If the City of Crosby 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 Crosby, and the City of Crosby 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, 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.

No bid may be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this section and that any deficient bid submitted must be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

City of Crosby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Crosby
By: Alexa Kruger
Title: Auditor
Date: March 11, 2026

Tande/Wheellock to Saskatchewan
230-kV Transmission Project

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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

**UNAPPROVED
RAY CITY COMMISSION
MEETING
Ray City Hall
February 23, 2026
1 p.m.**

A special meeting of the Ray City Commission was called to order by Kupper at 1:00 p.m., with the following Commissioners present: Eric Barman, and Richard Liesener. Absent: Casey Brunner and Andrew Nelson. Also in attendance: Jan Dancer, Deputy Auditor and Ronda Rustad, Auditor.

2025 Year End Financials are reviewed, for publication in this week's Crosby Journal.

Barman moved to approve the 2025 Year End Financials as presented. Seconded by Liesener, RCV MCU.

Kupper clarified that when the Jordan Heights property was purchased, he believed the property to the north was included in that acquisition; Liesener noted he had the same understanding. It has since been clarified that this is an entirely separate entity and landowner. The owner has been approached regarding future development plans; they have expressed wanting to discuss a possible purchase agreement. If acquired, this additional land could be rezoned to support the city's development and expansion plans.

Commission would like to discuss negotiating strategy in executive session per NDCC 44-04-19.1

Liesener moves that the city Commission enter in Executive Session pursuant to applicable law for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy and providing negotiation instruction to the City's negotiator regarding contract negotiations for the possible purchase of land. Seconded by Barman, RCV MCU.

At 1:06 p.m., commission moves into executive session.

At 1:51 p.m., Kupper reopens the Special Meeting.

Barman moves that the city negotiator (Jan Dancer) has received instruction and negotiating strategies

and is to report back to city commission with any findings, noting all discussions are subject to city commission approval. Seconded by Liesener, RCV MCU.

Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Barman moved to adjourn, seconded by Liesener. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m. MCU

RCV MCU = roll call vote motion carries unanimously

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

Notice of Annual Meeting of Palmer Township

Notice is hereby given that at **1 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, there will be an annual meeting for Palmer Township at the Donald Burtman residence.

-- Paul Burtman, clerk

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Dakota Datebook: The Fargo Theatre Turns 100

By Jayme L. Job

The finishing touches were being put onto the brand-new Fargo Theatre on March 13, 1926, before its much-anticipated opening on March 15. Isaac Ruben, co-owner of Finkelstein and Ruben Theatres Company, arrived in town to direct last-minute installations.

No theatre of this scale or finery had ever been seen in the state. The Bijou, Fargo's first theater to feature moving pictures, opened in 1906, but it didn't rival the grand theaters of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Enter Moses Finkelstein and Isaac Ruben, two men who had been building theaters in the Upper Midwest since the turn of the century. By 1925, they were operating over a hundred theaters in four states, including the famous Capitol Theater in St. Paul and the State Theater in Minneapolis. The men decided to expand their business into North Dakota and hired the local firm T. F. Powers and Company to construct the new theater. Built on the former site of Idlekope's Fruit Store, the theater was constructed at a cost of \$350,000, a small fortune in 1926.

Ruben and Finkelstein broke ground for their new enterprise on September 15, 1925, and after six months of construction, the state-of-the-art theater was ready for its grand opening. With its landmark 36-foot-tall Fargo marquee, fine Italian leather seating for 1,300, and 5,000 light bulbs, the theater was indeed monumental.

The theater's first patrons entered for a 2 p.m. showing of Syd Chaplin's film, "The Man on the Box," which chronicled the comedic antics of a wealthy bachelor turned taxi driver. They were also treated to music performed on the theater's \$25,000 organ, the Mighty Wurlitzer.

Despite the popularity of the theater, it eventually fell into disrepair. In the 1980s, local residents raised funds to restore the theater to its original glory, and in 2001, the first Fargo Film Festival was held in the restored venue.

Today, as the Theatre celebrates 100 years, patrons can attend a variety of shows in the art-deco building, and can still hear the music of the Mighty Wurlitzer.

Dakota Datebook: Church's Ferry

By Michelle Holien and Dr. Steve Hoffbeck

Located along U.S. Highway 2 west of Devils Lake, the town of Church's Ferry has struggled to remain intact. To passersby, at first glance, Church's Ferry appears to be abandoned.

Those who live nearby have witnessed the rising waters of Devils Lake creeping into Church's Ferry, threatening, and eventually engulfing many of the town's houses and buildings.

On March 10, 1888, the Devils Lake Inter-Ocean reported on the town's namesake, Irvine Church. He lay deathly ill in his home, but would thankfully go on to make a miraculous recovery.

Arriving in 1883, Irvine Church was among the first settlers in the area near the Mauvais Coulee, a streambed where furious waters flowed. French fur-trappers found this deep ravine difficult to cross. The word "mauvais" means "bad," and "coulee" means "flow" or "ravine."

Irvine Church established a

ferry, allowing settlers to cross the barrier to make their way to Devils Lake, the nearest town. A little community arose near the coulee and it took the name of Church's business.

But the ferryboat enterprise did not last long, for the Mauvais Coulee dried up altogether in the late 1890s. History lost track of Mr. Church, but it is known that he left his little town and pursued life in California, where he died in 1925.

Today, little of Church's Ferry still stands. Only twelve residents live there, a major decline from 110 in 1999. Almost all the people accepted federal funds to move their houses into nearby towns. As the water kept rising, several buildings were destroyed, including Zion Lutheran Church. Eventually the water receded, and now only the building on higher ground remains.

As drivers pass by Church's Ferry and glance over a sea of cattails, it is unnerving to realize that the water Irvine Church's ferryboat once navigated had risen to decimate his little town.

Prairie Fare: Sweet Truths - What To Know About Artificial Sweeteners

By Julie Garden-Robinson, Food and Nutrition Specialist, NDSU Extension

"What's the difference between these packets?" my husband asked me after he picked up his cup of coffee.

"These are different non-nutritive sweeteners," I replied as I read the ingredient statement. "Some are sweeter than others."

"Could you pick out a packet for me?" he added. I selected a pink packet for him because it caught my eye. I think I used a blue packet.

I don't know why we sweeten our coffee at restaurants. We probably just don't like the flavor of the coffee, because we don't add anything to our coffee at home.

I'm not too worried about the minor amount of these sweeteners we use. These substances are so sweet that most of the powder in the packet is actually bulk filler, such as maltodextrin.

Non-nutritive, or artificial, sweeteners include aspartame, acesulfame-K, neotame, saccharin and sucralose. Stevia, for example, is a type of herbal sweetener.

Artificial sweeteners provide virtually no calories and no nutrients. Aspartame is about 200 times sweeter than sugar, while sucralose is 600 times sweeter than sugar.

The common sweetener aspartame comprises two amino acids: aspartic acid and phenylalanine. Foods and beverages containing aspartame must carry a warning for those who have phenylketonuria.

People with the disorder cannot break down phenylalanine, so they must follow a strict low-protein diet for life. The disorder can cause seizures and intellectual disability. Newborns are screened for this rare genetic condition.

Many years ago, I used to have one can of diet cola every day at work. My colleagues thought I drank pop all day, but I was actually just filling the empty can with water and sipping that. Since I no longer drink pop regularly, it tastes extremely sweet to me now.

Diet pop, like sweetened pop, is

not good for our teeth. Phosphoric acid and citric acid in beverages can erode tooth enamel.

The Food and Drug Administration sets limits on the "Acceptable Daily Intake" of various artificial sweeteners. It's usually set at one-hundredth the level considered toxic in animals.

People thought that if they simply cut out sugar calories from their diets, any excess pounds on their bodies would disappear. Unfortunately, despite the introduction of many artificial sweeteners, the overweight and obesity rates have increased.

Researchers continue to explore why this has occurred. People tend to overcompensate for the missed calories by eating other high-calorie foods, or they develop a "super-sweet tooth."

On the other hand, some studies have shown that artificial sweeteners allow people with diabetes or obesity to occasionally enjoy something sweet.

However, some research suggests associations between frequent consumption of certain artificial sweeteners and conditions such as fatty liver disease, insulin resistance and gastrointestinal issues.

Some recent studies link artificial sweeteners with disrupting our gut microbiome, the large group of microorganisms that live in our gut and help keep us healthy.

What about cancer risk? Cyclamates and saccharine increased bladder cancer risk in large doses in 1970s-era animal studies, but these findings have not been confirmed in humans at typical intake levels. FDA scientists "do not have safety concerns about aspartame when used under the approved conditions."

Nutrition experts recommend avoiding non-nutritive sweeteners in toddlers' diets and greatly limiting them in children. Pregnant women are advised to minimize or completely avoid them.

If anyone is sipping a diet pop as you read this, I do not mean to alarm you. If you are drinking many bottles or cans of diet soda a day, you are not doing your body a favor.

What's a person to do?

- Think about your own beverage consumption. Quench your thirst with water.

- Enjoy milk or a calcium-rich substitute with meals for the calcium and protein it provides.

- If you like real sugar in your coffee, enjoy it in moderation. A teaspoon of sugar has about 15 calories.

- Be sure to keep sugar-free gum containing xylitol away from your pets, because it can be toxic to them.
- Train your taste buds to enjoy less sweetness overall.

Consider a natural sweetener such as honey, but remember it is still an added sugar. Honey contains antioxidants and some trace minerals. Cinnamon, an antioxidant-rich spice, enhances the natural sweetness of food such as this dip.

Honey Yogurt Fruit Dip

- 1 cup low-fat or nonfat plain yogurt
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 2 tablespoons honey (to taste)
 - Red and green apple slices
- Mix ingredients for dip. Rinse and slice apples right before serving.

Makes four servings. With non-fat yogurt, each serving of dip has 70 calories, 0 grams (g) fat, 3 g protein, 13 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber and 45 milligrams sodium.

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Proceedings Of The Board Of County Commissioners

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Joan Hollekim, John DeGroot and Jason Rice present. State's Attorney, Wade Enget was present.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to review and approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the September, October & November 2025 Fees for Planning & Zoning & October, November & December 2025 Fees for Recorder and January Fees for Clerk of Court & Sheriff. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the appointed officials time off requests for January. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Regular Part time Employee Classification for Eli Rushing as a Correctional Officer I with Corrections in the amount of \$28.61 per hour not to exceed 32 hrs. per week and no more than 1664 hrs. per year. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Rice, Olson and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the Regular Part time Employee Classification for Joshua Rushing as a Correctional Officer I with Corrections in the amount of \$28.61 per hour not to exceed 20 hrs. per week and no more than 1040 hrs. per year. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Regular Full time Employee Classification for Gisel Guerrero as a Correctional Officer I with Corrections in the amount of \$28.61 per hour/\$9,500 per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the Regular Full time Employee Classification for Lillian McFadden as a Weed Control Technician/GIS Specialist with the County Agency/Weed Control in the amount of \$28.99 per hour/\$60,300 per year. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Rice, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Regular Full time Employee Classification for Steven Kukowski as a Roadworker I with the R&B in the amount of \$32.21 per hour/\$67,000 per year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the signing of the appointed official's evaluations for the 2025 year. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

E. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the 2026 Budget Amendments from the General Fund under Social Security, Retirement, & Medicare to breakdown under each Department under Social Security, Retirement & Medicare (with no increase or change in the budget amount). Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

F. TRANSFER

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the transfer from the Capital Projects (Memorial Building Fund) to the General Fund totaling \$1,110,664.70. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

G. CLERK OF COURT

Madison Rodgers, Clerk of Court stated would like to stay contracted with the State of ND for Clerk of Court Services.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the letter of contracting for funding with the State of ND to receive reimbursement for Clerk of Court Services. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

H. STOP PAYMENT

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the stop payment and reissue of check #121309 to Thomas Y Pickett, Inc totaling \$28,800. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

I. MINERAL LEASE

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by

Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of the Hess lease for section 36, Lots 2-4 in Block 1 of Comfords Fifth Addition in the City of White Earth in Township 157 North, Range 94 West. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

J. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the bills totaling \$421,503.57 & January 18 through January 31 payroll, checks #20187-20192 and direct deposits #1-162 totaling \$591,804.95. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried. (A complete list of bills is posted on a regular basis on the Mountrail County website @ www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the County Commissioner heading and/or are available for review in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours.)

K. BOARD CONCERNS

Discussion was held on the Employee Handbook and the changes. More discussion will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

9:15 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer met with the board to discuss the renewal of certificate of deposits (CD's) of three for \$5 million, one for \$3,821,552.87 and one for \$10 million.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the renewal of certificate of deposits (CD's) for 3 for \$5 million, one for \$3,821,552.87 and one for \$10 million with Cornerstone Bank at 3 months. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

9:20 A.M.
Lisa Lapica, Veterans Service Officer discussed the Wall of Honor in the Memorial Building.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the purchase of the TV for the Wall of Honor in the Memorial Building totaling \$1,500 out of the Commissioner Contingency Fund. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Rice, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried. 9:30 A.M.
Jana Hennessy, Road & Bridge (R&B) Engineer with Mary Omar, Road & Bridge (R&B) Accountant met to discuss Road & Bridge.

1. BR11408 COTTONWOOD LAKE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the balancing change order #2 for Martin Construction Inc with a decrease totaling \$3,178.50 for Cottonwood Lake Structure Replacement Project No. BR11408. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the final pay application for Martin Construction Inc. totaling \$17,396.67 for Cottonwood Lake Structure Replacement Project No. BR11408. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

2. BNSF REQUEST

Engineer Hennessy discussed the request from BNSF for cost sharing on 81st Ave NW, 3rd St W and 93rd Ave NW to replace the tracks. Engineer Hennessy discussed the historical aspects of upgrading the roads that affect BNSF railroads and we are to pay 100% of the project for the road upgrades.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to deny the request from BNSF for cost sharing on 81st Ave NW, 3rd St W and 93rd Ave NW projects. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

3. 2026 FROST LAW
Accountant Omar discussed the 2026 frost law recommendations.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the 2026 Frost law as recommended by Engineer Hennessy with Agriculture exemptions for all paved roads within the County. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Comm. Ruland along with Accountant Omar discussed the new policies with the Load Pass Permits.

4. WESTERN NDDOT LIASON

Matt Johnson, Western NDDOT Liaison with Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) and North Dakota Local Technical Assistance Program (NDLTAP) discussed the Road Scholars Program. Matt Johnson presented the road scholars program for level three Road Pro award to Jana Hennessy, Engineer, level one Trail Blazer award to Kevin Blank, Roadworker & level two Voyager award was presented to Jessie Olson, Roadworker at the Road Conference in Grand Forks. Western NDDOT Liaison Johnson discussed the save the date for the Western ND Energy Roundtable discussion at Roughrider Center on Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had any comments.

5. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 10:22 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioner
Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor

PUBLIC NOTICES
"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Mountrail County is informing the public of the 2026 Frost Law Restrictions. The County GRAVEL ROADS will be 6 ton per axle/80,000 lbs max, unless otherwise posted. EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT AND DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PERMITS.

Paved roads are as listed:

6 ton Gross Vehicle Weight:

- * 100th Ave NW - from 1 mile north of White Earth Bay Park fish station to boat ramp.
- * 37th Street - within the Van Hook Park, from the east park entrance, 1 mile west, to 83rd Ave.

6 ton axle/80,000 lbs max:

- * 37th Street NW - County Rd 14 - from Parshall City west 9.5 miles to Lake Sakakawea (a.k.a. Parshall Bay Road).

7 ton axle/105,500 lbs max:

- * 61st Ave. NW - County Rd 1 - from US2 north 2 miles to CR2 (a.k.a. Tagus Spur).

- * 62nd Ave. NW - County Rd 1 - from Plaza City north 3 miles to 45th Street (a.k.a. Plaza North).

- * 64th Ave. NW - County Rd 1 - from ND23 north 3 miles to Plaza City (a.k.a. Plaza South).

- * Old Highway 2 - County Rd 2 - from 4th Street in Stanley west to US2.
- * Old Highway 2 - County Rd 2 - from Stanley east 8 miles to Palermo.

- * Old Highway 2 - County Rd 2 - from CR11 east 8 miles to Ward County Line.

- * 72nd Ave NW - County Rd 3 (Dairy Road) - 3 miles north to 42nd St NW.

- * 74th Ave NW - County Rd 3 - from CR2 south to 42nd St NW to Dairy Road.

- * 76th Ave NW - County Rd 3 - from ND23, 3 miles south to 36th St NW.

- * 74th Street NW - County Rd 4 - from ND8 west 11 miles to CR7 (a.k.a. Manitou Road).

- * 89th Ave. NW - County Rd 5 - from US2 north 1 mile.

- * 90th Ave NW - County Rd 5 - from US2 south 7 miles, 2 miles west on 55th St NW to ND1804 (a.k.a. Ross South).

- * 68th Street NW - County Rd 6 - from White Earth City west 6 miles to Williams County.

- * 93rd Ave NW - County Rd 7 - US2 north to Burke County line (a.k.a. Manitou Road).

- * 99th Ave. NW - County Rd 9 - from US2 north to White Earth City.

- * 101st Ave NW - County Rd 9 - from US2 south 9 miles to ND1804.

- * 101st Ave. NW - County Rd 9 - from ND1804 south through Unorganized Twps 155-94 & 154-94. Includes 54th Street from 101st Ave to 100th Ave and 100th Ave south to White Earth Bay.

- * 51st St NW - County Rd 10 - from ND8 east 6 miles to 74th Ave NW (a.k.a. Belden Road).

- * 53rd Street NW - County Rd 10 - from ND8 west 12 miles to ND1804.

- * 67th Ave NW - County Rd 11 - from CR2 south 5 miles to 59th Street.

- * 42nd Street NW - County Rd 12 - from Plaza City west 7.5 miles to CR3 (Dairy Barn Road).

- * 81st Ave NW and 63rd St NW - County Rd 13 - Stanley Truck Bypass (North) from ND8 to ND8.

- * 82nd Ave NW - County Rd 15 - from ND23 south 2 miles to Van Hook Park.

- * 88th Ave NW - County Rd 17 (S & L Road) - from ND23, 7 miles south, 2 miles east on 32nd St. NW and 2 miles south on 86th Ave NW.

- * 61st St NW - County Rd 18 - ND8 west 2 miles and 1 mile north on 84th St to US2.

- * 89th Avenue - County Rd 19 - from ND23 south 3 miles to 36th Street.

- * 92nd Ave NW - County Rd 21 (Sanish Road) - from ND23, 9 miles south to 30th Street NW.

- * 36th Street - from CR17 west 4 miles to CR21.

- * 41st Street NW - from ND1804 west 2.25 miles to end of Bluebird Lane.

TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS:

As for the township roads, they are all restricted to 80,000lbs Gross max (by ND Century Code 39-12-05.3 #2) UNLESS the township board of supervisors has passed a resolution to change the weight limit AND posted a new weight limit (this could be either raising or lowering the roadway limits).

A map of Mountrail County townships which belong to LoadPass Permitting is provided. For overweight or oversized travel on these roads, a permit is REQUIRED.

For oversize or overweight travel on township roadways that do not belong to LoadPass Permitting, CONTACT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

PERMITS:

Mountrail County is on a DAY BY DAY basis. It will be decided each day if the roads can be traveled on and what hours they may be traveled on. The decision for the weekend will be made on Friday afternoons.

Mountrail County is NOT PERMITTING DIVISIBLE LOADS for travel in excess of the weight restrictions.

For NON-DIVISIBLE oversize / overweight travel: Mountrail County is requiring a RESTRICTED ROAD / SINGLE TRIP PERMIT for ALL travel in excess of the above weight restrictions.

RESTRICTED ROAD PERMITS:

- * Purchase a permit for EACH Trip (a trip is ONE pick-up and ONE delivery).
- * Purchase on www.loadpasspermits.com.
- * Need complete vehicle and load information.
- * Need complete route information.
- * Permit will be reviewed and processed by County.
- * Approved permits can be printed / delivered electronically immediately after approval.
- * Additional conditions may be imposed and must be complied with.

DRILLING RIG MOVES:

- * Mountrail County will be utilizing LoadPass Permit System for Drilling Rig Permits for the 2026 Spring Frost Law season.

BUSINESS

Fourth extraordinary nurse of 2025 recognized at CHI St. Alexis Health Williston

WILLISTON — Nurses at CHI St. Alexis Health Williston are being honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses®. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day.

Madison Collins was recognized as the fourth DAISY Award recipient of 2025. Collins, an RN in OB at CHI St. Alexis Health Williston was nominated twice and praised in her nominations for making one of her patients feel so comfortable and making labor and postpartum so much easier. Her second nomination praises her for being extremely attentive, friendly

and caring.

One nomination letter stated: "This was my first baby so I was scared and had a lot of questions and Madison answered all of them." Her second nomination went on to say: "She was absolutely amazing during my labor and for my few hours with her after delivery." This nomination concludes by saying: "She is a wonderful nurse and I'm so thankful to have had her by my side!"

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease.

(DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families and colleagues. The award recipient is chosen by a committee at CHI St. Alexis Health Williston, to receive The DAISY Award. Awards are presented throughout the year at celebrations attended by the Honoree's colleagues, patients, and visitors. Each Honoree receives a certificate commending her or him as an "Extraordi-

nary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Honorees also receive a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation: "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced firsthand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human, extraordinary, compassionate work they do. The kind of work the nurses at CHI St. Alexis Health Williston] are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

"We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations participating in The DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way



Madison Collins

for us to do that," Lorie Antos, VP of Patient Care Services of CHI St. Alexis Health said.

In addition to the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 3,900 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with rec-

ognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects and for nurses participating in medical missions. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-283
Wheelock 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 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?

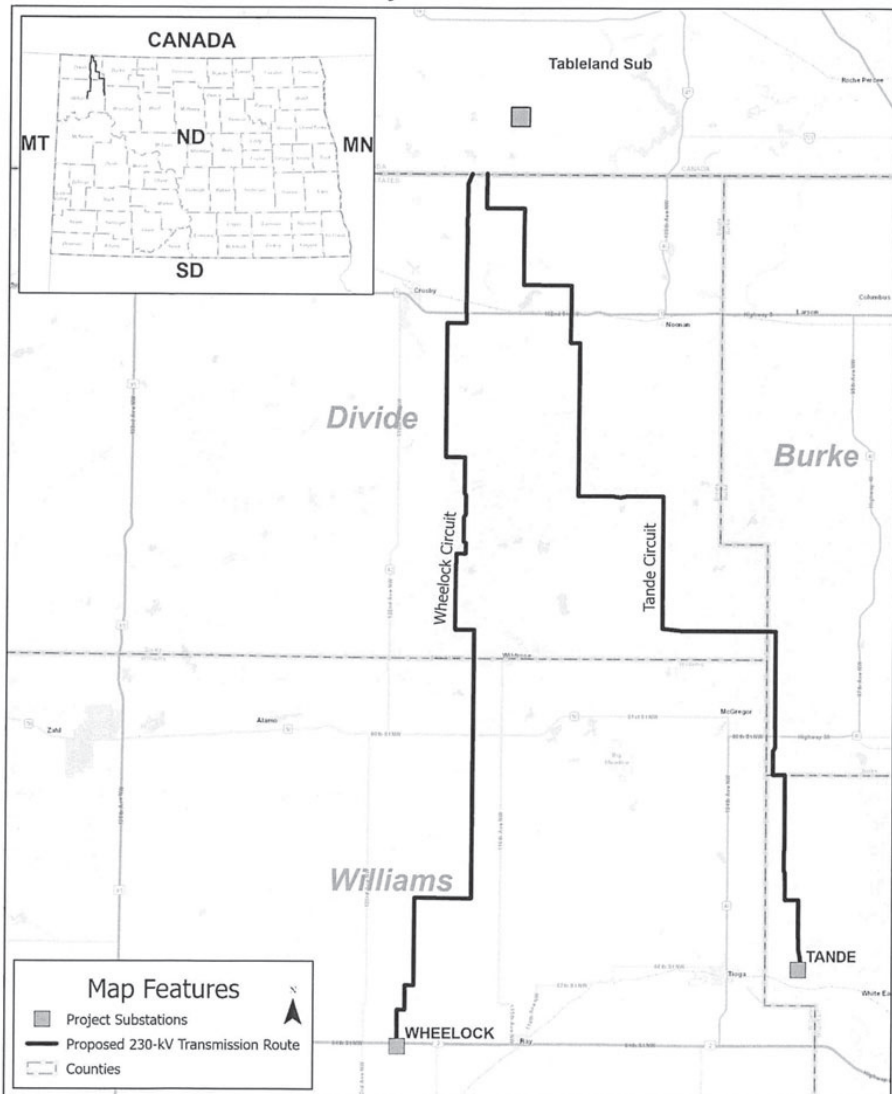
For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: January 28, 2026

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Brian Johnson, Executive Secretary

Tande/Wheelock to Saskatchewan
230-kV Transmission Project



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

NDSU Extension-Williams County

2026 Spring Tree and Garden Workshop

When: March 28 8:30am-4:30pm
Where: Williston Research Extension Center
14120 Highway 2 West, Williston, ND

Who: Homeowners, Gardeners, and Professionals
Cost: \$10 and Open to the Public

- Schedule:**
- 8:00am** Registration and Coffee
 - 8:25am** Welcome — Kelly Leo, NDSU Extension-Williams County Agent
 - 8:30am** Haskap Production — Rojee Chipalu Pradhan, NDSU Williston Research Extension Ctr
 - 9:30am** Planning and Implementing Drip Irrigation — Corey Meuchel, Meadowlark Acres
 - 10:30am** Break
 - 10:45am** Conifer Diseases — Joe Zeleznik, NDSU Extension Tree/Forestry Specialist
 - 11:45am** Regenerative Gardening Practices — Kelly Leo, NDSU Extension Williams County
 - 12:30pm** Lunch*
 - 1:00pm** Great Vegetable Varieties for 2026 — Tom Kalb, NDSU Horticulture Specialist
 - 2:00pm** Geothermal Greenhouse Principles — Randy Kindel
 - 3:00pm** **Hands-On Workshops (concurrent sessions—30 mins each)
Seed Starting, Seedling Care — Kelly Leo and Master Gardeners
Mushroom Growing — Andy Kuester, Handy Andy's Nursery
 - 4:30pm** Wrap-up and Evaluations — Kelly Leo, NDSU Extension Williams County Agent

Lunch Provided to Pre-registered Attendees

