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Official Proceedings of the Board of Burke County Commissioners

October 29, 2024

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at the Burke County Courthouse, Bowbells ND with Commissioner Shannon Holter & Commissioner Rick Owings. Also present were Lyann Olson with the Burke County Tribune & Amber Feisel, States Attorney.

Chairman Van Berkom called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. 2. BUSINESS

A. MINUTES

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Owings to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. BILLS

County Employees

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Owings 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 October; County Sheriff \$32,680.15. Motion carried. **GENERAL**

County Employees \$1,034.00
TOTAL\$1,634.0
HWY TAX DIST
County Employees\$36,203.18
TOTAL\$36,203.18
HOMELAND SECURITY
County Employees\$5,313.5
TOTAL\$5,313.5
GRAND TOTAL\$43,150.83
ROAD & BRIDGE
Kenny Tetrault\$279.88
Burke County Treasurer243.50
Burke Divide Electric
Cooperative51,000.0
Brosz Engineering, Inc330.00
Cardmember Service104.99
Circle Sanitation Inc79.0
City of Bowbells230.5
John Deere Financial1,738.8
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co793.1
On the Spot truck repair, LLC 13.80

On the Spot truck repair,	LLC 13.00
Stanley Auto & Truck	22.98
Verizon Wireless	129.22
TOTAL	\$54,965.88
GENERAL	
Amie Vandegraft	\$266.66
Brandy Zepp	
Advanced Business Meth	
Axon Enterprise Inc	
Burke County Treasurer .	
City of Bowbells	\$463.31
Computer Express Inc	
Domestic Violence	
Program NW ND	4,000.00
Election Systems	•
& Software Inc	3,493.83
Farmers Union Oil Compa	
Gaffaney's of Minot Inc	
Lignite Oil Company	
Maintenance Plus Inc	

Maintenance Plus, Inc.8,418.07 Midstates Wireless386.54 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co..2,377.64 Morelli's Distributing, Inc.....64.20 Mountrail County Correctional Center4,660.60 NDACO Resources Group, Inc.....2,029.86 Northwest Communications.....175.01 Ralphs Plumbing & Heating.....385.00 Share Corporation446.24 Thompson-Larson

Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.....11,100.00 Verizon Wireless.....545.48 Vestis......461.91 Visa......395.33 TOTAL\$69,289.83 COUNTY AGENT Burke County Treasurer\$520.40

Tyler Technologies Inc......7,985.84

NDSU Extension Service......7,119.76 TOTAL\$7,640.16 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER Verizon Wireless.....\$42.54 \$42.54 WEED CONTROL City of Bowbells\$180.00 Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.\$1,888.00

TOTAL\$2,068.00 GRAND TOTAL\$134,006.41 3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

8:27 a.m. Ken Tetrault, Road Foreman, met with the board. Ken reported on the good job done by Kemper Construction installing the

culvert on the Bowbells/Ward twp. line. Discussion was held on mowing, lease tractors for 2025, hauling fill dirt, running the forestry head around Northgate, the oilfield company taking care of dust control on BC 20 to the Hwy, lay flat water hose on BC 16 & 7, test holes at the Mariner pit, application received for the open position, the Minnow bridge being too low per the state, getting trucks ready for snow and hauling salt sand to Bowbells & the new truck getting hauled to Minot and getting the snow door programmed.

8:55 a.m. Brandy Zepp, Tax Assessor, met with the board.

Discussion was held on a 2023 invoice from Sidwell they failed to submit, it was decided to hold the invoice until the end of the year. Modifiers were discussed for 2025. The commissioners decided not

to seek any at this time. 9:09 a.m. Tracy Stover, Custodian,

met with the board Discussion was held on the floors & carpet project being complete, an estimate from Hight Const. for the drywall repair & roof access. Tracy inquired about getting the parking lot restriped.

4. DISCUSSION

The Auditor submitted the Oil & Gas report. The Commissioners asked the Sheriff to join the meeting to discuss the coroner transfers. The Sheriff reported that the funeral home is first to transfer and if for some reason they are not available then the ambulance service is used. He also reported the new pickup had made it to Minnesota.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board recessed to hear any objections from taxing district representatives to the sale prices set by the Board on foreclosed properties. No one appeared for the hearing.

5.ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m. to meet again in regular session November 19, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes read and approved this 19th day of November 2024

Jarret Van Berkom Chairman, Burke County Board of Commissioners

Amie Vandegraft

Burke County Auditor November 27, 2024

Bowbells School Board Proceedings REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2024 7:00 PM

Present were J.R. Aufforth, Adam Jensen, Steven Pfeifer, Tyler Ross, Jill Wettstein, Superintendent Thingvold. and Business Manager Angela Riehl (Central Regional Education Association). Other attendees were Rebekah Wangler representing the Bowbells Education Association.

School Daycare Rates (or Half-Day Rates) was added under New Business:

Jensen/Pfeifer moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Agenda, September 16, 2024, Minutes, and September 2024 Bills). Motion passed unanimously.

General Fund Bills: Activities for Learning \$81.12; AFLAC 1,241.05; Amazon 1,073.39; AmericInn by Wyndham 127.00; Ameritas Life 368.02; Baymont by Wyndham 96.14; BCBS 7,395.00; Burke County Tribune 240.16; Business U 695.00; CREA 1,332.00; City of Bowbells 1,551.05; Colonial Life 117.70; Culligan Water Conditioning 250.00; Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch 505.00; Farmers Union Oil 2,479.56; Fireside Office Solutions 1,744.41; Flinn Scientific 3,543.89; Gaylord Palms Hotel 1,783.96; Great Minds PBC 845.16; Knutson, Marsha 355.25; MDU 1,486.27; Nasco Education 136.86; Nelson, Jennifer 65.28; NDBCI 41.25; NDCEL 125.00; NDDHHS 25.00; NDHSAA 50.00; NWCC 584.21; ODIN 38.00; Ralphs Plumbing & Heating 1,888.49; Reading Horizons 4,400.00; Region 9 Music & Speech 600.00; Republic Parking Systems - Bismarck Airport 55.00; Rochester 100 Inc/ Nicky's Folders 17.64; Ryan GMC Buick Cadillac 1,150.25; SEEC 3,900.00; Stein's 698.55; Studies Weekly 121.90; Swank Movie Licensing USA 500.00; Target 246.01; Testout Corporation 290.00; Thingvold, Celeste 14.99; TMS 93.60; USI 1,649.95; Walmart 127.87: Welk, Tracie 1,658.20; WEX Health 50.00; Window Well Supply 644.50; Zaner-Bloser 658.35.

Hot Lunch Fund Bills: CashWa Distributing Company of Fargo \$5,748.80; Magic-Wrighter -Efunds 34.95; Morgel, Terri 226.52; US Foods

898.95. Student Activity Fund Bills: Ankenbauer, Joy \$35.51; Aufforth, Taya 80.00; Barnes & Noble 60.00; Bowbells Public School 81.60; Burke County Tribune 72.00; Chrest, Brea 60.00; Clair's 20.00; Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country 104.00; Dolan, Michelle 246.84; Farmers Union Oil 9.57; Feldman, Merry 30.00; Great Plains Food Bank 178.18; Handeland, Emmy 167.11; Heitzig, Amber 35.51; Hinds, Monica 45.00; NDSAA 110.00; Schmidt, Terese 30.00; Stroklund, Anne 100.00; Thingvold, Celeste 162.86; Walmart 60.00; Zeltinger, Presley 40.00.

No Public Comment. No Student Outcomes Report.

Administrative/Committee Reports: The Financial reports were included in the packet and Business Manager Riehl summarized any additions at the

The rental renovations are still on pause due to the adverse weather conditions. The boilers were turned on today. Grass will be sprayed for weeds this fall and overseeded this coming

The 1999 Ford minibus did not qualify for replacement through the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Grant. Ms. Thingvold will try applying for a clean diesel grant through the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality in January of 2025 to replace it. If it does not qualify for replacement through this grant the District will look at selling it. An insurance claim has been filed on the 2023 Chevrolet Suburban and repairs will be scheduled with

Jerome's Collision Center. School Board Policies # FDB, # FDD, # FDE, # FDH, # FF, and # FFA are recommended for first readings under New Business. School Board Regulations #AAC-BR1 and #AAC-BR2 are recommended for adoption under New Business.

The superintendent/principal report was provided by Superintendent Thingvold. A Dig Pink Event is being held by the volleyball team to solicit donations for raising awareness of metastatic breast cancer. The District is participating in a Laptop Computer Give Away through Compudopt. Kenmare is currently offering E-Sports through Fensports, Inc. and Bowbells can coop with them. Students must supply their own gaming device, and practice would be held three times a week; There is a state tournament held in Grand Forks in the spring and eligibility rules would apply. The cost is \$1,312.50 + \$100.00 per student. Northwest Communications Cooperative is donating \$1,500.00 to any school offering E-Sports within their service area. Providing E-Sports would offer another choice for extracurricular activities to meet Choice Ready

requirements. Currently there is around

\$20,000,000.00 available in higher

education scholarships to approximately

300 colleges.

No Old Business. New Business: Wettstein/Ross moved to approve the first readings of School Board Policies # FDB Education of Homeless Students, #FDD Education of Pregnancy and Parenting Students, # FDE Education of Special Education/ Disable Students, # FDH Students in Foster Care, #FF Student Conduct and Discipline, and #FFA Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse. Motion passed unanimously. Jensen/Ross moved to adopt School Board Regulations #AAC-BR1 Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure and # AAC-BR2 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure. Motion passed unanimously. Wettstein/Jensen moved to approve the addition of E-Sports to the current roster of extracurricular options for students through the cooperative with the Kenmare Public School District. Discussion on the pros and cons of the addition of E-Sports. Motion passed unanimously. Wettstein/Jensen moved to approve of adding any additional rate of \$20.00 for drop-in daycare after 1:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Items: When attending extracurricular events that end before the school day is over, students are expected to return to school whether they are riding back on transportation provided by the District or released to their parents for transport.

Next Meeting: Date: November 18, 2024 Time: 4:00 PM

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by President Aufforth at 7:45 PM.

JR Aufforth, president Angela Riehl (Central Regional Education Association)

business manager November 27, 2024

Notice for Sealed Bids RFP Heating Upgrade

Bowbells Public School District #14 Sealed bids will be received by the School Board of Bowbells School District #14 until 4:00 pm on December 13th for upgrading Controls and HVAC in the high school end of the building, focusing on the shop area.

Install remote access for the heating system, install two Air Handling Units, upgrade controls for unit heaters and fan coil units.

Please direct questions to Celeste Thingvold @ 701-377-2397.

Please submit bids one of three ways: email to celeste.thingvold@k12.nd.us, by mail to PO Box 279, Bowbells, ND 58721, or in-person by the abovementioned deadline.

All bidders must conduct an on-site walk-around before the bid.

The Bowbells Public School Board retains the right to refuse any and/or

Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2024

Invitation to Bid

Sale: Powers Lake School District #27 Used Bus for Sale

Sealed bids are invited for the Powers Lake School District #27 Used Bus Sale. The Sale is described as the sale of the following used bus from Powers Lake School District #27:

2012 International IC CE 47-Passenger, 6-cylinder, 230 HP Turbo Diesel, Allison 2500 Automatic Transmission, hydraulic brakes, and meeting or exceeding all State and Federal Requirements. Mileage: 147,000+

Sealed bids will be received at Powers Lake School District #27, Attn: Patty Jensen, Business Manager, PO Box 346, Powers Lake, ND 58773, until 4:00 p.m., local time, on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024.

The motor on this bus does run, but the bus has some electrical issues. All buses are sold as-is and winning bidders will be required to supply payment and pick up the bus by 4:00 p.m., January

If you have any questions regarding the sale, please call 701-464-5432, or email: patty.jensen@k12.nd.us.

The Powers Lake School Board retains the Right to refuse any or all bids. Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2024

Notice of Hearing

Katie M. Barber, #06856 McKennett Forsberg, P.C. 314 First Avenue East P.O. Box 1366 Williston, North Dakota 58802 (701) 577-6771 Attorneys for Estate

Public Notices

katie@mckennettlaw.com Probate No. 07-2024-PR-00062 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BURKE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN JANE MORELAND, a/k/a JANE S. MORELAND, **DECEASED**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Evan Thomas has filed herein a petition for formal appointment of a Personal Representative.

2. Hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 14th day of January, 2025, at 10:15 o'clock a.m. at the Courtroom of the above named Court in the City of Bowbells, County of Burke, State of North Dakota

DATED this 7th day of November,

McKENNETT FORSBERG, P.C. Attorneys for the Estate 314 First Avenue East P.O. Box 1366 Williston, North Dakota 58802-1366 (701) 577-6771 katie@mckennettlaw.com BY: KATIE M. BARBER, #06856 A Member of the Firm November 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 2024

City of Portal Council Proceedings

Meeting date: November 12, 2024

Unapproved Minutes A regular meeting of the Portal City Council was held at the Community Center in Portal, ND on November 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mayor Lisa Smith. Members of the City Council present were Kenneth Evenson, Lorie Fitchner, Tamara Rudland and Auditor Kavdee Smith. Members absent were Dustin Degenstien. Citizens present were Patrick Samson and Mark Buick

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2024 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

No Sheriff's report given.

Patrick states he applied for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for the city. Motion was made K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the CDBG gas bid opening dates with the confirmation from MDU. All in favor, motion carried. Hoping to bid the gas project in the next couple of weeks. For the sewer project looking at January for bid.

Auditor Smith states city used 451,000 gallons of water and Pump 1 ran for 21.3 hours and Pump 2 ran for 19.3 hours for the month of October. The sewers have been flushed. All mowing is complete. Still waiting to hear back on the snow pusher that was discussed last month. The council discussed the 90-day

delinquency notices. Auditor will put a reminder note on one resident's door.

Council reviews a draft letter written by the city's attorney regarding the vehicles on city owned parcel 8373000. Auditor

Smith will contact lawyer about a few concerns/questions about the matter. Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve building permit 2024-4 for Mark Buick,

parcel 8246001, for a garden shed. All n favor, motion carried. Council reviews letter from the county

Auditor of unpaid taxes. Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve Auditor Smith a \$250.00 Christmas bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

December 3, 2024 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 4:00 pm, were fixed as the time and place of the next regular meeting.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded K. Evenson to adjourn the meeting 4:29 pm. All in favor, motion carried

Bills: Oct.: EFTPS \$776.33, Dacotah Bank 10.00, Saskenery 797.24, Fasken 1240.19, RDO Equipment 55000.00, UI Tax 10.77, NCC 205.56, Dacotah Credit

Card 655.25. Nov.: Ackerman \$3916.30, BC Sheriff 400.00. BC Tribune98.40, Dacotah Credit Card 36.29, Circle Sanitation 2342.00, First District Health 30.00, Granite Springs 60.00, Hawkins 934.42, H&H Coatings 3800.00, Jerry's Transfer 48.00, Lignite Oil 444.74, Livingston 115.45, MDU (Utilities) 1629.44, Morelli 29.00, NCC 199.15, Sandberg Redi-Mix 296.65, ND Pump & Lift 1157.60.

Kaydee Smith, Auditor November 27, 2024

Abstract of Votes Cast at the General Election - November 5, 2024 By the Voters of Burke County, North Dakota

I hereby certify that the within and following Abstract of Votes cast by the Voters of Burke County, North Dakota at the General Election held at the Burke County Courthouse vote center for various election precincts of said County on the 5th day of November, 2024, is a true and correct copy of the original Abstract thereof made by the regularly organized Board of Canvassers as required by law.

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of November, 2024. Amie Vandegraft, AUDITOR

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The undersigned her	eby certify that the within consti	tutes a	tull, tru	e, and coi	mpiete ab	stract of the	ne number	ot ballots cast

The undersigned hereby certify that the within constitutes a full, true, and complete abstract of the number of ballots cast, the name of each individual receiving votes; the office for which the votes were received by precinct, county, legislative district, judicial district, or portion thereof; and the total votes cast for each individual for the offices enumerated herein. We do hereby certify the following measures were approved or disapproved as shown by the number of votes set forth herein.

Attest our hands this 18th day of November, 2024 Rick Owings, Lynette Nelson, Marchelle Ganskop, Jayne Tetrault

Attest my hand and seal this 18th day of November, 2024. Amie Vandegraft, Burke County Auditor November 27, 2024

Notice Columbus Residents

Per City Ordinance - Please remove all parked vehicles, trailers, and campers from the Columbus City Streets to allow for uninhibited snow plowing during the winter months. Chapter 3 - Article 3.0214 & 3.0215

> Thank you Columbus City Street Department