

PUBLIC NOTICES

November 4th, 2025, Steele County Commission Meeting

The Steele County Commission meeting was called to order at 8:16 a.m. Commissioners Brandon Oxtan, Perry Brown, Brandon Krueger and Chris Grandalen, Auditor Jana Flaten, and State Attorney Charlie Stock, were present.

Commissioner Brown motioned to approve the October minutes, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

One addition to the agenda-Upcoming holiday hours and employee appreciation night.

Reed Oien came to discuss the bid for the Hope Shop. F3 hasn't turned in all necessary paperwork and has been asked by Oien a few times. Oien would like to get the project done before winter. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the Hoffman bid to get the work done, which Commissioner Grandalen seconded. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried. Hoffman has already turned in all paperwork and is ready to start. Reed will call both parties.

Oien also discussed the wind tower overweight permits and some concerns he was having. All items have been addressed, and he said they are now all in compliance with permit requirements. The crew is currently working on tree removal and mowing. Also gave an update on the Culvert Rd 6 and 8a gravel projects.

Charlie Stock gave a brief introduction to the new Clerk of Court/Recorder, Jessica Jordan. Discussed wage and probation period and will then evaluate for her full salary. Jessica has previous experience as the recorder/clerk at the Griggs County courthouse for a few years.

Auditor Flaten discussed the upcoming holiday hours. Commissioner Krueger made a motion to have the courthouse closed at noon on the 24th and all day on the 25th and 26th. Second by Commissioner Brown. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Grandalen approved \$1,000.00 for the employee appreciation night. Second by Commissioner Brown. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Mike Basingthwaite with Interstate Engineering – NE Bridge project waiting for the government to re-open to get that project going - looking at 2026.

Ben Gates brought an emergency declaration for the government shutdown and regarding SNAP benefits. The Steele County food pantry is fully stocked and

anyone in Steele County can use it. The commissioners discussed that they would like to wait, as the food pantry is doing well, and the food pantry board feels comfortable with the stock and client usage. The declaration was tabled.

Hannah Zamora came to discuss some building issues she has been seeing. A few problems that need to be looked at: Handrails are getting loose, and there was water in the basement. There also seems to be a fly issue on the 3rd floor, with lots of dead ones. Stock will contact Midwest Pest to look at why there are so many flies up there. Grandalen will go look at the water issues in the basement and will discuss that, along with the handrails, with the architect to see if they have a solution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bills, and Commissioner Krueger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Grandalen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. There was no further discussion, and all members voted aye. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Brandon Oxtan- County Chairman, Jana Flaten -County Auditor
SCP December 2, 2025, IO#356102

Finley City Council

The Finley City Council met Monday, December 1st, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Present were Mayor Brian Tuite and Council Members, Merle Ferry, Chad Aberle, and Tori Archer. Also, present Steve Fiebiger, Wayne Beckman and Laurie Tuite, Lynn Carlson and Paul Kroepin.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Park board report was given by Chad Aberle.

The Sheriff report was given by Wayne Beckman.

Mayor Brian Tuite appointed Paul Kroepin as City Alderman to fill out the term of Alderman Tyler Midstokke. It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Archer to agree to the appointment of Paul Kroepin to finish the 2028 term. Motion carried.

Lynn Carlson was present to speak with the council regarding the new community center building. Carlson would like to see support from the bigger businesses in town and more information available to the community. City Council understands the needs for more information; however, nobody came forward with any questions at the Community Potluck where this informational meeting was supposed to be addressed. Both Carlson and Tuite agreed that they need to get the committee back in order and willing to go out and talk to the people and also have an informa-

tional meeting for the Community to attend in the near future, so that we can get answers and continue with progress for the project.

It was moved by Archer, seconded by Ferry to approve liquor License renewals for 2026 to Rumors Tavern, Town & Country Co-op and The American Legion. Motion carried.

The first reading for a Floodplain Management Ordinance was read. It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Archer to approve first reading of the Floodplain Management Ordinance. Motion carried.

City Shop Building Insurance was discussed. It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Kroepin to a 60% Bravera Bank errors and omissions payment and Finley City to cover 40%. Motion carried. Aberle abstaining from the vote.

Linden Tree damage replacement was brought up to the council. The request was denied.

Advance Business Methods I.T. Service for Finley was discussed. Requested was denied.

It was moved by Aberle, seconded by Archer to approve the bills. Motion carried.

-99217 USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT.....\$48,062.00
-99216 BRAVERA..... \$1,801.10
-99215 Heartland Payment Systems.....\$33.50
-99214 STEELE COUNTY JDA..... \$500.00
-99213 CITY OF FINLEY..\$6,120.00
-99212 CITY OF FINLEY\$23,437.00
-99211 CITY OF FINLEY..\$5,601.00
-99210 CITY OF FINLEY.....\$244.00
34916 Advanced Business Methods.....\$148.50
34917 Black Mountain Software.... \$9,808.96
34918 BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE.....\$2,646.50
34919 Colonial Life.....\$153.52
34920 DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT.....\$7,443.25
34921 FARMERS UNION INSURANCE.....\$860.00
34922 Grand Forks Utility Billing... \$26.00
34923 Midco.....\$37.50
34924 OTTER TAIL POWER CO..... \$1,670.55
34925 STEELE COUNTY..\$1,800.00
34926 THOMAS R. MOE.....\$150.00
34927 Verizon Business.....\$38.26
34928 STEPHEN FIEBIGER.....\$2,155.71
34929 Marci Johnson.....\$1,070.84
34930 American Legion \$3,000.00
34931 FINLEY WILDLIFE CLUB..... \$3,000.00
34932 NDPERS.....\$1,085.74
34933 BRAVERA.....\$1,178.26
34934 FINLEY FARMERS ELEVATOR.....\$3,909.28
34935 Grand Forks Utility Billing... \$40.00
34936 MLGC.....\$451.69
34937 NEW CENTURY PRESS.....\$268.15
34938 NODAK REC. INC.....\$554.49
34939 TOWN & COUNTRY COOP.....\$261.57

34940 Chad Aberle.....\$161.61
34941 Tori Archer.....\$161.61
34942 STEPHEN FIEBIGER.....\$1,869.57
34943 Merle Ferry.....\$161.61
34944 Johnson.....\$1,070.84
34945 Brian Tuite.....\$230.87
34946 LESLIE JOHNSON \$1,291.00
34947 STEPHEN FIEBIGER.....\$1,291.00
34948 EFTPS.....\$1,978.95
34949 FINLEY PARK BOARD.....\$1,374.89

2025 Bonuses were discussed in the amount of \$1300.00.

There being no other business, Ferry moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Next city council meeting was set for Monday January 5th, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Finley City Hall.

SCP December 12, 2025, IO#356108

ATTENTION STEELE COUNTY SOYBEAN GROWERS: 2026 NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL (NDSC) ELECTION NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR STEELE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

On or about December 18, 2025, the NDSC will mail a nomination form to soybean producers of record in the above-named county. To be considered, nomination forms must be filed with the County Extension Agent for the above-named county. The County Extension Agent must receive the completed nomination form by January 12, 2026, or your mailed-in form must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2026. If you do not receive a nomination form in the mail, contact your County Extension Agent or the NDSC to obtain one. Look for the green envelope in the mail.

After nominations are validated by the County Extension Agent, names of the nominees will be sent to the NDSC to be placed on the 2025 ballot. On or about February 17, 2026, the NDSC will mail to soybean producers of record an election ballot with instructions. Look for the blue envelope in the mail. Completed ballots must be post-marked by March 5, 2026. The newly elected County Representative will be notified by March 12, 2026. In late March, those County Representatives will elect one County Representative to serve on the NDSC board of directors.

For more information and answers to questions, contact your County Extension Agent.

SCP December 12, 2025, IO#356111

Hope City Council

The Hope City Council met on Tuesday November 11, 2025 at 7:00 AM.

Present were Mayor Pat Brown and Council members Perry Brown, Aaron Reamer, Tim Johnson, Jeff Schuety, Marvin Spletstoesser

Mayor Pat Brown called the regular City of Hope Monthly meeting

to order

It was moved by Perry Brown and seconded by Aarron Reamer to approve the minutes of the October 2025 meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Emergency Grant donation was Discussed

2. City specials were discussed

New Business

1. Christmas in Hope- Motion to use the \$100 was not used last year and we will reapprove for this years use. Motion by Tim Johnson and seconded by Perry Brown. Motion passed

2. Locates map was discussed electric and water – get quotes

3. It was moved Tim Johnson to approve the donation of \$1000 to the food pantry. All approved Motion passed.

4. Open forum- Dept of Commerce Grant discussion

Past due accounts- send shut off notices

STEELE COUNTY JDA.....500.00
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.....983.36
aflac.....221.60
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.....2267.00
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA.....53391.83
BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA9061.46
Charles A Yanez.....1532.78
MARVIN SPLETTSTOESSER.100.00
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BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE.....2234.25
DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT.....3550.90
David Malaterre.....8500.00
FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY...218.30
MINNKOTA POWER COOP, INC.....1023.00
ND ONE CALL, INC.....3.00
ND SEWAGE PUMP LIFT STATION SERVICE CO.....455.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS.....95.53
RJ'S PLUMBING & HEATING.....7600.00
STEELE COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPT.....1100.00
THOMAS R. MOE.....150.00
BEK.....93.05
Charles A Yanez.....1532.78
HOPE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.....5750.49
HOPE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.....3500.00
MARVIN SPLETTSTOESSER1965.39
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS.....285.75
Nodak Electric Cooperative.....16127.09
DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT.....3718.65
MIC'S GROCERY.....1000.00
VISA.....517.45
Yanez Service.....100.00

Pay Bills Motion by Perry Brown and seconded by Tim Johnson bills

Adjoun meeting – Motion by Tim Johnson and seconded by Perry Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

Charles Yanez, Auditor
Pat Brown, Mayor
SCP, December 12, 2025, IO#356098

Sharon City Council

Sharon City Council Meeting was call to order by Mayor Bergenheier at 6pm, Sharon Community Building, December 8th, 2025, second Monday. Minutes were read a motion to approve by Sundeen seconded by Lee. Present were Mayor Bergenheier, Council Member Lee, Council Member Sundeen and Auditor Zentz.

Old Business: WAPA bill has to be paid by ACH or wire transfer. The tree pile will be burned next year, to let the wood dry out more.

New business: Transfer 20% of the gross recites from L&P to General? Motion to approve by Lee seconded by Sundeen.

Motion to pay bills by Lee seconded by Sundeen: Auditor 601.87, Rachel 802.50, NCP 61.29, Rick 1200.55, Bobby 692.62, Kathy 692.62, MFOA 40.00, MLGC 145.47, L&P Payroll 601.87, Nodak, Minnkota, WAPA 3,612.65, W&S Payroll 401.25, DRWD 1,254.60, City of GF 26.00, Environmental Quality 218.30.

Motion to adjourn by Sundeen seconded by Lee. Next City Council Meeting is January 12, 2026, 6pm, second Monday, Sharon Community Building.

SCP, December 12, 2025, IO#356097

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

relating to Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations.

North Dakota Geological Survey

will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.

Geological Survey

1:30 pm CST

Tues., Jan. 20, 2026

1000 E Calgary Ave

Bismarck, ND

Copies of the proposed rules will be available December 17, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Geological Survey at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0614, or by calling (701) 328-8000. View changes at www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs Comment in writing by 5pm January 30, 2026. Submit written comments to the Geological Survey (see address above) or ndgs@nd.gov. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Geological Survey at the above address or phone number by January 12, 2026.

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