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MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
EQUALIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2025 – 5 P.M.

The Milnor City Council convened as a Board of Equalization at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Council members present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Glen Koeppe, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost, and Jasmine Smith. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, LaJuana Hayen, Mike Bassingthwaite, Scott Johnson, Rick Bryant, Jeff Mund, Randy Odegard, Amy Bergstrom, Lacey Ferderer, Courtney Jacobson, Don Wehlander, Jeremy Radcliff, Kylie Christianson, Kris Lien, Tracy Lien, Tia Bopp, Monty Haugen, Jason Arth, Cindy Yagow, Mark Gainor, Brian Tayer, Ray Smith, Mitzi Smith, Tammy Bernhardt, Howard Rasmusson, Jerry Waswick, Rich Hogness, Roger Gibbon, Brenda Gibbon, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. Dennis Odegard joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Terry Dusek.

The City received The Assessment Workbook for 2025 to review prior to the Equalization meeting. LaJuana Hayen, Sargent County Tax and Assessment Director, was present to review with the Council and those in attendance the proposed 2025 Tax Assessments for the City of Milnor. Hayen discussed the state requirements and the sales ratio and explained the increases in valuations were due to higher selling prices in housing and current market values. Many city residents stated their valuations had increased considerably for the second year in a row, but there had been no improvements to their residence, and they questioned the formula being used to calculate valuations. One resident explained that legislators need to hear resident concerns, as the state determines the method used. Hayen encouraged residents to review their property cards to make sure the information is updated and corrected.

Motion to accept the Veterans and Homestead Tax Credits as presented (Ferderer/Odegard, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye. No nays.) Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Real Estate Exemptions as presented (Anderson/Ferderer, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye. No nays.) Motion carried.

Mayor Dusek called for a motion to accept the Sargent County Tax Director's Tax Assessments for the year 2025. No motion was made to accept, therefore the assessments were declined.

Motion to adjourn (Odegard/Koeppe, unanimous).

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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
GWINNER CITY EQUALIZATION MEET-
ING
APRIL 7, 2025
GWINNER, NORTH DAKOTA

Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson and Jason Arth were in attendance at the Gwinner City Equalization meeting on April 7th. LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, and Tia Bopp, Auditor were also in attendance. Gwinner City Council was present. Several Gwinner residents were also present.

Ms. Hayen outlined the steps which her office follows in the assessment process.

Several Gwinner residents expressed frustration with the results of their assessments and wondered what could be done to remedy the situation.

Given the fact that a few residents were given Notice of Increases later than others, the official equalization meeting for Gwinner will be held on April 14th at the Gwinner Community Center.

Jerry Waswick, Vice Chairman
Attest: Tia Bopp, County Auditor
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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
GWINNER CITY EQUALIZATION MEET-
ING
APRIL 14, 2025
GWINNER, NORTH DAKOTA

Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson and Jason Arth were in attendance at the Gwinner City

Equalization meeting on April 14th. LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Tia Bopp, Auditor were also in attendance. Gwinner City Council and Gwinner City Attorney, Jeff Leadbetter, were present. Several Gwinner residents were also in attendance.

Ms. Hayen again outlined the steps her office follows in the assessment process.

Again, several Gwinner residents expressed frustration over the assessment values on their property.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Gwinner City vote to not accept the Tax Director's assessed values.

Jerry Waswick, Vice Chairman
Attest: Tia Bopp, County Auditor
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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
MILNOR CITY EQUALIZATION MEET-
ING
APRIL 15, 2025
GWINNER, NORTH DAKOTA

Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson and Jason Arth were in attendance at the Milnor City Equalization meeting on April 15th. LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Tia Bopp, Auditor were also in attendance. Milnor City Council and Milnor City Attorney, Leann Even were also present. Several Milnor residents were also present.

Ms. Hayen outlined the steps her office follows in the assessment process.

Several Milnor residents expressed frustrations over the assessment values on their property.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Milnor City council voted to not accept the Tax Director's assessed values.

Jerry Waswick, Vice Chairman
Attest: Tia Bopp, County Auditor
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CITY OF FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10TH, 2025

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present was council members: Luke Anderson, Kirk Fliehs, City Auditor Alicia Thompson, City Attorney Lyle Bopp.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson, and seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve the agenda for regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson and seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve minutes from the March 11th, 2025, regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

Sheriff reports another average month; DARE in the 5th grade is all finished, they have been seeing multiple instances with bullying and social media being involved, April 24th BCI is coming to present with Sheriff Paeper, Deputy Wold, School Staff, parents and the kids about Internet Safety, knowing more what kids are looking at on these apps such as Tik Tok, Facebook, Snap Chat etc.

Luke Anderson made a motion to approve the annual bill for the Drug Task Force of 1000.00 Kirk Fliehs seconded it. Motion carried.

City Attorney Lyle Bopp- brought up Cemetery issues with plots not being on the original map and adding them to the new map when J and M printing is finished with it.

City Superintendent Donavon Hajek – not present

John Stenvold made a motion with Luke Anderson seconding to move forward on the Slum & Blight Project accepting a bid from L&M Contractors to remove the Asbestos Material at both locations for \$12,300, along with accepting a bid from Midwest Dirt Works for the demolition of the two buildings approving \$110,000 with the remaining of the grant funds to be used for fill that will be provided by the City of Forman and remaining dirt needed purchased from Maher Construction and if the amount exceeds the Grant amount we will be reaching out to other interested parties for funding.

City Coordinator report- not present

A motion was made by Luke Anderson and seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve building

permit for a Garden Shed for Jamie Grothe, providing info on location and structure of building.

A motion was made Kirk Fliehs and seconded by Luke Anderson to approve a 3-year loan through Stock Growers Bank in Forman for a new Snow Blade.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson and seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve the City Auditors Report, delinquency reports, financial statement, and payment of the bills.

Bills: SANITATION PRODUCTS \$145.00, KIRKS AG REPAIR 15.75, HACH COMPANY 296.01, DICKEY RURAL 515.60, JP MORGAN 521.14, DAKOTA PLAINS 730.12, OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY 4639.11, FORMAN LUMBER 304.35, SARGENT COUNTY TELLER 382.37, CITY OF FARGO 14.00, COMPUTER EXPRESS 95.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS 1.50, AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS 175.00, CENTRAL GROCERY 32.69, L&M CONTRACTORS 11750.00, MARC 4090.00, DAKOTA PLAINS 75.00, FORMAN GOLF ASSOCIATION 658.31, FORMAN PARK BOARD 1974.92, HAWKINS 549.40, ND SEWAGE AND PUMP LIFT STATION 780.00, BOPP LAW OFFICE 500.00, SARGENT COUNTY AUDITOR 847.62.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM. Next regular Council meeting is scheduled for April 8thth at 6:00 PM

Kevin Bopp, Mayor
Alicia Thompson, City Auditor
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CITY OF FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA
PROCEEDINGS OF CITY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
APRIL 10, 2025
TAX EQUALIZATION

The Board met at the City Hall of Forman City at 4:30PM, April 10, 2025.

Council there and present those as listed: Kevin Bopp
Luke Anderson
Kirk Fliehs
Alicia Thompson
LaJuana Hayen
David Jacobson
Shane Swanson
Rudy Rathert
Austin McLaen
Dylan Ekstrom
Tia Bopp
Dave Bergeman
Trent Nelson
Sheriff Travis Paeper
City Auditor:
Minutes of the Proceedings:
Motion to approve the Assessment Books made by Luke Anderson and seconded by Kirk Fliehs. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the adjustment sheet for 2024 taxes made by Luke Anderson and seconded by Kirk Fliehs. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept the homestead tax credits and Veterans tax credits made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Kirk Fliehs. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the tax equalization meeting at 5:15 pm Kirk Fliehs and seconded by Luke Anderson. Motion carried.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor
Alicia Thompson, City Auditor
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NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #3
APRIL 11, 2025
4:03 P.M. IN NS FACS ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

President Kris Beck called the **Special Meeting** of the North Sargent Public School District #3 to order at 4:03 p.m. in the NS FACS Room. Board members Kris Beck, Chris Mathias, Derrick Hansen, Sean Anderson and Zachary Johnson were present. Also present was Superintendent Ryan Moser and Business Mgr. Donna Anderson.

Motion to adopt the agenda. Mathias/Johnson.

Superintendent candidate interviews were held with Randal Brockman from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., Joel Hedtke from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and Steven Heyd from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Discussion followed the interviews. Motion to adjourn. Mathias/Hansen. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
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NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #3
APRIL 12, 2025
11:20 A.M. IN NS FACS ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

President Kris Beck called the **Special Meeting** of the North Sargent Public School District #3 to order at 11:20 a.m. in the NS FACS Room. Board members Kris Beck, Chris Mathias, Derrick Hansen, Sean Anderson and Zachary Johnson were present. Also present was Superintendent Ryan Moser and Business Mgr. Donna Anderson.

Motion to adopt the agenda. Hansen/Mathias.

Superintendent candidate interviews were held with Kara Munro from 11:23 to 12:15 a.m. and Chris Larson from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Discussion followed the interviews.

Motion to hire Kara Munro as 2025-2026 Superintendent at \$100,000.00 salary plus benefits.

Mathias/Anderson. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Mathias/Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
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NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #3
4:59 P.M. IN NS BOARD ROOM
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2025

President Kris Beck called the **Regular Monthly Meeting** of the North Sargent Public School District #3 to order at 4:59 p.m. in the NS Board Room. Board members Kris Beck, Chris Mathias, Derrick Hansen, Sean Anderson and Zachary Johnson were present. Also present were Supt. Moser, Principal Sorlie, Principal Hill, Business Mgr. Donna Anderson, Jaime Decker, Rachel Nelson, Cindy Dietz, Rebeka Helm, Dana Erickson, Becky Hansana, Emma Waloch and Austin Creech.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended with HS Special Ed Teacher resignation and laptop computer order added. Hansen/Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2025, regular meeting and March 24 and April 1st special meetings. Anderson/Mathias. All in favor, motion carried.

Delegations: Jaime Decker was present to discuss sharing a superintendent and school consolidation with the school board.

Business Manager's/Superintendent's Reports:

Business Manager Anderson presented the monthly financial reports on funds 01, 02, 03, 05 and 06.

Supt. Moser reported on general fund expenditure history, transportation, the Cognia Accreditation review scheduled for April 29th, wheelchair basketball with Hope, Inc and art night. We have met the state's requirements regarding Special Education, receiving our Levels of Determination from ND DPI.

Motion to approve the Business Manager and Superintendent's reports. Johnson/Anderson. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to pay bill list totaling \$281,242.29. Mathias/Hansen. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills:
AFLAC \$1,920.08
AMAZON.COM 1,054.11
ANDERSON, DONNA 103.58
BALAYONG, DEARLY ANN 17.10
BISMARCK HOTEL 99.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ND 17,319.40
BROCKMAN, KALEB 116.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS ADVANTAGE 1,203.97
CITY OF GWINNER 572.32
CROSSROADS MOTEL 308.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO. 777.89
DRN READITECH 1,016.46
ELMA-EASTERN LIBRARY MEDIA ASSOC. 15.00
ENDERSON CONSTRUCTION INC 292.50
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC 214.39
GROTEBERG ELECTRIC INC 854.07
HORACE MANN 20.00
HOVIND, JAN 20.00
HOWEY, SUSAN 75.00
LIDGERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL 179.00
MAPLE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL 52.00
MARZANO RESOURCES 8,520.00
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 1,271.67
ND ATTORNEY GENERAL 38.00
ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE ED 458.00
NOGOWSKI, TARA 327.60
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY 9,558.54
SARGENT COUNTY TELLER, THE 581.00
SORLIE, MICHAEL 218.00
STOCK GROWERS BANK 8.12
TEAL'S MARKET 335.65
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 50.40
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT 2,253.00
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 1,333.00
WAGEWORKS, INC. 2,011.95
APRIL PAYROLL 228,047.49

Committee Reports: None.

Principal Reports:

Principal/AD Sorlie reported state testing, art night, the spring concert, Math Olympics and scheduled activities coming in May. As A.D, he reported on six students qualifying for state speech and six students qualifying for state music.

Principal Hill reported state testing, evaluations, the county prom, scheduling, a legislative tour, the music concert and NDSCS fall registration.

Unfinished/Old Business: None.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding unused Class of 2024 funds. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to hire Nicole Miller to teach grades 3-6 summer school in June 2025. Hansen/Mathias. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to hire Traci Hanson to teach grades K-2 summer school in June 2025. Anderson/Mathias. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Academic School Calendar. Hansen/Johnson. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session for teacher negotiations with the legal authority of NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). Johnson/Hansen. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

The members of the public left the meeting for the closed session.

Executive session began at 5:45 p.m. Executive session ended at 6:00 p.m.

The members of the public were invited back to the open session.

Additional Items Added to the Agenda:

Motion to accept the resignation of Angie Moser as HS Special Education Teacher.

Hansen/Johnson. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Computer Express quote to update the HS laptop cart with twenty-five laptops at an approximate cost of \$24,749.75. There is an urgency to order them before any price increases in May due to tariffs.

Motion to approve the purchase of twenty-five laptop computers from Computer Express with Waste Management funds. Mathias/Anderson.

Topics of Discussion:

Principal interviews have been set up for April 23, 2025, at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. in an open meeting.

Discussion was held on a shared Athletic Director between the schools. This will also be discussed at the cooperative meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025, at Milnor Public School.

The next regular school board meeting is May 12, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Mathias/Hansen. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
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NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #3
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2025

President Kris Beck called the **Special Meeting** of the North Sargent Public School District #3 to order at 4:00 p.m. in the NS FACS Room. Board members Kris Beck, Derrick Hansen, Sean Anderson and Zachary Johnson were present. Board member Chris Mathias was absent. Also present was Superintendent Ryan Moser and Business Mgr. Donna Anderson.

Motion to adopt the agenda. Hansen/Anderson.

Secondary Principal candidate interviews were held with Ryan Schneider from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., Drew Wittich from 4:45 to 5:20 p.m. and Markie Toso from 5:38 to 6:00 p.m.

Discussion followed the interviews.

Motion to go into executive session for discussion of principal negotiation strategies with the legal authority per NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) and NDCC 15.1-16-22. Johnson/Anderson. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive session began at 6:29 p.m. and ended at 6:32 p.m.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to select a principal candidate and hold an executive session for teacher negotiation strategies.

Motion to adjourn. Hansen/Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
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NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #3
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2025

President Kris Beck called the **Special Meeting** of the North Sargent Public School District #3 to order at 6:01 p.m. in the NS Board Room. Board members Kris Beck, Chris Mathias, Derrick Hansen, Sean Anderson and Zachary Johnson were present. Also present was Superintendent Ryan Moser, Business Mgr. Donna Anderson, Kari Ulven and 2025-2026 Superintendent Kara Munro via phone.

Motion to adopt the agenda. Anderson/Hansen.

Discussion was held on the principal candidates.

Motion to hire Drew Wittich as 2025-2026 Secondary Principal. Johnson/Hansen. Voting aye: Hansen, Johnson, Anderson, Mathias, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session for teacher negotiation strategies with the legal authority per NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). Hansen/Anderson.

Executive session began at 6:21 p.m. and ended at 6:39 p.m.

Motion to adjourn. Mathias/Hansen. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
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MILNOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 16, 2025

MILNOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2

The School Board of Milnor Public School, District No. 2, met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16th, 7:00 pm in the ITV room. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Fyre called the meeting to order. Board members present- C Fyre, L Mund, A Bogart, S Berndt, and K Wehlander. Also, present Superintendent C Larson, Business Manager W Hogness, HS Principal R Weber, Elementary Principal T Wittich, and N Foertsch. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, Wehlander/Bogart. The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda (consisting of the March 11th Regular Board meeting minutes, financial reports and present bills totaling \$19,052.13) Mund/Wehlander.

Bills:
DACOTAH PAPER CO. \$792.62
DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOP. 4,420.18
KYLE JACOBSON 30.00
KALI LIEN 158.39