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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-44-01 MEDICAL MARIJUANA

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-44-01, related to definitions, expiration of registry identification cards, compassion center certification fees, dispensary premises, manufacturing facility labeling, and standards for concentration compliance testing, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearingand will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2026.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 33-41-01 TATTOO AND BODY ART AND TO CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 33-41-01.1 BODY ART CODE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed repeal of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-41-01 and proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-41-01.1 relating to definitions, health and hygiene standards and reporting requirements, jewelry standards and recordkeeping, specific regulations for specific types of body art, public notification requirements, documentation requirements, informed consent and release form, disinfection and sterilization procedures, preparation and care of the procedure site, requirements for single-use items, regulated waste, requirements for premises, temporary body art establishments, mobile body art establishments, license requirements, prohibitions, inspection, denial, suspension, revocation, disciplinary action, waiver provision, and license fees for body artist and body art establishments at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at local public health units, human service zones offices, and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2026.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 7, 2026

At 8:00 am, Chairman Copenhaver called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Paul Roller, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner David Utke via Zoom. Also present was Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Hailey K Bachmeier, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, Foster County Fair Board Member Kyle Schroeder via phone, Melville Township Supervisor Bruce Willyard, and Foster County Independent Reporter Nathan Price.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the March 17th Commission meeting, March 24th Special Commission Meeting, the 8:30 am, March 30th Special Commission Meeting, the 9:00 am, March 30th, Special Commission Meeting, and the 10:00 am, March 30th Special Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Hagel had a spelling correction for the March 17th Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction on the March 17th Commissioner meeting, seconded by Commissioner Roller. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer informed the BOCC that check 39935 for ND Association of County and Tribal VSO was paid to avoid late fees and is requesting this check be included with the approval of bills. Commissioner Scanson motioned to approve the bills with the inclusion of check 39935, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: ND Association of county and tribal VSO, $50.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 519.87; Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 1,021.31; Balco Uniform Co., Inc., 627.00; Bessette Motors, Inc., 90.16; Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center, 110.00; C&J Oil Company, 787.37; Central City H20+, 79.50; Central City Lumber, Inc., 292.99; Computer Express, 1,485.99.

D&E Supply, 85.76; Dacotah Paper Company, 42.94; Fedex, 22.01; Foster County Independent, 793.31; Freedom and Glory, 134.48; Hagel Storage, 400.00; Jerrod Holte, 8.70; Justin Johnson, 81.29; Lynelle Lyman Hoppe, 79.25; Melanie G. Hesch, 19.60; Napa Auto Parts, 40.99; National Association of Counties, 450.00.

ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 395.46; OK Tire Store, 850.62; Patriot Fuels, 58.43; Quill Corporation, 63.34; RDO Equipment Co., 6,308.23; Rocket Wash, 48.00; Running's Supply, Inc., 115.82; Software Innovations, 9,900.00; Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 100.00; Stutsman County Auditor, 2,000.00; The Village Family Service Center, 1,500.00; William J. Gale, 132.68.

Commissioner Roller made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided an update for the BOCC. Snow updates totals are 58.30 inches for this snow year. Crack sealing is finished for 2026. The road department will crack seal Grace City and McHenry highways next year in 2027. Monson stated they plan to start dura-patching later this week if weather permits. Monson stated the truck sold at ORR Auctioneers. Monson also stated he plans to go to Valley City to look at a Pull Blade and provide information to the BOCC. Monson wanted to clarify that during the 10:00 a.m. special meeting on March 30th, there was discussion regarding the possible use of a pipeline for dirt work on the east end of Club Hall Road. At that time, it was mentioned that Eastman and McKinnon Townships had an existing right of way of 33 feet and that could be an issue. Monson explained that the right-of-way in McKinnon Township was established through easements granted

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ANALYSIS OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT JUNE 9, 2026

The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 9, 2026. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at soselect@nd.gov, or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 610). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.

Voting **"YES"** means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting **"NO"** means you reject the measure summarized above.

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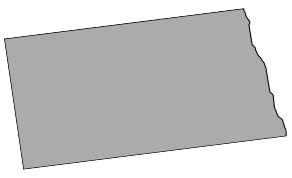

Around the State...

BY LEASA A. LURA
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

The counties and cities within the state of North Dakota hold many interesting news stories.

Here are just a few of the feature stories that others are reading in communities around the state.

Thomas waives hearing in Crosby murder charge

The Crosby man accused in the first homicide charged in the area since 1990 has waived his right to a preliminary hearing in court, allowing the case to move toward trial.

Xavier Thomas is charged with murder in the alleged stabbing death of a man identified as Eddie Carrington, also of Crosby, at an apartment building in town last February 8 or early February 9.

His preliminary hearing had been scheduled for April 24 at the Divide County Courthouse in Crosby.

According to an affidavit, witnesses said Thomas appeared at the Crosby Moose Lodge bloodied and carrying a knife, stating that he had been raped. He complied with requests to put the weapon down and confessed to stabbing Carrington.

The man identified as Carrington was found by Divide County sheriff's deputies with stab and slash woulds on his left side, according to the affidavit. He was taken to St. Luke's Medical Center in Crosby where he was pronounced dead around 1 a.m. February 9.

Thomas was reportedly at the Moose Lodge earlier in the evening and left the bar with Carrington to go to his apartment, thinking the two of them would smoke marijuana, but Thomas didn't have the key to get into the apartment.

The alleged sexual assault and stabbing took place in the boiler room of the apartment building.

Thomas was reportedly interviewed a second time on February 10 and expressed no remorse for the killing because of his belief Carrington would continue to harm him.

Thomas remains in custody at the Williams County Correctional Center in Williston on a $1 million bond.

A jury trial for the case is scheduled to being August 3.

(Story taken from the Journal, Crosby)

Killdeer public schools to switch to four-day week

As of next school year, Killdeer Public Schools will be on a four-day week schedule.

Jeff Simmons, Killdeer Public School's superintendent, announced the school district's application has been approved by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and the school district will begin its four-day week schedule at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

Currently there are 14 school districts in North Dakota that are on a four-day week calendar.

Schools that have switched or have been contemplating switching to a four-day week schedule are doing so because of the benefits, which includes some cost savings, but more so for a better quality of life for teachers, staff and students. School districts that have switched are using it as a tool for retaining and attracting new teachers, something many schools in North Dakota have struggled with over the years.

(Story by Ryan Schlehuber, taken from the Hazen Star)

State facing significant child care shortage

North Dakota faces a significant child care shortage, with capacity only meeting about 81 percent of the demand for families with working parents. The shortage disproportionately affects certain rural and low-income counties and is driven by factors like low provider pay, leading to staff shortages and high operational costs for businesses.

The state has implemented initiatives like House Bill 1540 and the ND Child Care Initiative, which aim to increase availablity, affordability and quality of child care through investments in workforce benefits, employer cost-sharing and support for providers.

(Story taken from the Turtle Mountain Star)

SCHOOL BOARD

Carrington School District
Regular School Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Place: High School Library

I. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.
II. Voluntary recitation of the pledge of allegiance
III. Confirmation of the Agenda
IV. Approval of Minutes for the April 14 board meeting and the special board meeting held on April 28
V. Consideration of the Bills
VI. Communications
  A. Administrative Reports
    1. Superintendent
    2. High School Principal
    3. Elementary Principal
  B. Committee Reports
    1. Set finance committee meeting
    2. Set transportation committee meeting
VII. Financials Report
  A. General Fund
  B. Special Reserve Fund
  C. Capital Projects
  D. Debt Services
  E. Food Service
  F. Student Activity
VIII. Unfinished Business
IX. New Business
  1. Zoom with Fisher Tracks to discuss scope of the project. Discussion, Motion
  2. Motion to issue elementary teaching contract to Sheena Mattson at BA,0 for the 2026-27 school year
  3. Motion to approve the second reading of the high school hand book
  4. Motion to approve the second reading of the elementary handbook
  5. Motion to approve the second reading of the Pre-K handbook
  6. Motion to approve the resignation of Caitlin Good, elementary counselor at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year
  7. Motion to approve the resignation of Joshua Kerbaugh, physical education teacher and head wrestling coach at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year
X. Miscellaneous Business
  1.
  2.
XI. Public Comment
XII. Adjournment - Having no further business for the board's consideration, the meeting is adjourned at _____p.m. The next regular school board meeting date and time will be on June 9th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

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