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**Notice of School Board Election****Powers Lake School District #27 Powers Lake, North Dakota**

Notice is hereby given that the annual election for Powers Lake School District #27 will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Powers Lake Public School, 600 Railroad Ave. E., Powers Lake, ND 58773.

Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the election is to elect three (3) members to the School Board as follows:

- One (1) City Position – 3-Year Term
- One (1) At-Large Position – 3-Year Term
- One (1) Unexpired One-Year Term to Fill a Vacated Position

In addition, the following question will be submitted to the voters of the district: Shall the Powers Lake School District #27 publish a record of the school board's proceedings in the newspaper? (NDCC 15-28-11)

Powers Lake School District #27  
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager  
May 20, 2026

**City of Bowbells Council Proceedings**

May 12, 2026

**Unapproved Minutes**

PRESENT: Council members: Michael Bolton, Laurie Lemmon & Archie Deckert; Lanette Jager, City Auditor; Dylan Benge, Maintenance Supervisor. MEMBERS ABSENT: Casey Beeter. GUESTS: Denise Holter, Rose Holter, Bonnie Nielsen, Nate Schneider & Jordan Lemmon.

Mayor Shannon Holter called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

**Motion was made by Deckert, second by Bolton,** to approve the minutes as written for April 13th, 2026. Motion was carried.

Sewer issues at 402 Farmington Ave. NE and 108 Farmington Ave. NE. The 2 sewer lines are connected together and run down the end of the block because there is not a sewer main there.

Nate Schneider gave quotes to put in 220' of 8" sewer main with cleanout for 54,120.00. Each house would be able to tie in new sewer line within 5' of house foundation with cleanouts for 7300.00.

**Motion was made by Bolton, second by Deckert** to accept NLE quote to put in a sewer main for 54,120.00 and each resident can tie in for 7300.00. Roll call vote: Deckert: Aye, Lemmon: Aye & Bolton: Aye. Motion carried.

Brandy Zepp, Tax Director, gave 3 options to move forward considering how it's currently being used for Parcel #06608000. Mayor Holter would like to put this on the county commission agenda for Tuesday, the 19th, 2026 for further discussion since we were short one city council member.

**Motion was made by Bolton, second by Deckert** to approve the financial reports for April 2026. Roll call vote: Deckert:Aye, Lemmon:Aye & Bolton:Aye. Motion carried.

**Motion was made by Bolton, second by Lemmon** to pay the bills for May 2026. Roll call vote: Deckert Aye, Lemmon Aye & Bolton Aye. Motion carried.

BILLS: Burke County Sheriff \$400.00; Burke Tribune 118.69; Circle Sanitation 5486.75; City of Minot 180.00; Dakota Fire Extinguishers 495.92; DPC 1559.00; Dennis Benge 334.10; Derheim 672.07; Elan Financial 1853.52; Farmers Union Hardware 271.58; Farmers Union Oil 442.20; FDHU 30.00; Hawkins 1755.08; John Deere Financial 59.54; Lanette Jager 285.36; Mertes Imp 192.40; MDU 2909.03; NCC 233.63; NDEQ 210.00; ND One Call 7.50; Swanston Equipment 3265.39; Upper Souris Water 4640.00; VESTIS 135.39; BC/BS 247.00. TOTAL 25,784.35

Dylan Benge gave his maintenance report.

When the water was turned on for the pool, there were busted pipes and water spraying all over. Should be fixed next week.

Propane boiler in the hall's furnace room did not pass inspection as it is an old one that is not being used and will be removed.

City will get another trash pump for pumping water out of the landfill's pit.

Quote from DPC for spare chopper parts for the main lift station and park lift station for 31,800.00. Budget in for next year.

**Motion Deckert, second Bolton** to approve gaming application to Post Prom Committee for 1000.00. Motion carried.

**Motion Deckert, second Bolton** to approve gaming application to Society of St. Stephen's Food Panty for 5000.00. Motion carried.

**Motion Bolton, second Deckert** to approve Building Permit #784 to Lance Jager for 12x12 enclosure for his hot tub at 103 3rd Street NW, Bowbells. Motion carried.

**Motion Bolton, second Deckert** to approve Building Permit #785 to Lance Jager for 12x17 enclosure between garage and shed with sliding door at 103 3rd Street NW, Bowbells. Motion carried.

**Motion Bolton, second Deckert** to approve Building Permit #786 to Jason Cartier & Cura Pine to replace old fence with white vinyl fence at 104 Roosevelt

Ave NE, Bowbells. Motion carried.

**Motion Bolton, second Lemmon** to approve Building Permit #787 to Barry & Lanette Jager for a 11x7 Greenhouse at 200 2nd Street NE, Bowbells. Motion carried.

**Motion Bolton, second Lemmon** to approve the quote from NRG of 495.00 to analyze 2 workstations and back-ups once a month for IT services.

ADA Accessibility Training Webinar Series for websites. Need to be compliant by 2028.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 AM. Next City Council Meeting will be June 8th, at 7:00 AM.

ATTEST: Shannon Holter, Mayor  
Lanette Jager, City Auditor  
May 20, 2026

**City of Powers Lake Council Proceedings****Regular Meeting Unapproved Proceedings**

The Powers Lake City Council met in regular session on May 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Council members present were: Griesbach, Moen, Parslow and Holmen. Also present were Dustin Olson, Kenny MacDonald, Megan Tarap, Chris Hageman with Ackerman-Estvoid, Ron Peters, Carey Kilpatrick, Patrick Leighton (via phone), Chuck Kranz, Jerry & Denise Dvorscak, and the auditor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:00 pm.

Megan Tarap with Powers Lake Summer Rec requested operating funds for the 2026 summer rec program. Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Holmen to approve a bulk water community grant to the Powers Lake Summer Rec for \$11,000.00. Moen requested the program comes back if they need additional funds for a pitching machine. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous. Tarap left the meeting.

Powers Lake Civic Club requested funds for flowers for city Main Street beautification. Motion by Moen, seconded by Griesbach to approve a bulk water community grant to the Powers Lake Civic Club for \$1,000 for city beautification. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Mayor Enget called for public comment. Olson requested the council establish and clarify police officer code of conduct and a more explicit contract terms with sheriff's office.

Ackerman-Estvoid gave the engineering report. The erosion control blankets on the drainage ditch by city hall. Discussion was held on Erickson addition with resident house/driveway runoff causing erosion concerns and pipes daylighting out into the city waterway.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Parslow to approve the April 6 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the April 16 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve the May 1 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Auditor: Motion by Moen, seconded by Parslow to approve the April fund statement. Motion carried. Discussion was held on rat control, lot cleanup and wedding dance security.

Landfill/Bldg Permits: Cleanup Week will be May 11-15 from 6-9 pm. 2026 hours for the landfill will be Mondays and Thursdays (6 pm-9 pm), excluding holidays; no Saturday hours. A building permit application will be sent to Aiden Nordloef for his fence.

Streets/Legion Hall: MacDonald is waiting for a bid from Wagner Construction for curb and gutter repairs. Discussion held on dust control - MacDonald will contact the contractor to line up. The engineer will look into cost for paving 5th Ave W. The soft spot in 5th Ave by the county shop will be repaired.

Water/Sewer: MacDonald will get a quote on some sewer jetting this summer.

Police: Burke County Sheriff contract with the city is in effect. 2018 Tahoe is at Heck Built to have city equipment removed. MacDonald will take 2012 Tahoe to Heck Built to have equipment removed and decals removed so it's ready for sale.

Mayor: Juneberry Day is June 25; Powers Lake Days are August 7-9; PLHS graduation is May 24; Memorial Day program is May 25. FBLA should have the Powers Lake promotions project by the next meeting.

Old Business: Discussion was held on a hitch mounted sand spreader.

New Business: Discussion was held on summer help. Moen will make a job description for summer help. Motion by Holmen, seconded by Moen to approve the Vet's Club gaming site for Loc-Ales Bar. Motion carried.

Motion by Parslow, seconded by Moen to pay the following bills: Adobe \$20.99, Border Plains Equipment 301.86, Burke County Auditor 390.00, Burke County Sheriff 400.00, Burke County Tribune 188.96, Cenex 559.07, Circle Sanitation 8152.25, Country Store 135.43, Display Sales 1158.00, First District Health 30.00, Hawkins 2244.37, Heck Built 3812.00, ITD 103.40, John's Sand & Gravel 145.00, KSquared 12,242.00, Larsen Tire 556.34, LED Solutions 369.32, Lexipol 208.54, MDU 3412.97, NCC 572.72, One Call Concepts 4.50, SM Services 2500.00, Souris Basin Planning 150.00, Uline 140.60, VistaPrint 237.43, Verizon 131.15, Wall of Honor 1000.00, WhiteCap 1346.79, Liz Beavers 707.70, Patrick Leighton 4616.50, Patrick Leighton (vacation payout) 231.82, Kenny MacDonald 4133.72, Jennifer Titus 2816.01, NDPERS (retirement) 1777.04, NDPERS (Def Comp) 1000.00, IRS payroll taxes 3481.12. Roll call vote resulted in ayes unanimous.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 2 at 6 pm.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor  
Jennifer Titus, City Auditor  
May 20, 2026

**City of Portal Council Proceedings**

Meeting date: May 12, 2026

**Unapproved Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Portal City Council was held at the Community Center in Portal, ND on May 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Mayor Lisa Smith. Members of the City Council present were Kenneth Evenson, Dustin Degenstein and Auditor Kaydee Smith. Members absent were Lorie Fitchner and Tamara Rudland. Others present were Ricky Smith, Patrick Samson with Ackerman-Estvoid, Nate and Shelley Schneider, and Kirk Rice on behalf of Rapiscan Systems.

There were no public comments. Mayor Smith steps down to meet quorum.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by D. Degenstein to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

L. Smith takes back her position as Mayor.

Kirk talks about the rail car inspection infrastructure replacement project. Mayor Smith steps down to meet to quorum. Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by D. Degenstein to approve building permit #2026-1 for parcel 0838001, 200 Clark Street. All in favor, motion carried. L. Smith takes back her position as Mayor. Kirk leaves the meeting and Shelley joins the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Nate and Shelley asked about horses on parcel 08382003.

No Sheriff's report given.

Patrick gives council an update with the Brownfield Grant, FEMA NFIP status, and MDU has a concrete guy to fill in the sidewalk as previously talked about last meeting.

Titan Machinery will come look the backhoe this week for repairs. The rain gutters and crushed asphalt for the fire hall was discussed. The possibility of if NLE rents a sweeper to have them sweep some streets in town.

Council is reviewing Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Smith steps down to meet quorum.

Motion was made by D. Degenstein, and seconded by K. Evenson to approve the retail liquor license for Gateway Cities Golf Club for May 15, 2026 through October 31, 2026 and for it. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by D. Degenstein to approve Vet's Gaming Site Authorization for Rosie's Cantina. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by D. Degenstein to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance Floodplain Management. All in favor, motion carried.

L. Smith takes back her position as Mayor.

Van Diest Supply spring workshop is Tuesday May 19th in Minot.

Council discusses 90-day delinquency. Maternity leave for Auditor Smith was discussed.

June 9, 2026 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 5:15 pm is next regular meeting.

Mayor Smith steps down to meet quorum.

Motion was made by D. Degenstein, and seconded K. Evenson to adjourn the meeting 5:49 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: AFR: EPTPS \$1002.42; Dacotah Bank 10.00; SaskEnergy 47,154.14; CDBG: Municipal Pipe Tool \$21,029.57; NPL 55,275.10. May: Ackerman \$412.51, BC Sheriff 400.00; BC Tribune 117.86; Circle Sanitation 2413.00; First District Health 30.00; Jerry's Transfer 28.00; Lignite Oil 459.56; MDU (Utilities) 2364.48;

MDU Contract 7050.26; NCC 202.56; Share 1716.16; One Call 1.50; Dacotah Bank 134.12; Kaydee Smith (Mileage) 125.22.

Kaydee Smith, City Auditor  
May 20, 2026

**Notice of Consultation**

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
**NOTICE OF CONSULTATION**  
Supreme Court No. 20260183

**In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 5, with Chambers in Minot, North Central Judicial District**

[¶1] On May 12, 2026, the Governor notified this Court of the retirement of the Honorable Todd L. Cresap as Judge of the District Court in the North Central Judicial District, effective July 17, 2026. Therefore, under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, a vacancy in the office of district judge will be created upon Judge Cresap's retirement. Section 27-05-02.1, N.D.C.C., requires the Supreme Court to determine whether the judgeship is necessary for effective judicial administration in the North Central Judicial District or whether the judgeship may be transferred. The Court considered the matter.

[¶2] **IT IS ORDERED**, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the North Central Judicial District under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2(b). Any person wishing to comment on the vacancy may also do so in writing no later than June 17, 2026. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the Court Administrator for Unit 4 regarding the North Central Judicial District and discussing the criteria under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2 and receive statewide caseload data from the State Court Administrator's office. Written comments may be filed as provided by the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

[¶3] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, with the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Jerod E. Tuft, the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, the Honorable Douglas A. Bahr, and the Honorable Mark A. Frieze, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

[¶4] Dated: 5/18/2026  
Petra H. Mandigo Hulm  
Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court  
May 20, 2026

**Notice**

To James Emmel, Kenmare, North Dakota

To James Emmel, owner of grain stored in grain bins owned by Larry Olney, all of which Larry Olney had previously requested Mr. Emmel remove.

You are hereby notified that Larry Olney claims a special lien upon the above-described grain by virtue of North Dakota Century Code section 35-20-11, and hereby further advises you of the undersigned's intention to foreclose such special lien and acquire ownership of such article, unless the sum of \$2,400.00, plus one hundred dollars per month from the date of this notice is paid within sixty days from the date hereof, or unless you shall notify the undersigned within such period of your election to challenge the amount claimed due for services rendered thereon.

Dated: April 21, 2026  
OLSON & BURNS P.C.

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May 6, 13 & 20, 2026

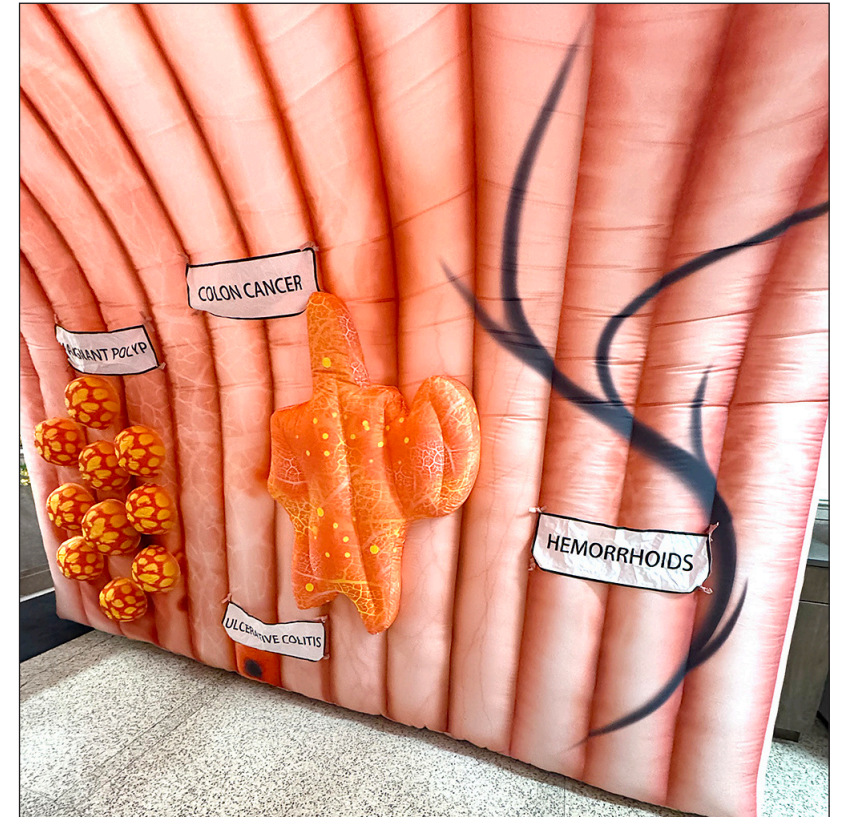
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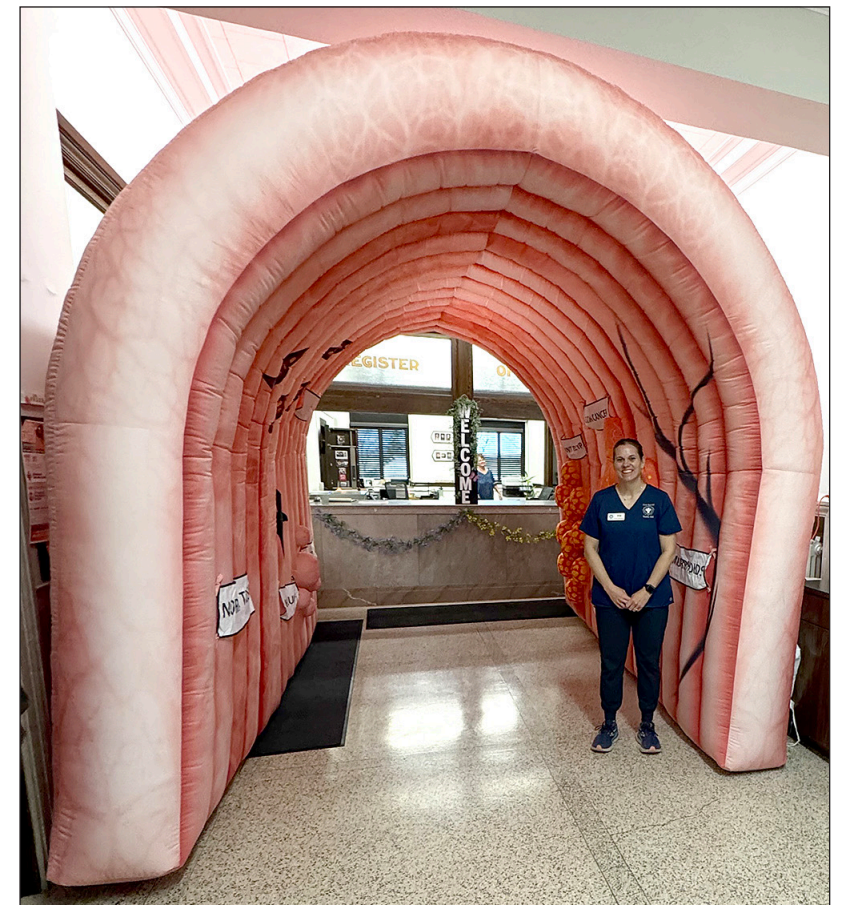
In addition, the Powers Lake Legion Auxiliary had display cases built by Lacy Grubb, remembering veterans from the area. To date they have displayed uniforms from Jim Van Berkom, US Army; Calmer Overlee, US Navy; Mike Riely,

US Air Force; Royal Hovland, US Army; Arthur Axelson, US Army with more to be displayed.

The memorial tribute wall will be able to be viewed on May 25 during the Memorial Day program at the Legion Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**Rollin' Colon at the Courthouse**

The "Rollin' Colon" made a stop at the Burke County Courthouse May 13 for a health education class for county employees. The colon is a giant, 32-foot-long inflatable walk-through colon used to teach digestive health and colorectal cancer prevention. Inside reveals information and visuals on a number of different diseases that can affect the colon, including polyps, colon cancer and Chron's disease. First District Health nurse, Stacey Schoemer reports Cologuard is now available to order through First District Health.

**County Commissioners Meet**

The Burke County Commissioners held a short meeting on Tuesday, May 5.

**maintenance**  
Tracy Stover, custodian, presented an estimate for fixing plaster issues. The board granted their permission to have the areas fixed.

Stover will get estimates on cement work for fixing the cracks and lip at the handicap entrance.

The air conditioners are hooked up except for one in the courtroom.

**sheriff**  
Nick Throntveit, sheriff resigned as the county coroner. Griffin Nelson agreed to take the position. The commissioners approved a motion to accept Throntveit's resignation and appoint Griffin Nelson as Burke County Coroner for a term of five years.

The sheriff's department is full staffed with the hiring of Havanah Nelson.

**other**  
The commissioners appointed Joy Lucy as the inspector for the Primary and General Elections in 2026, and made a motion to accept the election worker resolution.

The repair to the guard rail on King's Highway should start soon as well as demolition of the Flaxton gymnasium.

Discussion was held on fuel

**VOTE KURT KOPPELSLOEN**  
Burke County Commissioner District 2  
*I would appreciate your vote on June 9.*  
paid for by Kurt Koppelsloen

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