

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA Probate No. 29-2026-PR-00004 In the Matter of the Estate of Raymond D. Mattheis, Deceased.

Hazen, ND 58545, or filed with the Court. Dated this 19th day of February, 2026.  
/s/ Eric Mattheis  
Co-Personal Representative  
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Address  
/s/ Carey Mattheis  
Co-Personal Representative  
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Attorneys for the Personal Representative

(02-26-2026)(03-05-2026)(03-12-2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed co-personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Eric Mattheis and Carey Mattheis, co-personal representatives of the estate, P.O. Box 488,

## NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION REQUESTING THE CITY OF STANTON ZONING DISTRICT MAP BE AMENDED

A Petition requesting that the city lots described below be re-zoned has been filed with the City Auditor for the City of Stanton, Mercer County, North Dakota and said City Auditor is hereby ordered to publish notice of such filing in the Hazen Star. The city lots to be re-zoned are described as follows: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 3 and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,

9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 4 in the Miller's First Addition to the City of Stanton, Mercer County, North Dakota  
Said Petition requests that the above referenced lots be re-zoned from their current zoning designation of R2-Residential District to C-Commercial District.  
WHEREAS, said Petition will be presented to the Stanton City Council who shall hear all protests against the same, if any, at the

Stanton City Hall Meeting Room in the City of Stanton, Mercer County, North Dakota, on the 9th day of March, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (CT) and at that time make its final decision concerning said Petition.  
DATED this 24th day of February, 2026.  
Chonny Braithwait  
Stanton City Auditor

(02-26-2026) (03-05-2026)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A REZONING APPLICATION

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ZONING CASE 26-03-01  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, March 11th, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, in the Civic Center at Beulah. The Planning Commission will review and consider an application from Chris Santos for approval of an application to rezone a parcel of land from Agricultural District to a Commercial District. The proposed application is to construct 2 storage unit buildings. The size of the first building will be 30x144 containing 12 - 12X30 storage units and the second building is 45x140 containing 10-14x45 storage units.  
The subject parcel is located approximately 6 miles East of Hazen. It consists of 5 acres

and is described as Parcel 2A, Being a portion of Parcel 2 within the NW4NW4 of Section 17 T 144N R85W of the 5th Principle Meridian, Mercer County ND.  
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on this rezoning application at this public hearing or forward written comments prior to this hearing to: Mercer County Auditor – PO Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571. A copy of the application, location map and other documents is available to the public for inspection and copying in the Office of the County Auditor on Monday through Friday during regular office hours.  
Jen Neumiller  
Mercer County Land Use Administrator

(02-26-2026)(03-05-2026)

## MERCER COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL SYSTEM CONVERSION

Mercer County is seeking proposals from qualified independent audit firms to perform an audit of the recent financial system conversion from the AS400 iSeries System to the Tyler School ERP Pro Version 2025.3.13/Taxwise Enterprise Edition Version 20206.1.2.1. The purpose of this audit is to evaluate data integrity, internal controls, migration accuracy, compliance, and overall effectiveness of the conversion process. For the full proposal and require-

ments and /or questions please contact the Mercer County Auditor's office at 701-745-3292, email your request to careed@nd.gov or go to www.mercercountynd.com. All proposals are due to Auditor's Office by Friday, March 13, 2026 no later than 4:00 p.m. (CT).  
Carmen Reed, Auditor

(02-26-2026)(03-05-2026)

## NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual election of the Hazen Public School District #3, County of Mercer, State of North Dakota will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 with polling site open in Hazen.  
Any individual seeking election to the Hazen School Board must file all required documents with the district business manager by 4:00 p.m. CDT on April 6, 2026. Mailed documents must be in the possession of the business manager by 4:00 p.m. CDT

on April 6, 2026.  
Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms.  
Dated at Hazen, North Dakota this 18th Day of February 2026.  
By order of the Hazen School Board  
Signed: Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager

(02-26-2026)(03-05-2026)  
(03-12-2026)(03-19-2026)

## NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Hazen is April 6, 2026, by 4:00 PM CT. The following city offices will be on the ballot.  
Hazen City Commission President  
Hazen City Commissioner  
Hazen Municipal Judge  
Hazen Park Board Commissioner/Director  
A candidate for city office must turn in a

completed SFN 2074 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at: 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and 10172 Statement of Interests

(03-05-2026)

## MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 4, 2026  
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rick Bauman.  
Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during the meeting were Sheriff Terry Ternes, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Donovan & Kaffar, PLLP Attorney Mark Kaffar, Planning & Zoning Chairman Mike Eslinger, and Dale Schwalbe.  
Pledge of allegiance was said.  
Folk moved to approve the amended agenda. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Folk moved to approve the January 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes with the following amendments on page 2, line 17 remove "so he could have them removed as is his responsibility as Sheriff" and on line 33, take out "bring those forms of revenue back to the county" and replace with "update amounts of revenue to the county." Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner presented the updated Mercer-Oliver Joint Powers Agreement for HR and EM. Voigt moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Wolf seconded. Voigt amended the motion to decrease the hourly wage of both the HR and EM from \$54.94/hour to \$52.94/hour, a \$2 decrease. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Amendment carried. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Folk moved to approve the Recorder December Revenues of \$5,353.40. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser discussed the Golden Valley

shop roof repairs and presented a quote from Western Steel Builders for \$37,300. Wolf moved to put the roof repair and/or replacement of the Golden Valley shop out on bids. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
The tied vote motion from the last meeting was voted on to appoint Andy Thomas to the Planning and Zoning Board. Folk, Voigt, and Pierce voted aye. Wolf and Bauman voted nay. Motion carried.  
Voigt moved to appoint Brian Kerns to the Water Board. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Folk moved to change the Wednesday, March 4, 2026 meeting to Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
The importance of preserving county engineering records was discussed.  
The NW Landowners Association 2026 Conference of Emerging Industry was discussed.  
Recessed at 9:45 a.m.  
Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.  
States Attorney Todd Schwarz and Attorney Mark Kaffar discussed the Ordinance Rewrite Project and the completed draft that has been submitted for review. The Next Planning and Zoning meeting will be on February 11, 2026 at the Beulah Civic Center.  
No Public Comment was heard.  
The purchase and use of the Beulah Building was discussed.  
Portfolio Updates were given.  
Pierce moved to approve the bills as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: 3-D SPECIALTIES \$32,786.23; North Central International, LLC \$1,069.87; WESTERN STEEL BUILDERS \$5,273.00; ACCURATE CONTROLS, INC. \$33,453.18; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$1,699.11; BAUMAN, RICK \$424.10; BEU-

LAH JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY \$1,196.67; BEULAH ND HARDWARE \$201.52; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$9,235.22; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$63,912.01; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$430.48; CITY OF STANTON \$6,783.14; CNA SURETY \$50.00; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$738.24; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$1,544.06; FITTERER OIL HAZEN LLC \$743.30; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$167.22; HAZEN STAR \$1,662.25; JOHNSEN TRAILER SALES, INC. \$1,207.74; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$229.54; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$324.52; LUCKY TOWING AND REPAIR \$400.00; MENARDS \$134.80; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,832.80; MID-DAKOTA WHEEL ALIGNMENT \$1,108.55; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES \$131.73; NAPA \$867.17; ND APCO ASSOCIATION \$540.00; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES \$973.30; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$72.00; ND SHERIFF'S & DEPUTIES ASSOC. \$500.00; NDEMA \$50.00; NDLTAP \$50.00; NDPIO \$100.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$9,378.85; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$7,302.58; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$19,973.81; RUD PROPANE LLP \$5,235.51; T-MOBILE USA, INC \$172.66; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$360.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$126.53; VOIGT, CASEY LEE \$258.80; WOLF, GENE \$87.70; GRINSTEINER, ALICE \$469.38. (TOTAL: \$213,257.57)  
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at www.mercercountynd.com.  
Approved: Rick Bauman, Chairman  
Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor  
(03-05-2026)

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Mercer County Board of Commissioners will accept bids on the below listed equipment, supplies and products until 10:00 AM CT on April 1st, 2026 at the Courthouse in Stanton, North Dakota. At that time bids for the below listed equipment, supplies and products will be opened in the order listed. All equipment, supplies and products are to be delivered to any point designated within Mercer County between May 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027 unless noted otherwise.  
1. PROPANE FUEL-Delivered to the following locations: Mercer County Golden Valley Highway Shop (1) 1,000 gallon tank; Mercer County Crossroads Highway Shop (1) 1,000 gallon tank; Mercer County Beulah Highway Shop (3) 1,000 gallon tanks; Mercer County Landfill (1) 1,000 gallon tank; Court House Stanton (4) 1,000 gallon tanks; Maintenance Shop Stanton (1) 1,000 gallon tank; Law Enforcement Center Stanton (2) 1,000 gallon tanks (To be maintained at a level of not less than 40% in each tank); Buffalo Hill Tower Site (1) 500 gallon tank. If Mercer County acquires any propane tanks they will be filled at contract price. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "PROPANE FUEL" on the outside of the envelope.  
2. DIESEL FUEL & UNLEADED GASOLINE-product to conform to specifications on bid documents. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "DIESEL & GASOLINE" on

the outside of the envelope.  
3. OIL & GREASE-will be to conform to specifications on bid document. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "OIL & GREASE" on the outside of the envelope. \*Drum Credit clarified in Specs.  
4. COMMON EXCAVATION-type "C" and pipe installation for building roads, bridges and necessary work on County projects throughout the County. Common excavation to be bid on a cubic yard basis. Pipe installation to be bid on a lineal foot basis. Rip rap to be bid by the cubic yard. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "COMMON EXCAVATION" on the outside of the envelope. Excavation for Landfill purposes, including stockpiling of dirt for use as cover/reclamation, to be bid as separate item.  
5. RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT-including experienced operator for building roads, bridges, moving snow and necessary work on County projects throughout the County. Bids to be submitted on an hourly basis. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" on the outside of the envelope.  
6. TIRES & ACCESSORIES-supplies to conform to or exceed specifications on bid documents. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "TIRES & ACCESSORIES" on the outside of the envelope.  
7. GRAVEL CRUSHING-including stripping and covering of pits in

various parts of the County. A thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000.00) performance bond will be required from the successful bidder prior to awarding the contract. Bids must be marked "GRAVEL CRUSHING" on the outside of the envelope.  
8. CULVERTS-REINFORCED CONCRETE & CORRUGATED METAL-all culverts and accessories must conform to North Dakota State Department of Transportation specifications. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "CULVERTS" on the outside of the envelope.  
9. LAWN CARE-services for lawn areas at Mercer County Government Center at Stanton, North Dakota. No bid bond required. Bids must be marked "LAWN CARE" on the outside of the envelope.  
Bid specification documents for each of the above categories may be obtained from: Mercer County Highway Dept. PO Box 412 Beulah, ND 58523 telephone # 701-873-5586 or Mercer County Auditor Office PO Box 39 Stanton, ND 58571 telephone # 701-745-3292 to identify the category being bid. The Board of Mercer County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any one or all of the bids submitted and to waive any informality in any bid and to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the said date of opening bids.  
By Order of the Mercer County Commission  
Carmen Reed Mercer County Auditor

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