

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF STANTON MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2025
Mayor Sayler called the city regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Kelly, Babb, Neumiller and Cole. Present were Public Works Supervisor, Chapman, Public Works Personnel, Sailer, Auditor Braithwaite, Attorney Solem. Also present were guests K. Petti, J. Summers, S. Cole, B. Dunaway, DuMond, Library Board member, Olson and Librarian Assistant, K. Casson.
Moved by Babb, seconded by Kelly approving the minutes of June 23, 2025 City Council regular meetings. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Mayor Sayler stated that he was contacted by the papers regarding the Library's decision, but he was unable to respond as he nor other council members were aware of the Library's situation.
Librarian Assistant, Casson, updated that the Stanton Library planned to purchase property owned by Boyko Investments in August. She stated that the property will be purchased with \$25000 donation from Union State Bank, \$2000 donations from adult prom and individuals, and \$23000 donation from R. Boyko. She requested that the city continue helping with snow removal and mowing which the council agreed. She also understood that the maintenance and other costs are the Library's responsibilities. Casson also informed the council that the Stanton Library is considering opening its own checking account. Auditor Braithwaite asked if they will be managing their own financials and will they want the library funds within the City to be transferred into their checking. Casson will check further with the Library Board for more information. Auditor Braithwaite also stated they will need to submit an annual financial report directly to the State. Attorney Solem asked Auditor Braithwaite to double check before moving forward. Auditor Braithwaite will contact the Library with more information. No action taken at this time.
K Petti asked the council about the Fireworks ordinance as she thought that the duration for fireworks was reduced to 4 days. Council informed her that the ordinance was reviewed earlier this year, and it was voted to make no changes as the set dates coincided with the selling of fireworks timeframe.
Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole approving the second reading for Midco Franchise 10-year contract. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Moved by Cole, seconded by Kelly approving the 2026 Preliminary Budget submitted by Auditor Braithwaite. Braithwaite advised the council to review the budget further. Any questions or changes can be made at the Final Budget Hearing on September 8th at 6:30 p.m. prior to submitting the Final Budget to Mercer County Auditor by October 10th.
Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole approving Auditor Braithwaite to attend the League of Cities Annual Conference in Bismarck from September 17-19, 2025. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
DuMond asked the council if the service charges which were incurred by the previous owners could be waived as the new owners wanted to start a business using that building. A brief discussion was held. Moved by Cole, seconded by Neumiller approving to remove the late fees and the service charges for the total of \$984.25. Roll

call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Auditor Braithwaite informed the council that Cahoon would sign the repayment agreement on his unpaid utilities on his property located at 1028 Main Street if the late fees could be removed from his account. She also stated that Cahoon was offered the opportunity earlier this year, and she planned to certify unpaid utilities bills to the Mercer County this year again. Attorney Solem stated that even if an individual had signed a repayment agreement, the city could still certify. With that, moved by Babb, seconded by Cole approving the unpaid utilities bills to be certified to the Mercer County and rejected Cahoon's request. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
At the first meeting when a representative from Summit had attended, she stated that Summit would make sure that the individuals had a ride to wherever they needed to be as this was one of the main concerns by our residents. Council discussed the situation regarding individuals being released from Summit Counseling and what could be done. Council was informed that the City couldn't enforce anything. If there are further issues, citizens are advised to contact the Sheriff's Department directly. Chapman presented the \$11k quote from Freedom Trucking to work on the sweeper. Kelly asked if this included all necessary work to be done with the sweeper. Chapman informed that there will be minor maintenance that he will have to do in the Winter time, but the quote is included all that needed to be done. Moved by Cole, seconded by Neumiller approving the quote provided by Freedom Trucking to fix the sweeper. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Sailer updated the council that S&R Concrete had started working on the project today. Mayor Sayler asked if the city crew still had time to paint curbs yet this Summer. Chapman will get the supplies and will plan to this done while the summer helpers are still here. Mayor Sayler reminded Chapman that flushing the lines still needed to be done this Summer.
Attorney Solem updated the council on the court case taken earlier today that the defendant was successfully prosecuted. Moved by Cole, seconded by Babb approving the payment of the following bills submitted: Aflac \$1004.04, Cit of Stanton \$2058.58, U.S. Treasury \$3090.72, Wages \$11739.46, ND Dept of Health \$27.00, WAPA \$1890.40, Southwest Water Authority \$6940.69, Fitterer Oil LLC \$903.00, Menards \$396.09, Boyko Investments \$400.00, Donovan & Kaffar, PPLP \$150.00, Chapman \$91.00, Roughrider Electric \$18019.35, Hazen Hardware Hank \$1435.75, Krause's \$257.91, Stroup Insurance \$2751.00, The River Run \$27.00, WRT \$534.86, J and M Hardware, Inc. \$197.82, Ferguson \$1980.17, Fastenal \$97.88, NAPA \$436.71, Butler Machinery Co. \$359.26, Black Water Bandit LLC \$580.00, Team Lab \$953.50, Solem Law Office \$2227.67, Dakota Dust-Tex \$154.95, City of Stanton \$170.71, Mutual of Omaha \$25.20, Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
Being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
Mayor: Tom Sayler
Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite

(09-04-2025)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE IN SETBACK FOR STRUCTURE ZONING CASE 25-09-02
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday evening, September 18th, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m., Central Time, in the Beulah Civic Center for the purpose of considering an application from Tom & Carmen Miller for approval of a Variance in structure setback. This variance request is to build a residence 6' from the property line, rather than the required 10 feet setback required by zoning regulations in the Residential Zoning District. The subject parcel is legally described as Lot 12, Pick City Cabin Site 2 adjacent to

Lake Sakakawea and is approximately 2 miles West & North of Pick City.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested persons may submit comments in writing prior to this hearing to the Mercer County Auditor – Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571 or attend the public hearing and be heard on this matter. A copy of the information submitted with the application and the general layout of the proposed new shelterbelt and other improvements is available to the public for inspection and copying of the office of County Auditor on Monday through Friday during regular office hours.
Jen Neumiller
Mercer County Land Use Administrator

(09-04-2025)(09-11-2025)

NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will offer the following lands for lease in Mercer County.
Unorganized (142-089)
AC Term Rent
36 SE4 160 5 \$3090
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AC Term Rent
4 N2NE4 80 5 \$1633
4 NW4 160 5 \$2640
4 SW4 160 5 \$3546
32 NW4 160 5 \$3249
32 SW4 160 5 \$3292
Unorganized (143-089)
AC Term Rent
20 NE4 160 5 \$3127
20 NW4 160 5 \$2190
22 NE4 160 5 \$3391
22 NW4 160 5 \$3546
22 SE4 160 5 \$3179
26 NE4 157 5 \$2933
M - Subject to existing Aggregate or Coal lease
26 NW4 160 5 \$3187
M - Subject to existing Aggregate or Coal lease
26 SW4 160 5 \$3128
M - Subject to existing Aggregate or Coal lease
Unorganized (143-090)
AC Term Rent
28 NE4 160 5 \$2492
36 NE4 160 5 \$3257
36 NW4 160 5 \$3546
36 SE4 160 5 \$2739
36 SW4 160 5 \$2950
Unorganized (144-088)
AC Term Rent
36 NE4 less deeded acres 127 5 \$2615
I - Regarding payment for undepreciated

costs
36 SE4 160 5 \$3008
Unorganized (144-090)
AC Term Rent
20 E2SE4 80 5 \$1640
Hay: 73 Crop: 0
20 SW4NW4 40 5 \$886
20 W2SW4 80 5 \$1516
Unorganized (145-088)
AC Term Rent
16 NW4 160 5 \$3518
Unorganized (146-090)
AC Term Rent
36 NE4 151 5 \$3068
36 NW4 155 5 \$3075

Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The public lease auction will be held in Mercer County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room at 9/30/2025 11:30 AM CT. Other than the descriptions of the lands to be auctioned, the information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. Any such revisions will be announced at the auction and will be binding upon the bidders. Bidding will begin at minimum rent. 1st year's rent must be paid in full immediately after the sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800. For auxiliary aids and services, please call by 9/17

Joseph A. Heringer COMMISSIONER
1707 N 9th St I Bismarck ND 58506-5523
PHONE: 701-328-2800 I FAX: 701-328-3650 I WEB: <https://land.nd.gov>

(08-28-2025)(09-04-2025)(09-11-2025)
(09-18-2025)(09-25-2025)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY C. DRESSLER, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) 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 Sandra J. Dressler, Personal Representative of the estate, at 229 Fair Street SE, Beulah, North Dakota 58523, or filed with the Court. DATED this 14th day of August, 2025.
SANDRA J. DRESSLER
229 Fair Street SE
Beulah, North Dakota 58523
Scott T. Solem
SOLEM LAW OFFICE
P.O. Box 249
Beulah, N.D. 58523
Attorney for Sandra J. Dressler, Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty C. Dressler, Deceased.

(08-21-2025)(08-28-2025)(09-04-2025)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

IN DISTRICT COURT, Mercer COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF Zakary Marshall Stewart, A MINOR CHILD
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition will be filed by the Petitioner with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of (current full legal name of child)

Zakary Marshall Stewart to (requested full legal name of child) Zakary Allan Swift
2. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of the minor child. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court.

If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.
Dated 08/26/2025
K Swift (Petitioner Signature)
Kelsey Quynn -Sorenson Swift (Printed Name)
305 Front St SE (Address)
Beulah, ND, 58523 (City, State Zip Code)
(08-28-2025)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN A MERCER COUNTY AG ZONED DISTRICT ZONING CASE 25-09-01
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday evening, September 18th, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, at the Civic Center in Beulah for the purpose of considering an application from Minnesota Power for

approval of a Conditional Use to construct an approximately .3-mile-long 230-kV transmission line in an Ag Zoned District. The subject parcel is located approximately 19 miles South of Beulah. The parcel is currently owned by Minnesota Power where their substation resides. The parcel is located in Sec 36, T141 N, R88W and is legally described as E2SE4SE4 & SE4NE4SE4 of the 5th Principle Meridian, Mercer County ND.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on the above proposed ordinance amendment at this public hearing or forward written comments prior to this hearing to: Mercer County Auditor – PO Box 39 – Stanton ND 58571. Jen Neumiller
Mercer County Land Use Administrator

(09-04-2025)(09-11-2025)

HAZEN STAR OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF MERCER COUNTY