

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Mercer County is looking to fill a Planning & Zoning Board seat for a term that will be expiring June 31, 2026 and a Water Board seat for a term that will be expiring December 31, 2026. If you are interested in being appointed to this board, please contact the Mercer County Auditor’s Office, at (701) 745-3292 or careed@nd.gov for an Application of Interest or find the application at www.mercercountynd.com. Appointments will be made at

the January 21, 2026 Commission Meeting. Deadline for the application is January 16, 2026. The following are the boards that have seats expiring: Planning & Zoning Board—4-year term—1 Vacant position Water Board---3-year term—1 Vacant position Carmen Reed, Auditor (12-04-2025) (12-11-2025)

MERCER COUNTY JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING/ COMMISSION MINUTES

November 3, 2025
The Joint Planning and Zoning/Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Planning and Zoning Chairman Michael Eslinger. Present were Commissioners Gene Wolf, Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Rick Bauman was absent. Planning and Zoning members present were Tax Director Jennifer Neumiller, Shannon Cole, Gerald Bieber, Chris Renner, Kevin Hafner and Joey Neumiller. Others present during the meeting included Deputy Tax Director Jenny Dettmann, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Joe Grannis, Donovan & Kaffar Attorneys Mark Kaffar and Jennifer Gooss, Jen Gabel, EJ Gabel, Coteau Freedom Mine Representative Darren Hellman, and Beulah Representative Amanda Hoffer.

Attorneys Mark Kaffar and Jennifer Gooss reviewed draft ordinance documents with board members. Commission requested that “Land Use Maps” be added to the next regular Commission Meeting. No further actions were taken. Renner moved to adjourn meeting. Cole seconded. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 8:00 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: Gene Wolf, Chairman Attest:Carmen Reed, Auditor

(12-04-2025)

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES PART ONE

November 6, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf via conference call, stating that this meeting was specific to the Highway Department loader repairs. Present were Commissioners Rick Bauman, Mark Pierce, Jamee Folk, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed. Dan Arens of the Hazen Star was absent. Others present on this call were Highway Assistant Supervisor Dennis Olheiser. Folk moved to approve additional repairs on the Highway Department loader. Bauman

seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 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: Gene Wolf, Chairman Attest:Carmen Reed, Auditor

(12-04-2025)

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES PART TWO

November 6, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf via conference call, stating that this meeting was specific to the Highway Department dump truck #125 repairs. Present were Commissioners Rick Bauman, Mark Pierce, Jamee Folk, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed. Dan Arens of the Hazen Star was absent. Others present on this call were Highway Assistant Supervisor Dennis Olheiser. Folk moved to approve repairs on the Highway Department dump truck #125 for a cost of \$29,000. Voigt seconded. Folk moved to amend motion to remove “for a

cost of \$29,000.” Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Amended motion carried. All voted aye. Motion carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 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: Gene Wolf, Chairman Attest:Carmen Reed, Auditor

(12-04-2025)

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 5, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Rick Bauman, Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during the meeting were Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Tax Director Jen Neumiller, Sheriff Terry Ternes, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Moore Engineer Tom Weigel, Extension Agent Craig Askim, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, and Troy Sailer. Pledge of allegiance was said. Bauman moved to approve the amended agenda. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve the October 15, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the September Recorder Revenues of \$5,992.80. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the Landfill fees increase to \$50 per ton effective January 1, 2026. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Bauman moved to approve Bayview Heights Project BND Loan Number 587008700001, Requisition No. 2, for \$628,260. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ND Secretary of State’s Office and Mercer County for proper administration of the election process and care of all election equipment. Pierce seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve all bills as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: BIEBER, GERALD \$37.10; CITY OF BEULAH \$110.44; ERHARDT, MARK \$149.10; ESLINGER, MIKE\$37.80; GRINSTEINER, ALICE \$589.50; HAFNER, KEVIN \$64.40; HILL, ASHLEY \$50.00; REED, CARMEN A \$600.80; RENNER, CHRIS \$33.60; SCHUTT, KRISTY \$107.80; TESKY, LEONARD \$140.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$1,672.66; AED EVERYWHERE \$2,268.96; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$185.28; ANTELOPE CREEK TRUCKING INC. \$26,460.00; ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$1,644.52; ASKIM, CRAIG \$258.68; AS-TECH CORP \$267,585.90; AUTO VALUE \$1,753.81; BEULAH JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY \$1,196.67; BRONSON’S MARKETPLACE \$4,378.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$12,706.50; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$243.94; CITY OF STANTON \$6,554.68; COAL COUNTRY CHC \$220.00; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP. \$691.46; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$1,479.97; DAKOTA AWARDS, INC. \$24.99; DARREN’S AUTO CARE \$597.00; DETTMANN, JENNY \$53.20; DUPPONG’S INC. \$800.80; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$1,548.54; ENTZE, CINDY \$56.70; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$40.94; GRANNIS, DAWN \$77.72; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$301.60; HAZEN MOTOR CO/FARM IMPLEMENT SHOP \$1,410.03; HAZEN STAR \$150.00; HR COLLABORATIVE \$50.00; KRAUSE

SUPER VALU \$69.82; L-TRON CORPORATION\$93.05; LANGOWSKI, GONTRAN \$103.63; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$90.00; LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINARS, LLC \$445.00; LIGNITE TIRE SERVICE \$2,905.84; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$277.44; LUCKYS TOWING AND REPAIR \$400.00; MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT, LLC \$1,406.94; MENARDS \$1,176.30; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$2,013.20; MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABS INC \$4,211.25; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES \$57.78; MOORE ENGINEERING \$5,168.00; NAPA \$2,380.26; ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$1,201.41; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$36.00; NDAAEA \$75.00; NDAE4-HYW %JILL MURPHY \$100.00; NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE \$13,249.55; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$13,147.31; NEUMILLER, JEN \$84.00; NORDAK CENTRAL PUBLISHING \$55.00; North Central International, LLC \$239.02; NORTH DAKOTA ENVELOPE COMPANY \$431.83; NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL \$4.50; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,350.00; OLSON ELECTRIC \$21,294.21; OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY \$225.00; PCCS, INC. \$3,732.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$27.95; POITRAS, RACHEL \$41.73; POSTMASTER \$53.00; RADISSON HOTEL \$227.00; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$239.52; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$23.06; RUD PROPANE LLP \$2,014.00; SAKAKAWEA MEDICAL CENTER \$1,494.96; SENGHER, SHANNAN \$100.80; SNIRSTOPPER, LLC \$4,547.93; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; T – MOBILE \$80.25; THE BEACON \$1,354.70; TRAF-FIC SAFETY SERVICES INC. \$75,408.74; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$2,900.00; UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE INC. \$388.80; VERIZON WIRELESS \$618.90; VOIGT, CASEY LEE \$358.00; WEST RIVER EQUIPMENT \$11,000.00; WEX BANK \$3,289.43; WHITEMAN, JASMINE \$183.59. (TOTAL: \$516,731.69) HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner presented an Emergency Declaration due to the ongoing Federal Government Shutdown. This shutdown is affecting low-income and vulnerable individuals’ essential benefits programs for food, nutrition, and home heating support, such as SNAP, WIC and LIHEAP programs. This declaration allows the county to work with the State to help fill these needs until the Federal government shutdown ends. Voigt moved to approve the Emergency Declaration as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Troy Sailer discussed an electrical utility easement to cross cemetery land. Tax Director Jen Neumiller presented Zoning Case 25-11-01, the Application for Zoning Exemption for Electric, land use as Ag related electrical service in T146N-R89W-35 NE1/4, that is a required part of Sailer’s request. Bauman moved to approve Zoning Case 25-11-01, Application for Zoning Exemption for Electric as presented. Voigt

seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. Board discussed the updating of the Planning and Zoning land use map. Neumiller stated that this map update is not included in the original Planning and Zoning Rewrite/ Update Ordinance contract, but has been budgeted for 2026. Board requested Neumiller to gather more information on this update and bring back her findings. Moore Engineer Tom Weigel presented the Rural Catalyst Grant Application for approval. This grant program provides up to \$500,000 with a 50/50 match to support quality of life improvement and economic development projects for rural communities. Bauman moved to approve the application of the Rural Catalyst Grant and the required 50/50 match of funds. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser presented West River Utility Permit #1774, installing new fiber optic facility at 1947 77th Ave SW, Golden Valley. Folk moved to approve the West River Utility Permit #1774 as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Olheiser requested approval of the following: (1) Purchase cutting edges for \$15,060, (2) Complete loader repairs for \$18,000, and (3) Purchase of tires for \$20,000. Bauman moved to approve the purchase of cutting edges as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the loader repairs. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve purchase of tires up to \$20,000. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Recessed at 9:29 a.m. Reconvened at 9:35 a.m. Extension Agent Craig Askim gave an end of season update and stated that he had received an official resignation from Cindy Entze, with her last day being January 16, 2026. Askim requested permission to hire by year’s end so Entze could train new hire before she leaves. Board agreed. Portfolio Updates were given. At 10:00 a.m. Voigt moved to close the regular meeting and open the Foreclosed Property Values Public Hearing. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. No one from the public was present and Auditor had not received any written comments. Bauman moved to close the Public Hearing. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Bauman moved to open the regular meeting. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 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: Gene Wolf, Chairman Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor (12-04-2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATORS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM OPERATORS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (“Department”) will hold a public hearing to address amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D. Admin. Code) chapter 33.1-19-01 regarding certification of water treatment facility operators, water distribution and storage system operators, wastewater treatment facility operators, and wastewater collection and transfer system operators at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
December 30, 2025
10:00 AM CST

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, operator certification program, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5150. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address or by email to DEQ-MF-Inspection@nd.gov until January 9, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least two days prior to the public hearing. The Department will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the Department’s Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5150 or can be found on the Department’s website at: https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx. Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.

L. David Glatt, P. E.
Director, Department of Environmental Quality

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter XVI
TRAFFIC
Article 29 – Golf Cart Ordinance
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HAZEN, NORTH DAKOTA, that Chapter XVI, Article 29 of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Hazen be enacted as approved at the regular commission meeting held on December 1, 2025.

16.2903 – Penalty
Any person who violates any provisions of this article without constituting a misdemeanor shall be assessed a fee of \$20.00 for the first violation, \$50.00 for the second violation, and \$150.00 for each additional violation(s). Full text of the ordinance is available at the office of the City of Hazen Auditor. (12-04-2025)