

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Turtle Lake  
Special Meeting

City Hall  
January 26, 2026  
At 7:00 Pm  
Agenda: Interview  
applicants  
for City Auditor  
(Jan. 29, 2026)

Turtle Lake-Mercer  
December School  
Meeting Minutes

**December 15, 2025**  
President Britton called the regular meeting of the Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board to order at 7:00 P.M in the Board Room on Monday, December 15, 2025.  
Roll Call:Present: Britton, O’Shea, Ruffo, Sparrow  
Absent: Ravnaas  
Superintendent: Sheila Schlafmann  
Principal: Kurt Zeibarth  
Business Manager: Laura Fiedler  
Guest: None  
Consent Agenda: Consent agenda reviewed. Sparrow moved to approve the following consent agenda:  
Minutes of the November 12, 2025 regular meeting  
November Financial Reports  
Payment December Bills as presented.  
Ruffo seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.  
Student Outcomes – Reviewed Insights Dashboard, how to access and what information is available.  
Community Speakers: Comments on Current or Immediately Preceding Agenda Items – if any: None  
2025-2026 Enrollment - December  
Kindergartner 8  
1st 10  
2nd 8  
3rd 16  
4th 7  
5 12  
6th 21  
7th 20  
8th 17  
9th 13  
10th 23  
11th 8  
12th 9  
Total 172  
K-6th 82  
7th-12th 90  
PreK 4  
Committee Meetings:  
Building and Grounds – Will set meeting date for January. Weber stopped by to review electrical and will provide quote. Waiting to hear from Levy. Ag floor being refinished during Christmas break.  
Administration Reports  
Principal Report  
On November 13th, 4 teachers from McClusky-Goodrich school visited our Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classrooms. They observed Mrs. Volochenko and Mrs. Swanson teaching the UFLL Curriculum to our students. They are looking for new supplemental curriculum resources to add and wanted to see firsthand the program as it is intended to be taught.  
Students from TL-M School competed in the 9-10 and 11-12 Math Meet in Wilton on November 19th. Kamdyn Rittenbach placed 5th in the 9-10 division. Kaden Lem placed 8th in the 11-12 division. Aiden Hanson placed 5th in the 11-12 division. The 11-12 team took second place and were one point behind the winner.  
Congratulations to Lily Christensen and Sienna Britton for being selected as part of the ND JH Honor Choir festival!  
Congratulations to Brooklyn Tomlinson on making the UND Treble Honor Choir.  
FCCLA organized the Snowball Dance on December 6th. Many students from TL-M, Underwood, and McClusky-Goodrich schools attended the dance. The 5th and 6th grade students also had an opportunity to attend a dance before Snowball. A good time was had by all.  
December 11th is TL-M Christmas Concert for students in grades K-12. K-6 will be at 6:00 PM followed by Band and Choir at 7:30 PM.  
Members of the Special Education Staff attended training for PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System). This training will benefit future students with communication needs.

Students in Grades 4 and 8 will be completing the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) in January.  
Superintendent/Activities Director Report  
McLean County Auditor Certificate of Levy – packet  
Impact Aid Program’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 application - working on it now  
First District Health Unit Inspections – November 6th, 2025  
Kitchen – score of 100, in compliance  
School – in compliance, no follow up required  
Student Engagement Survey – opens February 1st  
All students in grades 3 – 12  
Window closes February 28th  
Family and Community Engagement – 5th/6th Grade Snow Ball – 34 students in attendance.  
2026-2027 School Calendar – review  
E-rate – working to complete to update outdated switches, wiring, access points, and battery backups  
AD Report  
Congratulations to the CMC Volleyball team on their 7th place finish at the State Tournament.  
JH GBB wrapped up with the JH Tournament in Turtle Lake on December 13th.  
GBB – 7 girls out from TLM  
BBB – 12 boys out from TLM  
JH BBB started practice December 15th. John Jangula will be coaching.  
Proposed addition to Article XIV, Section IX of the NDHSAA Constitution: A student who has previously transferred from one high school to another high school may re-transfer to their original high school of eligibility and be immediately fully (varsity) eligible if the re-transfer is made at the beginning of the school year. This provision may be exercised one-time per student during grades 9-12. (March 2026)  
Positive Reflection/Sharing:  
Thank you for a wonderful first semester! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Discussion/Action:  
Approve Audit Report by Rath & Mahrer, P.C. Audit completed for the 2024-25 school year. An audit report was given to the Board members for their review.  
Ruffo moved to approve the 2024-25 Audit Report as presented, Sparrow seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: O’Shea -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes.  
Motion Unanimously Carried.  
Approve Open Enrollment  
Ruffo moved to approve request for family with two students. O’Shea second the motion.  
Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O’Shea -Yes, Britton-Yes.  
Motion Unanimously Carried.  
Sparrow moved to approve request for family with one student. O’Shea second the motion.  
Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O’Shea -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes.  
Motion Unanimously Carried.  
Ruffo moved to approve request for family with two students. Sparrow second the motion.  
Roll Call: O’Shea -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes.  
Motion Unanimously Carried.  
School Board Statement of Interest – All board members will complete and submit to Business Manager by January 31 deadline.  
4-Day School Week Survey Data – Reviewed answers and comments from 69 respondents.  
Adjourned at 8:33 P.M.  
December Bill Review: Britton and Sparrow  
Next Regular School Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 @ 7:00 PM  
APPROVED BILLS:  
GENERAL FUND  
AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 445.39; APTEGY INC 5,402.25  
CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER 4,017.48; CENTRAL MECHANICAL INC 1,217.91; CENTRAL REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 1,500.00; CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 855.60; ECKROTH MUSIC CO. 116.00; ENTZEL-FIEDLER, LAURA 84.00; HARDWARE HANK 161.16; HARLOWS BUS SALES, INC 834.05; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 25.83; J.P. MORGAN 2,785.16; LEARN WELL 270.38; MARCO 1,645.35; MCGRAW HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION 2,902.92; MDU 1,308.16; MELINDA NEFF 5.67; ND COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL LEADERS 725.00; ND SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM 650.00; NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 301.20; NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY COUNCIL 1,807.20; OTTER TAIL POWER

2,971.69; PEPPER & SON INC, J.W. 320.00; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES INC 300.00; REGION SPEECH-MUSIC-DRAMA 100.00; SCHLAFMANN, SHEILA 156.28; UNDERWOOD SCHOOL CENTRAL MCLEAN COOP 19,649.10; WAGON WHEEL LUMBER 169.78; WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 322.31; WEX HEALTH INC. 68.00; WYMAN, KAILEE 257.64; Fund Total: 51,375.51  
ACTIVITY FUND  
COCA COLA REFRESHMENTS USA, INC 140.00; DISTRICT II LEADERSHIP 340.00; ECKROTH MUSIC CO. 157.00; ENTZEL-FIEDLER, LAURA 1,005.14; GROUP TRAVEL PLANNERS 8,600.00; J.P. MORGAN 2,398.40; JOSTENS INC 575.55; LIFETOUCH PUBLISHING INC 835.25; MAIN STREET MARKET 290.04; MASON SKACHENKO 100.00; MIKE SKACHENKO 132.20; SOUTH PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL 1,855.74; TLM ACTIVITY BOOSTERS 614.00; US FOODS INC 326.32; WEST MUSIC 100.89; WYMAN, KAILEE 329.44; Fund Total: 17,799.97  
SPECIAL FUND  
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 44.55; BAKKEN AREASKILLS CENTER 1,800.00; BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC 14.99; BJORN ANDERSON & UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA 1,500.00; COLE MAKEEFF & UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA 500.00; DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION 7.40; IRIE IRWIN & THE HAIR ACADEMY 875.00; KARSON RUST & UNIVERISTY OF NORTH DAKOTA 1,900.00; LYDIA FYLLING & DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU 925.00; MCKENNA FAULKNER & BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE 1,650.00; MYA KITTLER & BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE 1,400.00; SADIE O’SHEA & BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE 875.00; SRT COMMUNICATIONS INC 69.90; VERIZON WIRELESS 198.95; WAGON WHEEL LUMBER 2,115.03; WYATT WAGNER & BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE 1,150.00; Fund Total: 15,025.82 (Jan. 29, 2026)  
**Underwood City  
Special Meeting**  
City Commission Agenda  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**  
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
CALLED TO ORDER: 4:30 pm  
Auditor and Deputy Auditor Applications  
The Underwood City Commission met on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 4:33 pm for a special meeting to discuss the City Auditor and Deputy Auditor Applicants. Commissioners present: R. Kapanke, D. Saxberg, P. Cabrera, and B. Sayler, Absent: D. Fischer.  
Commission reviewed resumes and applications received for Auditor and Deputy Auditor. Commission interviewed each applicant.  
Sayler, Cabrera moved to offer Jordyn Whebbe the full time Auditor position at \$19.00 an hour with a salary base of \$37,873.41 starting after her first paycheck with all benefits associated with the full time employment with no additional time added to her 6-month probation period taking affect 1/7/2026, motion carried.  
Jordyn Whebbe verbally accepted the position.  
Saxberg, Cabrera moved to advertise for Part-time Deputy Auditor position with a deadline of February 2, 2026, motion carried.  
Sayler, Saxberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 pm, motion carried. (Jan. 26, 2026)  
**Coleharbor City  
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Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2025**  
The regular City Council meeting was called to order by President Pochant @ 7:00 p.m. Present were council members Tim Bosak, Len Lindbo, Stetson Pedersen, and City Auditor Del Kolke.  
Motion Pedersen, second Lindbo to approve the November 17, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion Pedersen, second Bosak to approve the bank account balances and bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.  
Mayor Holt arrived at 7:10 p.m. and assumed chair.  
One application was received for the vacant maintenance position. An interview will be scheduled and \$25.00/hour is suggested.  
Holt reported city attorney is pursuing collection of city sales tax on online sales.

A-1 Septic Service will be in town next week to jet two (2) areas of concern. Dakota Pump was on-site during recent water incident and Levey’s has been contacted to bring pumps back in service as back-flow preventors are shot. Additionally, Preferred Control is an option for installation of battery back-up and an auto start system for the water pumps.  
Pochant has reached out to former city attorney, Jim Wilson, for a copy of the Alcoholic License Ordinance. Motion Pochant, second Lindbo to set the fee for the Wolf Creek Winery liquor license at \$250. All in favor, motion carried.  
Approved Bills: ND Dept. of Health 27.00; Circle Sanitation 877.85; NorDak North Publications 156.00; ND Chemistry Lab \$218.30; Breanna Lemer 91.00; Breanna Lemer \$34.62; Len Lindbo \$38.52; US Postal Service \$390.00; Justin Pochant \$110.82; Del Kolke 692.63.  
Next meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coleharbor Community Center. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (Jan. 29, 2026)



ATTENTION  
WHEAT GROWERS

The North Dakota Wheat Commission election for McLean County will take place on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 9:00 AM (CT) at the Garrison High School Ag Department, 51 5th Ave NE, in Garrison, ND.  
Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting of the McLean County Crop Improvement.  
**ELECTION**  
Persons who are residents of McLean County and have been actively engaged in the production of wheat are eligible to vote. A Wheat producer must be present to vote but need not be present to be elected.  
For more information contact the North Dakota Wheat Commission at 701-328-5111.

ATTENTION  
McLEAN COUNTY  
AG PRODUCERS

The annual meeting of the McLean County Ag Improvement Association will take place on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 9:00 AM (CT) at the Garrison High School Ag Department, 51 5th Ave NE, in Garrison, ND.  
For more information contact the NDSU Extension McLean County at 701-462-9903.

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

The Board of Commissioners, McLean County, North Dakota, will open sealed bids in the following categories in their office in the Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.  
ITEM NO. 1 -- 9:00 A.M.  
Road gravel delivered on highways or in stockpiles. In the case of crushed gravel, bids will be for gravel crushed to 3/4” and measured on a ton and ton-mile basis. Successful bidder or bidders must supply a \$5000.00 performance bond after award of gravel crushing and must be available to perform work within 30 days of notice from Highway Superintendent.  
ITEM NO. 2 – 9:15 A.M.  
The rental of machinery suitable for construction and/or maintenance of county highways and bridges. Bids to be submitted on an hourly or yardage basis with bidder furnishing operator, repairs, fuel, oil, insurance and all other incidentals.  
Bids to be addressed to the McLean County Auditor and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope, either “BIDS FOR GRAVEL” or “BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT”.  
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities or technicalities and to accept the bid or bids which appear in the best interest of McLean County.  
Bid forms may be obtained by writing to the McLean County Highway Office (PO Box 1108) or the McLean County Auditor (PO Box 1108), Washburn, ND 58577.  
Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Beth A. Knutson, County Auditor