

Legal Notices:

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LAKE HESTER TOWNSHIP

The Lake Hester Township will hold their equalization meeting on Friday, April 3rd 2026 at 11:00 a.m at the Karlsruhe Fire Hall.
Nancy Jundt, Clerk
3/26-4/02/2026

CITY OF BERGEN

The City of Begen Equalization Meeting will be Monday, April 20th 2026 at 8pm at the home of Jeff Mickalenko.
Sheryl Beeter, City Auditor
4/02-4/09/2026

LAND TOWNSHIP

The Land Township Equalization Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the clerk's home.
Pam Volochenko, Clerk
4/02-4/09/2026

COTTONWOOD LAKE

Cottonwood Lake Township will have their equalization meeting on Wednesday, April 15, at 2:00 pm at the Roger and Sherry Myers' home.
Sherry Myers, Clerk
4/02-4/09/2026

ODIN TOWNSHIP

The Odin Township Equalization Meeting will be held Friday, April 17, 2026 at 9:00 am at the clerk's home.
Nylenne Schiele,
Odin Township Clerk
4/02-4/09/2026

OLIVIA TOWNSHIP

Olivia Township equalization meeting will April 17, 8:00 PM at the home of township clerk.
Linda Krumwiede
Olivia Township Clerk/Treasurer
1550 Hwy 52 W
Velva 58790
4/02-4/09/2026

NORTH PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING

North Prairie Township will hold its Tax Equalization meeting at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at the home of David Thom.
Mike Morey, Clerk
4/02-4/09/2026

VELVA TOWNSHIP

Velva Township Annual Tax Equalization Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21st at 8:00pm at Jim Hystad residence. Special meeting will be held after at 9:00pm to discuss summer maintenance.
Tracy Ulland-Clerk/Treasurer
4/02-4/09/2026



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that should be looked at before the June city election.

Ballot Measure #1 - was the Extension of the 1% Sales and Use Tax. Which reads, should the city of Velva extend the existing additional one percent City Sales and Use Tax (commonly referred to as the "second one-cent sales tax") in accordance with Velva city ordinances, the revenue shall be used 100% for street, water, sewer and sanitation projects or a combination of all.

Ballot Measure #2 – Imposition of 1% City Sales and Use Tax for Capital Street Improvements.

Which reads as Shall the City of Velva, impose an additional one percent City Sales and Use Tax (commonly referred to as a "third one-cent sales tax") with all revenues derived therefrom to be dedicated solely to capital street improvements, including the construction, reconstruction, repair, and related infrastructure improvements of public streets within the City, for a period of four (4) taxable years?

Ballot Measure #3 – Five (5) mill Property Tax Levy for Velva Fire Department Capital Improvements.

Which will read as – Shall the City of Velva, levy an annual property tax not to exceed five (5) mills for a period of ten (10) taxable years, the proceeds of which shall be used for capital improvements and equipment acquisition, and/or for the general maintenance of structural and mechanical components of the Velva Volunteer Fire Department Station? If you wish to learn more about these measures and Velva City ordinances you can google City of Velva, ND website and click on the drop-down tab in the upper right-hand corner and scroll down to the Government tab and click on City ordinances. Commissioner Keller made a motion to approve said measures and put them on the June City ballot to give the city residents a chance to voice their opinions. Commissioner Jenson seconded the motion; motion carried with one no vote.

Next item that was mentioned was the Soltrains Building on Main Street. It appeared that there was an oversight on the City's behalf as well as on the property owner's behalf. The property owner wasn't being charged for sewer, water, and garbage utilities for the three apartments upstairs for

some time. This bill has a total of \$2857.50. Jenny Johns asked the Commission how they wanted her to proceed with it. Commissioner Keller made a motion to go ahead and bill the property owner to cover the bill entirely. Mr. Jenson to second the motion, motion carried with one no vote.

There was some discussion about Resolution 2026-0. Commissioner Zietz made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-01. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, motion carried.

Next there was discussion about City Ordinance 2026-02 Adjust infrastructure rates (1st reading)

Commissioner Zietz made a motion to accept said Ordinance 2026-02. Jenson to second the motion, motion carried.

There will be a public information meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30pm at the Velva City Hall regarding the Bridge Project in town.

Sales Tax Committee has requested some funds is appropriate. They were requesting on behalf of Klein Chiropractic, Sara Klein for the amount of \$15,000 for start up costs/renovations so that Klein Chiropractic can move into her

new building on Main Street by April 1st, 2026.

Commissioner Keller approved the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Jenson to second the motion, motion carried.

There was a little confusion about who exactly owns the elevator to the west of the underpass on Central Avenue West. This building is deteriorating quickly, and the city would like to conduct a walk-through and see if it can be condemned.

There was some discussion again about an nuisance property in town that has been given several opportunities to clean things up. It seems the property owners aren't willing to work with the city, so the City will proceed with an action plan. Deadline for the property owners is April 8th.

Johns reported that the City Tax Equalization Meeting with Cheri Bourdeau is set for April 7th at 6:00pm. Anybody that has a discrepancy or questions regarding their property tax should attend.

The Commissioner had nothing new to report.

Public Works reported that Schad Prellwitz gave a verbal resignation from his position. Com-

missioner Zietz made a motion to accept Prellwitz' verbal resignation. Mr. Jenson to second the motion, motion carried with one no vote. Mr. Jemtrud with the Public Works is set to retire in Sept 2026 it was mentioned.

City Auditor Jenny Johns reported that the 2025 audit was completed, and she will be sending 2024/2025 records into the state as soon as possible.

Johns also reminded the Commission that street crack sealing will start within the month and questioned Commission if they wanted to start thinking about placing an ad in the paper for summer help. Commissioner Zietz made a motion to run two ads for seasonal help and another for a full-time public works position. Commissioner Jenson to second the motion, motion carried.

The next City Commission Meeting is set for the third Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Velva City Hall. If you wish to be on the agenda for that meeting, deadline is the Thursday by 12:00 noon before the Monday meeting.

National Public Health Week is April 6-12

First District



Health Unit

www.fdh.org

Nancy Bryn, Public Health Nurse

the world, and to look ahead toward an even healthier future.

First District Health Unit is marking this important week with activities that showcase the everyday work of public health. For example, the McHenry County office will be providing farm safety training to area 5th-graders. They invite the public to join in these events:

April 6 - Noon Lunch & Learn - Co-hosted by NDSU Extension McHenry County. Bring your lunch to the courthouse and find out more about nutrition and the brain.

April 8 - Noon Stroll and Roll - Join communities across the state for a 15 – 20 minute walk. Meet in front of the McHenry County Courthouse and get some steps in!

April 13 Free Blood Pressure Checks - 10:00-Noon Bravera Bank in Drake, ND

Public health is more than a single week. It's a continuous effort to build healthier, safer communities for everyone.

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