

Primary Election takes place Tuesday

Next Tuesday, June 9, the Primary Election will take place, and residents across Morton County will have the chance to cast their vote for key races at the federal, state, county, and city levels along with voting on statewide and local measures.

Polls will be open across Morton County from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In New Salem, residents will cast their vote for the position of mayor, positions on the city council and park board, and positions on the New Salem-Almont School Board.

Incumbent Josh

Gaebe serves as the lone candidate on the ballot for the position of Mayor.

Incumbent city council members Per-rin Goetzfridt, Delton Kautzman, and Bryon Moen, are the lone candidates on the ballot vying for the three seats available on the council.

Keith Fitzgerald and Incumbent Park Board member Andrea Mathern are the candidates on the ballot vying for the two open seats on the Park Board.

Incumbent School Board Member Jackie Lausch and challenger Justin Barclay represent the two candidates

vying for the Area 1-City of New Salem seat on the NSA School Board.

Natesa Messerschmidt and Craig Hort are the two candidates vying for the Area 2-North of Hwy 10 seat.

In Almont, incumbent Kaity Olson-Brett is the lone candidate vying for one of two open seats on the city council.

The polling location for the elections in New Salem, including the school board election, will take place at the New Salem Auditorium.

The polling location in Almont will be at the Almont Fire & Ambulance Hall.

NSA School Board Meeting

By Richard Mendoza

The New Salem-Almont School board convened on Monday, May 18 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

The board reviewed the consent agenda, and business manager Annie Dukart provided a brief update on bills, stating nothing majorly important stood out in the month of April but that bills in May would be bigger with teacher contracts.

Superintendent Christopherson added that the school district is in good shape financially in relation to revenue projections at the state and federal level.

In unfinished business, a second and final reading of Policy DEBH on Employee Use Of Social Media by the board then took place.

Christopherson reiterated that the policy "details employee and district responsibilities as well as violations" in regard to social media. Mark Feland motioned to approve, followed by a second from Meagan Miller. With all members voting aye, Policy DEBH was approved.

The second reading of Policy DEBH-BR on District Social Media Accounts also occurred. Christopherson stated the policy "approves district media accounts, defines the role of social media administrator, and discusses appropriate account content." Miller motioned to approve, followed by a second from Kendra

Hoovestol. With all members voting aye, Policy DEBH-BR was approved.

In new business, Jackie Lausch provided an update on behalf of the personnel committee, which had recently conducted an interview alongside principals Bennett and Olson with Kayla Christopherson. Lausch stated the committee recommended offering Kayla Christopherson a part-time role as a Math Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year. After hearing added insight on Christopherson as a candidate from both Olson and Bennett, Feland motioned to approve Kayla Christopherson for the Math Specialist Position. Seconded by Hoovestol, and with all remaining board members voting aye, the motion passed.

The board was then asked to make a decision regarding details of the upcoming election, which included election worker compensation, polling location(s), and authorizing business manager Dukart to select election workers. Miller motioned and Lausch seconded to designate one precinct and two polling places for the election. With all voting aye, the motion passed. Monica Reiner-Pletan then motioned and Lausch seconded to give Dukart the authority to contact and secure election workers for a rate of \$14.25 per hour. With all voting aye, the motion passed.

The board reviewed

and accepted the resignation of teacher Michelle Kaelberer following a motion by Miller and a second by Hoovestol.

John then shared insight on the negotiation committee's meeting, where a three percent increase in pay for non-certified staff was recommended. After discussion, Reiner-Pletan motioned and Feland seconded to accept the negotiated deal with the school's administrative team on the three percent pay increase plus additional contract fees and work contracts, which included two contract days for both principals. With all voting aye, the motion passed.

Lastly in new business, the board reviewed the school's banking services. Feland motioned and Hoovestol seconded to move the banking services review to the financial committee, which will report back to the board in June. With all voting aye, the motion passed.

Administrative reports from Christopherson, Olson and Bennett were heard. Christopherson shared the open elementary music position had two candidates which were already interviewed. He also stated that the PVE paraprofessional position was filled and a new assistant basketball coach was tentatively hired. He shared that the PVE roof project was scheduled to begin in early June.

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NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT	MEASURES BALLOT	MEASURES BALLOT
<p>Park Board Member Flasher Park Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeannina Fitterer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donnell Doll</p>	<p>Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.</p>	<p>Mandan City Measure No. 1</p> <p>Shall the City of Mandan Board of City Commissioners be authorized to impose a three fourths of a percent (0.75%) tax on gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail and use tax as permitted by N.D.C.C. Ch. 57-39.2, Ch. 57-39.5, Ch. 57-39.6, Ch. 57-40.2, and related chapters, to be dedicated as follows Fire Department Facility Construction, Equipment, Improvement, and Maintenance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Fire Station #3, including the initially needed equipment and vehicles to operate the station. • Fire Station #1, including necessary equipment, vehicles, improvement, and maintenance. • Fire Station #2, including necessary equipment, vehicles, improvement, and maintenance. • Land purchase for future Fire Station #4.
<p>Park Board Member Glen Ullin Park Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kenyon Opp</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Adam Schantz</p>	<p>This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment is summarized as follows: constitutional amendments would be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.</p>	<p>Such sales and use tax revenues may be pledged to the payment of financing loans and bonds issued for such purposes in anticipation of the collection and receipt of such sales and use tax, and if so pledged, the sales and use tax may not be repealed so long as any such financing loans, bonds, or bonds refunding the bonds are outstanding.</p>
<p>Park Board Member New Salem Park Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Keith Fitzgerald</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andrea Mathern</p>	<p>The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>	<p>The sales and use tax shall replace the three fourths of a percent (0.75%) sales and use tax approved by voters on June 9, 2015, to finance Mandan Park District facilities. The park district sales tax is expected to end on or about June 30, 2028. The projects funded by this measure are part of the Fire Department's long-range 10-year strategic planning process. Based on current estimates, the total cost of these planned expenditures is not anticipated to exceed \$14 million.</p>
<p>Park Board Member Hebron Park Vote for no more than THREE names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Todd Edmond</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sylvester Sletten</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Katie Keith</p>	<p>A ballot measure to allow chickens within the City of Glen Ullin</p> <p>By voting "yes," you indicate that you are in favor of the City of Glen Ullin enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in the City of Glen Ullin. By voting "no," you indicate that you are not in favor of the City of Glen Ullin enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in the City of Glen Ullin</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>	<p>The sales and use tax described above shall be for a period of twenty (20) years commencing July 1, 2028, or until any bonds issued to finance such purposes are paid.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>
<p>Park Board Commissioner Mandan Park Vote for no more than THREE names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Stan Scott</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Miles Mehlhoff</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JR Carter</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Layn Mudder</p>	<p>Glen Ullin City Measure No. 1</p> <p>By voting "yes," you indicate that you are in favor of the City of Glen Ullin enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in the City of Glen Ullin. By voting "no," you indicate that you are not in favor of the City of Glen Ullin enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in the City of Glen Ullin</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>	<p>The sales and use tax described above shall be for a period of twenty (20) years commencing July 1, 2028, or until any bonds issued to finance such purposes are paid.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>
<p>School Board Member Mandan School District Vote for no more than THREE names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Justin Bailey</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julie Cronin Skaret</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ashley Jacobchick</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Darren Haugen</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dusty Simmons</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Miller</p>		

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