

# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, June 9th

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2026 Primary Election will be held in all precincts in Mercer County on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, for nominating candidates for Congressional, Statewide, Judicial, and County offices; for electing officers in the cities of Beulah, Golden Valley, Hazen, Pick City, Stanton, and Zap; and for voting on local measures.

There will be one (1) polling location open on Election Day, June 9, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.:  
Beulah Civic Center, 120 7th Street, Beulah, ND 58523

Applications for mail-in ballots were mailed from the Mercer County Auditor's office on April 20, 2026. Persons not receiving an application may obtain one from the office of the County Auditor or online at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov).

We will also have in-person Absentee voting on Saturday, June 6th, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Courthouse.

A secure drop box is located outside the front entrance to the Mercer County Courthouse, 410 Van Slyck Ave., Stanton, allowing voters to drop off applications until Monday, June 8th at 5:00 P.M. and voted ballots at their convenience up until 7:00 P.M. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 9th, 2026.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

IN STANTON ON ELECTION DAY UNTIL CLOSING OF THE POLLS AT 7:00 P.M.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of Mercer County at Stanton, North Dakota, Dated this 28th Day of May, 2026 (May 21, May 28, & June 4, 2026)

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## CITY OF BEULAH SPECIAL MEETING

May 18, 2026

CITY OF BEULAH  
MAY 19, 2026, 6:30 PM  
BEULAH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Sean Cheatley with Council Members Tim Aichele, Cameron Brown, Bill Keller, Jason Isaak, Adam Baker, Kameron Plienis and Kevin Herrmann present.

Also Present: City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Econ/Op Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Rachel Schmit, Sonja Dutchuk, Amanda Hoffer, Ben Lenzen, Kim Kessler, Laura Benz, Eric Aadnes, Victoria Oberlander, Travis Frey, Beulah residents.

Ordinance 443: City Lodging, Restaurant, and Motor Vehicle Rental Tax  
Cheatley questioned if Baker has a plan for another organization to take over the CVB duties. Baker stated that he would like to discuss that tonight. Cheatley requested comments from other organizations present.

Rachel Schmit, member of the Beulah Library Board, expressed interest in being considered if the City changes where the funds go and asked to be included in the conversation. Sonja Dutchuk of the Beulah Park District stated the Park District declines to be considered as they are focused on current operations and believe tourism should remain a separate entity.

Amanda Hoffer, Board member of CVB, spoke on tourism, highlighting the vital role of volunteers and without people donating their time, we wouldn't have this great community. Hoffer outlined CVB's marketing initiatives, managed by a two-person team. She shared the visibility and audience reach their website and Facebook posts are receiving, as well as receiving an award by Meta. Plienis questioned what it costs the CVB to operate. Discussion followed on receiving financial reports. Hoffer questioned the council's plan, noting Mr. Brinkman was the liaison and would have been able to provide the financial information. Aichele clarified that the ordinance states the CVB is to be an advisor to the city. Hoffer stated it is their belief that a city liaison to the CVB achieves the requirement. Hoffer noted that the CVB holds the monthly meetings and encourages public attendance.

Brown asked what the options are for the ordinance. Baker explained how the CVB receives the Occupancy Tax and Restaurant and Lodging Tax money. He outlined three options: keep the current structure, transfer the fund and responsibilities to the City, or re-establish a previous City committee. Baker suggested providing CVB with a set annual base amount and the council could decide on any additional funding or if it should go somewhere else. Isaak commented that the Library or Pool Board could request funding from the CVB. Baker stated he received information from Hazen about their Restaurant and Lodging taxes but did not receive information from the Beulah CVB, as they require a fee for the request. Discussion followed on being provided financial information. Brown stated that the topic should be brought back to the three options for the ordinance.

Ben Lenzen commented that he was previously a member of the Chamber and provided some history of the organization and the taxes. Lenzen suggested the taxes be divided by giving the Lodging tax to the CVB and the hospitality tax be used for local events. There should also be reporting of where the money is going. Hoffer stated the Economic Developer as the liaison can provide the financial information.

Kim Kessler commented that as a business owner in the community, tourism plays a vital role in sustaining the local economy. Removing CVB from lodging tax allocations at this time would be premature. The CVB has significantly expanded its advertising and outreach. If other organizations are considered, they should provide a detailed outline of how they will replace or improve the tourism programs and promotional efforts. Change can be beneficial, but not without a plan. She requested the council carefully consider what is best for Beulah, its residents, and its businesses before making a decision.

Brown requested a quarterly report from entities that receive city taxes a year ago, stating the City should not have to request financials, especially if an organization receives city taxes. Baker stated in 2025 the Restaurant & Lodging tax brought in \$83,500 and Occupancy was \$53,400. Isaak added that the marketing employee's salary is also part of promotion.

Laura Benz commented that she is a lifelong resident of Beulah and sees that the CVB is very important to the city. Eric Aadnes stated that he hasn't heard anyone say they want to get rid of CVB but believes something should change. Aichele questioned if the CVB still has gaming. Hoffer stated the CVB still has gaming but will not have a gaming site in Beulah as of July 1, 2026.

Cheatley stated that legal should confirm the options follow NDCC. Baker commented there is a bias with the City Attorney. Cheatley stated the City could consult with Sarah Wear. Victoria Oberlander commented she has financial experience and believes that financial statements should be readily available at the end of the month.

Isaak suggested the City receive financial reports biannually. Baker stated CVB could propose a plan to the City. Brown would like city-funded entities to report quarterly or biannually to the council and would like to consult with legal counsel on options two and four.

Ferebee stated the Park District receives Sales Tax as voted on by the residents and State Aid that is mandated by the state. That is not a council decision. The CVB funds are distributed by ordinance so the council does not decide on it for the budget, but the council can request the CVB report to the council. Discussion followed on whether Brinkman should be the liaison between the city and the CVB.

Cheatley clarified that the council would like the CVB to come back with a plan if they choose to and for the city to discuss options two and four with legal counsel before moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.  
Sean Cheatley, Mayor  
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor  
(June 4, 2026)

| STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA   |  | MERCER COUNTY  |  |
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| <b>CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT</b><br><b>PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 9, 2026</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>ATTENTION! READ BEFORE VOTING POLITICAL PARTY BALLOT</b>   |  |  |  |
| In a Political Party Primary Election, you may only vote for the candidates of one political party. This ballot contains two political parties; one in each section. If you vote in more than one political party's section, your Political Party Ballot will be rejected; however, all votes on the No Party and Measures Ballots will still be counted. |  |  |  |
| To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.   |  |  |  |
| <b>REPUBLICAN</b>   |  | <b>DEMOCRATIC-NPL</b>  |  |
| <b>Representative in Congress</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>Representative in Congress</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Alex Balazs   |  | <input type="radio"/> Trygve Hammer  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Julie Fedorchak   |  | <input type="radio"/>  |  |
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| <b>State Senator</b><br>District 33<br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>State Senator</b><br>District 33<br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Keith Boehm   |  | <input type="radio"/> Signe Snortland  |  |
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| <b>State Representative</b><br>District 33<br>Vote for no more than TWO names   |  | <b>State Representative</b><br>District 33<br>Vote for no more than TWO names  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Anna S (Garrett) Novak  |  | <input type="radio"/> Stacie Kruckenberg   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Jesus Albry Aguirre   |  | <input type="radio"/> Kimball Banks  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Mike Heger  |  | <input type="radio"/>  |  |
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| <b>Secretary of State</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>Secretary of State</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Michael Howe  |  | <input type="radio"/> Ryan Braunberger   |  |
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| <b>Attorney General</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>Attorney General</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Drew Wrigley  |  | <input type="radio"/> Tim Lamb   |  |
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| <b>Agriculture Commissioner</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>Agriculture Commissioner</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Doug Goehring   |  | <input type="radio"/> Vern Thompson  |  |
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| <b>Public Service Commissioner</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  | <b>Public Service Commissioner</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Sheri Haugen-Hoffart  |  | <input type="radio"/> John M Pederson  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Deven Styczynski  |  | <input type="radio"/>  |  |
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| <b>Public Service Commissioner</b><br>Unexpired 2-Year Term<br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>Public Service Commissioner</b><br>Unexpired 2-Year Term<br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Jill Kringstad  |  | <input type="radio"/> Scot Kelsh   |  |
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| <b>Tax Commissioner</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name   |  | <b>Tax Commissioner</b><br>Vote for no more than ONE name  |  |
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| <b>NOTICE: You may only vote in one political party's section.</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>Official Ballot</b><br><b>MERCER COUNTY</b><br>June 9, 2026  |  | All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initialed by appropriate election officials in order to be counted. |  |
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