

# MISC.

## Update from District 28 Legislators: Two-thirds of wind generation taxes stay local

North Dakota continues to develop its wind resources—supplying energy to a hungry grid and providing economic opportunities for towns, local businesses, and landowners. We’ve heard some arguments from neighbors who question the full economic impact of wind projects and are also concerned that local communities won’t get their fair share. As supporters of agriculture and energy, and as legislators, this is the reason we introduced SB2331 in the 2019 session to make sure local communities receive the lion’s share of tax revenue.

Under North Dakota law, wind projects pay a wind generation tax instead of traditional property tax. For new projects, 67 percent of that tax stays with local taxing districts, while 33 percent goes to the state. This structure was put in place so rural counties—not just the state—would benefit from wind development.

Take the Badger Wind Project as an example. According to Orsted, the project is projected to pay about \$1.2 million per year in wind generation taxes over a 30-year lifespan. Roughly \$850,000 per year will go directly back to local entities. McIntosh and Logan Counties, local townships, the Wishek School district, rural fire and ambulance services, the county airport, and local job development all receive funding.

Whether or not you support or oppose wind development is for the local community to debate. However, anyone arguing that future wind development should be opposed because local counties do not benefit, that argument does not match the reality of the bill we pushed in Bismarck. Wind energy provides long-term, dependable tax revenue that stays in the communities where the turbines are constructed. These are real dollars that help fund schools, maintain roads, and support essential local services for decades to come.

Sen. Robert Erbele  
Rep. Mike Brandenburg  
Rep. Jim Grueneich

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### St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.

Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary’s and Glory Be.

Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.

Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

## City of Ashley Proceedings

ASHLEY CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS CONDENSED  
Monday February 10, 2026, 6:30 P.M.  
COMPLETE AVAILABLE AT ASHLEY  
CITY HALL/www.ashley-nd.com  
Mayor Schock called to order at 6:30 PM; present: Kosel, Newhouse, Geiszler, Kroh, Dahl Glaesmann (via Teams), Todd Dockter, Steve Thompson. Paula Patterson for the newspaper. After the pledge of allegiance, MSC Dahl; Kroh; Approve agenda MSC Geiszler; Kroh; approve January 12, 2026 minutes.  
Public Comment:  
MSC Kroh; Dahl; Pay Moore Sewer Reline Invoice SIN007283.....\$1,033.75.  
Financials:  
Knoll, Shelley..... \$97.07  
Ashley Airport Authority..... \$753.54  
Ashley Park District..... \$2,857.19  
Ashley Public Library..... \$753.64  
CHS..... \$1,521.63  
E & H Communications..... \$91.77  
G & G..... \$92.60  
JDA..... \$2,463.75  
Links Do It Best..... \$53.03  
ND Dept of Health..... \$27.00  
ND DEQ..... \$61.17  
Triple J Auto Body & Repair..... \$160.00  
Westside Heating & AC, LLC... \$553.50  
Workforce Safety & Insurance..... \$1,649.84  
BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL..... \$1,539.72  
MCINTOSH CO TREASURER..... \$1,433.32  
TODD DOCKTER..... \$171.10  
Visa..... \$135.23  
Municipal Pipe Tool..... \$10,824.72  
Abbey Hoffman..... \$250.00

BANYON DATA SYSTEMS... \$2,990.00  
CAPFIRST EQUIP. FINANCE, INC..... \$17,689.34  
SCRWD..... \$16,784.70  
Dickson, Alexander..... \$315.99  
Dockter, Todd..... \$1,683.73  
Lippert, Todd..... \$1,497.79  
Willis, Isaac..... \$380.18  
Doane, Christopher J..... \$109.20  
Forsman, Kevin..... \$1,862.98  
Nitschke, Barbara A..... \$183.55  
Dickson, Alexander..... \$297.84  
Dockter, Todd..... \$1,733.19  
Lippert, Todd..... \$1,497.79  
Willis, Isaac..... \$347.77  
Total Checks..... \$72,863.87  
MSC Geiszler; Kosel approve the financials.  
Adjourned meeting at 9:00 pm.  
March 9th, 2025, at 6:30 pm next meeting.  
MINUTES SUBJECT TO COUNCIL REVIEW AND REVISION

Kevin Forsman, City Auditor  
Erich Schock, Mayor

Fund Descr	Revenue	Expense	Profit/Loss
General Fund	\$232,466.52	\$165,459.49	\$67,007.03
General Visa Transfer	\$1,698.29	\$1,321.90	\$376.39
Street Fund	\$56,699.32	\$142,597.78	(\$85,898.46)
City Sales Tax Fund	\$71,444.90	\$0.00	\$71,444.90
Advertising Fund	\$0.00	\$55.20	(\$55.20)
Insurance Res. Fund	\$0.00	\$4,685.00	(\$4,685.00)
Cemetery Fund	\$3,631.17	\$2,624.33	\$1,006.84

Fund	Revenue	Expense	Profit/Loss
Job Development	\$25,416.68	\$23,585.86	\$1,830.82
Economic	\$17,742.10	\$1,199.25	\$16,542.85
Occupancy Tax Fund	\$10,317.14	\$0.00	\$10,317.14
CDBG	\$0.00	\$262.50	(\$262.50)
State Flex Fund	\$18,060.11	\$0.00	\$18,060.11
Capital Imp/Road Con	\$110,395.10	\$0.00	\$110,395.10
Water Improv Project	\$1,715,780.67	\$1,567,972.17	\$147,808.50
Sewer Repl Project 2	\$14,100.81	\$1,000.00	\$13,100.81
Sewer Reline 24247	\$411,654.17	\$536,013.61	(\$124,359.44)
Sewer Repl Project 1	\$0.00	\$20.00	(\$20.00)
Water Fund..	\$187,795.48	\$292,719.31	(\$104,923.83)
Sewer Fund	\$68,857.67	\$34,313.30	\$34,544.37
Garbage Fund	\$168,164.89	\$82,724.09	\$85,440.80
Meter Deposit Fund	\$2,481.17	\$75.00	\$2,406.17
Utility Fund	\$176,477.41	\$0.00	\$176,477.41
WaterMain Assessment	\$3,274.30	\$0.00	\$3,274.30
Park District Fund	\$33,127.76	\$29,970.74	\$3,157.02
Library Fund	\$8,795.75	\$7,811.52	\$984.23
Airport Fund	\$6,006.97	\$5,297.19	\$709.78
	\$444,720.14	\$483,616.18	

(March 4, 2026)

### WLC from front: Living Center uses feedback for continuous improvement

with long-term care facilities to grow and improve the service it provides.

In recognizing the Wishek Living Center (WLC), Activated Insights grades in the categories of overall satisfaction, dining service, individual needs, laundry service, facility communication, response to problems, dignity and respect for residents, activities, resident recommendation to others, professional therapy services and overall customer experience during a 12-month period.

“It is our pleasure to congratulate Wishek Living Center for their well-deserved achievement in winning the Customer Experience Award,” said Bud Meadows, Chief Executive Officer of Activated Insights. “It’s wonderful to see the hard work this facility is putting in to providing high-quality care. This solidifies their position in the top echelon of care providers nationwide.”

Throughout 2025 the company engaged residents and their families in monthly telephone interviews on behalf of WLC. These conversations included open-ended questions and ratings across the various categories. WLC used this feedback to drive continuous improvement in its care.

The award allows WLC

to provide proof of quality to potential new clients and caregivers.

“We are honored to hear from our residents and their families that we are accomplishing the goals we have set for our facility,” said WLC Administrator Tanya

Schnabel. “Our industry is a challenging, but highly rewarding one. I want to commend the employees of WLC for their hard work and dedication, and thank our families for trusting us to care for their loved ones.”

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