

### GNDC And ND Dept Of CTE Partner To Strengthen Workforce Pipeline Through New AP Course

The Greater North Dakota Chamber (GNDC) and the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education (ND CTE) announce a new partnership to expand access to the AP Business with Personal Finance course, an initiative designed to better align classroom learning with real-world workforce needs.

hands-on learning and exposure to entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, and strategic decision-making, students gain experience that prepares them for both immediate workforce entry and long-term career success.

### Iran War: North Dakotans Urged To Weigh Pressing Humanitarian Needs

By Mike Moen  
Prairie News Service  
North Dakota isn't immune to higher prices at the gas pump or agricultural expenses tied to the war with Iran.

harder time providing assistance because of the Trump administration's steep cuts to humanitarian contracts. The administration cited "wasteful spending" and has since renegotiated with other countries. But critics have said the terms are too strict and lack transparency.

As the status of a ceasefire agreement between the United States and Iran seemingly changes by the minute, Kate Phillips-Barrasso, vice president for global occupancy and advocacy at Mercy Corps, has joined other humanitarians in noting that less attention is being paid to attacks in Lebanon.

Phillips-Barrasso said Americans wondering how they can help can make donations to relief organizations, if they're in a position to do so.

Elsewhere, she noted, rising gas and fertilizer prices are having a serious impact on under-developed countries such as Somalia and Sudan.

"There's a huge tie-in with critical infrastructure and things like farming or transportation," she said, "or people's ability to use productive assets to start making money again, and supporting their families, and putting food on the table."

It's a smart investment in our workforce and in the long-term competitiveness of our region."

To support implementation, GNDC will provide travel stipends of up to \$2,000 for participating teachers to offset training-related expenses, helping ensure educators across North Dakota can access high-quality professional development tied to the course.

Wayde Sick, North Dakota Career and Technical Education Director commented, "This partnership represents a powerful commitment to the future of our students. By investing in our educators, we are expanding access to transformative learning that develops real-world skills and meaningful career pathways. When we strengthen our teachers, we strengthen opportunities for students, giving them skills and confidence to achieve their full potential."

- Partnership Goals
• Strengthen alignment between education and workforce needs
• Expand access to real-world business and financial literacy education
• Build a stronger, more prepared talent pipeline for North Dakota employers
• Support educators with resources and training to deliver applied learning experiences

The initiative encourages ongoing collaboration between business leaders and educators, creating opportunities for employer engagement, curriculum relevance, and student exposure to real-world applications.

Additional information about the AP Business with Personal Finance course and participation opportunities is available at https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-business-personal-finance.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES "BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Probate No. 31-2026-PR-00026 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald L. Jones, deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against Ronald L. Jones are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2026.
s/ Judy M. Jones
s/ Kerri J. Hall
s/ Patrick L. Jones
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Apr. 8, 15, 22, 2026

### PUBLIC NOTICES "BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
May 14, 2026
1:30 PM CDT
A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by May 25, 2026.

### ND Honors Dispatchers During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Governor Kelly Armstrong has proclaimed April 12-18 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in North Dakota. Public safety telecommunicators, often referred to as 911 dispatchers, serve as the critical first link in emergency response.

"Every call answered is an opportunity to save a life," says Darin Anderson, Director of State Emergency Communications Center. "Our telecommunicators demonstrate extraordinary professionalism, compassion, and resilience under pressure. This week, we proudly recognize their essential role in keeping North Dakota communities safe."

North Dakota's public safety telecommunicators handle emergency and non-emergency calls, coordinating responses for law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical personnel. Their work requires extensive training, strong communication skills, and the ability to remain composed in high-stress situations.

### PUBLIC NOTICES "BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Probate No. 31-2026-PR-00027 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of STEVEN J. JEMTRUD, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2026.
s/ Jarvis Jemtrud
Jarvis Jemtrud
s/ Lacey Jemtrud
Lacey Jemtrud
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Attorneys for: Co-Personal Representatives
First publication on the 1st day of April, 2026.
April 1, 8, 15, 2026

### PUBLIC NOTICES "BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

Probate No. 31-2026-PR-00026 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Inga Kadrmias, Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF INGA KADRMIAS, DECEASED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioners, Rebecca Tiano and Sonja Biele, filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of a Co-Personal Representative with the District Court of Mountrail County, North Dakota.

Dated April 1, 2026
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s/ Benjamin W. Keup
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Attorneys for the Applicant
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3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED
9:10 A.M.
Laurie Johnson, Correctional Administrator introduced the nurse, Cecilia Schueneman to the board and requested approval of out of state travel.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the out of state travel for Laurie Johnson to attend the Jail Programming Services at St. Cloud, MN on April 27-29th. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Hollekim, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.
9:15 A.M.
Charlie Sorenson & Lacey Jemtrud with Stanley Ambulance presented a quote for a new ambulance.
Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the request from the Stanley Ambulance for assistance to purchase an ambulance from the Fire and Ambulance Fund at a cost not exceeding \$439,929. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, DeGroot, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.
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Ken Rensch & Ken Ruud with the Parshall Ambulance presented a quote for cardiac monitors, mechanical CPR devices, ventilators, IV pumps and video laryngoscopes.
Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the request from the Parshall Ambulance for assistance to purchase 3 cardiac monitors totaling \$175,014.56; 1 Mechanical CPR devices totaling \$23,209.92; 2 ventilators totaling \$33,437.24; 6 IV pumps totaling \$17,163.21; 2 video laryngoscopes totaling \$4,840.25 from the Fire and Ambulance Fund at a cost not exceeding \$253,665.18. Upon roll call, Rice, DeGroot, Ruland, Hollekim and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.
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## Proceedings Of The Board Of County Commissioners

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL
The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Joan Hollekim, John DeGroot and Jason Rice present. State's Attorney, Wade Enget was present.
Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. BUSINESS
A. AGENDA
Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to review and approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.
B. MINUTES
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES
Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the March Fees for Corrections, Clerk of Court & Sheriff. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.
D. PAYROLL
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the appointed officials time off requests for February. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Regular Full Time Employee Classification for Cecilia Schueneman as a Correctional Nurse (RN) with Corrections in the amount of \$40.23 per hour/\$83,669 per year. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Regular Full Time Employee Classification for Abby Salinas as an Eligibility Worker I with Mountrail McKenzie Human Service Zone in the amount of \$27 per hour/\$56,160 per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the salary increase for completion of satisfactory probationary period for Caleb Young as a Dispatcher with the Sheriff Office to the amount of \$30.96 per hour/\$64,405 per year. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Ruland, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.
E. COURT FACILITIES GRANT
The board reviewed the letter from the Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee regarding grant monies for the court. Madison Rodgers, Clerk of Court was present with no recommendations for the monies.

F. OPIOID SETTLEMENT
Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the new proposed settlement with six regional distributors/dispensers: Associated Pharmacies, Inc., J M Smith Corporation, Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc., Morris and Dickson Co, North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc and United Natural Foods, Inc. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.
G. BILLS
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the bills totaling \$4,083,792.09 & February 15 through February 28 payroll, checks #20199-20204 and direct deposits #1-164 totaling \$600,718.74. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Rice, DeGroot and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried. (A complete list of bills is posted on a regular basis on the Mountrail County website @ www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the County Commissioner heading and/or are available for review in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours).

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Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the signing of the Notice of Intent with Mountrail Williams Electric for CR9 with an estimate of \$55,000 not to exceed \$85,000. Upon roll call, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the signing of the Notice of Intent with Mountrail Williams Electric for CR3 with an estimate of \$106,000 not to exceed \$160,000. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.
Discussion was held with Erik Halverson, MWEC and Matthew Huettl, Engineer with HDR on the CR10 & CR11 intersection poles being converted to underground. Engineer Huettl stated the line of distance is the cause of the slopes needing to be flattened and 25 feet of soil fill thus the reason for underground instead of overhead poles. Matt Meiers, MWEC stated they would get with HDR Engineering to see the overhead poles vs. underground utilities cost comparison but could cause delay of the construction.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the signing of the Notice of Intent with Mountrail Williams Electric for CR10-CR11 Intersection with an estimate of \$249,000 not to exceed \$381,000 for underground as placement of poles would require significant vertical adjustments at the intersection. Upon roll call, Ruland, DeGroot, Rice, Hollekim and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.
5. SANDER RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of the Sander Rental Lease Agreement with the Prairie Rose Golf Club from May 1st to June 30th, 2026 in the amount of \$1. Upon roll call, Olson, Ruland, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.
6. R&T PERMITS
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to deny waiving the application fees for R&T Water permits for 2026 construction season. Upon roll call, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.
7. HDR-CR11
Matthew Huettl, HDR Engineering discussed the disagreement with the road design survey as to whether the section corner in the NE corner of Section 26, Township 155 North, Range 89 West was lost or obliterated. The Engineer Huettl suggested that the CR11 pole location stay the same with Mountrail Williams Electric and the legal description with deeds will be updated with the correct coordinates.
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve moving forward with HDR on CR11 with the corrective deeds in order to correct the legal description for the pole placement. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim, and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
No one had any comments.
5. ADJOURN
The Board adjourned at 11:25 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 7th day of April, 2026.
Mountrail County Commissioner
Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor

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McGahan Township Equalization Meeting
The Tax Equalization Meeting of McGahan Township will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.
Mary Odom Pond, Township Clerk

Palermo Township Equalization Meeting
The Palermo Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Adam and Kendra Evensvold residence, 6481 72nd Ave. NW, Palermo, ND 58769.
Kendra Evensvold, Township Clerk

Rat Lake Township Equalization Meeting
The Rat Lake Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.
Brian Uran, Township Clerk

Sikes Township Equalization Meeting
The Sikes Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the EOC Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.
Konni Bohrer, Township Clerk

White Earth Township Equalization Meeting
The Tax Equalization Meeting of White Earth Township will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the White Earth City Hall.
Britta Enget, Township Clerk/Treasurer

Van Hook Township Equalization Meeting
The Tax Equalization Meeting of Van Hook Township will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Jay Snyder shop.
Jay Snyder, Township Clerk