



PUBLIC HEARING
Mountrail County Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing concerning The Transfer of the legal, administrative, and financial responsibilities for carrying out the power and function of the Ross City Planning & Zoning to Mountrail County Planning and Zoning pursuant to Chapter 54-40.5 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2026
9:30 A.M.
Commissioner's Room
Mountrail County Courthouse
July 1, 2026

Probate No. 31-2026-PR-00061
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
PAMELA A. SEKAC, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative 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. Claims must be presented to EDWARD A. SEKAC, Personal Representative of the estate, at 2525 Elk Drive, P.O. Box 1000, Minot, ND 58702-1000, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Edward A. Sekac
Edward A. Sekac
Matthew H. Olson - #06182
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Attorneys for: Personal Representative
First publication on the 24th day of June, 2026.
June 24, July 1, 8, 2026

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Steering Committee
RE: Moratorium on Data Centers and Battery Storage Facilities & Land Development Code Amendment

The Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Steering Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 07, 2026 at the Mountrail County Courthouse in Commissioners Room, 101 N Main Street, Stanley ND 58784 or thru via telephone conference by go to meeting for discussion on Zoning regulations for Data Centers and Battery Storage Facilities along with any updates to the Mountrail County Land Development Code. This is the first of many meetings we will be having and are looking for public input.

(log in instructions below):
P&Z Subcommittee Meeting on Moratorium & Land Development Code
July 7, 2026, 2:30 - 4:30 PM (America/Chicago)
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://meet.goto.com/676403149>
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Access Code: 676-403-149
United States: +1 (872) 240-3412
Dated at Stanley, North Dakota this 22nd day of June, 2026.
Charlie Sorenson, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission

ATTEST:
Melissa Vachal
Planning & Zoning Administrator
June 24, July 1, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Brooks
Kilby Reynolds Jr., Deceased.

Probate No. 31-2026-PR-00054
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Brooks Kilby Reynolds Jr, deceased; and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned Co-Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of District Court at the following address:
Clerk of District Court
Mountrail County Courthouse
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Stanley, ND 58784
/s/ Brooks Kilby Reynolds Sr.
Co-Personal Representative -
Brooks Kilby Reynolds Sr.
Address: PO Box 613,
New Town, ND 58763
/s/ Kim Reynolds
Co-Personal Representative -
Kim Reynolds
Address: PO Box 1376,
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Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
First Publication Date: July 1, 2026
July 1, 8, 15, 2026

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INVITATION TO BID
PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION
A. Project: Elbowoods Staff Housing
B. Bid Date and Time: Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM CST
C. Project Number: 20254950.
D. Issue Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026
E. Issued By: EAPC Architects Engineers
1. Address: 116 W. Main Ste A, Bismarck, ND 58501
2. Telephone number: 701-258-3116
1.2 OUTLINE OF PROJECT
A. The project consists of the construction of staff housing for the Elbowoods Memorial Healthcare Campus, including a combination of single-family homes and duplex residential dwellings. The buildings will utilize slab-on-grade foundations and wood-frame construction, with exterior finishes consisting of vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roofing. Mechanical systems will include geothermal heating to provide energy-efficient climate control.

1.3 TYPES OF BIDS
A. Single combined bids will be received for all portions of the work. The successful bidder will be the single Prime Contractor for the Project.

1.4 THE OWNER
A. Elbowoods Memorial Health Care. Address: 1251 Elbowoods Loop, New Town, ND 58763

1.5 BID PLACE
A. Elbowoods Community Health Resource Center, 3rd floor conference room. Address: 1251 Elbowoods Loop, New Town, ND 58763

B. Bids received after the designated time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. It is the bidders responsibility to see that mailed or delivered bids are in the hands of the Owner prior to the time of the bid opening.

1.6 OBTAINING DOCUMENTS
A. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the Architect/Engineer's office, and the Owner's office at the address shown above and:
1. Quest CDN (www.questcdn.com)
2. Dodge Plan Room and SCAN in Minneapolis.
3. ConstructConnect
4. North Dakota Builders Exchanges: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Williston

B. If Contractor receives his bidding documents from a plans exchange, it is the Contractor's responsibility to contact EAPC Architects Engineers to be added to the plan holders list.
C. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$22.00 by inputting Quest project #10253612 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

1.7 BID SECURITY
A. Each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's Bond in a sum equal to five percent of the full amount of the bid, including all add alternates, executed by the bidder as principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in this State, conditioned that if the Principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a Contractor's Bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing Board. Cash, cashier's checks or certified checks will not be accepted. See Instructions to Bidders 00 1000, Art. 7.

1.8 NORTH DAKOTA LAW
A. All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as provided by North Dakota Century Code Section 43 07-07; and no bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to bond and licenses, and any bid deficient in these respects submitted will be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

1.9 PREBID MEETING
A. There will be a meeting of prospective bidders at 2:00 PM CST, Thursday, July 2, 2026, at the project location at the end of Arikara Drive in New Town, ND. All those with questions for the Owner and A/E are invited to attend.

1.10 OWNER RIGHTS
A. THE OWNER reserves the right to waive irregularities, to reject Bids and to hold all Bids for a period of 30 days after the date fixed for the opening thereof.

1.11 SIGNATURE
A. By order of: Kathryn R. Eagle-Williams, MD, MPH CEO Elbowoods Memorial Health Center.
June 24, July 1, 8, 2026

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 32-18 that Reep Contracting, LLC, as Seller/Vendor, hereby gives notice to Johannes L. Vermeulen, of the cancellation of that certain Contract for Deed dated August 9, 2023, between Reep Contracting, LLC, as Seller, and Johannes L. Vermeulen and Charlene M. Ashworth, as Buyers, covering the following described real property situated in Mountrail County, North Dakota:
Township 155 North, Range 90 West, Section 15: Outlot 1 and 2 of the NE¼SE¼ (Physical address: 5745 74th Ave NW, Palermo, ND 58769)

The Buyers are in default under the Contract for Deed for the following reasons: (1) failure to make the required weekly payments, with missed payments totaling \$2,600.00 as of May 27, 2026, leaving an outstanding balance of \$77,194.87; (2) failure to pay property taxes for the years 2024 and 2025, totaling \$3,000.45; and (3) failure to reimburse Seller for 2023 property taxes paid by Seller in the amount of \$1,709.44, plus interest accruing at 12% per annum from the date of payment.

Unless the above defaults are fully cured, including payment of all past-due amounts, all unpaid taxes, reimbursement of taxes paid by Seller plus accrued interest, and costs of service, within one (1) year from the date of first publication of this notice, the Contract for Deed shall be cancelled and terminated, and Johannes L. Vermeulen shall have no further right or interest in the above-described property.

Dated this 22nd date of June, 2026.
REEP CONTRACTING, LLC
By: /s/ Michael Reep
Michael Reep, Member/Manager
Ryan D. Sandberg
PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.
P.O. Box 1000
Minot, ND 58702
701-852-0381
Attorneys for Seller
June 24, July 1, 8, 2026

Dakota Datebook: Rodney Kephart's Flag

By Scott Nelson
Rodney Kephart was born in Spencer, Iowa, on July 3, 1917. He and his family later moved to North Dakota.

In early 1941, Kephart took a job building a military airfield on Wake Island in the Pacific. On December 7, the same day Pearl Harbor was bombed, Wake Island was also attacked. Kephart, a civilian contractor, assisted the US Marines defending the Island. The Americans fought off the Japanese until December 23, when the remaining forces surrendered. Rodney Kephart became a prisoner.

Along with several hundred prisoners, Rodney was shipped to Japan. Ninety-eight prisoners left on Wake were eventually executed.

For the next several years, Kephart worked in a POW labor camp.

Many of his fellow prisoners died from malnutrition and mistreatment by Japanese guards. Rodney served as the camp Chaplain and provided services for those who passed away.

As the war was ending, the last days of August, 1945, the Japanese guards abandoned the camp. American planes dropped food and supplies to the prisoners. Red, white and blue parachutes used to drop supplies were brought to Rodney with instructions to make an American flag. Kephart worked all night, and on the morning of September 2nd, the day the Japanese surrendered, the American flag was raised over the Fukuoka Number 6 POW camp. It flew over the camp until the prisoners were repatriated.

Rodney did not see the flag again until 36 years later at a POW convention in Oregon. It was on loan

from the Idaho Historical Society. No one knew how it got from Japan to Idaho.
In 1994 the flag was brought to Jamestown, North Dakota, to be displayed for a convention in the custodial care of Mr. Kephart. At the close of the convention, Raymond Seerup of Miles City asked what Rodney was going to do with the flag. "Send it back to Idaho" was his response. Seerup said, "That flag is

yours. You made it, you keep it!"
Rodney did keep his flag, but was then sued by the Idaho Historical Society! However, the Historical Society had no proof of ownership. Kephart's proof was that he had made the flag. Rodney won the suit.
Rodney Kephart died at Stanley, North Dakota, on February 5, 2003, and was buried as a civilian with full military honors for fighting with the Marines on Wake Island.

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