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**Bowbells School Board Proceedings**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 12, 2026**

Present were J.R. Aufforth, Adam Jensen, Steven Pfeifer, Tyler Ross, Jill Wettstein, Superintendent Thingvold, Kae Ankenbauer, (representing the local teachers union) and Business Manager Daugherty (Central Regional Education Association). The meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Vice President Jensen.

Motion by Wettstein, seconded by Pfeifer to approve the Consent Agenda (Agenda, December 10, 2025, minutes, and December 2025 Bills). Motion carried.

**BILLS: GENERAL FUND:** AFLAC \$2740.64; Ameritas 369.48; Aptegy 4917.27; Barbara Matte 49.90; BCBS 9558.50; Brandy Anderson 32.15; Brittney Colbenson 210.25; City of Bowbells 1080.61; Clean Tech 951.00; Colonial Life 219.53; Connect Teletherapy 600.00; CREA 10,448.00; Culligan Water 250.00; Dacotah Bank 1047.09; Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch 5865.00; Edutyping.com 499.50; Farmers Union Oil 1492.24; Fireside Office 235.54; Gartners Jack & Jill 21.96; HA Thompson 7408.00; MDU 5925.69; Menards 74.84; ND Council on Ed Leaders 300.00; NWC 326.08; Steins 304.19; TMS 103.80; Twostrees Tech 96.30; Wex 140.00. **TOTAL: \$55,267.56.**

**FOOD FUND:** Dacotah Bank \$71.89; Magic Wrighter Efunds 34.95; Matya Ridl 72.85; NDDPI 595.62; Sysco 6720.46. **TOTAL \$7495.77.**

**ACTIVITY FUND:** Bismarck Hotel \$440.00; Brandy Anderson 30.00; Burke County Tribune 50.00; Courtney Seime 30.00; Dacotah Bank 2600.63; Darris Olson 30.00; Diarlard Donkey Ball 125.00; Dobbie Thom 152.73; Eckroth Music 408.00; Hunter Rodin 100.00; Kacy Keyser 100.00; Lance Makeeff 152.73; Mark Crosby 30.00; Merry Feldman 30.00; Mickman Brothers 3429.43; ND Counsel of Ed Leaders 225.00; Tim Kraft 152.73. **TOTAL: \$8086.52.**

**Public Comment:** None  
**Student Outcomes:** Superintendent gave a presentation on the results of the most recent STAR math and reading scores. In math, we have seen increases in proficiency scores and are above our 2025-2026 proficiency goals. In reading, we have seen an increase in proficiency scores and are above our 2025-2026 in both elementary and high school with middle school seeing an increase from the fall semester, however, still below our 2025-2026 goal.

President Aufforth arrived at 4:16 pm and resumed control of the meeting.

**Administrative/Committee Reports:** Business Manager report was presented by Business Manager Daugherty.

**Building committee:** Heating issues in rental house 7 have been resolved and the siding project has been completed. Superintendent Thingvold received a quote for classroom surround sound at a cost of \$30,955. Superintendent Thingvold is receiving quotes to update the bell and intercom system.

**Transportation:** The committee is continuing to explore the options for a new minibus and if it is needed.

**Administration:** The 2026-2027 school calendar was distributed and discussed. Donkey basketball will take place on Saturday, 1/17/2026, in the school gym. A long-term sub has been hired to cover for Mrs. Wrolson who is currently out on extended leave. A state complaint was received and is being responded to with the assistance of the district lawyer. Discussions are ongoing between Bowbells and Kenmare regarding the co-op of AG classes and FFA.

**Old Business:** None  
**New Business:**

A motion to amend the July 2025 school board minutes to include Title I Rep for Superintendent Thingvold to the consent agenda was made by Wettstein and seconded by Jensen. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the 2026-2027 academic calendar was made by Ross. No second. Motion failed.

A motion to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the general fund to the hot lunch fund was made by Wettstein and seconded by Pfeifer. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the classroom sound enhancement quote from Twotrees was made by Jensen and seconded by Ross. Motion carried.

A motion to purchase a new yellow dually minibus was made by Pfeifer and seconded by Ross. Motion carried.

**Other Items:** None  
**Adjourn:** 5:23 PM  
**NEXT MEETING:**

**DATE:** TUESDAY, February 17th  
**TIME:** 7PM

Attest: JR Aufforth, Board President

Tarek Daugherty (Central Regional Education Association)  
February 25, 2026

**City Property for Sale on Written Bids**

(Continuous Call for Bids)

The City of Powers Lake will be placing the following used property for sale on written bids:

2014 SRS Crisafulli, 6000 Dredge – minimum bid \$175,000

34' gooseneck tandem axel trailer for dredge transport – minimum bid \$16,000

8" ALUM-FOAM pipe (15' sections floating+5' sections flexible) – minimum bid \$500/ 20 ft section

8" lay-flat hose - minimum bid \$4/foot

All bids must be delivered to Powers Lake Auditor's Office, P.O. Box 198, 218 Main Street, Powers Lake, ND 58773.

All persons submitting a bid shall have the right to orally raise the bids at the bid opening to be held at the next regular meeting of the Powers Lake City Council after the submission of the bid, with the bid opening to be held at Powers Lake City Hall, 218 Main Street, Powers Lake. Any bidder wanting to orally raise their bid must be present in person or via phone.

Please contact Kenny MacDonald at 701-705-4866 for questions.

Feb. 18 & 25, 2026

**Notice of Filing Deadline**  
**City of Lignite**

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Lignite is April 6th, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

The following positions are up for election.

City Council Members: Two (2) positions-4 year term

Mayor: One (1) position 4 year term.

A candidate for a city position must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time.

All forms are available from the City Auditor or can be obtained online at [www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html](http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html)

Feb. 18 & 25, March 4 & 11, 2026

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**Special Exception/Conditional Use City of Columbus**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Columbus, ND will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00pm in the Columbus City Hall located at 104 3rd Ave. E Columbus, ND, at which time and place all interested persons will be heard on the request of the City Council of the City of Columbus to approve a special exception conditional use to:

**City Ordinance 7.0303**

**Use of Public Sewers Required**

Section 3. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facilities intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

The change is further described as an Ordinance Exception to construct and operate a year-round public privy at Cougar Park, Main Street, Columbus ND, located on Lot 1 & 2 of Block 16 OT Columbus, parcel #7221000, in accordance with Public Health guidelines.

This proposal is available at the City Hall for public inspection, or a copy can be requested by contacting the City Auditor's office at [cityofcolumbus@ncctfray.com](mailto:cityofcolumbus@ncctfray.com) or 701-334-3152.

Sandy Raines, City Auditor  
February 18 & 25, 2026

**Notice of Filing Deadline**  
**City of Bowbells**

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a Candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Bowbells is April 6th, 2026, by 4:00 pm.

The following offices are up for election:

City Council Member (1 position) (4-year term)

City Council Member (1 position) (2-year unexpired term)

Mayor (1 position) (2-year unexpired term)

A candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to their City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either your City Auditor or can be obtained on-line at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>.

Feb. 25 & March 4, 2026

**Official Proceedings of the Board of Burke County Commissioners**

February 3, 2026

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at the Burke County Courthouse, Bowbells ND beginning with Chairman Jarret Van Berkom, Commissioner Shannon Holter and Commissioner Kurt Koppelsloen presiding. Also present were Lyann Olson, Burke County Tribune and States Attorney Amber Fiesel.

Chairman Van Berkom called the County Commission meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

2. BUSINESS

A. MINUTES

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve the regular meeting of January 20, 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. BILLS

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve the bills list and that the County Auditor be instructed to pay the bills out of the proper funds and accept the following reports for the month of January; Burke County Sheriff \$29,224.17 and District Court \$5,506.00. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL

County Employees .....\$7,296.65

TOTAL .....\$7,296.65

HWY TAX DIST

County Employees .....\$41,528.24

TOTAL .....\$41,528.24

COUNTY AGENT

County Employees .....\$42.48

TOTAL .....\$42.48

HOMELAND SECURITY

County Employees .....\$5,761.03

TOTAL .....\$5,761.03

NDDOT ENFORCEMENT

County Employees .....\$189.28

TOTAL .....\$189.28

GRAND TOTAL .....\$54,817.68

ROAD & BRIDGE

Acme Tools .....\$10.90

American Truck & Trailer LLC.. 271.29

Burke County Treasurer ..... 1,039.49

Burke County Treasurer ..... 75.56

Burke County Treasurer ..... 27.17

Circle Sanitation Service ..... 81.25

City of Bowbells ..... 261.32

Farmers Union Hardware ..... 152.12

General Equipment

& Supplies Inc..... 729.88

John Deere Financial .....1,899.99

Linde Gas & Equipment Inc..... 235.25

Menards- Minot..... 18.27

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 2,376.76

Napa Auto Parts ..... 48.48

On the Spot Truck

Repair, LLC..... 10,532.74

RDO Equipment Co..... 424.12

Stanley Auto & Truck ..... 58.63

Sundre Sand & Gravel..... 6,979.50

The Country Store ..... 144.80

Verizon Wireless ..... 133.47

TOTAL .....\$25,500.99

GENERAL

Barry Jager..... \$100.00

Advanced Business Methods.. 270.75

Bowbells Insurance, Inc..... 57.00

Burke County Treasurer ..... 2,007.44

Burke County Treasurer ..... 50.78

Burke County Treasurer ..... 179.50

Burke County Tribune ..... 530.37

City of Bowbells ..... 456.54

Dacotah Paper Company ..... 368.00

Gaffaney's of Minot Inc..... 5,223.86

Galls ..... 217.99

H.A Thompson

& Sons- Plumbing..... 12,066.50

Harry's Tire Service ..... 1,869.44

Lignite Service & Repair..... 6,384.31

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 6,349.57

Morelli's Distributing, Inc..... 88.20

ND Sheriffs & Deputies

Association ..... 400.00

NDACO ..... 352.80

Northwest Communications.. 1,961.97

Stein's Inc ..... 1,021.00

Tango Tango ..... 299.00

Verizon Wireless..... 540.74

Vestis..... 460.13

Visa ..... 105.49

TOTAL .....\$41,361.38

COUNTY AGENT

Daniel Folske.....\$406.73

Burke County Treasurer ..... 21.98

TOTAL .....\$428.71

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER

NDACTVSO.....\$170.00

Verizon Wireless..... 42.57

TOTAL .....\$ 212.57

WEED CONTROL

Daniel Folske.....\$883.65

City of Bowbells..... 180.00

TOTAL .....\$1,063.65

911 SYSTEM

Burke County Treasurer .....\$100.00

Office of the Adjutant

General..... 13,200.30

TOTAL .....\$13,300.30

GRAND TOTAL .....\$ 81,867.60

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED  
No one appeared for public comment. Spencer Goodman, County Road Supervisor, met with the board.

Discussion items included: The repairs on the 2018 plow truck. RDO demonstrated their new equipment. Repairs were made to the skid steer & utility trailers. Cleary Township wants to be added to the load pass agreement. Spencer brought up having all townships sign an agreement, the commissioners agreed.

Jason Mayfield, Wold Engineering, met with the board.

County Road 8 paving funding was approved. Jason would like to have bids finalized by the second meeting. He will reach out to the auditor before the next meeting to set the final date for bids. No update on the safety funds. Discussion was held on a curve west of Battleview.

Tracy Stover, Custodian

Tracy gave updates on the stairs and gate that was installed. She is working on getting an estimate on painting the fire escape. Plumbing updates were discussed. Tracy asked about updating light fixtures. She wants to update floor by floor. Comm. Van Berkom asked about starting on the levels that haven't been painted yet.

DISCUSSION

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen appointing Comm. Van Berkom as representative to the Human Service Zone. Upon roll call, all present voted yes.

Motion carried. Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to amend January 6th minutes to include Comm. Koppelsloen's Oath of Office. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen, for chairman Van Berkom to sign the Township general fund balance certification. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen, to sign the amended county deed for January 20th meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 9:57 a.m. to meet again February 17, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes read and approved this 17th day of February 2026.

Jarret Van Berkom  
Chairman, Burke County Board of Commissioners

Amie Vandegrift  
Burke County Auditor

February 25, 2026

**ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the Flaxton Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company**

In the state of North Dakota

Total Admitted Assets .....4,871,062

Total Amount of

All Liabilities .....1,845,475

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders .....3,025,588

Total Income .....1,994,663

Total Disbursements .....1,778,946

**NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Net Premiums Received .....1,679,296

Net Losses Paid .....964,701

February 25, 2026

**Notice of Filing Deadline**

**Bowbells Park District**

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the Bowbells Park District is:

**April 6, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.**

Qualified voters of the City of Bowbells will vote upon and choose the following:

1. Park Board Member: (1) Position: 4 Year Term

2. Park Board Member: (1) Position: 4 Year Term

3. Park Board Member: (1) Position: 2 Year Un-Expired Term

A candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at <https://www.sos.nd.gov/elections/candidate>

Amy Ones, Park District Clerk

Publication Dates:  
Feb. 25 & March 4, 2026

**Notice of Election**  
**Burke Central Public School District #36**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the annual election of the Burke Central School District #36 will be held for the purpose of electing two board members. One candidate will be elected for a 3-year term, and the other candidate will be elected to serve the remaining 2 years of a 3-year term made vacant by a resignation.

One eligible candidate is in the district area South of Hwy 5, East of Hwy 40, and East of Hwy 52, including the towns of Lignite and Flaxton. This director position is currently held by Kaydee Smith.

One eligible candidate is in the district area North of Hwy 5, West of Hwy 4