

Public Notices

City of Columbus Fund Balance Statement of January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Fund	BOY Bal	Receipts	Disbursements	Tr. Out	Tr. In	Payroll	EOY BAL
General Fund	\$506,656.55	\$224,063.32	\$142,715.45			\$65,376.19	\$522,628.23
Hwy Dist Fund	\$1,000.00	\$16,277.00	\$8,243.41				\$9,033.59
Flex Trans		\$5,764.73					\$5,764.73
Debt Service	\$2,000.00	\$7,815.26	\$11,100.00				(\$1,284.74)
Water Fund	\$20,000.00	\$96,689.17	\$108,338.09				\$8,351.08
Sewer Fund	\$5,000.00	\$24,259.96	\$1,662.98				\$27,596.98
Refuse Fund	\$2,000.00	\$25,662.30	\$22,627.25				\$5,035.05
Proj. Improv.		\$113,100.00					\$113,100.00
Total	\$536,656.55	\$513,631.74	\$294,687.18			\$65,376.19	\$690,224.92

Powers Lake School Board Proceedings

Unofficial Abbreviated School Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026, 4:30 pm –

President Loeks called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm with Vice President Bullinger and Directors Grote, Breeding, and Helseth present. Superintendent Kranz, Dean of Students Hoiby, Principal Wisthoff, Athletic Director Christenson, and Business Manager Johnson were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors Present: Brittany Douts

Additions to the Agenda: Tuition Agreement for two students. Motion to approve made by Bullinger, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Strategic Plan – Ag Ed Addition Scott Huber joined the meeting via Zoom. Scott reported on the contractor walk-through from Feb. 4th. Attended by two general contractors. He explained the upcoming addenda to the bid. Changes to the Ag Ed addition plans were discussed. Meeting set for Feb. 25th to award bids.

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the December 3rd special meeting, January 19th regular meeting (with the noted amendments), and January 26th special meeting minutes made by Helseth, seconded by Bullinger; motion passed.

Business Manager's Report: Superintendent evaluations and election calendars distributed to members.

January Bills: AE2S \$12,550.00, N. Allen 167.50, American Heart Association 338.00, AWG Inc. 385.22, Apple Inc. 8890.00, J. Bohjanen 94.25, L. Brackey 268.75, Bullinger Family Meats 1948.19, Burke County Treasurer 408.18, Burke County Tribune 29.05, L. Carlson 100.00, Cash-WA 790.98, CREA 257.00, R. Ceynar 275.28, City of Powers Lake 472.93, Coca Cola 419.00, Culligan 90.00, EAPC 86044.20, S. Egge 600.80, R. Evenswold 110.00, Farmers Union Oil Kenmare 4988.79, Food Barn 148.00, M. Four Bear 502.40, G & P Sales 2173.85, Gray's Dairy 869.72, Griesbach Construction 1533.17, J. Hansen 280.35, Harlow's Bus Bismarck 3775.87, S. Holter 891.40, ND Info Tech Dept 646.33, R. Jensen 100.00, T. Jessen 210.75, John's Sand & Gravel 1167.50, Johnson Controls 3735.00, S. Johnson 112.00, JPMorgan 8365.69, D. Kruger 262.95, M. Kvernum 327.95, R. A. Larshus 100.00, B. Ledene 100.00, Liberty Insurance 453.00, M. Liebel 167.50, M. Lund 603.80, Material Testing Services Inc. 10200.00, Minot Public School 55.00, MDU 9098.61, NDCEL 300.00, NDDPI 2308.23, ND Small Organized Schools 30.00, T. Nordloef 54.09, Northern Bottling 942.20, Northern Plains Special Education Unit 4617.20, NCC 425.49, Prairie Pride Foods 67.26, Ralphs Plumbing & Heating 2422.35, Ray Public School 16200.00, Refrigeration Heating Inc. 818.30, Rudolph Electric 1028.40, Scholastic Book Fairs 1336.65, D. Smith 424.25, Spaces Inc. 10370.00, Steins 951.87, SYSCO 5559.25, TMS 279.80, US Bank 7185.00, Watterud Counseling & Consultation Services 720.00, WEXX 20.00

Grote motioned to accept all financial reports and approve the payment of the accounts payable bills presented, seconded by Breeding; motion carried.

Board Report: None

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Wisthoff reported on JH Math Counts results, Chess Day, and 7th Grade CPR training, as well as upcoming events: County Spelling Bee, Acalympics, and MSU Science Day.

Dean of Students Report: Ms. Hoiby reported on the current attendance numbers: Preschool: 16, K-5: 94, 6-8: 61, and 9-12: 65. She gave updates on the Speech, Chess, and Robotics teams, and reported that the 3rd & 4th graders attended the 2026 Young People's Concert.

Elementary Principal Report: Mrs. Kranz reported on Rancher Families sending valentines to the ND Veterans' Home in Lisbon, February's family engagement activity, Reading Benchmark data meeting, and 3rd & 4th orchestra trip – thanking Music Boosters for paying for the students' lunch.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Kranz reported on finance and negotiations updates, received MWEC Impact Grant for \$25,000.00 and the Farm Credit Working Here Fund Grant for \$20,000.00, both for the Ag. Addition project, gave building/maintenance updates, Construction Loan submitted, assessment calendar created, meetings attended, updating the handbook, and the migration process from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus.

Transportation Director Report: Mr. Dosch submitted a report for members to review, outlining current and upcoming bus maintenance and repairs. Will have an additional CDL-certified driver available to sub when his training is completed.

Athletic Director Report: Mrs. Christenson reported on basketball season updates and spring sports set to begin. Gymnastics Co-op agenda item was moved to be included in the AD report. Information sheet was uploaded

for members to review. Discussion on coaches, timelines, and State approval. Motion to approve the gymnastics co-op made by Bullinger, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

New Business: All pertinent information was emailed to Board members for review prior to the meeting.

A. January 19th Agenda Amendment: Motion made by Bullinger, seconded by Helseth, to approve the amendment of policies listed on the January 19th agenda; motion carried.

B. Teacher's Petition for Recognition of Appropriate Negotiating Unit: Read by President Loeks – Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of Powers Lake School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. Motion to approve made by Helseth, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

C. Teacher's Petition for Recognition of Representative Organization: Read by President Loeks – The School Board has investigated the petition filed by the Powers Lake Teacher Education Association requesting that the association be recognized as the representative organization for the negotiating unit and has determined that the Education Association does represent a majority of the teachers within that unit. Motion to approve made by Grote, seconded by Bullinger, motion carried.

D. Contract Approval: Motion to approve the presented teacher contract for Cassidy Marschner in the amount of \$21,279.60.

E. Policy Updates: Motion to amend policies ACCA, ACCA-BR, ACEB, BDAB, BBBB, FAAD, HBAA, HCAA, and ICCB per recommendations by NDSBA, with the approved changes outlined in the attached documents, on the first reading and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA made by Helseth, seconded by Breeding, motion carried.

HBAA-AR1 and HCAA-E will be updated with changes; no motion needed.

F. Gymnastics Co-Op: Moved to be included in the Athletic Director's report.

G. Resignation: President Loeks read his letter of resignation for his school board position.

H. Executive Session – Negotiation Strategies: Read by President Loeks: The next item on the agenda is teacher negotiations strategy. This item may be discussed in an executive session only when an open meeting would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the board. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-19(1).

The topic or purpose of this executive session is teacher negotiations strategy. At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next item in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Motion made by Grote, seconded by Bullinger, roll call vote as follows – Grote, Breeding, Bullinger, Helseth, Loeks – all "aye".

The executive session will be recorded. All members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our negotiators. We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 6:00 pm. The minutes will show that the executive session began at 5:27 pm and was attended by: Jacob Loeks, Galen Grote, Jon Breeding, Jeremy Bullinger, Roger Helseth, Sue Kranz, and Shayna Johnson. The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 5:58 pm. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room, and we are now back in open session.

Additions to the Agenda:

a. Tuition agreement presented for two students, motion to approve by Helseth, seconded by Grote, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

a. **Public Comment** – None
b. **County Commissioners & City – Ag. Ed. Addition:** Mrs. Kranz reported on the meeting with city and county officials regarding options for receiving funding for the Ag. Ed. Addition. Discussion on the next steps to take and legalities to consider.

c. **Board Comments:** Discussion on the appointment of a member to fill Jacob Loek's position for the remainder of his term. Note to set up negotiations committee's meeting.

A special board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, at 4:00 pm in the Science room.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 13th, 2026, at 4:00 pm in the Science room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Grote and seconded by Breeding. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Jacob Loeks, School Board President
Shayna Johnson, Business Manager
March 4, 2026

Public Notice of City Election

City of Powers Lake

Election for the City of Powers Lake will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in conjunction with the Burke County Primary Election. Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Powers Lake is April 6, 2026 by 4:00 P.M. The following city/parkboard offices are up for election:

Mayor: (1) position – 4 year term
City Council Members: (2) positions - 4 year term

Park Board Members: (2) positions – 4 year term

Candidates for a city/park board office 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 at the City Auditor's office or can be obtained on-line at <http://vote.nd.gov>

March 4, 2026

City of Portal

Council Proceedings

Portal City Council Public Hearing
Meeting date: February 23, 2026
Unapproved Minutes

A public hearing of the Portal City Council was held at the City of Portal City Hall, 25 W Railway Ave, Portal, ND 58772 on February 23, 2026. The hearing was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Lisa Smith. Members of the City Council present were Kenneth Evenson, Lorie Fitchner, Tamara Rudland and Auditor Kaydee Smith. Members absent were Dustin Degenstein. Others present were Shirelle Sorenson with Tri-County Regional Development Council and via video conference Patrick Samson with Ackerman-Estvoid.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any written or verbal comments from the public on the Portal Gas Distribution System Replacement CDBG Project #5162-CD22-PF.

No one was in attendance from the public.

No public written or verbal comments received regarding the Portal Gas Line Distribution System Replacement CDBG project #5162-CD22-PF.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded K. Evenson to adjourn the public hearing at 5:33 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Kaydee Smith, City Auditor
Portal City Council Public Hearing
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Unapproved Minutes

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Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve to pay the city percentage of \$27,520.00 to Municipal Pipe Tool Co. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve to pay the city percentage of \$106,591.32 to NPL Construction. All in favor, motion carried.

March 3, 2026 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 5:15 pm is next regular meeting.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Kaydee Smith, City Auditor

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The purpose of the hearing is to hear any written or verbal comments from the public on the Portal Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation CDBG Project #5163-CD22-PF.

No one was in attendance from the public.

No public written or verbal comments received regarding the Portal Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation CDBG Project #5163-CD22-PF.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded K. Evenson to adjourn the hearing at 6:03 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Kaydee Smith, City Auditor
March 4, 2026

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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

Feb. 18 & 25, March 4 & 11, 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

Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline

Powers Lake School District #27

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the Powers Lake School District is Monday, April 6th, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.

The following offices are up for election:

1 – At-Large School Board Member (3-year term),

1 – City Position School Board Member (3-year term),

1 – At-Large School Board Member to fill a vacancy (1-year term).

A candidate for a school district office must prepare and sign a document stating the candidate's name and the position for which the individual is a candidate (Statement of Intent), and an SFN 10172 Statement of Interests form. Both documents must be filed with the school district business manager for the Powers Lake School District by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available at the Powers Lake School District office or may be obtained online at: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalListDetails.aspx?ptlHPKID=30&ptlPKID=3&content=stap>

March 4, 2026

Notice of Hearing

N.D. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OIL AND GAS DIVISION

The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM CDT Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at N.D. Oil & Gas Division 1000 East Calgary Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

Case No. **32663:** Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Black Slough-Bakken Pool, Burke County, ND, to (i) establish an overlapping laydown 1920-acre spacing unit described as Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6, T.161N., R.92W., and authorize four horizontal wells to be drilled on such unit; or (iii) granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **32664:** Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Foothills and/or Black Slough-Bakken Pools to establish three overlapping standup 2560-acre spacing units described as Sections 16, 21, 28 and 33; Sections 17, 20, 29 and 32; and Sections 18, 19, 30 and 31, T.161N., R.92W., Burke County, ND, and authorize three horizontal wells to be drilled on each such unit, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **32665:** Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Foothills and/or Leaf Mountain-Bakken Pools, Burke County, ND, to (i) establish an overlapping standup 1920-acre spacing unit described as Sections 24, 25 and 36, T.161N., R.93W., and authorize three horizontal wells to be drilled on such unit; (ii) establish an overlapping standup 2560-acre spacing unit described as Sections 14, 23, 26 and 35, T.161N., R.93W., and authorize three horizontal wells to be drilled on such unit; or (iii) granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **32666:** Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Foothills and/or Leaf Mountain-Bakken Pools, Burke County, ND, to (i) establish an overlapping standup 1920-acre spacing unit described as Sections 24, 25 and 36, T.161N., R.93W., and authorize three horizontal wells to be drilled on such unit; (ii) establish an overlapping standup 2560-acre spacing unit described as Sections 14, 23, 26 and 35, T.161N., R.93W., and authorize three horizontal wells to be drilled on such unit; or (iii) granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Signed by,
Kelly Armstrong, Governor
Chairman, NDIC
March 4, 2026

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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 Portal and Columbus. This director position is currently held by Kaydee Smith.

One eligible candidate is in the district area North of Hwy 5, West of Hwy 40 and West of Hwy 52, including the towns of Portal and Columbus. This director position is currently held by Kevin Harms, who was appointed to the board in February 2026, due to a resignation.

To have your name on the ballot, you must file your intention with the Burke Central Business Manager, April Warman, by Monday April 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The candidate must also file a Statement of Interest, which can be obtained from the business manager.

By order of the District Board
April Warman, Business Manager
PO Box 91
Lignite, ND 58752
(701) 933-2821
Feb. 25 & March 4, 2026

Advertisement for Bids

Projects FXP-0716(080)

Burke County, North Dakota
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioners of the County of Burke, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids for **Burke County Project FXP-0716(080) – Roadway Reshaping and Hot Bituminous Paving- County Road 8 (CMC 0716) - From Burke County Road 11 to ND Hwy 8**, at the office of the County Auditor of said County until **10:00 A.M. CDST on March 17th, 2026**, at which time said bids will be opened and read aloud.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.woldengr.com or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting Quest project #10077496 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 this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for Non-Refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please make your check payable to Wold Engineering, P.C., 915 East 11th St., PO Box 237, Bottineau, North Dakota, 58318. Please contact Wold Engineering, P.C. at 701-228-2292 if you have any questions.

The approximate quantities of work and material for construction of the project are as follows:

Reshaping Roadway	24 MILES
Aggregate Surface	
Course CL 13	960 TONS
Superpave FAA 42	61,168 TONS
PG 58S-34 Asphalt	
Cement	3,793 TONS