

Public Notices

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Notice of Filing Deadline City of Lignite

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have candidates' 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 Interest 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 Portal

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have candidates name printed on the ballot for the City of Portal is April 6, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. The following positions are up for election:

Mayor: One (1) position 4 year term
City Council Member: Three (3) position 4 year term
Park Board Member: Four (4) position 4 year term

A candidate for a city position must turn in a completed a SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest 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 www.nd.gov.
March 4 & 11, 2026

Notice of Filing Deadline City of Columbus

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have candidates' name printed on the ballot for the City of Columbus and the Columbus Park Board is Monday, April 6th, 2026, by 4:00 pm.

The following positions are up for election:

Mayor: One (1) position – 4-year Term
City Council Member: Two (2) positions – 4-year Term
City Council Member: One (1) position – 2-year unexpired Term
Park Board: Three (3) positions – 4-yr Term

Park Board: One (1) position – 2-year Unexpired Term

A candidate for a city or park board position must turn in a completed SFN 02074 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above deadline and time. A person is eligible to hold an elective city office if that person is a qualified elector of the city and has been a resident of that city for at least nine months before the election. (NDCC40-13-01).

All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms/html or www.Vote.ND.gov
March 4 & 11, 2026

Ordinance Floodplain Management

City of Portal, ND

6.1 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

(1) Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations on conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants or variances or conditional uses, shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment for each such offense, and in addition shall pay costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(2) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Portal City Council from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

THE CITY OF PORTAL
Lisa Smith, Mayor
Kaydee Smith, Auditor
First Reading: March 2, 2026
Second Reading & Adoption: April 7, 2026
March 11 & 18, 2026

Official Proceedings of the Board of Burke County Commissioners

February 17, 2026

OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the Burke County Courthouse, Bowbells ND with Chairman Jarret Van Berkum, Commissioner Shannon Holter and Commissioner Kurt Koppelsloen presiding. Also present were Lyann Olson, Burke County Tribune and States Attorney Amber Fiesel.

Chairman Van Berkum called the County Commission meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

2. BUSINESS

A. MINUTES

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve the regular meeting of February 3, 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 to accept the following report for the month of January; Burke County Recorder \$13,712.00. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL	County Employees	\$78,877.74
TOTAL		\$78,877.74
COUNTY AGENT	County Employees	\$3,421.51
TOTAL		\$3,421.51
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER	County Employees	\$1,234.75
TOTAL		\$1,234.75

911	County Employees	\$244.89
TOTAL		\$244.89
GRAND TOTAL		\$83,778.89
ROAD & BRIDGE	Butler Machinery Company	\$35.51
City of Columbus		42.93
City of Lignite		139.00
City of Powers Lake		68.75
Dacotah Paper Company		199.22
Farmers Union Hardware		109.99
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.		106.39
North Country Mercantile & Equipment LLC		46.50
TOTAL		\$748.29

GENERAL	Amber Fiesel	\$523.25
Gabrielle Zepp		75.00
Tracy Stover		40.00
Balco Uniform		48.00
Bowbells Insurance, Inc.		100.00
Burke Divide Electric Cooperative		65.93
Dacotah Bank		1,214.97
Farmers Union Oil Company		2,107.60
Information Technology Department		1,427.25
K Squared Electric Inc.		1,254.46
Liberty Insurance Agency		76.00
Lignite Oil Company		390.19
Lignite Service & Repair		149.99
Mountrail County Correctional Center		1,440.00
Morelli's Distributing, Inc.		97.60
ND Secretary of State		36.00
NDACO Resources Group, Inc.		9,356.13
Northwest Communications		179.65
Streicher's		255.00
Thomson Reuters- West		225.30
TK Elevator Corporation		3,367.45
Trinity Hospitals		217.22
Vestis		460.13
TOTAL		\$23,107.12

DISTRICT HEALTH	First District Health Unit	\$15,495.50
TOTAL		\$15,495.50
WEED CONTROL	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	\$121.55
ND Weed Control Association		285.00
TOTAL		\$406.55
GRAND TOTAL		\$39,757.46

3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED

Jill Edwards, Planning & Zoning Administrator, met with the board.

2 CUP applications were received and recommended for approval by the P & Z board. A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve a CUP by Gravel Products Inc. on behalf of property owners, Tim & Laurene Nordloef, for gravel mining in Cleary Twp. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve a CUP by Gravel Products Inc. on behalf of property owners, Timothy Lucy ETAL, for gravel mining in Cleary Twp. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Spencer Goodman, County Road Supervisor, met with the board.

Spencer provided an update on Road Dept. activities and projects. Discussion included the Lucy Pit and the need to use up existing piles. CR 11 & 50 intersection was discussed, including the millings the DOT brought. Crack sealing has been completed. The condition of Bowbells Frontage Rd was discussed for potential chip sealing in the future. Spencer reported that delivery of pipes may be delayed due to the weather. Crews are continuing to check twp. roads, and an amended twp. load pass agreement was discussed. Work continues on equipment maintenance. Spencer is working with Wold Engineering on various safety projects possibilities throughout Burke County. Discussion was also held on demolition of properties acquired through tax foreclosure.

Eric Urness, Brosz Engineering, met with the board.

Eric presented the work order for the Bob Person bridge (07-104-03.0) for engineering services. A low water crossing may be an option and can be added to the project and design. The county was awarded construction & construction engineering from the flex funding. The county will be responsible for preliminary engineering. A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to enter into an agreement with the North Dakota Supreme Court for reimbursement of the clerk of court services for the 2027-2029 biennium. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to approve an abatement for Gary Melby. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to amend a previous motion from February 3rd to appoint Chairman Van Berkum to a 2-year term as the Burke County Representative to the Human Service board to a 3-year term. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jason Mayfield, Wold Engineering, met with the board.

Jason submitted the final estimate on BC 8 project FXP-0716(080). The bid date will be March 17th. A motion by Comm Koppelsloen, second by Comm. Holter to authorize the chairman to sign the Construction Engineering Service Agreement for project FXP-0716(080). Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried. The county obligation is \$1,500,000.00 and completion date for the project is estimated to be in October 2026.

4. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. to meet again in Special Session March 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes read and approved this 3rd day of March 2026.

Jarret Van Berkum
Chairman, Burke County Board of Commissioners

Amie Vandegrift
Burke County Auditor

March 11, 2026

Notice of Annual School Election

Bowbells Public School District #14 Candidate Registration

Election Day will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Voters will choose candidates for two positions:

1) "one" candidate from the "rural" position currently held by Tyler Ross for a term of "three" years.

2) "one" candidate from the "city" position currently held by Adam Jensen for a term of "three" years.

Any individual seeking election to the Board of the Bowbells School District # 14 must file a Statement of Intent stating the individual's name and the position for which that individual is a candidate. Candidates must also file a Statement of Interests as required by NDCC 16.1-09-02. These documents must be filed with the school district business manager, Tarek Daugherty, by no later than 4:00 PM on April 6, 2026, as required by NDCC 15.1-09-08.

Absentee ballots will be available after May 1, 2026.

Tarek Daugherty, Business Manager

March 11, 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
Incidental Items	

Each bid is to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and is to be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned County Auditor. Each bid is to be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid, as specified by the North Dakota Century Code Par. 11-11-28, to be forfeited to Burke County should the Bidder fail to effect a contract within ten (10) days after notice of an award. Bidder will execute and effect a contract in the amount of the bid and a Bidder's Bond as required by law and regulation and determination of Burke County.

The work on said project shall be completed by **October 17, 2026**, from such date liquidated damages shall be paid.

The right is reserved to reject all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid, and to hold the bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening bids.

DATE: February 17, 2026
SIGNED: Amie Vandegrift
Burke County Auditor
PO Box 310
Bowbells, ND 58721
Feb. 25, March 4 & 11, 2026

Notice of Burke County Boards of Equalization

Date/Time	Township/City	Location
Monday, April 6, 2026		
10:30 A.M.	Garness Township	Powers Lake City Hall
11:00 A.M.	Kandiyo Township	Powers Lake City Hall
11:30 A.M.	Dimond Township	Powers Lake City Hall
1:00 P.M.	Thorson Township	Powers Lake City Hall
1:30 P.M.	Vanville Township	Powers Lake City Hall
2:00 P.M.	Leaf Mountain Township	Powers Lake City Hall
2:30 P.M.	Battleview Township	Powers Lake City Hall
3:00 P.M.	Cleary Township	Powers Lake City Hall
3:30 P.M.	Colville Township	Powers Lake City Hall
4:00 P.M.	Lucy Township	Powers Lake City Hall
6:00 P.M.	Powers Lake City	Powers Lake City Hall
7:00 P.M.	Lignite City	Lignite City Hall
7:00 P.M.	Columbus City	Columbus City Hall
Tuesday, April 7, 2026		
12:30 P.M.	Harmonious Township	Portal City Hall
1:00 P.M.	Keller Township	Portal City Hall
1:30 P.M.	Vale Township	Portal City Hall
2:00 P.M.	Fay Township	Portal City Hall
2:30 P.M.	Foothills Township	Portal City Hall
3:00 P.M.	Short Creek Township	Portal City Hall
3:30 P.M.	Portal Township	Portal City Hall
4:00 P.M.	Forthun Township	Portal City Hall
5:15 P.M.	Portal City	Portal City Hall
7:00 P.M.	Flaxton City	Flaxton City Hall
Monday, April 13, 2026		
1:30 P.M.	Richland Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
2:00 P.M.	Bowbells Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
2:30 P.M.	North Star Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
3:00 P.M.	Minnesota Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
3:30 P.M.	Soo Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
4:00 P.M.	Clayton Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
4:30 P.M.	Ward Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
5:00 P.M.	Dale Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
5:30 P.M.	Roseland Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
6:00 P.M.	Lakeview Township	BurkeCountyCourthouse
7:00 P.M.	Bowbells City	Bowbells City Hall

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment
March 11 & 18, 2026

City of Portal Council Proceedings

Meeting date: March 2, 2026

Unapproved Minutes

A regular meeting of the Portal City Council was held at the Community Center in Portal, ND on March 2, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Mayor Lisa Smith. Members of the City Council present were Kenneth Evenson, Tamara Rudland, Lorie Fitchner, Dustin Degenstien and Auditor Kaydee Smith. Others present via Teams were Patrick Samson with Ackerman-Estvoid.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by K. Evenson to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 special meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 special CDBG gas hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by L. Fitchner, and seconded by K. Evenson to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 special CDBG sewer hearing. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the financials as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Patrick talked about the close out documents and what is left to be paid for the CDBG projects.

A quote from Solotek was reviewed. Council is reviewing Planning and Zoning.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the monthly payment plan for the outstanding balance to MDU for construction and labor as discussed at last meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance Floodplain Management. All in favor, motion carried.

The memorial hall was discussed. Council discussed 90-day delinquency. April 7, 2026 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 5:15 pm is next regular meeting.

Motion was made by D. Degenstien, and seconded T. Rudland to adjourn the meeting 5:43 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: Feb: EFTPS \$976.18, Dacotah Bank 10.00.
Mar.: Ackerman \$1192.50, BC Sheriff 400.00, BC Tribune 134.46, Circle Sanitation 2413.00, First District Health 45.00, MDU (Utilities) 2636.83, MDU Contract 409.00, NCC 207.13, K Squared Electric 3937.93, Ricky Smith (Reimbursement) 74.00.
Kaydee Smith, City Auditor
March 11, 2026

City of Lignite Council Proceedings

March 3, 2026

Unofficial Minutes

Made a special meeting with date change

Meeting called to order by Mayor L. Granrud. Present CP W. Rick, CVP J. Ruby, Council members K. Termine, N. Sandberg, Maintenance Superintendent J. Ehke and Auditor Knutson. Guest Jason Hysjulien

- Motion to approve previous months minutes by J. Ruby, second by W. Rick. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to approve financials as presented by W. Rick, second by J. Ruby. All in favor motion carried.
- Motion to approve transfer of the 109 Club liquor license to the Lignite Community Center, March 14, 2026 by W. Rick, second by J. Ruby. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to approve Special Event permit to the 109 Club for March 14, 2026 by W. Rick, second by J. Ruby. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to approve the following bills by K. Termine, second by W. Rick. All in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance report: The new Bobcat skid steer will be delivered next week. Jory will organize all the attachments and parts that are to go with the JD tractor that is being traded in and have it ready for them to pick up.

Jory checked on prices for a brush hog mower, pallet forks and broom attachments for a skid steer. Jory gave an overview of the exhibits and topics he attended during the Water Expo and the training he took in Tioga. Discussion on water testing and the water line by Lignite Oil. A fire hydrant should be installed both for flushing lines and for fire safety. The warranty is expiring on the JD mower. NDRW can help find lagoon erosion using a drone and it would be of no cost to the City since Lignite is a member.

Auditor: Motion to accept the Joint Powers Agreement with Burke County by J. Ruby, second by N. Sandberg. All in favor, motion carried. Monthly reports are done and two notices to shut off for none payment of utility bills for three months were mailed. Flags, envelopes, copier toner, employment posters, and pet license tags and books have all been ordered and the required Calendar of meetings has been done. The NW Vet Clinic's 2026 rabies clinic will be held May 9th, notices will be posted. First State CD was rolled over at a higher rate than originally expected. Bonding has been completed with the State and information from ND Commerce on LOIS and Lasso and information from Enbridge on #26 pipeline was reviewed.

Old Business: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1.0300 number of Council member by W. Rick, second by N. Sandberg. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Discussion on City decorations for the 250 anniversary of the U.S. Applications for the City Auditor's position were reviewed. The Auditor will begin to set up interviews next week.

Correspondence: NDIRF information
Next meeting April 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Bills for February 2026: Burke County Sheriff \$400.00; Burke Divide Electric 23.00; Circle Sanitation 3573.75; City Sales Tax 8780.89; Dept. of Enviro 183.55; Ehke, Jory 50.00; Fed 941 2502.18; First District Health 30.00; Knutson, Lisa 50.00; Lignite Oil 453.02; MDU 1936.45; McGee Law 427.50; NCC Ray 273.39; Payroll 1953.20, 1381.19, 960.09, 1812.10, 1953.18, 480.22; Sewer Passbook 2540.00; The Computer Store 169.00, 1833.09, 407.22; VISA 1715.25; WSI 441.75; Solotek 2582.74.
Lisa Knutson, City Auditor
March 11, 2026

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-283
Wheelock to Saskatchewan 230kV Transmission Line Siting Application

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Case No. PU-25-284
Tande to Saskatchewan 230kV Transmission Line Siting Application

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS

On November 4, 2025, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 53-mile 230-kV electrical transmission located in Divide and Williams Counties, North Dakota. The project will originate at the Wheelock substation near Ray, ND and terminate at the Canadian border near Crosby, ND.

Also on November 4, 2025, Basin filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a 58-mile 230-kV electrical transmission located in Burke, Divide and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota. The project will originate at the Tande substation near Tioga, ND and terminate at the Canadian border near Crosby, ND. These projects will be consolidated for the purpose of hearings only. Both routes are shown on the attached map.

On November 11, 2025, Basin filed amended applications containing minor corrections to both cases.

Consolidated Public Hearings on the applications in Case Nos. PU-25-283 and PU-25-284 are scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Divide County Courthouse, 200 North Main, Crosby, ND 58730 and March 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Ray Auditorium, 215 Main Street, Ray, ND 58849.

The issues to be considered in the application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit are:

- Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
- Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
- Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: January 28, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Brian Johnson, Executive Secretary

Tande/Wheelock to Saskatchewan
230-kV Transmission Project

Map Features
 Project Substations
 Proposed 230-kV Transmission Route
 Counties

Cases No. PU-25-283 & PU-25-284
Notice of Consolidated Public Hearing

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