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**County Commissioner Proceedings**  
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Montana-Dakota Utilities .....	1,418.35
Overhead Door	
Company of Minot .....	583.00
Running Supply Inc .....	39.96
Stanley Auto & Truck .....	66.33
TOTAL .....	\$24,303.30

**GENERAL**

Griffin Nelson.....	\$90.00
Lynette Nelson.....	38.84
Advanced Business Methods ..	270.75
Balco Uniform .....	541.30
Burke County Treasurer .....	1,144.60
Burke County Tribune.....	648.70
City of Bowbells .....	469.31
Computer Express Inc.....	1,175.00
Eide Bailly .....	6,300.00
Election Systems	
& Software, Inc .....	2,499.76
Farmers Union Oil Company ...	175.54
Gabrielle Zepp .....	157.50
Gaffaney's of Minot.....	49.12
Global Safety Network, Inc .....	143.60
Lignite Oil Company .....	879.52
Lignite Service & Repair .....	229.99
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 4,	749.67
Morelli's Distributing, Inc.....	76.20
Northwest Communications..	1,671.55
Ralphs Plumbing & Heating Inc.	168.50
Thomson Reuters- West.....	225.30
Tyler Technologies Inc.....	1,187.97
Vestis .....	474.19
Visa.....	129.54
TOTAL .....	\$23,496.51

**COUNTY AGENT**

Cathy Sweem .....	\$665.85
Ag Communication .....	200.00
Burke County Treasurer .....	139.98
NDSU Extension Service.....	66.50
TOTAL .....	\$1,072.33

<b>VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER</b>	
Jeffrey Whillock .....	\$928.20
TOTAL .....	\$928.20

**WEED CONTROL**

Burke County Tribune.....	\$48.00
City of Bowbells .....	180.00
Dakota Fire Extinguishers .....	193.26
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co....	103.25
TOTAL .....	\$524.51

**GRAND TOTAL .....**

**\$50,324.85**

**3. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED**

No one appeared for public comment.

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

Load restrictions have been lifted.

Mayo will be signing a road haul agreement for the Smishek/Short Creek project. Dust control is 2 weeks out. The Road Supervisor provided a report on daily operations, equipment uses and routine maintenance activities. Spencer hired a new man and will work with Amber on creating a contract for CDL training. Contractor fuel surcharges were discussed and it was decided to review per contractor request if needed.

Tracy Stover, Custodian, met with the board.

Tracy presented a quote from Liddell Drywall for the remaining plaster repair and paint throughout the courthouse for \$4,170.00. The commission approved the quote. She also brought pictures of the concrete repair needed in the front of the building and at the handicap entrance. The commission would like her to get a couple quotes.

Sheriff Throntveit, County Sheriff, met with the board.

The sheriff resigned from the role of county coroner. A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to accept the resignation of Sheriff Throntveit. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried. A motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to appoint Griffin Nelson as the Burke County Coroner for a 5-year term. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**4. DISCUSSION**

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution for Inspector Appointment.

Resolution: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burke County

Commission approves the enclosed list of election inspector and approves the county auditor to fill any vacancies that may exist for the 2026 Primary and General Elections. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Holter, second by Comm. Koppelsloen to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution for County Employee Poll Workers:

**County Employee Poll Workers Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners believes in the election process and the continued operation of Election Day polling sites,

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners is supportive of the efforts of the Burke County Auditor to provide a seamless, efficient Election Day for the voters of Burke County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Commissioners establishes the following guiding principles for county employees to work as poll workers at the various voting precincts for the June 9th Primary & November 3rd General Elections:

- County Elected and Appointed Officials are urged/promoted to encourage their employees to serve as poll workers on Election Day

- County departments and agencies are encouraged to grant employees who are qualified, the necessary and adequate time off from employment for the purpose of working at the polls.

- County employee Poll Workers will use annual leave and will be paid an election worker stipend.

OR

- County employee Poll Workers will receive regular wages for the day and be paid an hourly poll worker stipend for hours in excess of regular hours.

This resolution is adopted solely for the June 9, 2026 Primary and November 3, 2026 General Elections.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**5. ADJOURN**

The Board adjourned at 9:45 a.m. to meet again in regular session May 19th 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes read and approved this 18th day of May 2026.

Jarret Van Berkom  
Chairman, Burke County Board of Commissioners  
Amie Vandegraff  
Burke County Auditor  
May 27, 2026

**Notice of Election**

**City of Columbus and Columbus Park Board**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Columbus will be holding its election on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at the Burke County Courthouse located at 103 Main St. in Bowbells, ND

Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Absentee vote by mail ballot is available from the Burke County Auditor.

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

**Mayor (4 yr term)**  
**Council Member Two (2) positions (4 yr term)**  
**Council Member (2 yr unexpired term)**

**Columbus Park Board Three (3) positions (4 yr term)**  
**One (1) position (2 yr unexpired term)**

Sandy Raines, Auditor

May 27 & June 3, 2026

**Notice of Election**

**City of Lignite**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lignite will hold its election on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Ballots will be vote-by-mail, with a single polling location at the Burke County Courthouse located at 103 Main Street-Bowbells, ND 58721.

Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available from the Burke County Auditor.

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

**1. Mayor: (1) Position: 4 Year Term**  
**2. Council Member: (2) Positions: 4 Year Term**

Kimberly Jones, Lignite City Auditor

Publication Date:

May 27 & June 3, 2026

**Call for Bids**

**BURKE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Burke Central Public School District is requesting bids for the purpose of purchasing up to 2 new SUVs with AWD or 4WD, and seating for 8+ passengers. Please provide bids for vehicles with low, medium, and high trim packages.

Bidding Instructions:

- Submit sealed bids to:

**Burke Central Public School District**

Attn: April Warman, Business Manager

P.O. Box 91

Lignite, ND 58752

- The lowest responsible bidder will be awarded the bid.

- Bids must be received by **June 16, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**

- The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the District.

May 27, June 3 & 10, 2026

**Last Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Portal**



Celebrating the last Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Portal were Fr. Ben Wanner, Fr. Dan Berg, Fr. Gregory Crane and Monsignor Gene Lindemann.



Linda Owings shares the readings from the lectern.



The choir for the last Mass: Joe Mosser, Jody Gunlock, Greg Busch, Don Garbel, Kay Garbel, John Mosser, Jess Busch and Harlan Johnson.



Parishioners and guests partake in the last Mass.



MaryKaye MacDonald signs the guestbook.



Mauren, Grace and Will Meduna and Avie Undhjem with the bell displayed in the church yard.

**Taken from St. Patrick's Church in Crosby Facebook page:**

Yesterday (May 17) we celebrated the last Mass at St. John the Baptist in Portal, one of the three parishes in our cluster.

It was a bittersweet day. While it is sad that we will no longer have regular Masses there, we give thanks to God for over a century of sacraments celebrated at that parish, and we know that God will be with our few parishioners as they begin to attend Mass regularly at any one of a number of nearby parishes.

We were honored by the presence of Monsignor Gene Lindemann, representing Bishop David Kagan, as well as other priests (Father Dan Berg, pastor of Kenmare and Bowbells and Father Ben Wanner, Associate at St. Joseph's in Williston), parishioners past and present, friends, family and neighbors.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

photos by Joann Ellis

**City of Columbus Residents**

The 2025 Consumer Confidence Report Entitled: "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report," is available at the City Auditor's office Columbus City Hall, the Columbus US Post Office Lobby, and the city's website: [www.cityofcolumbus.com](http://www.cityofcolumbus.com)

This report will be mailed by request only.

Sandy Raines, Auditor

**I Would Appreciate Your Vote**

on June 9th

**Burke County Commissioner**

**DISTRICT 2**

Thank you - **Galen Kalmbach**

paid for by Galen Kalmbach