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Miller moved to approve the March 3, 2026, minutes with Janikowski seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Janikowski moved to approve the Core Facility Solutions Project Agreement. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Dean Pearson, Bowman County Emergency Manager, met to discuss burn restrictions. The current restriction has not been removed yet. Buchmann moved to remove the burn restriction. Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Bowman County Sheriff Frank Eberle gave an update.

States Attorney Andrew Weiss joined the meeting.

Pam Hestekin, Bowman Ambulance District, met to discuss the ambulance garage. The siding that was installed on the building is falling apart. Hestekin will get quotes for repairs. She will contact the contractor that installed the siding and see if there is warranty.

At 10:08 AM Chairman Braaten called the Unorganized Townships Annual meeting to order. Guests present: Don and Pam Hestekin, Brad Mosher, David Horn, Tom Kok. The board reviewed the financial reports. Janikowski moved to adjourn the Unorganized Townships Annual meeting at 10:15 AM. Miller seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Jodi Freier, Bowman County Zoning Director, joined the meeting.

The Zoning Ordinance Revision Hearing for City of Rhame Commercial Setbacks was held. Buchmann moved to approve the City of Rhame setbacks. Abrahamson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The CUP Hearing for Allo Towers was held. The board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit application from Allo

Towers for the use of a communication tower located in the SW1/4NE1/4 Section 18 Township131N Range 100W, Buffalo Springs Village/Scranton Township. The application is requesting to change the use from agricultural to commercial. Rick Burke and Sam Hala-wi, Allo Towers were present via phone. Janikowski moved to approve the CUP with the provision that there will be a white strobe light. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. The Variance Hearing for Allo Towers was held. The board reviewed the Variance Permit Application from Allo Towers for the use of a communication tower setback variance located in the SW1/4NE1/4 Section 18 Township131N Range 100W, Buffalo Springs Village/Scranton Township. Janikowski moved to approve the Variance Permit Application. Abrahamson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. The CUP Hearing for Fisher Sand and Gravel was held. The application is for the use of a gravel pit from the Wade Schwartz Pit location, N1/2 Section 16 Township 130N Range 103W, Amor Township, Bowman County. Miller moved to approve the CUP. Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The Variance Hearing for David Horn was held. The application is for the use of a building setback variance located in the NW1/4NW1/4 Section 15 Township 131N Range 102W, Bowman Township, Bowman County. Abrahamson moved to table a decision on the variance. Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Bowman County Highway Superintendent, Shane Biggs, and Billy Doerr, Lucas Doerr, and Josh Stuchl, Brosz Engineering, met to discuss road projects. Buchmann moved to approve the Request for Materials from Scranton Township for the purchase of 2500 yards of gravel and one culvert with the township being

responsible for 100% of the gravel and 50% of the culvert. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. motion carried. Abrahamson moved to approve the Request for Materials from Wayne Wilson Construction for Darrel Olson for the purchase of 350 yards of reject sand with Wilson Construction being responsible for 100% of the cost. Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Janikowski moved to approve the Request for Materials from Whiting Township for the purchase of 1500 yards of gravel and one culvert with the township being responsible for 100% of the gravel and 50% of the culvert. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Miller moved to approve the Request for Materials from Nebo Township for the purchase of 4500 yards of gravel with the township being responsible for 100% of the cost. Buchmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Abrahamson moved to deny the Hestekin Bridge Bypass Removal request from CSI. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Doerr presented Pay Application #1 from Wilson Construction of \$8,303,00 for Old Hwy 12 Phase 2 Project and Pay Application #1 from Wilson Construction of \$6,507.50 for Anderson Cut-Across Project. Wayne Wilson, Wilson Construction, met to discuss Pay Application #5 for the Whiskey Road Project. Buchmann moved to approve Change Order #4 from Wilson Construction for the Whiskey Road Project for a deduction of \$18,325.30. Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Miller moved to approve payment of \$2,233.00 to North Winds Lodge for the Jesco Apartments CDBG project with the funds coming from State Revenue Sharing. Janikowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all

members voting yes. Motion carried. At 12:49 PM Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, with Janikowski seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Rick Braaten, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners ATTEST: Mindy Schumacher, Bowman County Auditor

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**Official Minutes of the Marmarth
Public School Board
Regular Meeting
March 12th, 2026 @ 4:00pm held in
Marmarth School Art Room**

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Rice at 4:01pm

Members Present: Dennis Rice, Shannon Minerich, Hope Mastel
Members Remote: Molly Lyson
Members Absent: Lori Eagon
Others Present: Kirby Baier
Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance was led by Kirby Baier.

Agenda: Shannon Minerich made a motion to approve the agenda, Hope Mastel seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: February 10th, 2026, regular board meeting minutes were read. Hope Mastel made a motion to approve the minutes, Shannon Minerich seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report: District accounts were presented to the board. Molly Lyson made a motion to approve the presented bills, Hope Mastel seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Administrators Report: Kirby Baier updated the board on the Library Board Meeting and Infinite Campus. Lena Kennel updated the board on the school monthly calendar and NDSBM-CP classes.

New Business: Teacher Contracts for 2026-27 were discussed.

Old Business: Superintendent Evaluations were discussed. Shannon Miner-

ich made a motion to sell obsolete laptops and iPads and have any proceeds go to the Teachers Fund account, Molly Lyson seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Dennis Rice updated the board on gravel for the parking lot and furnace maintenance.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: Shannon Minerich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44pm, Hope Mastel seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled for April 9th, 2026, at 4:00pm.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
BOWMAN COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
KEVIN D. UTTECH, deceased.
06-2026-PR-00008

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 of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Eli S. Waddington, Personal Representative of the estate of Kevin D. Uttech, at P.O. Box 1173, Dickinson, North Dakota 58602-1173, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026.

Personal Representative:

/s/ Eli S. Waddington

Eli S. Waddington

Kubik, Bogner, Ridl & Selinger

Attn: Jon Bogner, ID# 03468

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Attorneys for the Personal Representa-

tative

Dakota Datebook

Fargo Central High School fire

By Steve Stark

April 20 – On this date in 1966, citizens of Fargo, and especially high school students, were reeling in the aftermath of a fire that had destroyed the high school just 24 hours earlier. Fargo Central was the city's south side public high school. The three-story school of elegant red brick was 45 years old, built after the first Central High School, built in 1882, also burned down.

Nothing seemed out of the ordinary at Central on that cold April Tuesday. Snow was falling. Then around noon, the memorable events began to unfold. Unknown to the 1,017 students and personnel in the building, a fire had started in the south side of the school attic. The flames had burrowed across the floor and through the ceiling. Smoke and its accompanying pungency soon wafted down the corridors.

According to later reports, Central High principal Otto Bernhoft heard a popping sound in the school auditorium and immediately was on the intercom. He notified the students to evacuate – that this was no drill, an active fire was in progress. The students were instructed to leave without taking anything with them

– including their jackets or overcoats.

One of those students recalled the incident years later. “It was just before noon when we hit the exit doors,” he said. “By then the hallway on the third floor had a strong tinge of the smoke that was clearly visible in the upper reaches of the auditorium. There were high windows separating portions of the third floor hallways from the upper reaches of the auditorium which lay in the center of the building. It wasn't long before flames were towering above the room. The scene that unfolded as I watched the demise of that grand old building from across the street will forever be etched in my mind's eye.”

Students from all three floors hastened in orderly fashion to the exits. Outside the school they were all unharmed – cold, but safe.

A portion of the school's roof collapsed. Fargo's fire department raced to the scene and even the off-duty firefighters were called. Flames were aided by the typical high winds that can race across the region.

A student from a nearby junior high also recalled the incident. He said, “Several of us were students at Agassiz then and remember throngs of Central students running into Agassiz, seeking shelter from the cold.”

The building could not be recovered. Central students would share the newly constructed Fargo North High with North students. They would all share memories of the day the school burned down.

Red River flood of 1882

By Jim Davis

April 21 – It's springtime in the Red River Valley of the North, a time when nervous crowds congregate on the riverbank to stare anxiously at the dark and sullen river. The muddy water forms eddies and swirls that quickly disappear as the river laboriously carries away the runoff of the melting snow that had formed a glacial-like carpet across the valley floor.

On this date in 1882, the people at Pembina were anxiously watching the river. Although the river was ice-free to the south, there was still major flooding – as witnessed by those on the steamer Selkirk, which had braved the debris-infested waters to bring passengers and freight to the city, and with them the much anticipated news.

The Red was on a rampage, and few towns along the river, from Fort Abercrombie on the south, to Winnipeg on the north, had escaped its wrath. Over one hundred houses had been set afloat in Fargo and much the same happened on the east side of

the river at Moorhead. Shanty Town at Grand Forks was wiped out, and flood waters lapped at the doors of businesses on Main Street. Most of the bridges on the Turtle, Forest and Park Rivers had been washed away. The town of Acton in Walsh County was knee deep in flood water. The Grand Forks stagecoach attempted the run to Pembina, but in three days got only as far as Joliette when it was forced to turn back.

So far, the community of Pembina had remained dry, as the Pembina River was still ice covered, but everyone wondered what their fate would be. So, they turned to the town's oldest resident for his prognos-

sis. While he had not witnessed the catastrophic flood of 1824, Charles Cavalier had seen the floods of 1852 and 1861 and he believed the townspeople had nothing to worry about.

After decades of watching the river, he believed the Red would recede before the Pembina River could add to the threat. Reassured that the worst of the great flood of 1882 would pass them by, they could now enjoy the warming days of the season and listen to the tuneful warble of wild geese as they saluted spring in the Red River Valley.

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