

Proud and civic

Medora named one of the Official Federal Freedom 250 Signature Event locations on July 1, 2026

The dawn of a new year brings with it extraordinary news from the heart of North Dakota. Just before the Christmas season, Medora was officially named one of the Freedom 250 Signature Event Locations—a distinction that places Medora and the North Dakota Badlands among the most significant sites in the upcoming celebration of America’s 250th birthday.

Already, the opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library promised to draw visitors from across the country. With this prestigious designation, Medora will be featured on the national stage as one of only three key cities chosen to commemorate the semiquincentennial of the United States of America. This is more than an honor—it is a testament to the enduring spirit of freedom, leadership and vision that Theodore Roosevelt himself championed.

This announcement is monumental. In 2026, Medora will not only welcome guests from every corner of our nation but will also shine as a beacon of American heritage and pride. All eyes will turn to this small town in the rugged North Dakota Badlands, where history and patriotism converge in a celebration unlike any other.

Plans are already underway for a summer of unforgettable events. The grand opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library will serve as the cornerstone of these festivities, supported by strong partnerships among the Library, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation,



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brations that will echo the values of liberty, democracy, and unity that define the American experience. Guests are invited to start booking their vacations for this summer now. Visit medora.com for itinerary ideas, lodging, and more! Tickets for the Medora Musical will go on sale in February.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the city of Medora, and others who share a commitment to honoring our nation’s story. Together, these organizations are preparing to host celebrations that will echo the values of liberty, democracy, and unity that define the American experience.

NOTICE OF ZONING MEETING

The Billings County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioner’s Room at the county courthouse, to consider recommending to the Board of County Commissioners the approval or denial of the following items:

Applications: None

The board will also review any zoning applications submitted to the zoning department for projects within the Medora Area Plan boundary prior to the final review and administrative approval by the zoning director at the meeting.

Other business:

- Review requirements of floodplain management in North Dakota based on changes to state law adopted in SB 2027 during the 2025 legislative session. Billings County will need to adopt a new floodplain management ordinance by May 31, 2026 in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). See ND DWR website for details: https://www.dwr.nd.gov/reg_approp/floodplain_management/nfip_fm_senate_bill_2027.html
- Review regulations and zoning ordinances related to camping, campgrounds & RV parks.
- Discuss recommendations for amending the Billings County Zoning Ordinance on housing related topics.

Standing agenda items:

- TRMF Project Updates
- The board will also address potential & pending zoning violations and recommend any action needed by the Zoning Director, State’s Attorney, or Board of County Commissioners.

General meeting information:

- Applications and ordinances are available for review during regular office hours at the Billings County Courthouse. If special accommodations are needed, please notify the auditor so that appropriate aids may be made available.
- To attend the meeting remotely via TEAMS, please see the meeting notice posted in the calendar on the Billings County website at <https://www.billingscountynynd.gov/> for instructions.

Dated at Medora this 24th day of December, 2025.

Stacey Swanson, Zoning Director

(January 1 & 8)



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SECTION 00100 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given, that separate sealed bids for the construction of **MEDORA LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT** will be received by the **City of Medora, North Dakota** at the office of the **City Auditor, 465 Pacific Avenue, PO Box 418A, Medora, North Dakota** until **1:30 p.m., local time on January 29, 2026**, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of: **Excavation, grading, furnish and installation of wet well, dry vault, pumps, building, electrical controls, and incidentals.**

The complete set of Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications, is on file with the Owner at **465 Pacific Avenue, Medora, ND** and the office of **Brosz Engineering, Inc. 109 S. Main, Bowman, ND**. Digital Contract Documents are also available from **QuestCDN** and can be accessed from the Brosz Engineering website at **www.broszeng.com** under the “Bid Information” page. The cost for downloaded (electronic) plans is \$22. The official Plan Holders list can be viewed for the project on the QuestCDN website. Only electronic plan holders downloaded via QuestCDN will receive addendum notifications. Contractors using any other means for obtaining plans and specifications must periodically check the QuestCDN website for any addenda.

The **City of Medora** reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and waive any defects therein.

Disabled persons needing assistance, please contact the **Office of Auditor** at least 72 hours before the services are required. For more information or for complaints about ADA compliance, call **701-623-4828**.

Dated at Medora, North Dakota the 30th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Derwin Zuroff
Derwin Zuroff, Mayor
City of Medora
Medora, North Dakota

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