

PUBLIC NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC REMOTE-PARTY PROCEEDING

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF MERCER IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE NO. 29-2025-PR-00048
In the Estate of Mathilda A. Muller, Mathilda Anna Muller
AMENDED NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC REMOTE PARTY PROCEEDING
It is hereby ordered that:
1. The following proceeding(s) will be conducted using contemporaneous audio or audiovisual transmission by reliable electronic means as permitted under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 52, as supplemented by N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. O. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 or 31:
Civil Hearing on 3/23/2026 at 9:00 AM
2. The proceeding(s) will be conducted by:
ZOOM - This hearing is set up via Zoom/teleconference, NOT at the courthouse. At the time of your hearing, please go to www.zoom.com and join a meeting using Meeting ID 842 4253 3263 and enter Passcode 123 or call 669-900-9128 OR 646-558-8656. IT IS UP TO THE ATTORNEY/PARTIES TO GET TIDS INFORMATION TO ANY WITNESSES OR PARTICIPANTS.
3. Documents and exhibits for the remote hearing must be handled as follows:
a. Not later than 5 business days before the scheduled proceeding, the plaintiff's or moving party's documents and exhibits must be numbered and [electronically] exchanged with all participants and provided to the court.
b. Not later than 2 business days before the scheduled proceeding, the defendant's or non-moving party's documents and exhibits must be numbered and

[electronically] exchanged with all participants and provided to the court.
c. Documents and exhibits necessary for rebuttal may be used during the proceeding at the judge's discretion. All rebuttal documents and exhibits must be contemporaneously electronically exchanged with all participants prior to use during the proceeding. Contemporaneous electronic exchange may include realtime display, email, cloud upload and download, facsimile, or using other reliable electronic means.
d. Unless otherwise ordered by the judge, any exhibit (whether previously exchanged or not) offered or admitted into evidence from a remote location must be filed by the moving party into the Odyssey case management system within 2 business days of the close of the proceeding. Any party without access to the Odyssey case management system must within 2 business days of the close of the proceeding transmit the documents to the clerk of court by United States mail or third-party commercial carrier. An exhibit not filed or transmitted as required by this paragraph must be deemed stricken from the record.
4. The following procedures and instructions apply:
a. The proceeding under this order must be conducted in the same manner as if the parties appeared in person, and the judge presiding over the matter may exercise all powers consistent with the proceeding.
b. During the proceeding conducted under this order the remote location(s) must be considered an extension of the courtroom and held before the judge

who is presiding. The judge's pronouncements, instructions, and rulings have the same force and effect as if all participants are physically present in the courtroom.
c. By participating in this proceeding, the parties stipulate that an oath administered by the judge, court reporter, or other authorized person to a witness, interpreter, or a party has the same force and binding effect as if the oath had been administered to a person physically present in the courtroom.
d. A court reporter or recorder who can [see and] hear the witness and other participants may administer oaths, record notes, and transcribe the proceeding without being physically present with any other participant.
e. During any proceeding conducted under this order, other than by a court reporter or recorder, no electronic device may be used by anyone for photography, videography, or audio recording of the court proceeding without prior approval from the judge. Such devices include cellular telephones, cameras, computers, laptops, tablets, digital voice recorders or similar devices.
f. In any proceeding conducted under this order an interpreter who can [see and] hear the witness and other participants may provide interpreter services without being physically present with any other participant.
Dated on this the 7th day of January, 2026
Signed: 1/7 /2026 10:09:50 AM
Y.Z. Garrett, District Court Personnel

(01-15-2026)(01-22-2026)(01-29-2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OLIVER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY MAIER, DECEASED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives 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 Shayla Maier whose address is PO Box 1292, Center ND 58530, or Shelly Portscheller whose address is 703 Cody Dr., Bismarck ND 58503, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate, or filed with the Court. Dated this 8th day of December, 2025.
/s/Shayla Maier
Co-Personal Representative
/s/Shelly Portscheller
Co-Personal Representative

(01-15-2026)(01-22-2026)(01-29-2026)

ATTENTION BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Mercer County will take place on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 12:00 PM (CT) at the Zion Lutheran Church, 112 5th Street NW, in Beulah, ND.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.

CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2025 Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on December 10, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Jesse Krieger, John Schwab, Shiloh Becher, and Kelly Erhardt. Administrators present were Superintendent Adam Hill, Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke, and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to re-word New Business Item B. Joint Election Power Agreements. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried (M/C.)
Approval of Minutes: Krieger moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting, and December 5, 2025 Special Meeting. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Financial Reports: Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and November payroll totals were

presented to the Board. Schwab moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Bills: Krieger moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADMIN PARTNERS 400.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 3,879.38; ARROW SERVICE TEAM 1,505.76; BISMARCK TRIBUNE 189.00; CENTER COAL COMPANY 1,441.54; CENTER REPUBLICAN 436.85; CDLN 23.94; CREA 7,643.00; CITY OF CENTER 277.82; COLE PAPERS 1,024.34; DACOTA PAPER 120.95; FIT4LIFE 3,930.00; FORTE 285.00; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 759.87; GREAT WESTERN NETWORK 22,500.00; HAMPTON INN & SUITES MINOT 550.00; HANSON, LACEY 90.00; HARLOWS BUS SALES 390.46; JW PEPPER & SON 23.87; LILLIS ELECTRIC 1,680.55; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 309.13; MAERTENS MFG 3,205.00; MANDAN PLUMBING & HEATING 2,000.00; MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT 97.76; MENARDS 206.96; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 338.72; MDU

3,443.02; ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 210.00; NDACDA 50.00; NETWORK CENTER 1,582.00; NDSC 2,573.75; RDO 1,042.15; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 35.00; RUD PROPANE 4,411.84; SCHMIDT, REBECCA 168.34; SFBND-VISA 7,175.31; SPIFFY BIFFS 255.75; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS 263.00; STEINS INC 415.40; VERNIER SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY 2,138.23; VITEK, KEITH 901.27; WARREN'S LOCKS & KEYS 14.00. General Fund Total: 77,988.96. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Visitor. No visitors.
Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal's Report: Mrs. Tietz reported on Enrollment; Student Activities/Concerts; and Upcoming Events. Secondary Principal's Report: Ms. Nitschke reported on Enrollment; Event Updates; Upcoming Events; and Testing. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hill reported on Boiler Update; Carrington Bus Bid Results; Principal Evaluations; Policy Updates; Repairs; Alert System; Boys Basket-

ball; Calendar Update; Insight Committee; and Human Trafficking Presentation. Committee Reports:
• Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting. Playground committee met and when through an estimate from Moore Engineering and AGL architecture. Playground committee will look to raise \$9,600.00 to proceed with AGL estimate for renderings and cost of project.
Old Business:
A. Open Bus Bid. Schmidt opened three bids from Harlow's and two bids from IState Truck Center for a new bus. The board reviewed the options, and Becher made a motion to accept the bid from IState Truck Center for a 2026 Diesel 47 passenger bus \$137,500.00, and finance it with a 5- or 6-year loan at the lowest interest rate. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes.
New Business:
A. Extra-Curricular Agreement. K. Erhardt made a motion to accept the extra-curricular agreement for Braeton Erhardt as Na-

tional Honor Society advisor (\$1,000.00). Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
B. Joint Powers Election Agreements. Erhardt presented the joint powers election agreements from both Oliver and Mercer County for the 2026 year. Krieger made a motion to accept both joint powers agreements. Schwab seconded the motion. M/C. Meeting Dates:
Personnel Committee Meeting – December 17, 2025 5:30 p.m. CT
Budget Committee Meeting – January 12, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. CT
Regular Board Meeting – January 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT
Board Retreat – January 20, 2026 4:00 p.m. CT
Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. CT.
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager
Richard Schmidt, Board President

(01-22-2026)

HAZEN CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2026
Hazen City Hall
Present: President Schiferl, Commissioner Folkerts, Commissioner Haack, Commissioner Stern and Commissioner Wiedrich. Others Present: PW Director Brousseau, Attorney Donovan, Chief Wolff, Editor Arens, Transit Director Brennan, and Auditor Erhardt.
President Schiferl called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
President Schiferl led the pledge of allegiance and said the prayer.
Minutes: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the minutes of the December 15th meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Upon discussion, Commissioner Folkerts asked if the motion included suspension of reading of the minutes. Motion unanimously approved. Commissioner Folkerts moved to suspend the reading of the minutes, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Motion unanimously approved.
Agenda: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the agenda, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved.
CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER
Engineer's Report: The commission reviewed the written engineer's report which contained no action items. No further action taken.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS
Free/Reduced Hall Rent – SMC Hospice: Commissioner Haack moved to approve the request for free hall rent for SMC Hospice on February 12th to package Valentine cookies for their fundraiser, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Motion unanimously approved.
Local Permit-Raffle – Hazen Figure Skating Club: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve local permit #2026-01, as requested by the Hazen Figure Skating Club to conduct a raffle on March 29, 2026, to raise funds for the program, second by Commissioner Haack. Motion unanimously approved.
REPORTS
Water/Sewer/Garbage: Commissioner Stern had nothing to report at this time.
Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack had nothing to report at this time.
Finance/Busing/Library: Commissioner Folkerts asked Transit Director Brennan for comments. Ms. Brennan indicated she is addressing the transit billing process to get it up to date. Commissioner Folkerts asked about the need of a supervisor approving timecards for payroll and was advised that it is part of the city policy and required by FTA/ND DOT for the grant program. Commissioner Haack asked if there had been any concern with the changed rates and Commissioner Folkerts indicated he hasn't received any comments/complaints.

Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich reported on police department calls for service. Officer Blekestad responded to fifty-five (55) calls for service, Sergeant Melberg responded to thirty-three (33) calls for service, Officer S. Melber responded to forty-six (46) calls for service and Chief Wolff responded to seventy-three (73) calls for service. Chief Wolff responded to a question stating that the new camera systems are not installed yet, but equipment has been arriving.
HCD: Myra Savelkoul absent. No report.
President: President Schiferl informed the board that there has been no reply from Williams Builders relating to Expedition Estates work to be completed.
CORRESPONDENCE
Dakota Pump and Control Inspection Agreement: The commission reviewed the annual inspection agreement of Dakota Pump & Control (DPC). Commissioner Wiedrich moved to accept the agreement with DPC, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved. The lone polling location for the 2026 elections will be in Beulah.
OLD BUSINESS
Loader Bids: The commission opened bids for the advertised John Deere 624H loader. Bids were received as follows: Roy Rasch, \$34,500; Casey Stern, \$38,603; Aaron Cook (Road Pros LLC), \$32,501; Kevin Fischer, \$31,800; David Bender, \$35,100;

and Warren Hovland, \$45,599.99. Commissioner Haack asked if there has been any contact regarding the new loader and was advised that is to ship to Bismarck on January 7th and the city should receive it by month end. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to accept the bid of Mr. Hovland in the amount of \$45,599.99, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS
Behavioral Health Summit Sponsorship: The commission discussed sponsorship of the annual Behavioral Health Summit in Energy Country and the fact that the city has previously participated at the Friendship sponsor level. There was discussion about the benefits of sponsoring the event. Commissioner Haack moved to continue sponsorship at the \$600 Friendship level, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Haack, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Nay", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments were received.
Approval of Bills and Financial Statements: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the bills, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: Fuelman Fleet Program, 782.08; Krause's, 296.39; US

Postal Service, 420.69; ND Post Board, 45.00; DVB, 4557.46; Krause's, 35.98; ASCAP, 458.00; Chamber of Commerce, 1150.00; Coal Conversion Counties, 2026.00; Colliers Securities, 300.00; Cory Beery, 300.00; D&E Supply, 121.69; Elan Financial, 1088.25; Further, 3.25; Hazen Mercantile Inc, 338.13; Hazen Public Library, 2000.76; Hazen Star, 916.85; Jim Block, 76.00; Lucky's Towing, 700.00; MaintainX, 3150.00; Marco Technologies LLC, 413.15; Masey Luis, 29.82; Matthew Bender & Co, 174.61; Mercer Co Treasurer, 56209.67; Millennium Express, 12.00; Moore Engineering, 5474.25; NAPA, 8.97; ND One Call Inc, 10.20; OK Tire Store, 466.84; Roughrider Electric Coop Inc, 55.00; Samantha Melberg, 134.81; SW Water Authority, 30435.95; Stamps.com, 95.16; Steffes Agency Inc, 68.00; TBGTOM.com LLC, 120.00; Team Lab, 1499.00; Uniform Center, 198.99; Verizon Wireless, 462.68; Vision West ND, 600.00. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.
Approved: Jesse Schiferl, President
Attest: Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor
(01-22-2026)