

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2026  
 MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
 Notice is hereby given that proceedings for the equalization of assessments for the year 2026 will be taken by the various local boards as follows and provided by law: In the Cities, as posted or published by the City Auditors. In the County, at the Mercer County Courthouse at 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment. All persons

considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment. You are hereby notified to appear at said meetings and show cause for having such assessments corrected. Please note that this year all parcels will receive a notice of assessment. City notice of assessments will be mailed out late March and County notice of assessments will be mailed out Mid-May. Carmen Reed Mercer County Auditor  
 (03-12-2026)(03-19-2026)

## NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual election of the Hazen Public School District #3, County of Mercer, State of North Dakota will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 with polling site open in Hazen. Any individual seeking election to the Hazen School Board must file all required documents with the district business manager by 4:00 p.m. CDT on April 6, 2026. Mailed documents must be in the possession of the business manager by 4:00 p.m. CDT

on April 6, 2026. Two board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. Dated at Hazen, North Dakota this 18th Day of February 2026. By order of the Hazen School Board Signed: Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager  
 (02-26-2026)(03-05-2026)  
 (03-12-2026)(03-19-2026)

## HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2026  
 HS Room 102  
 Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Steph Huber, Laura Zingg, Jen Wallender, Marti Raad Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Paul Richter; Principal Jacob Kraft; and AD Brett Johnsrud. Principal Trevor Sinclair was absent. The guest present was Dan Arens. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Minutes for the regular January monthly meeting were presented. Raad moved to approve, seconded by Huber. All voted aye. M/C  
 Financial Reports: a.) January Financial Statement; b.) February Bills totaling \$164,997.04 JP Morgan, 25,702.33; Mercer County Treasurer, 21,679.29; Western Steel Builders, 18,660.00; Bismarck Career Academy, 22.00; Everspring Inn & Suites, 280.00; Farmers Union Oil, 83.78; Harlow's School Bus Service, 27,160.01; Heart River CTE Center, 7,431.60; The Hub, 13.61; MDU, 9,502.54; ND FFA Organization, 20.00; Martha Raad, 50.00; Record Keepers, 52.50; Krause's Super Valu, 769.57; AED Everywhere, 80.43; Center Coal Co., 4,848.19; City of Hazen, 1,469.34; Coal Conversion Counties, 2,417.00; D&E Supply Co., 710.40; David Mittelsteadt, 275.00; Eric Nikiforoff, 421.00; Fastenal, 122.59; Hazen Chamber of Commerce, 700.00; Hazen Hardware, 604.05; Hazen Motors, 3,164.05; Hazen Welding, 1,311.25; Hot Lunch Program, 881.10; IXL Learning,

2,812.50; Jaymar Business Forms, 114.04; John Flemmer, 2,834.34; Menard's, 70.41; Mercer Co. Landfill, 481.05; Midwest Sports, 29.00; Jayden Miller, 14.00; Tina Miller, 219.00; Oliver Mercer Spec. Ed., 26,656.25; Aimee Oyen, 14.00; Pitney Bowes, 400.00; Smart Apple Media, 390.10; Stein's Inc., 118.34; West Dakota Lumber, 379.98; Western Lighting Tech., 718.40; Western Steel Builders, 1,050.00; Trisha Wolff, 14.00; Workforce Safety & Insurance, 250.00. Huber moved to approve a-b; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C  
 New Business: Open Enrollment Applications: Zingg moved to approved; Second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C  
 Budget Revision: Raad moved to approve as presented; second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C  
 In addition; the personnel and finance committee agreed to develop a recommendation for the full board to consider.  
 Administrative Reports: The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports. The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on March 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm. Raad moved to approve the meeting date; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C  
 With no further business, President Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm. Brian S. Nolan, School Board President Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager Date Approved: 3/10/26  
 (03-19-2026)

## MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2026  
 The special meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners, Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during this meeting were Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Chris Renner, Next Era Representatives Kristy Smith, and Stephanie Morales. Pledge of allegiance was said. This Special meeting is for the SRF Consulting MOU Between Data Center Applicant and Mercer County, ND and the Beulah Building Purchase Agreement. Voigt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve the SRF Consulting

MOU Between Data Center Applicant and Mercer County, ND as presented. Bauman seconded. Voigt voted aye. Bauman, Pierce, and Folk voted nay. Motion failed. Folk moved to approve the \$499,000 payment to R&R Properties for the Beulah Building Purchase Agreement. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. Meetings can be viewed live at <https://www.youtube.com/@MercerCo>  
 Approved: Rick Bauman, Chairman  
 Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor  
 (03-19-2026)

## MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 18, 2026  
 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during the meeting were Sheriff Terry Ternes, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Highway Department Administrative Assistant Rachael Grimm, Donovan & Kaffar, PLLP Attorney Jennifer Gooss, Moore Engineer Tom Weigel, Next Era Representatives Heath Benefact, Kristy Smith, and Stephanie Morales, Crowley Fleck Representative Casey Lurey, Travis Jordan, Jason Frank, Jesse Krieger, Mathew Clarys, Chris Renner, and Joe Grannis. Pledge of allegiance was said. Folk moved to approve the amended agenda. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve the February 4, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Wolf moved to close the regular meeting and open the Cabin Site #2 Special Assessment District Public Hearing. Voigt seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. No Comments were heard. Pierce moved to close the Cabin Site #2 Special Assessment District Public Hearing and open the regular meeting. Folk seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner will be on vacation for one week and requested Sheriff to cover the EM and States Attorney to cover HR. Voigt moved to approve the Emergency Management coverage be handled by the Sheriff as requested. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Pierce moved to approve the Human Resources coverage be handled by the States Attorney as requested. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Grinsteinner presented the updated Mercer-Oliver Joint Powers Agreement for HR and EM. Folk moved to approve the updated Joint Powers Agreement for HR and EM as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve the establishment of the Cabin Site #2 Special Assessment District. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller presented the following:  
 • Temporary Use Permit Renewal #670-Arlen Kurti- Additional Non-Farm used as a rental. Wolf moved to approve Temporary Use Permit Renewal #670 as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 • First Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 1, Section VIII-Definitions: Definitions added for Data Center & Digital Asset Mining. Folk moved to approve Chapter 1, Section VIII-Definitions as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 • First Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 3, Section IV-Industrial District: Data Center listed as

a conditional use. Voigt moved to approve Chapter 3; Section IV-Industrial District change as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 • First Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 7, Section 1-Statutory Authorization-Requires NDCC Chapters update. Voigt moved to approve Chapter 7; Section 1-Statutory Authorization update as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 • SRF Consulting Proposals: Folk moved to temporarily table the SRF Consulting Proposals. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 During the Beulah Building Discussions, Moore Engineer Tom Weigel reported that the Rural Catalyst Grant has not been awarded, so payment approval of the \$499,000 purchase agreement for the Roughrider RV property, now called the "Beulah Building" was put on hold. Folk moved to approve the Beulah Building purchase of two new 1000-gallon propane tanks from Rud Oil & Gas for \$9,295.00. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.  
 Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller presented the following SRF Consulting Proposals: 1. Proposal to Assist with Updating and Reformatting the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. 2. Proposal to Assist with Data Center Application Review and Processing, and 3. Proposal to Create a MOU between Data Center Applicant and Mercer County, ND. Voigt moved to approve #1 Proposal to Assist with Updating and Reformatting the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve #2 Proposal to Assist with Data Center Application Review and Processing. Wolf seconded. Voigt, Wolf, Pierce, and Bauman voted aye. Folk voted nay. Motion carried. No action was taken on #3 Proposal to Create a MOU between Data Center Applicant and Mercer County, ND. Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Highway Department Administrative Assistant Rachael Grimm presented the Notice to Bidders for the Annual Bid Letting and the Cutback Asphalt Purchase Agreement. Wolf moved to approve the Notice to Bidders for the Annual Bid Letting as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the purchase of road oil for crack sealing. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Olheiser gave an update on the Golden Valley roof repair/replace project. Treasurer, Dawn Grannis presented duplicate check request. Folk moved to approve the duplicate check request for check #55194 for \$295.55. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Grannis requested and explained the need for the Tyler system credit card payment software. Voigt moved to approve the purchase of this credit card payment software as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Pierce made a motion to move the appointment of the Vacant Commission Seat to the March 3, 2026 regular meeting. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Wolf moved to approve the Sheriff's January Revenues of \$46,716.09. Voigt

seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve the Recorder's NDRIN Refund of \$4,570.50 and January Revenues of \$4,612.00. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Wolf moved to approve the Application for a liquor license for Nana's Kitchen as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. No Public comments were heard. Recessed at 10:49 a.m. Reconvened at 10:55 a.m. Portfolio Updates were given. Pierce moved to approve the bills as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: INTERSTATE ENGINEERING INC \$3,678.92; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$589.24; ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$6,268.11; ASKIM, CRAIG \$313.20; BAKER, ADAM \$247.97; BERG, MICHAEL \$33.35; BEULAH ND HARDWARE \$46.97; BISMARCK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER \$545.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$11,236.51; C & L BACKHOE SERVICE \$3,500.00; CENTER MACHINE INC \$345.00; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$4.90; CITY AIR MECHANICAL, INC. \$8,495.00; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$1,020.43; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$709.50; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$731.64; FLEMMER, RYAN \$111.65; GALLS \$213.43; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$35.45; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$145.87; HAZEN STAR \$201.00; HAZEN WELDING \$55.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$7,589.32; J2 Studio \$925.00; JOHNSEN TRAILER SALES, INC. \$566.34; LARA, MICHEAL \$90.00; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$192.80; NAPA \$428.36; ND WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION \$285.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$5,082.62; NORTH DAKOTA ENVELOPE COMPANY \$861.30; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$3,552.01; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,385.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$187.78; PHARMICHEM, INC. \$287.55; POSTMASTER \$171.60; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. \$2,000.00; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$51.12; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$1,197.37; RUD PROPANE LLP \$2,014.48; SAILER, SHANNON \$29.00; SAKAKAWA MEDICAL CENTER \$152.18; SCHEID, RICHARD \$13.05; SCHLENDER, SCOTT \$26.10; SEIFERT, BRADLEY Q \$353.10; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.97; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. \$10.78; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$2,250.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC. \$38,605.90; VERIZON WIRELESS \$492.37; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,459.89. (TOTAL: \$111,084.02)  
 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. Meetings can be viewed live at <https://www.youtube.com/@MercerCo>  
 Approved: Rick Bauman, Chairman  
 Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor  
 (03-19-2026)

### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO PEACE OFFICER LICENSES

TAKE NOTICE that the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10:00 a.m. on 27th day, April 2026, at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, 1720 Burlington Drive Suite B, Bismarck North Dakota. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board or calling 701-328-5504. The proposed rules are also posted at [www.post.nd.gov](http://www.post.nd.gov). Written comments may be submitted to 1720 Burlington Drive, Suite B, Bismarck, ND, 58504 until May 12th, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board at the above telephone number or address at least two days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 12th day of March 2026. Pat Helfrich, Secretary Peace Officer Standards and Training Board



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