

# ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MERCER COUNTY

MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
 CABIN SITE #2  
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, SI  
 2026-4002  
 MOORE PROJECT NO. 31256  
 General Notice  
 Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through Quest CDN until April 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 10:30 a.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at [www.mooreengineeringinc.com](http://www.mooreengineeringinc.com) by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at [www.Quest CDN.com](http://www.Quest CDN.com). The Project includes the following Work: Two-inch HMA overlay with selective milling

and patching.  
 Obtaining the Bidding Documents  
 Digital project bidding documents will be available at [www.mooreengineeringinc.com](http://www.mooreengineeringinc.com) by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at [www.Quest CDN.com](http://www.Quest CDN.com). You may download the complete set of digital documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 by locating eBidDoc™ Number 10093058 on the website. Contact Quest CDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@Quest CDN.com](mailto:info@Quest CDN.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the

designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:  
 Moore Engineering, Inc.  
 4503 Coleman Street, Suite 105, Bismarck, ND 58503  
 Each bid must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the bid executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned

that if the principal's bid is accepted and a contract is awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after the notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond, and any conditions of Mercer County, as required by law. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If Mercer County elects to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the lowest responsible bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days, the bidder's bond will be forfeited to Mercer County, and Mercer County may award the project to the next lowest responsible bidder. Each bidder must possess a valid North Dakota contractor's license for the full amount of their bid, as required by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-7. Each bidder MUST enclose a copy of their Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota

Secretary of State, and each license must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12. No bid may be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this section and that any deficient bid submitted must be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately. Mercer County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received. This Advertisement is issued by:  
 Owner: Mercer County, ND  
 By: Carmen Reed  
 Title: Auditor  
 Date: March 19, 2026  
 (03-19-2026)(03-26-2026)(03-31-2026)

## CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2026  
 Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 11, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Kelly Erhardt, Jesse Krieger, Shiloh Becher, and John Schwab. Administrators present were Superintendent Adam Hill, Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Set Agenda. No additions. Approval of Minutes. K. Erhardt moved to approve the minutes from January 14, 2026 board meeting. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried (M/C). Financial Reports. Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and January payroll totals were presented to the Board. Krieger moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Bills. Schwab moved to pay the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,163.26; ARBITERSPORTS 475.00; ARROW SERVICE TEAM 698.96; C&H GLASS 628.00; CENTER COAL

COMPANY 4,719.52; CENTER MACHINE 40.00; CENTER REPUBLICAN 809.19; CDLN 24.28; CREA 50.00; CITY OF CENTER 489.96; COLE PAPERS 793.92; DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL 40.00; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS 677.00; FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS 232.88; FORTE 12,531.42; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 3,144.57; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER 1,507.00; HARLOW BUS SALES 3,136.55; I-STATE TRUCK CENTER 289.29; LEADER NEWS 55.00; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 322.05; MAERTENS MFG 1,214.00; MANDATE AUTOMOTIVE 1,208.86; MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT 92.71; MCLEAN-MERCER REGIONAL LIBRARY 1,500.00; MDU 4,379.38; NDCOL 425.00; NDMEA 175.00; NDNBA 200.00; NETWORK CENTER 331.00; NORTHERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 1,089.00; POPPLERS MUSIC 117.10; QUINLIVAN, STEVEN 58.45; RDO 111.20; ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 40.00; RUD PROPANE 4,895.55; SANFORD CLINIC 110.00; SCHMIDT, REBECCA 41.52; SFBND-VISA 962.97; STEINS INC 223.90; SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY CO 88.72; VITEK, KEITH 1,519.24; WRT 510.47. General Fund Total: \$52,121.92. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Visitors. No visitors. Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal's Report. Mr. Tietz reported on K-3 Wildcat Basketball; Elementary Custodian Position; Reading Month; NAEP Testing; and K-6 Swimming. Secondary Principal's Report. Ms. Nitschke reported on Enrollment; Meetings; Graduation; Blood Drive; NAEP Testing; and Upcoming Events. Superintendent Report. Mr. Hill reported on Boiler Update; Bus Updates; ICON; Calendar; Human Trafficking Presentation; State Superintendent Visit; Readitech; and Policies. Committee Meeting Reports  
 • Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting (1-29-2026). Becher informed the board there was discussions on Building Referendum/Building Levy, Fire Alarm, and busing updates.  
 • Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting (2-11-2026). Becher informed the board about discussions on the Boys' Basketball Co-Op. Old Business:  
 A. After Prom Donation Request. Kristen Henke from the after-prom committee presented a donation request for the board. Becher made a motion to donate \$250.00 and use of school buses to the after-prom. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. Roll call

vote: Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, K. Erhardt-yes Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C. New Business:  
 A. Spread the Word Campaign. Schmidt read a letter from Beth Ziman of Oliver Mercer Special Ed in regard to the spread the word campaign. The Center-Stanton school will post flyers within the building and on their website.  
 B. School Calendar. Hill presented information from the school calendar survey and showed that calendar A1 was the favorite. Krieger made a motion to accept calendar A1 for the school calendar with a start date of August 18, 2026 and last day of school being May 21, 2027. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Becher-yes, Krieger-yes, Schwab-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.  
 C. Boys' Basketball Co-Op. Becher made a motion to pursue a boys' basketball co-op with Hazen. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
 D. Bond Referendum/Building Fund Levy. Kyle from Icon Architectural Designs spoke to the board about working with them on the building fund levy and bond referendum votes for the school district. Becher made a motion to hire Icon Architectural Designs to help with bond referendum and building fund levy votes. K. Erhardt seconded the

motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Krieger-yes, Becher-yes, Schwab-yes, Schmidt-yes. Schwab made a motion to have Adam Hill form a committee of staff and school district patrons to help with votes for the school building fund levy and bond referendum. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
 E. Staffing. Mr. Hill spoke about splitting the 2026-2027 5th grade class and hiring a second teacher. Schwab made a motion to open a second 5th grade position. Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Krieger-no, Schwab-yes, K. Erhardt-no, Becher-no, Schmidt-no. Motion failed. Meeting Dates. Policy Committee Meeting – February 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. CT Regular Board Meeting – March 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board. Jacob Erhardt, Business Manage  
 (03-19-2026)

# HAZEN STAR

## OFFICIAL PAPER

### OF MERCER COUNTY

## REDUCE YOUR 2026 PROPERTY TAX BILL BY UP TO \$1600!

### Eligibility requirements for the Primary Residence Property Tax Credit:

- Must own a home in ND and reside in it as your primary residence
- One credit per household, no age or income restrictions
- Must apply and be approved annually to receive the credit




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 Apply Online: [www.tax.nd.gov/prc](http://www.tax.nd.gov/prc)

**THE NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS AND CHANGES FOR THE 2026 BIGHORN SHEEP, ELK AND MOOSE PROCLAMATION.**

Applications must be submitted online. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2026.

SPECIES	SEASON	SEASON BAG LIMIT
Anticipated Bighorn Sheep Regular Season	Oct. 30 – Dec. 31	One Male Bighorn Sheep
Elk Bow Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7)	Sep. 4 – Sep. 27	One Elk of the type designated on license
Elk Regular Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E7)	Oct. 2 – Jan. 3	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E3, E4, E5)	Sep. 4 – Jan. 3	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E6)	Oct. 2 – Nov. 5 & Nov. 23 – Jan. 3	One Anterless Elk
Anterless Elk Season (E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7)	Aug. 7 – Sep 27*	
Anterless Elk Season (E3, E4)	Aug. 7 – Aug 30*	
Anterless Elk Season (E1E, E1W, E2, E3, E4, E6, E7)	Jan. 9 – Jan 17	One Moose of the type designated on license
Moose Bow Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Sep. 4 – Sep. 27	
Moose Regular Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Oct. 9 – Nov. 1	

\* Restricted to private land only within boundaries of assigned unit. Hunting on private land enrolled in PLOTS is prohibited, except by the enrolled landowner.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR**

- A bighorn sheep hunting season is scheduled to open in 2026, unless there is a recurrence of bacterial pneumonia. Applicants may apply for a license at this time, but not in a specific unit. The status of the bighorn sheep season will be determined by Sep. 1.
- Total elk licenses increased by 102 to 1,062.
- Total moose licenses remained the same at 296.
- All moose licensees and units E1E, E1W, E2, E6 and E7 elk licensees may hunt during both the bow season and the regular season until license is filled.
- Moose hunting units M4 and M1-C are being absorbed into units M8 and M5 respectively. There will no longer be closed units for moose.

A complete 2026 bighorn sheep, elk and moose hunting proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300, or online at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

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