

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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 26, 2026

(03-19-2026)(03-26-2026)(04-02-2026)

### ATTENTION HAZEN RESIDENTS

The Hazen Board of Equalization will meet at 5:00 PM (CDT) on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Hazen City Hall for the purpose of equalizing property values for property taxation.

Monte Erhardt, City Auditor  
 (03-26-2026)

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):  
 Job No.: 24782  
 Project No(s): HES-9-999(555)  
 Length: 97.352  
 Type: PAVEMENT MARKING  
 County(s): MERCER, DUNN, MCKENZIE, MCLEAN, MOUNTRAIL, & WARD Cos  
 Location: VARIOUS STATE HIGHWAYS - FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION  
 Job No.: 24784  
 Project No(s): HES-1-999(063)  
 Length: 0  
 Type: PAVEMENT MARKING  
 County(s): MERCER, BURLEIGH, EMMONS, GRANT, KIDDER, LOGAN, MCINTOSH, MCLEAN, MORTON, OLIVER, SHERIDAN, & WELLS Cos  
 Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - BISMARCK DISTRICT  
 Bids will be received via the Bid Express online bidding exchange at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) until 09:30AM, April 10, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol

grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.  
 The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>  
 NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.  
 For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.  
 Requested by:  
 Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director  
 North Dakota Department of Transportation  
 (03-26-2026)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WSI Premium Rates and Rate Classification Manual  
 Notice is hereby given that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 AM at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the proposed changes to premium rates and rate classification manual in accordance with NDCC §65-04-01.  
 These changes will be on file and may be reviewed or copied on any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at WSI in Bismarck. A copy may be requested by phone by calling (701) 328-3812 or by writing to: Workforce Safety & Insurance  
 Attn Marguerite Rath  
 1600 East Century Avenue Ste 1

PO Box 5585  
 Bismarck ND 58506-5585  
 (701) 328-3812  
 Written data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed changes or adoptions may be sent to WSI at the above address. The closing date for receipt and consideration of all written or oral submissions is close of business Monday, April 13, 2026.  
 If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 16th day of March 2026  
 Sarah Feist  
 Chief of Employer Services  
 (03-26-2026)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning & Zoning Subcommittee will meet Tuesday March 31st, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton. The subcommittee consists of 3 board members and SRF Consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a data center ordinance.  
 TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public

is hereby invited to attend the above public meeting or forward written comments prior to the meeting to: Land Use Administrator – Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571 or email [jneumiller@nd.gov](mailto:jneumiller@nd.gov)  
 Jen Neumiller  
 Mercer County Land Use Administrator  
 (03-26-2026)

### MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 3, 2026  
 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rick Bauman.  
 Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, 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 Rachel Grimm, Moore Engineer Jim Jackson, Next Era Representatives Melissa Hochmuth, Kristy Smith, and Stephanie Morales, Crowley Fleck Representative Casey Furey, ND State Representative Bill Tveit, Travis Jordan, Travis Frey, Jesse Krieger, Chris Renner, Joe Grannis, Stacie Kruckenberg, Kimbell Banks, Signe Snortland, Linette Irwin, Patrice Tunge, Benda Cook, Lori Hammer, Carla Eng, Curtis Eng, Cody Didier, Robert Berger, Chansey Jewell, Brandon Windhorst, Sheila Roth, Wes Klein, Mike Berg, Jeffery Foster, Darlene Foster, Brian Schier, Dwight Berger, Chris Hollen, R. Watterud, David Lundstrom, Liz Lundstrom, Shannon Sailer, Korrine Sailer, Retha Matten, Duane Miller, and Darwin Knutson. Pledge of allegiance was said.  
 Voigt moved to approve the amended agenda. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 Folk moved to approve the February 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 Voigt moved to approve the February 25, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 Bauman called for nominations for vacant commission seat. Voigt moved to appoint Travis Jordan. No second heard, motion died. Folk moved to appoint Chris Renner. No second heard, motion died. Wolf moved to appoint Steven Guenther. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Guenther took the oath of office.  
 HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner presented the Paylocity proposal to update the county payroll and HR processes.  
 Folk moved to approve the bills as presented. Voigt 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; FIRE-SIDE 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; QUADIANT 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; CITY OF BEULAH \$115.96; GRINSTEINNER, ALICE \$162.55. (TOTAL: \$236,477.35)  
 Darwin Knutson information regarding Mercer County Statutory requirements.  
 Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller presented the following:  
 • SRF Consulting Senior Director Scott Harmstead via phone explained the SRF Consulting MOU Proposal. Voigt moved to approve the SRF Consulting MOU Proposal as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 • Wolf moved to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the Second Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance. Guenther seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Neumiller conducted the 2nd Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 1, Section VIII-Definitions: Definitions added for Data Center & Digital Asset Mining, Chapter 3, Section IV-Industrial District: Data Center listed as a conditional use, and Chapter 7, Section 1-Statutory Authorization -Requires NDCC Chapters update. Voigt moved to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 Recessed at 9:45 a.m.  
 Reconvened at 10:06 a.m.  
 The Public Hearing for the 3rd Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 1, Section VIII-Definitions: Definitions added for Data Center & Digital Asset Mining, Chapter 3, Section IV-Industrial District: Data Center listed as a conditional use, and Chapter 7, Section 1-Statutory Authorization -Requires NDCC Chapters update was set for the next regular meeting on March 18, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.  
 Michael Berg, Wes Klein and ND State Representative Bill Tveit were among the many Mercer County residents who conveyed their concerns regarding the Nextera Energy Resources (NEER) and Basin Electric Coop-

erative purposed data center project. NEER Project Director Stephanie Morales also spoke. The residents asked the Board to put a moratorium in place until zoning ordinances and public policy were better established to ensure that local control could be maintained. States Attorney Todd Schwarz was present and part of this discussion. Folk moved to put a 1-year moratorium on data centers being permitted. Guenther seconded. Folk, Guenther, and Voigt voted aye. Wolf and Bauman voted nay. Motion carried.  
 Recessed at 11:19 a.m.  
 Reconvened at 11:24 a.m.  
 Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers and Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt presented an update on the status of the recently purchased Beulah Building (Roughrider RV Property) and asked for direction and budgetary restraints.  
 2025 Budget Amendments were presented by Auditor Reed. Wolf moved to approve the following 2025 Budget Amendments: General Fund Miscellaneous -\$201,718.55 over appropriations due to Commission approved expenditures. Commission Board Member Bauman -\$785.99 due to 2024 reimbursements paid in 2025. Clerk Of Court -\$7,430.81, due to uncontrolled legal court fees, Recorder -\$7,132.67, due to approved wage bump up, Sheriff Temporary Deputy -\$37,640.64 due to temporary deputy work, and NDSU Extension Agent -\$15,122.21 due to NDSU's new budget year starts in July and agents got wage increases. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
 Portfolio Updates were given.  
 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 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

(03-26-2026)

#### 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

# YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW...