

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324  
May 14, 2026  
1:30 PM CDT

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by May 25, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least five days prior to the public hearing. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5210 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.  
Karl Rockeman, P.E.  
Deputy Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

## CITY OF PICK CITY MEETING MINUTES

City of Pick City April 1, 2026 meeting minutes

Present: Arvid Anderson, Lori Davis, Brandon Reiser, Scott Bather. Absent: Westman Also present: Auditor, Diane Johnson Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rieser motioned, second Davis to approve consent items; meeting minutes from 3-4-2026, agenda & bills. All in favor, MC. Reiser motioned, second Davis to hire S & M Lawn Service to spray town, cost will be the same as last year. All in favor, MC.

Board of Equalization meeting will be held April 8, 2026 at city hall.

Attorney was not present to discuss unresolved previous concerns & issues, but did sent some paperwork requested by council for the Wald annexation. No action taken.

Reports:  
Landfill: Spring cleanup will be April 28 – May 5. Roll offs will be at landfill.

Water: Pick City received a Safe Drinking Water Act Certificate of Achievement from NDDEQ.

Water break by Main Road has been repaired, PWD Sailer was not present to

explain breakage.

The mayor thought the City should implement a plan to exercise curb stops when Hydrants are flushed.

Streets: Jim contacted Tand construction for a timeline to repair the street up at the Wald addition.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. These minutes are unofficial and subject to Council review and approval. Next regular city meeting May 6th at 7:30pm.

Mayor Arvid Anderson, Auditor Diane Johnson  
Bills: Payroll - \$5861.03, D. Johnson-36.25, J. Sailer-50.00, NDPERS-234.00  
US Treasury-1406.25, Job Service -12.68, WRT-178.02, RRE-1457.15  
Circle-2311.25, Dust Tex-53.90, Fitterer Oil-616.00, Drain man-14,606.25  
Ferguson-332.94, Hazen Star-75.00, Lillis Elec-517.00, Loffer-39.83  
MC Treasurer-1150.00, API Garage door-1415.80, NDDOH-54.00, ND One Call-1.50  
NWPE-437.00, One's Consulting-1200.00, Scott's-109.00

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## MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Jamee Folk.

Present were Commissioners, Steve Guentner, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Chairman Rick Bauman was absent. Others present during the meeting were Sheriff Terry Ternes, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Clerk of Court Wanda Knutson, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Highway Department Administrative Assistant Rachel Grimm, Coteau Properties Darren Hellman, Lignite Coal R&D Vice President Mike Holmes, NextEra Energy Resources Representatives included Executive Project Director of Development Heath Barefoot, Senior Attorney Melissa Hochmuth, Senior Communications Strategist Tiffany Emery; Crowley Fleck Representative Erik Edison, Coyote Creek Mining Representative Donn Steffen, Basin Electric Power Cooperative Representatives included CEO Todd Brickhouse, VP of Commercial Operations Daniel Gallagher, Senior Legislative Representative John (Jack) Schuh, Director of Property & Right-of-Way Mike Murray, VP of Strategic Planning & Communications Andy Buntrock; Innovative Energy Alliance Anne Hansen, LI-UNA Marketing Representative & Organizer Steve Cortina, Roughrider Electric Representatives included Co-GM/CEO Managers Jason Bentz & Travis Kupper, Member Services Manager Larissa Eslinger; Coal County Conversion Representative Ken Miller, ND State Representative Bill Tveit, Western Dakota Energy Association Executive Director Alison Ritter, Chris Renner, Joe Grannis, Stacie Kruckenberger, Kevin Irwin, Linette Irwin, Lori Hammer, Cody Didier, Robert Berger, Wayne Bertsch, Tony Reiss, Wayne Windhorst, Brandon Windhorst, Sheila Roth, Wes Klein, Mike Berg, Weston Berg, Dwight Berger via phone, Gerry Burr, Erin Laverdure, Kevin Hafner, Bud Woeste, Elizabeth Dagley, Dave Nehring, Retha Matten, Duane Miller, and Darwin Knutson.

Pledge of allegiance was said.  
Wolf moved to approve the amended agenda. Guentner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Voigt moved to approve the March 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Guentner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court Wanda Knutson presented the State options to provide Clerk of Court services in Mercer County. Voigt moved to approve option #2, to elect to enter into a funding agreement for the 2027-2029 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services from the State of North Dakota. Guentner seconded. Voigt, Guentner, and Folk voted aye. Wolf voted nay. Motion carried.

Voigt moved to approve duplicate check request for Check# 55188 for \$106.70, that was initially issued on 1/6/2025. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Wolf moved to approve the Sheriff's February Revenues of \$43,672.47. Voigt seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Voigt moved to appoint Tammy Schmidt to the Mercer County Housing Board. Wolf seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried. Coteau Properties Environmental Specialist Darren Hellman gave a brief overview of Coteau's progress and plans for 2026 and presented a Petition for Setback Waiver. Guentner moved to set the Setback Waiver Petition Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Lignite Coal Research & Development Vice President Mike Holmes discussed the economic contributions of the coal industry and presented an overview of the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) Study that evaluated how increased electricity demand from large load users could impact economic contributions, coal production and local tax revenue. The EERC Study com-

ponents included lignite power generation facility (500 MW), new lignite mine (3.5M tons), data processing center (400 MW), and critical mineral processing facility (100 MW). Presentation paused due to Public Hearing. At 9:45 a.m. Voigt moved to close regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the Third Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance. Guentner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller conducted the Third Reading to Amend Mercer County Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 1, Section VII-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 approve Chapter 1. Section VII as presented. Guentner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Guentner moved to approve Chapter 3, Section IV as presented. Wolf seconded. Guentner and Wolf voted aye. Voigt and Folk voted nay. Motion tied and moved to April 1, 2026 agenda. Voigt moved to approve Chapter 7, Section 1 as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Wolf moved to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Lignite Coal Research & Development Vice President Mike Holmes answered questions regarding his presentation. Recessed at 9:54 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The following Basin Electric representatives Senior Legislative Representative John (Jack) Schuh, VP of Strategic Planning and Communications Andy Buntrock, VP of Commercial Operations Daniel Gallagher, and Director of Property and Right-of-Way Mike Murray, NextEra Energy Executive Director of Development Heath Barefoot, and Roughrider Electric Representative Co-GM/CEO Manager Travis Kupper all spoke regarding a proposal for a large combined cycle natural gas fueled generation facility to be built primarily to serve a large hyperscale data center. Basin Electric in June, 2025 developed a formal process called the large load commercial program, to responsively accommodate new large energy demand in emerging industries while protecting our existing cooperative members. Under this program the large load customers are responsible for the costs associated with infrastructure needed to serve their needs, while insulating existing customers from higher electric bills. NextEra Energy entered into an MOU with Basin Electric, Roughrider Electric Power Cooperative, and Upper Missouri Power Cooperative to evaluate the feasibility of serving a potential multi-gigawatt hyperscale data center campus, which will require 1,000 – 1,500 acres of land. Due to the large amount of power needed a new power plant will need to be constructed. Economic benefits were stated. Public engagement is a priority and the first project open house will be on the afternoon and evening of March 30, 2026, at the Stanton Civic Center. One of the many concerns raised by commission members and the public were possible usage of reclaimed properties for this proposed project.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser requested approval of the Golden Valley roof repairs bid from Roof Maxx for \$17,799.86 with polyurethane coating. Voigt moved to approve the Golden Valley roof repairs bid from Roof Mats for \$17,799.86 with polyurethane coating. Guentner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Highway Department Administrative Assistant Rachel Grimm presented the U.S. Geological Survey Utility Permit #1775(26) for updating equipment on the bridge south of Hazen on County Road 27. Guentner moved to approve the U.S. Geological Survey Utility Permit #1775(26) as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mercer County resident Darwin Knutson requested additional polling locations. Public comments were given from Dwight Berger via phone, Wes Klein, Michael Berg,

Wayne Windhorst, and Lori Hammer regarding the data center project.

Recessed at 11:06 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

Payroll concern regarding lack of federal tax withholdings in 2025 was explained by HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner, who will be sending out a letter to all employees explaining how to check to ensure each person is getting enough federal tax withheld from their check.

New building discussion was placed on the April 1, 2026 meeting agenda.

Portfolio assignments were placed on the April 1, 2026 meeting agenda.

Portfolio updates were given.

Wolf moved to approve the bills as presented. Guentner seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$2,606.00; ASKIM, CRAIG \$282.03; BEULAH LUMBER CO \$21.08; BEULAH ND HARDWARE \$79.90; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$7,458.13; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$123.30; CHARM-TEX, INC. \$107.70; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; D&E SUPPLY CO INC \$537.01; DAKOTA AWARDS, INC. \$24.99; DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC \$1,195.00; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC \$1,287.06; ESRI \$2,440.00; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$44.09; GALLS \$215.54; GOOD SOURCE SOLUTIONS \$400.00; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$177.44; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$700.20; HAZEN STAR \$419.28; HAZEN WELDING \$898.84; HR COLLABORATIVE \$150.00; HUSS, REBECCA \$39.72; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$5,526.25; INTOXIMETERS INC \$375.00; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$212.64; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$211.02; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$1,474.60; MID-CONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$192.80; NAPA \$1,097.56; NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION \$125.00; ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$8,955.42; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$36.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$80.00; NEXUS PLANNING & CONSULTING LLC \$8,402.50; NORDAK CENTRAL PUBLISHING \$325.00; North Central International, LLC \$718.68; NORTH DAKOTA CLERKS ASSOC. \$100.00; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$1,005.72; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$3,196.00; OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR \$14,547.25; PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC. \$6,324.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$50.03; PHARMICHEM, INC. \$415.35; PRO FORMS \$181.48; PRO VISION \$326.03; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. \$2,066.62; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$255.46; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$1,396.28; ROUGHRIDER RV'S, INC. \$800.00; RUD PROPANE LLP \$6,816.36; SAKAKAWEA MEDICAL CENTER \$880.52; SEIFERT, BRADLEY Q \$287.99; SENER, SHANNAN \$105.90; SNIRSTOPPER, LLC \$1,730.72; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.97; SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC \$415.21; Stein's Inc \$271.35; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; STREICHER'S INC. \$3,911.61; T-MOBILE USA, INC \$86.33; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. \$87.72; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$300.00; UNIFORM CENTER \$1,053.84; VERIZON WIRELESS \$534.44; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,464.83; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$3,728.23; YANTZER, SARA \$24.71; YOUTHWORKS \$8,487.00; BIEBER, GERALD \$7.25; ESLINGER, MIKE \$7.25; HAFNER, KEVIN \$24.65; THOMAS, ANDY \$24.65 (TOTAL: \$108,965.18).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 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: Jamee Folk, Vice Chairman  
Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS - Probate No. 29-2026-PR-00009  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Jeannette Louise Ray, Deceased  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 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 be presented to Thomas

W. Severin, Attorney at Law, 913 Ponderosa Drive, Severance, CO 80550, or presented to the Court at: Clerk of Court, Burleigh County, 514 E. Thayer Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501.  
Dated April 2, 2026.  
/s/ Thomas W. Severin Thomas W. Severin Attorney at Law  
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ND State Bar ID #08827

(04-09-2026)(04-16-2026)(04-23-2026)

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):  
Job No.: 24809  
Project No(s): SC-2900(019)  
Length: 30.740  
Type: CHIP SEAL  
County(s): MERCER Co  
Location: VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN MERCER COUNTY  
Bids will be received via the Bid Express online bidding exchange at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) until 09:30AM, May08, 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

(04-16-2026)