

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hazen City Commission will be making board appointment(s) at the July 6, 2026, City Commission Meeting. To be eligible for appointments, interested people must reside within the incorporated limits of the City of Hazen. The commission requests that any person interested in serving contact one of the City Commissioners, the City Auditor, or complete, and return,

the form found on the city website: Jobs & Volunteering - City of Hazen (hazennd.gov)  
Library Board – Two (2) Members – Three Year Term Expiring 6/30/2029  
Forestry Board – One (1) Members - Four Year Term Expiring 6/30/2030  
Ambulance Board – one (1) Member – Three Year Term Expiring 6/30/2028 (06-04-2026)(06-11-2026) (06-18-2026)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE CHANGE

Mercer-Oliver Counties, ND, Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held regarding the updated draft of the Mercer-Oliver Counties, ND, Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) on Monday, July 20, 2026, at the Oliver County Courthouse in Center, North Dakota.  
The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comments regarding the draft mitigation plan update, which identifies hazards, risks, and proposed mitigation strategies for Mercer and Oliver Counties.

Following the public hearing, the Mercer-Oliver Mitigation Plan Steering Committee will hold its final planning committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Information:  
Date: Monday, July 20, 2026  
Location: Oliver County Courthouse, Center, North Dakota  
Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m.  
Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Dated this 10th day of June, 2026.  
Alice Grinsteiner  
Mercer-Oliver Counties Emergency Manager (06-18-2026) (06-25-2026)

### HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2026  
Business Manager's Office — Hazen High School  
Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Laura Zingg, Jen Wallender, Steph Huber, and Mari Raad. Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Trevor Sinclair, Principal Jacob Kraft, and AD Bret Johnsrud. Principal Paul Richter was absent. The guest present was Dan Arens.  
The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Minutes for the regular April monthly meeting were presented. Raad moved to approve, seconded by Zin All voted aye. M/C  
Financial Reports: a.) April Financial Statement; b.) May Bills totaling \$ 83,318.41; JP Morgan, 19,864.19; Deborah Dub, 222.15; Farmers Union Oil, 126.95; Harlow's School Bus Service, 78,767.63; The Hub, 294.61; MDU, 11,278.65; ND Attorney General, 40.00; Pitnev Bowes, 400.00; Shayla Sinclair, 59.96; Hazen Golf Course, 250.00; ABM, 3,033.94; Kourtney Baasch, 100.00; Bill Zingg, 353.73; Center Company, 7,647.92; City of Hazen, 1,685.57; Supply, 4,807.59; David Mittelsteadt, 165.00; East West Library Books, 125.95; Egge rs  
Moto r, 341.51; Farmers Union Oil, 106.05; Fastenal, 86.62; Hazen Motors, 75.00; Hazen star, 173.77;  
Hazen Weldrig, 884.00; Hot Lunch, 1,214.85; John Hemmer, 4,471.10; Jostens, 782.00; JW Pepper, 685.49;  
Menards, 171.84; Mercer co. Landfill, 308.00; MDU, 10,717.30; NDSBA, 675.00; Record Keepers, 52.50;  
Smith, 76.00; Stein's Inc, 1,174.85; West Dakota Lumber, 19.96; Western Lighting, 598.50; Western Steel Builders, 2,475.00; Trisha Wolff, 17.50; Raad moved to approve a-b; second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C  
Committee Reports:  
Personnel Finance: Supt Miller will have recommendations for the board to approve ancillary staff raises and to propose 90/10 health insurance for our 9 & 10 month employees  
3. Bldg & Grounds: Supt Miller will recommend

to the board a list of improvements and repairs for this coming summer  
c. Transportation: Supt Miller gave the board an update on Harlows busing  
d. Activities: Supt Miller gave the board an update on HOSA nationals  
e. Policy: Supt Miller will have a recommendation for the board to approve the 1st reading on four policies set by the NDSBA  
Old Business:  
New Business:  
Support Staff 2023-27 Pay Increase Recommendation: Huber moved to approve as presented with a wage freeze on new hires; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C  
Proposed Reclassification or 9 and 10 month Hourly employees for Full-time Health Insurance Benefits: Wallender moved to table; second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C  
High School Principal, 11 Contract, Recommendation: Zingg moved to approve as presented; second by Raad All voted aye. M/C  
Improvement and Repairs Recommendation List: Raad moved to approve as presented, minus the fire panel replacement; second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C  
Policy Recommendations: Huber moved to approve the 1st readings on Policies ACCB (Protection for Student Victims of Sexual Offenses), ACG (Child Safety Liaison Work Group and Mandatory Training), DDBD (Military Leave) G3.3E (Human Trafficking and Exploitation Prevention and Awareness Education); second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C  
Administrative Reports:  
The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports.  
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on June 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm.  
With no flat-ther business, President Noian adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.  
Brian S. Nolan, School Board President  
Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager  
Date Approved: 6/15/26  
(06-18-2026)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE MERCER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time at the Stanton Civic Center in Stanton for the purpose of amending the zoning ordinance.  
The purpose of the changes is to update the Industrial District, standards for industrial uses, and specific standards for data centers, sand and gravel mining, solar energy, and wind energy. The changes are intended to account for emerging land uses. Changes to the following Chapters and Sections are proposed:  
• Chapter 3 Zoning Districts, Section IV -

Industrial District  
• Chapter 4 Special Provisions, New Section – Industrial Use Standards  
• Chapter 4 Special Provisions, New Section – Data Centers  
• Chapter 4 Special Provisions, New Section – Sand and Gravel Mining  
• Chapter 4 Special Provisions, New Section – Solar Energy  
• Chapter 4 Special Provisions, New Section – Wind Energy  
A copy of the proposed changes is available for review in the Mercer County Land Use Office, from the hours of 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. For an electronic copy of proposed changes please contact the Land Use office

at 745-3294 or email jleneumiller@nd.gov, it's also available for viewing on the county website at www.mercercountynd.com.  
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on the above proposed ordinance amendments at this public hearing or forward written comments prior to this hearing by June 22nd: Mercer County Land Use – Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571 or via e-mail to Jen Neumiller jleneumiller@nd.gov.  
Jen Neumiller  
Mercer County Land Use Administrator (06-11-2026)(06-18-2026)

## MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 20, 2026  
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Jamee Folk  
Present were Commissioners Steve Guenther, Gene Wolf, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Rick Bauman was absent. Others present during the meeting were Sheriff Terry Ternes, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller, Recorder Shannan Senger, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteiner, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, NDSU Extension Agent Craig Askim, Moore Engineer Tom Weigel, Mercer County Planning & Zoning Board Chairman Mike Eslinger, NextEra Representatives Chase Dauenhauer, Wayne Bertsch, Melissa Brooks, Basin Electric Power Cooperative Representative John (Jack) Schuh, Joe Grannis, Lori Hammer, Michael Berg, Weston Berg, Kevin Hafner, Wes Klein, and Gerry Burr.  
Pledge of allegiance was said.  
Wolf moved to approve the amended agenda. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Voigt moved to approve the May 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Tax Director/Land Use Administrator Jennifer Neumiller presented the following applications for temporary use permits:  
• Temp Use #673 Badlands Aggregate-Barrow Pit, East Half of SW1/4 of S14, T142N-R88W. This is a two (2) acre open barrow pit for fill dirt used for a wind farm project. Voigt moved to approve Temporary Use Permit #673 as presented. Guenther seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
• Temp Use #674 Fisher, Sand & Gravel-Gravel Pit, SE1/4 of S26, T144N-R84W Mercer County, ND. Reopened old gravel pit. Voigt moved to approve Temporary Use Permit #674 as presented. Guenther seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Mercer County Planning & Zoning Board Chairman Mike Eslinger gave a subcommittee meeting update. Next subcommittee meeting will be held at the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton on June 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Voigt moved to approve extending the SRF consulting contract as needed. Guenther seconded. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Wolf moved to approve the April Recorder revenues of \$4,149.80. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Voigt moved to approve the Sheriff's revenues of \$54,910.82. Guenther seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Auditor Carmen Reed presented the 2027 Budget Calendar.  
Moore Engineer Tom Weigel presented the Resolution for approval of state funding of a \$1,548,275.66 chip sealing project that includes County Road 5, 13 & 37 totaling 30.74 miles. Cost of this project will be split 80/20, between state and county. Voigt moved to approve the State Resolution as presented. Guenther seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser requested the purchase of a Track Skid Steer Bush Hog for \$138,625 and a tire machine for \$11,500. Voigt moved to approve the purchase of the tire machine up to \$11,500. Wolf seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Recessed at 9:37 a.m.  
Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.  
NDSU Extension Agent Craig Askim gave a quarterly update.  
NextEra Representative Chase Dauenhauer gave a River Run Energy Center Project Update.  
Wolf moved to approve the bills as presented without the J2 Studio bill for \$3,330.00. Guenther seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$163.74; ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$3,891.36; AUTO VALUE \$241.10; BERG, MICHAEL \$33.35; Blue Hawk Audio Video \$550.00; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$4.79; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$6,363.20; CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES INC. \$3,091.00; CHI ST ALEXIUS HEALTH \$209.41; CHS INC. \$22,330.00; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$6,506.62; D & E SUPPLY CO INC \$338.51; DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC \$394.00; DAKOTA FIRE EXTINGUISHER INC \$1,430.55; DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC. \$69,276.00; EGGERS ELECTRIC MOTOR CO \$730.92; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC \$7,403.19; EMINETH PLUMBING \$395.00; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$22,200.00; FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC. LTD \$1,085.00; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$22.68; FLEMMER, RYAN \$14.50;

GUENTHNER, STEVE \$287.80; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$32.97; HAZEN MOTOR CO \$51.28; HAZEN STAR \$589.95; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$2,460.10; LEXIS NEXIS MATTHEW BENDER \$278.86; M & B RENTALS LLP \$675.00; MARTIN, ISAY \$12.00; MENARDS \$907.73; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$6.50; MIDWEST DOORS OF DICKINSON, INC \$236.35; NAPA \$2,539.32; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES \$748.00; ND STATE TREASURER \$85.51; NDSU AG COMMUNICATION \$13.50; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$3,733.20; NEWMAN SIGNS INC \$520.40; North Central International, LLC \$1,182.29; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$2,180.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$428.85; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. \$4,010.00; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$121.14; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$63.54; ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC \$1,834.41; RUD PROPANE LLP \$11,974.22; SAILER, SHANNON \$29.00; SAKAKAWA MEDICAL CENTER \$435.23; SCHEID, RICHARD \$13.05 SEIFERT, BRADLEY Q \$75.00; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$59.94; SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC \$8,020.15; Stein's Inc \$383.71; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. \$108.45; THE PAINTERS, INC. \$610.00; Tyler Business Forms \$547.62; VERIZON WIRELESS \$492.33; WAY POINT ONE \$279.58; WEST RIVER EQUIPMENT \$728.79; WILMINGTON TRUST NA \$400.00; BASARABA, LILLIE \$221.05; ESLINGER, MIKE \$131.95; HAFNER, KEVIN \$118.90; RENNER, CHRIS \$66.70; STRAND, CANDICE \$41.75; THOMAS, ANDY \$24.65. (TOTAL: \$194,465.44)  
States Attorney Todd Schwarz presented a Draft Joint Powers Agreement-Oliver Recorder Position. No action was taken.  
Mercer County residents Michael Berg and Wes Klein spoke during Public Comment. Portfolio updates were given.  
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 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: Jamee Folk, Vice-Chairman  
Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor  
(06-18-2026)

## CENTER/STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2026  
Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center/Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 13, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Shiloh Becher, John Schwab, Kelly Erhardt, and Jesse Krieger. 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 set agenda with the addition of Bullying Policy Discussion to new business letter, H. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C (motion carried).  
Approval of Minutes. K. Erhardt moved to approve the minutes from April 8, 2026 board meeting. Schwab 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 payroll totals for April were presented to the Board. Krieger moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
Bills. Schwab moved to pay the following bills as presented: ACT 1,218.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,012.26; ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY 23.00; C/MON INN GRAND FORKS 1,110.00; CENTER COAL COMPANY 3,816.17; CENTER REPUBLICAN 62.27; CDLN 462.10; CREA 30.00; CITY OF CENTER 589.72; COAL COUNTRY CHC 230.00; COLE PAPERS 1,925.18; CONVERGENT

TECHNOLOGIES 848.58; DACOTAH PAPER CO 147.68; ERHARDT, ALISON 100.00; ERHARDT, BRAETON 313.50; FESSENDEN-BOWDON PUBLIC SCHOOL 225.00; FRANK, AMBER 130.00; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 8,878.32; HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 80.00; HINTZ, JODI 1,545.95; HUBER, CRYSTAL 206.60; ISAAK, BURT 50.00; JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY 199.00; JOSTENS INC 1,572.23; JWP PEPPER & SON 43.90; LEMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT 120.00; LILLIS ELECTRIC 2,868.70; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 322.05; MCLEAN COUNTY IMPLEMENT 313.07; MENARDS 751.96; MARC 607.88; MDU 3,927.48; NDBCI 40.00; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 458.00; NDSBA 643.50; NEDROSE HIGH SCHOOL 100.00; NETWORK CENTER 719.00; NITSCHKE, ALICIA 191.43; NORTHERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 208.00; OMSPED 21,066.85; OLSON, DANIEL 286.00; PARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL 150.00; POPPLERS MUSIC 2,126.83; RDO 90.42; RUD PROPANE 3,377.83; SANDERS, REBECCA 178.86; SCHOOLMATE 207.00; SFBND-VISA 1,653.74; SHERWIN, CAROLE 14.43; THIES, LINDSEY 71.05; UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL 50.00; VITEK, KEITH 577.51; WASHBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.00; WERC 2,300.00; WETTELS, CORY 5.00; WRT 1,020.38; YOUNG, DANIEL 509.98. General Fund Total: 70,926.41. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA 16,100.75. Building Fund Total: \$16,100.75. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
Visitors. No visitors.

Administrative Reports:  
Elementary Principal's Report. Mrs. Tietz reported on Spring Concert; Field Trips; Year End Assessments; Schedules; Upcoming events; and 2026-2027 Projected Enrollment.  
Secondary Principal's Report. Ms. Nitschke reported on Enrollment; State Testing; Activities Updates; Scheduling; and Upcoming Events.  
Superintendent's Report. Mr. Hill reported on Boiler Update; Transportation; Icon; Radio Tower; School Pictures; Tax Information; Gym use by Outside Company; Job Openings; Graduation; and Memorial Day Presentation.  
Committee Reports.  
• Policy Committee Meeting (4/29/2026 & 5/7/2026). The Policy Committee met and review the adopt policy folder from ND School Board's Association.  
• Extra-Curricular Meeting (4/29/2026) Becher updated the board on Pay-to-play, Banquets, Athletic Trainer, and AD review.  
Old Business:  
A. Election Update. Erhardt reminded the board that the election will take place of June 9th and that the county will canvass the votes, so our end of June meeting will be for approving the results.  
B. Policy Updates. K. Erhardt moved to adopt the 30 listed policy documents on the first reading and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption process per board policy BDA. This list of policy documents to adopt will be attached to the official board minutes. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

New Business:  
A. FCCLA Nationals Request. Two students that qualified for National FCCLA were in attendance to ask the board from a donation to help with cost of travel to the competition. Krieger made a motion to donate \$400 to each student for travel expenses. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
B. Approve Candidates for Graduation. Ms. Nitschke presented the list of sixteen candidates for graduation from Center-Stanton School on May 24, 2026. Becher moved to approve the sixteen candidates for graduation pending completion of state and district requirements from Center-Stanton School on May 24, 2026. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
C. Teacher Contracts/Hires. Erhardt presented three teacher contracts for board approval. K. Erhardt made a motion to approve the contracts of Brook Tibke (\$48,250.00), Abigail Dick (47,250.00), and Braeton Erhardt (32,663.00). Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
D. Work Agreements. Erhardt presented a listing of ancillary work agreements and coaching agreements. Becher made a motion to approve the following work agreements: Alysia Staigle \$18.25/hr., Nicole Albers \$16.25/hr., Annette Sanders \$15.50/hr., Dinah Hilliard \$20.30/hr., Debra Cahoon \$28.50 per route, \$.35 per mile, Michelle Wettels \$28.50 per route, \$.35 per mile, Pauline Wettels \$28.50 per route, \$.35 per mile, Pauline Wettels \$2,205.00 (Head Boys' Golf Coach), Joshua Thies \$2,220.00 (Assistant Track Coach). K. Erhardt seconded the motion. 4-yes, 1-no vote. M/C.

E. Asbestos Removal. Erhardt presented bids collected by Badlands Environmental Group to remove asbestos in the Vo-ag shop. Becher made a motion to MonDak Restoration & Abatement Specialties for \$11,500.00. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
F. Maintenance Room Drain. Erhardt presented a quote from Mandan Plumbing and Heating for moving the maintenance room drain. Becher made a motion to accept the quote from Mandan Plumbing and Heating (\$7,250.00). K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
G. Authorized Rep for Federal Programs. Krieger made a motion to have Ashley Tietz be the authorized rep for federal programs for the 2026-2027 school year. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.  
H. Bullying Policy Discussion. Becher presented the Bullying, and Violent and Threatening Behavior policies and reviewed it with board and administration.  
Meeting Dates.  
Policy Committee Meeting – June 3, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. CT  
Regular Board Meeting – June 8, 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 8:03 p.m. CT.  
These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.  
Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager (06-18-2026)