

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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 CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2026 Hazen City Hall Present: President Schiferl, Commissioner Folkerts, Commissioner Stern and Commissioner Wiedrich (arrived at 5:42 PM). Absent: Commissioner Haack Others Present: Debbie Rahn, Chris Kensmoe, PW Director Brousseau, Jerod Klabunde & Aiden Kelly (Moore Eng), Buster Langowski, Chief Wolff, Officer Blekestad, Editor Arens, Attorney Donovan, and Auditor Erhardt. President Schiferl called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. President Schiferl led the pledge of allegiance and said the prayer.

Minutes: Commissioner Folkerts moved to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved. Agenda: Commissioner Stern moved to approve the agenda, holding discussion of Expedition Estates until Commissioner Wiedrich is present as requested by President Schiferl, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER

Engineer's Report: Jerod Klabunde, Moore Engineering, spoke about the sanitary sewer project informing the commission that underground work is completed and asphalt patching will be completed this month. The commission asked for quotes to complete other damaged asphalt at the same time as the project patches. Mr. Klabunde presented a change order request in the amount of \$32,918.00 for patches at 7th/8th Ave NE, Sunrise Drive, and the Senior Center. Commissioner Stern asked about the cost and if these would be lower if it were included in a larger project with Mr. Klabunde stating that cost would be less at that point but could not provide an estimate of the savings. Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve the additional patching at a cost of \$32,918.00, second by Commissioner Stern. On roll call vote: Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. Mr. Klabunde said Moore is monitoring other items but had nothing further to present.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS Local Permit-Raffle – Hazen Area Dollars for Scholars:

Local Permit-Bingo – Hazen Chalk Fest: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve local permit #2026-13 as requested by Hazen Area Dollars for Scholars to conduct raffle drawings weekly September 14th through January 4, 2027, and to approve local permit #2026-14 as requested by Hazen Chalk Fest to conduct bingo games during their event on August 12th & 13th, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND BUILDING PERMITS

Real Estate Purchase Option – T. & M. Opp: The commission reviewed an option to purchase partial lot 12 of North Ridge Patio Homes (replat of Lots 10, 11, 12, Blk 2, N Park Addition) in the amount of \$3366.80. The commission was informed that this is based on area property land values and is 50% of such values as has been approved in the past. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to accept the offer of Terrace and Marjorie Opp for parcel #HH144862502120, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

Building Permit w/variance(s) – C. Kensmoe: The commission reviewed an application for a permit to construct an accessory use building of Chris Kensmoe, to include variance for sidewall height and front setback at 601 3rd St NW. The sidewall height will be either fourteen feet or sixteen feet and a setback of ten feet from the front property line rather than thirty feet. Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve the building permit and variances as presented, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Upon discussion, Commissioner Stern asked about the distance from the curb and was advised it would be around twenty to twenty-five feet. On roll call vote: Folkerts, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER

Expedition Estates: Commissioner Folkerts stated that he had communicated with each board member individually and expressed concern that, if there is no change to the current situation, the city will lose out on housing opportunities and property tax revenue. Commissioner Folkerts discussed the positive aspects of proceeding with creation of an

assessment district, having plans developed and contracting the repairs through competitive bids. President Schiferl agreed that the developer appears to have no interest in pursuing the repairs at this time and that the demand for home could be increasing so, doing nothing will not help. Commissioner Wiedrich agrees with the idea of moving forward but is concerned that the impacted area is still settling and cannot be repaired through trenchless methods and that he does not agree with the idea of only assessing the empty lots for the repair work. The commission reviewed the special assessment process which begins with the creation of the district. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to create the district to include all lots adjacent to Otter Creek Loop, the residential lots west of 11th Avenue and the commercial lot on Wildrose Lane. Attorney Donovan indicated that the engineer will generally recommend the area to be included in the district. Mr. Klabunde agreed with the idea of the area suggested and stated that once the district is created the process moves forward to have the engineer create a report to explain the work to be completed and estimated costs. There was discussion about the ability to install the line at a lesser depth and Mr. Klabunde indicated that all options will be addressed in the engineer's report. Attorney Donovan discussed the fact that the city has not accepted ownership of the water/sewer lines and that this may need to be addressed before any construction. President Schiferl called for a second to the motion, received none, and the motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to direct Moore Engineering to create an improvement district for the Expedition Estates sewer project for review at the next meeting, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Upon discussion, Commissioner Stern was concerned that the land was given to the developer without cost, streets were developed without curb & gutter and questioned if the developer would come back asking the city to do additional work. Commissioner Folkerts was disappointed that there is no formal contract and President Schiferl spoke about the current residents being victims if the system fails, which could happen at any time, and feels the city must do something. Attorney Donovan reminded the commission that water/sewer projects do not allow for a protest period. Commissioner Wiedrich spoke about options for the city to continue as is, proceed with the work, or look at legal options if property reverts and Commissioner Stern spoke about other areas that were started and came back to city which are now fully developed. Buster Langowski, who participated in early development discussions, indicated that curb/gutter was never in the original plan and that the city maintains other streets. Commissioner Folkerts spoke of the suit the developer started and the fact that there was a summary judgment appealed to the supreme court, because the suit was not initiated as agreed to in the contract. There was further discussion about the lack of agreements and the processes to approve the development. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Nay", Schiferl, "Aye", motion to have the engineer create an assessment district was approved. Mr. Langowski asked about building permits and the consensus of the commission was to address the moratorium after the special assessment process started. Commissioner Wiedrich commented that prospective residents can purchase lots and get plans started with Commissioner Folkerts commenting there isn't intent to keep the moratorium. Mr. Klabunde will have a task order for the special assessment project at the next meeting.

REPORTS Water/Sewer/Garbage: Commissioner Stern had nothing to report at this time. Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack absent, no report. PW Director Brousseau had nothing to report at this time. President Schiferl asked that the illuminated/flashing stop sign on Main Street be moved to the southwest corner of the intersection by the hospital. Finance/Busing/Library: Transit Director Brennan reported that she has an application for the part-time driver position. Commissioner Folkerts had nothing to report at this time. Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich informed the board that Mr. Tengesdal has agreed to serve as part-time forester for the city and is looking forward to meeting with the state forester. Commissioner Wiedrich had nothing for the fire or police department and Chief Wolff informed the commission that the night shift vehicle will be going in for service. Officer Blekestad addressed the

commission requesting consideration of retaining dedicated IT support and provided information for two companies, NRG Tech, and Armor Interactive. Both companies can provide 24/7 support and assist with recent technology and cyber security. Both companies would charge a monthly fee for their services with NRG being slightly higher than Armor. Commissioner Wiedrich would like the information sent to each commissioner and the matter will be discussed further at the next meeting. Commissioner Wiedrich asked Chief Wolff to contact service vendors to address repairs of the department air conditioner.

HCD: Antoinette Heier absent, no report. President: President Schiferl was contacted by the golf board about acquiring additional asphalt material for the parking lot at the course and, since this has been done in the past, the work will be coordinated with PW Director Brousseau.

CORRESPONDENCE Mercer County Historical Society Repair Funding Request: The commission reviewed a letter from the historical society about repairs needed for the parking lot and sidewalk at the facility in Beulah. The commission discussed what funds would be available for this project with the additional work being done in the city. Commissioner Folkerts moved to postpone action on this matter until July 6, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS Propane Bid Opening: This being the date/time published for the review of bids for propane fuel for the period of June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, the following bids were opened and read aloud. Ferrellgas, \$1.19/gallon June 1 to September 30, 2026 & \$1.29/gallon October 1 to July 1, 2027. Fitterer Oil LLC, \$1.28/gallon for the period of June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, Farmers Union Oil Co, \$1.33/gallon for the period of June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to accept the bid of Fitterer Oil LLC for delivery of propane at \$1.28/gallon, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

Auditor's Bond Resolution: The commission reviewed information for approval of the auditor's bond at the lesser of 25% of the average funds subject to the auditor's control or \$250,000. The average daily funds at 25% equals \$685,581.66. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve a resolution setting the auditor's bond at \$250,000, second by Commissioner Stern. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS Request for Duplicate Warrant – CC Steel: Pay request #7 payment of \$185,085 to CC Steel was not received and they are requesting a replacement check, less the \$25 stop payment fee. Motion by Commissioner Wiedrich to approve the duplicate check less the \$25 fee, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No public comments were received. Approval of Bills: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the bills, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Commissioner Wiedrich had a question about the Legend-Air bill and was advised this was to repair the backflow preventor at the police department. Commissioner Folkerts had a question about a purchase by the transit for office equipment. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: US Postal Service, 413.42; Black Mountain Software, 100.00; CVB, 3705.54; Darren Mund, 200.00; Ecolab, 139.95; Hazen Mercantile Inc, 130.11; Hazen Parks & Rec, 22500.00; Hazen Welding, 649.00; Jen Wallender, 1225.00; Legend Air LLC, 2270.00; Matthew Bender & Co Inc, 77.81; Millennium Express, 14.00; Monte Erhard, 53.65; Moore Engineering Inc, 2635.48; ND Rural Water Systems Assoc, 400.00; NAPA, 279.87; OK Tire Store, 86.64; Rath & Mehrer PC, 15000.00; Safeguard Business Systems, 330.02; SW Water Authority, 37011.84; Tractor Supply Credit Plan, 167.71; Vestis, 470.57. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall. Approved: Jesse Schiferl, President Attest: Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor

(06-25-2026)

## ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

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 Article 33.1-15 at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Meeting Room 223 North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality 4201 Normandy Street Bismarck, ND 58503 August 11, 2026 1:00 pm CST

The public may review the proposed rule changes and provide comments. To request a copy of the proposed changes, contact the Department's Indoor Air Quality Control Program:

Mail: North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503 Email: waste@nd.gov Phone: 701-328-5166

Written or oral comments must be received by July 30, 2026 to be fully considered. Comments may be submitted by mail, email or phone using the contact information above.

Anyone who plans to attend the hearing and needs accommodations related to a disability should contact the Department at least two days before the hearing.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701)328-5166 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>. Dated this 10th day of June, 2026. Charles R. Hyatt, Director, Division of Waste Management

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A REZONING APPLICATION

ZONING CASE 26-07-01 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, July 8th 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, in the Civic Center at Beulah. The Planning Commission will review and consider an application from Jeff Hafner/Pirate Properties LLC for approval of an application to rezone a parcel of land from Agricultural District to Commercial District. The proposed application is to construct a 60X144 storage unit building. The subject parcel is located approximately 13 miles North of Beulah. It consists of 5 acres and is described as Outlot A, located w/in the SE4SE4 of Section 9 T146N R87W of the 5th Principle

Meridian, Mercer County ND. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on this rezoning application at this public hearing or forward written comments prior to this hearing to: Mercer County Auditor – PO Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571. A copy of the application, location map and other documents is available to the public for inspection and copying in the Office of the County Auditor on Monday through Friday during regular office hours. Jen Neumiller Mercer County Land Use Administrator

(06-25-2026)(07-02-2026)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Mercer County is looking to fill a vacant Weed Board seat for a term that will be expiring at the end of July. If you are interested in being appointed to any of this board, please contact Carmen Reed, Mercer County Auditor, at (701) 745-3292 or [careed@nd.gov](mailto:careed@nd.gov) for an Application of Interest or find the application at [www.mercercountynd.com](http://www.mercercountynd.com) on the home page. Appointments will be made

at the July 15th commission meeting. Deadline for the application is July 14, 2026. The following are the boards that have seats expiring: Weed Board—4-year term- District 6 Carmen Reed, Auditor (06-25-2026) (07-02-2026)

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