

Public notices

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Sargent County Auditor, 355 Main St. S. Ste 1, Forman, ND 58032 for furnishing of supplies in such quantities as the County may require from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. Bids may be delivered to the County Auditor up to the time of opening bids as stated below and must be enclosed in envelopes plainly marked to indicate items covered by the bid. Bids cannot be delivered via e-mail. DATE OF OPENING IS MARCH 17, 2026.

The use tax responsibility on all materials installed into real property will remain that of the contractor, regardless of who actually owns the materials.

GRAVEL: Screening, crushing, loading, stockpiling and hauling gravel (with the stipulation that all graveling be done by October 1ST and all invoices/bills received by December 1st). Bids shall include all entities under county control, i.e. Water Resource District, Park Board, etc. Successful bidders as part of their supply contract will be required as part of the bid acceptance to comply with the specifications: Contractors may bid on all or part of the gravel contract. Bid forms can be obtained from the County Auditor. All bidders shall have at least a ND Class D Contractors license which has been in force at least ten days prior to the date of receiving bids. A copy of the contractor license or renewal certificate shall accompany each bid. Bids to be opened at 11:00 AM.

MIXING & DRYING BLACKTOP SURFACING: Bids to be opened at 11:20 AM.

BITUMINOUS MATERIALS: 50,000 gallons/210 ton (more or less) of MC-70- 800-3000-CRS-2P emulsion delivered to Sargent County. Material shall meet NDDOT specifications. Bids to be opened at 11:25 AM.

GASOLINE, FUEL & LP GAS: Bulk prices for the following: 10% Blended Ethanol gasoline, Fuel, Biodiesel Blend/10% biodiesel with 90% petroleum diesel or “B10” and LP gas. Bids to be opened at 11:30 AM.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or part of bids received.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Sargent County.

Dated at Forman, North Dakota this 20th day of JANUARY 2026.

TIA BOPP
COUNTY AUDITOR
PUBLISH FEBRUARY, 06 & 13, 2026

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COURT FILE NO. 41-2026-PR-00002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SARGENT COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ORVIN T. HOGNESS A/K/A ORVIN HOGNESS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within three months after the mailing of this Notice to the creditor to whom a copy of this "Notice to Creditors" is mailed and if a

claim is not so presented, then said claim will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Stephan Hogness, Personal Representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 54, Milnor, North Dakota 58060, or filed with the Sargent County District Court, at 355 Main Street South, Suite 2, Forman, North Dakota 58032.

2. Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Stephan Hogness
Stephan Hogness,
Personal Representative

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Orvin T. Hogness, Deceased

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ATTENTION SARGENT COUNTY SOYBEAN PRODUCERS: CAST YOUR BALLOT

NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL ELECTION

The ND Soybean Council's election for your County Representative will take place by **mail ballot** in March 2026. In March, newly elected county representatives will select a board member of the ND Soybean Council.

On or about **February 17, 2026**, the ND Soybean Council will mail each soybean grower of record in the county an election ballot. For your vote to count, ballots must be filed with the County Extension Agent of the above-named county. The ballot can be hand delivered or mailed to the agent. For your vote to count, the County Extension Agent must receive the ballot by **March 5, 2026**, or your mailed-in ballot must be postmarked no later than **March 5, 2026**. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your Ransom County Extension Agent at 701-683-6128 or the ND Soybean Council at 701-566-9300 to obtain one.

A producer is defined as: “any person that plants or causes to be planted a soybean crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with intent that upon maturity, the crop will be harvested; will have met the requirements of the above stated season or has met these requirements during the immediately preceding growing season. The term does not include an organic producer that has been exempted from the payment of assessments in accordance with federal law.”

Publish February 13, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the District Court of Sargent County, State of North Dakota

41-2026-PR-00003

In the Matter of the Estate of Harold P. Lawrence, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Donna Heley, personal representative of the estate, at 8895 160th Ave SE, Lidgerwood, ND 58053 or filed with the Court.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2026.

Donna Heley, Personal Representative

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RUTLAND CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The monthly City Council meeting was called to order at 5p.m., Monday, February 2, 2026, by Mayor Mahrer. Council President Erickson, Council members Hoflen, Lysne, and McLaen present. City Auditor and Scott Haan, Public Works, also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erickson/Hoflen moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Lysne/McLaen moved approval of the January 5, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

Lynse/Hoflen moved approval of the January financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the payment of bills: DRN \$145.75, US Treasury \$3032.22, Waste Mgmt. \$108.11 & \$1,704.99, Am. Express \$135.98, Stock Growers Bank \$22.22, Forman Lumber \$25.20, Quill \$245.83, Acme Tools \$162.20, Ferguson Waterworks \$819.52, Jacobson PHE \$842.55, Kotaco Fuel \$595.86, Pye Barker \$368, OTP \$1,430.38, Rutland Twp. \$240.45, Teller \$37.12, SE Water \$855.99, Sweeney Controls \$540. Motion carried.

The auditor reported the 2025 year-end financials that will be printed in the Teller prior to March 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes subject to approval on March 2, 2026.

Deborah Banish, City Auditor
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MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 ~ 5 P.M.

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Denise Ferderer, Glen Koeppe, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost and Jasmine Smith. Absent: Curtis Anderson. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Mike Bassingthwaite, Rick Bryant, Travis Paeper, Olivia Case, Scott Johnson, Jerry Waswick, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Koeppe/Ferderer, unanimous).

Motion to approve December meeting minutes (Ferderer/Koeppe, unanimous).

Sheriff Travis Paeper reviewed the Sheriff's Report and introduced council to Olivia Case, the new deputy to the department. Paeper informed council of different cases and warrants that occurred in December.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report. Mayor Dusek asked Ryan to research pricing for an ice bucket for the Bobcat to break up ice. Smith stated he would look into it and would also research a blower for the Bobcat to replace the broom for the snow removal.

LeeAnn Even reviewed the Attorney's Report and informed council she had researched information regarding the floodplain ordinance. Even had talked with Tyler Spomer, the state's NFIP coordinator. He told Even the city can repeal the 1986 floodplain ordinance, but that would remove the city from the NFIP flood insurance. Even stated the city is not in the floodplain but can adopt the basic ordinance and have the county manage. A city decision will be tabled until the county comes up with their plan.

Even informed council about a house in Park Lane she had been contacted about regarding its poor conditions. Even stated the fire chief had been contacted to inspect and turn off the LP. Even requested the water be turned off, too.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report. She discussed RZ projects and tax credits. Peterson presented an RZ project for final approval.

Motion to approve the finalized RZ project application from Scott Goolsbey for the rehab of his home and building a garage, located at 322 6th Street, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lots 14-15, Block 26, City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7615000). Property is located in

Renaissance Zone Block 17A. (Ost/Smith, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve 2026 yearly alcohol and Sunday opening permit – Milnor Market and off-site permit – The Schoolhouse/Weston Gregor Benefit – 2/8 at the MACC (Ferderer/Odegard, unanimous).

Motion to approve gaming permits – Milnor Satellite Club – Super Bowl boards & Milnor Scholarship Association - raffle (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek discussed employee reviews he and Member Anderson had conducted, and they recommended to council a 3.5% wage increase for the 3 city employees and to increase the Economic Development Coordinator's salary to \$1445/month.

Motion to approve Employee Reviews and 2026 Wage & Benefit Recommendations (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous. Abstain: Smith.). Motion carried.

Motion to approve Stock Grower's Bank as the City Depository for 2026 (Ferderer/Koeppe, unanimous).

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities ended December 31, 2025 – Stock Growers Bank (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

The following bills were presented and approved (Koeppe/Smith, unanimous).

Stock Growers Bank	\$480.00
Sargent County Auditor	3058.63
Carol Peterson	1396.00
Auto Value Wahpeton	147.93
Dakota Plains Ag	180.17
Dickey Rural Networks	465.53
Lee's Service Station	65.00
Midwest Pest Control	85.00
Milnor Market	17.45
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	421.69
Office Depot	214.06
Otter Tail Power Company	3349.45
The Sargent County Teller	321.70
Waste Management of WI-MN	1443.63
Workforce Safety & Insurance	1033.72
Verizon Wireless	166.94
Payroll Account 61-639	7016.59
Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4890.00
Milnor Park Board	892.68
Library Fund	106.21
Airport Authority	225.18
Debt Service Fund	1452.76
Debt Service Fund	845.86
Milnor Postmaster	78.00
Payroll Account 61-639	5983.91
Stock Growers Bank	22.00
Southeast Water Users	3426.25
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	780.00
City of Fargo	14.00
Spee-Dee Delivery Service Inc	18.69
Payroll Account 61-639	1239.82
Payroll Account 61-639	1063.38
Milnor Postmaster	197.64
Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78
Terry J. Dusek	166.23
Jennie M. Hanna	1734.32
Ryan J. Smith	2183.31
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Jeremy M. Bixby	989.48
Jennie M. Hanna	1561.61
Ryan J. Smith	1846.91
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
Nationwide Retirement Solution	438.04
Nationwide Retirement Solution	382.96
Internal Revenue Service	3196.70
Midwest Pest Control	85.00

The regular February meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor
Terry Dusek, Mayor
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WRESTLING

Coach Lacina on Ryan Enge: “Ryan had another great tournament for the Broncos out in New Salem at the East-West tournament. Placing 5th in a bracket with seven of the top eight ranked wrestlers in the state, his two losses were both within a takedown at the end, just ran short on time. Ryan looks primed for a great post season in the Red and Gold.”

Game & Fish News

ELECTRIC POSTING SYSTEM AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE LAND AVAILABLE

Landowners interested in posting private land electronically for the 2026-27 hunting season can [log into My Account](#) on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

New this year, landowners have the option to electronically post their land from Aug. 1-July 31 (entire season); Aug. 1-Nov. 22 (through deer gun season); or only during deer gun season (Nov. 6-22).

Landowners who have a profile on the Game and Fish Department's mobile application have the option to communicate with hunters using their cellphone app. A link will be available for hunters to send a request to the individual posting the land.

The deadline to digitally post land is July 1, which enables Game and Fish to produce print material and digital content prior to hunting seasons that begin in August.

Landowners who enrolled land electronically last year can renew, add or modify posting designations during the enrollment period. Others posting for the first time might need to create a profile. To post land, proceed to the “Land Parcels/Electronic Posting” section at the bottom of the page and click “Search/Renew Land parcels.” The electronic posting system is linked to land descriptions based on county tax parcel information.

The Game and Fish website has [complete instructions for landowners](#), along with [frequently asked questions](#) for both landowners and hunters.

City of Rutland Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Fiscal Year 2025					
	Begin Bal.	Revenues	Expenses	Transfers	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$22,749.47	\$59,425.03	(\$43,130.66)	(\$30,146.33)	\$8,897.51
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS	\$2,443.95	\$1,240.17	(\$33,830.45)	\$30,146.33	\$0.00
CITY SHARE SPECIALS	\$0.00	\$384.67	(\$384.67)		\$0.00
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$30,768.95	\$23,643.17	\$0.00		\$54,412.12
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0.00	\$13,428.66	(\$13,428.66)		\$0.00
FLEX TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$0.00	\$4,785.45	\$0.00		\$4,785.45
WATER FUND	\$25,761.46	\$33,378.34	(\$43,708.57)		\$15,431.23
SEWER FUND	\$33,190.57	\$7,716.48	(\$16,289.81)		\$24,617.24
GARBAGE FUND	\$10,764.36	\$27,466.88	(\$30,371.20)		\$7,860.04
SEWER & LAGOON	\$112,082.40	\$19,091.69	(\$7,860.00)		\$123,314.09
2010 STREETS FUND	\$24,182.12	\$18,204.07	(\$17,403.75)		\$24,982.44
PARK BOARD FUNDS	\$0.00	\$3,013.35	(\$3,013.35)		\$0.00
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