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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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**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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**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE:**

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Rutland is April 6, 2026, at 4:00 pm. The following city and park board offices are up for election:

Two (2) City Council Members - four-year terms

One (1) City Council Member - Unexpired two-year term

Two (2) Park Board Members - four-year terms

A candidate for a city or park board office must turn in a completed SFN 02074 Petition/Certification of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either online at <https://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html> or from the City Auditor at 115 Gay Stret.

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**CITY OF FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 13TH, 2026**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members, Luke Anderson, Mark Wyckoff, and John Stenvold. Also attending were Mayor Kevin Bopp, City Auditor Alicia Thompso, City Superintendent Donavon Hajek, City Coordinator Sara Dux, and City Attorney Lyle Bopp.

Guest/ Public Comments: Ottertail Power and Mike Keiper

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Mark Wyckoff and seconded by John Stenvold to approve the agenda for the regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

Operation manager Dale Rubish was present from Ottertail power with the 20-year agreement to allow infrastructure on our right aways. Luke Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading of Otter Tail Power ordinance granting Otter Tail Power acers to the City of Forman. John Stenvold seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Mike Keiper was present on behalf of the Forman Park Board to discuss the sand volleyball court at the fairgrounds.

Luke Anderson made a motion that the Park Board put a Sand volleyball Court at the Sargent County Fair grounds, Mark Wyckoff seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Mark Wyckoff made a motion to approve the November 11<sup>th</sup> city council meeting minutes. Luke Anderson seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report- Sheriff Paeper was present, said it's been an average month. He spoke about some drug activity that has been going on in the county and working with the Drug Task Force. Also, gave a big thank you to our city Superintendent Donavon Hajek for bringing gravel down to a local fire.

City Superintendent Donavon Hajek provided an update on recent maintenance activities and ongoing issues. He reported that the garbage truck continues to experience mechanical problems. The new tires for the payloador have arrived. The city will be looking for summer help to assist with mowing around town. Donavon and JT are currently studying for upcoming certification tests.

Luke Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution for Sargent County emergency Management and John Stenvold seconded it. Motion carried.

City Coordinators Report- gave an update on the recent grant she is working on. She also shared the consistent increase in number of patrons for both the Library and Food pantry in the last year.

Luke Anderson made a motion to transfer 2000.00 from Forman Improvement Funds to help cover expenses for the libraries 2026 payroll.

John Stenvold made a motion to pay EDC Coordinator a salary of 400.00 a month and \$25.00 per hour for extra project work on a contract basis. Mark Wyckoff seconded that motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson and seconded my Mark Wyckoff to approve an extension for 1 year on Glen and Leah Schulz Renaissance Zone Tax Credit, giving a full 5 years on the tax credit. Years 2026-2030. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson to work with Brittnay Hatting from PLLP law with annexing, zoning and future city expansions. Mark Wyckoff seconded that motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold and seconded by Mark Wyckoff to approve the City Auditors' report, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

Bills: DONAVON HAJEK \$13.63, RUTLAND OIL 2601.00, BOPP LAW OFFICE 500.00, SARGENT COUNTY AUDITOR 877.29, JP MORGAN 1098.56, OTTER TAIL POWER 3865.77, DAKOTA PLAINS 584.12, DICKEY RURAL 515.14, SOUTHSIDE AUTOMOTIVE 81.82, HARRINGTON

617.99, JOHNSON PEST CONTROL 125.00, WELTONS TIRE SERVICE 8634.00, RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER 159.00, CITY OF FARGO 14.00, BADGER METER, INC 30.90, SARGENT COUNTY TELLER 174.46, FORMAN LUMBER AND FIREWORKS 13.78, COMPUTER EXPRESS 235.99, RAY-MAC INC 48.00, FORMAN GOLF 508.27, FORMAN PARK BOARD 1524.80,

Adjourn Regular Council meeting at 8:00

Kevin Bopp, Mayor  
Alicia Thompson, City Auditor

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2026 ANNUAL  
SCHOOL ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING  
DEADLINE**

North Sargent Public School District #3, Sargent County, ND will hold their annual election for the purpose of electing school board members to fill expired or vacated terms on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. **The last date for filing candidacy will be Monday, March 30, 2026.** Any person who is a qualified elector of this state is qualified to be a member of the school board in the district in which the person resides.

**Areas on the ballot up for election include Area #3 – The City of Gwinner position**, currently held by Kristin Beck and **Area #4 – A Rural position**, currently held by Zachary Johnson, which is comprised of Whitestone Hill Township, minus the City of Gwinner, and those parts of Willey, Bowen and Dunbar Townships within the North Sargent School District.

An individual seeking election to the board of a school district shall prepare and sign a **Statement of Intent**, stating the individual's name and the position for which that individual is a candidate and a **Statement of Interests (SFN 10172)** as required by NDCC 16.1-09-02.

**The two documents must be filed with the school district Business Manager or mailed to and in the possession of the Business Manager, by 4:00 p.m. of the sixty-fourth day (March 30, 2026) before the election.** NDCC 15.1-09-08

February 16, 2026  
Donna Anderson, Business Manager  
North Sargent Public School

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GIRLS ALL-DISTRICT  
BASKETBALL TEAM

Jana Olson, Enderlin  
Aliyah Friedt, Oakes  
Carly Hovelson, Maple River  
Violet Richman, Maple River  
Sophia Satrom, Maple River  
Ashley Steger, Richland  
Janna Taszarek, Richland  
Angong Deng, Sargent County  
Karleigh Kadoun, Sargent County  
Mallory Bogart, Sargent County  
Paislee Erbes, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood  
Valerie Mendoza, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood

Two men sentenced in theft of cemetery bell

BY LYNN KASPARI

Two men admitted stealing a 113-year-old bell from White Stone Hill Cemetery destroying it and selling it for scrap in September. The 400-pound bell was valued at \$40,000.

Paul Vincent, 39, pleaded guilty to theft and said he was under the influence of methamphetamine at the time. He admitted selling the bell for about \$1,500. A Sargent County judge sentenced him to five years in prison on Feb 12.

Derek Sims, 36, also pleaded guilty to theft, saying he sold parts of the bell for \$400. His plea deal calls for a one-year prison term, though the judge will decide whether to accept the deal at sentencing in April.

Both men said they regretted their actions

The cemetery association will provide the judge at the April hearing with the cost to replace the bell, estimated at \$50,000. Both men will be responsible for the expense.

CITY OF FORMAN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AS OF DECEMBER 31ST 2025		
Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
100 - GENERAL FUND	\$327,521.66	(\$229,293.12)
201 - HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION FUND	\$43,641.21	(\$69,336.36)
208 - CEMETERY FUND	\$4,651.17	(\$6,223.93)
209 - PERPETUAL CARE	\$3,460.00	\$0.00
420 - STREETS PROJECT 2015	\$198,378.15	(\$29,928.00)
480 - WATER PLANT BONDS	\$83,970.00	(\$27,872.02)
481 - WATER RESERVE	\$52,067.40	\$0.00
490 - SEWER REPLACEMENT DIST #2002-1	\$99,020.25	(\$9,200.00)
495 - SEWER DRAIN #4 REPL 2011	\$49,869.72	(\$5,852.84)
496 - SEWER RESERVE CD	\$0.00	\$0.00
501 - WATER FUND	\$189,441.99	(\$102,554.14)
502 - SEWER FUND	\$29,453.55	(\$37,583.55)
503 - REFUSE (GARBAGE) FUND	\$105,425.11	(\$94,192.18)
550 - FLOOD FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00
600 - FORMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK	\$20.00	\$0.00
650 - FORMAN IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$67,021.53	(\$21,416.22)
703 - PARK DISTRICT FUND	\$32,900.77	(\$31,776.50)
704 - LIBRARY FUND	\$13,220.47	(\$18,663.15)
801 - CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$30,500.00	\$0.00
980 - FORMAN JOB DEV AUTHORITY	\$0.00	\$0.00
999 - WITHHOLDING FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,330,562.98	(\$683,892.01)