

# Legals: Your Right to Know

## NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will offer the following lands for lease in McHenry County.

Bjornson (151-080)

	AC	Term	Rent
16 E25E4	80	5	\$1291

Gorman (155-075)

	AC	Term	Rent
16 NE4	160	4	\$1514

Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The public lease auction will be held in in Towner, ND at Senior Citizen Center on 3/25/2026 10:00 AM CT. Other than the descriptions of the lands to be auctioned, the information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. Any such revisions will be announced at the auction and will be binding upon the bidders. Bidding will begin at minimum rent. 1st year's rent must be paid in full immediately after the sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800. For auxiliary aids and services, please call by 3/13.

Joseph A. Heringer COMMISSIONER  
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(March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2026)

## NOTICE OF ELECTION ANAMOOSE SCHOOL BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the Anamoose Public School District will hold the annual election for the purpose of electing two school board members. These positions are currently held by Tony Martin and Kip Brandt and for a three (3) term. The election will be held in the Anamoose School multi-purpose room and the polls will be open from 11-A.M. to 7 P.M. Candidates who wish to have their name placed on the ballot must file such in-ent with the Business Manager by 4 P.M. (CDT) on April 7, 2026.

Stacy Bruner, Business Manager  
Anamoose School District  
(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## NOTICE OF ELECTION DRAKE SCHOOL BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the Drake Public School District will hold the annual election for the purpose of electing 2 school board members. The positions are currently held by Kirby Boucher and Callea Gilliam for a three(3) term. The election will be held in the Drake School multi-purpose room and the polls will be open from 10:30- A.M. to 7 P.M. Candidates who wish to have their name placed on the ballot must file such in-ent with the Business Manager by 4 P.M. (CDT) on April 7, 2026.

Stacy Bruner, Business Manager  
Drake School District  
(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## TGU NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the TGU School District #60 is Monday, April 6, 2026, by 4:00pm. The following offices are up for election:

School Board Member-AT LARGE  
School District (3-year Term)

A candidate for a school district office must prepare and sign a document stating the candidate's name and the position for which the individual is a candidate, and a SFN 10172 Statement of Interests form. Both documents must be filed with the school district business manager for TGU School District #60 by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from the school district business manager for TGU School District #60 or may be obtained online at: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalListDetails.aspx?ptlhPKID=30&ptlPKID=3#content-start>.

Election Date for the Annual School Election is Tuesday June 9, 2026.

(Feb. 18, 25,

Mar. 3, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1, 2026)

## NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE – CITY OF ANAMOOSE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Anamoose is Monday April 6, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. The following city offices are up for election:

- 1 City Mayor Position – 4-year term
- 2 City Council Positions – 4-year term
- 3 Park Board Positions – 4-year term

A candidate for a city office term must turn in a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above date and time deadline. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or obtained online at the Secretary of State website: [www.vote.nd.gov](http://www.vote.nd.gov).

(March 4 & 11, 2026)

Velva Ambulance District Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Velva Ambulance District March 18, 2026 at 6:30pm, at the Velva Ambulance & Fire Dept. building.

(March 4 & 11, 2026)

## CITY OF DRAKE ELECTIONS FOR 2026

THERE ARE 5 POSITIONS OPEN  
WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

MAYOR

2 COUNCIL POSITIONS

2 PARK BOARD

PLEASE STOP AT DRAKE CITY HALL

TO PICK UP AN ELECTION PACKET

THE PACKETS MUST BE FILLED OUT

AND RETURNED BY MONDAY, APRIL 6TH NO LATER THAN 4:00pm.

THE ELECTION WILL BE TUESDAY,

JUNE 9, 2026

(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## CITY OF GRANVILLE 2026 ELECTION YEAR

The City of Granville will have three open positions to be filled in June: one mayor and two council members! To be considered a candidate for either position, here are a few things you will have to do.

- To place your name on the ballot, candidates will need to file a nomination petition with the city auditor by April 6th at 4:00pm. Nominating petitions require the signatures of no less than 10% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the last city election. In 2022, the City of Granville had 20 voters. Nominating petitions must be signed by qualified voters who reside within a ward or precinct if elected by ward, or within the corporate limits if elected at large. Voters may sign nominating petitions for more than one candidate.
- Candidates will also have to file a statement of interest with the auditor at the time they file the nominating petition. For more information on everything that belongs on a statement of interest, please visit with the city auditor or the website below.
- Copies of both forms are available at City Hall.
- For more information and/or to print the forms yourself, you can visit [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov)

(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE CITY OF KIEF

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Kief is Monday April 6, 2026, by 4:00 P.M. The following city offices are up for election:

- Mayor – 4 – year term.
- One Council Member – 4-year term.
- One Council Member – 2-year unexpired term.

A candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2074 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>

(March 11, 2026)

## ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF TOWNER

The filing deadline for petition/certificate of nomination to be placed with the Towner City Auditor is April 6th, 2026 by 4:00pm.

Two 4 year terms for the position of council member are open as well as a 4 year term for position of council president. Petition packets are now available upon appointment with the city auditor.

Nichole Livedalen, City Auditor

(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## NOTICE OF BIDS

Notice is hereby given McHenry County will be accepting bids for the purchase of Lots 11-12 of Block 1 in Sengers & Boechlers Addition Karlsruhe.

Each bid is to be labeled on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid" and show the hour, date and item bid on.

Bids should be submitted to the McHenry County Auditor, 407 Main St S RM 201, Towner, ND and must be filed with the County Auditor no later than 4:00 PM on March 27th, 2026.

The top three bidders will be notified and allowed to increase their bid. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the McHenry County Board of Commissioners, Towner, North Dakota.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Darlene Carpenter

County Auditor/Treasurer

(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO VACATE STREET AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to vacate a portion of Roosevelt Ave and a portion of McHenry Ave within the corporate limits of the City of Granville, McHenry County, North Dakota. A copy of the Petition to Vacate both portions is on file with the Granville City Auditor.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 40-39-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Granville City Council will hold a public hearing at the Granville City Hall, 118 Main St. S, Granville, North Dakota, on the 16th day of March, 2026 at 5:00pm to receive the benefit of public input concerning the proposal to vacate said portion of Roosevelt Avenue and

McHenry Avenue. The proposed Roosevelt Avenue particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 6, West-Side addition. A plat on record at the McHenry County Recorders office; Thence N 00° 0'00.0", along the East Line of Lots 2 and 1, Then N 74° 06'01.7" E, along said north boundary. A distance of 68.63 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 9, Block 1, West side Addition; Thence S 00° 00'00.0" E, along the west line of Lots 9, 8 and 7. A distance of 249.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 7; Thence N 90° 00'00.0 W, A distance of 66.00 feet to the point of beginning. Tract contains 15813.60 SQ.FT. or 0.36 acres. The proposed McHenry Avenue described as follows: Thirty-three feet of McHenry Avenue located west of Lot 5 block 6, West-side addition to City of Granville. Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may submit a written objection to the Granville City Council or may request an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

(March 11, 2026)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate No. 25-2026-PR-00006  
Galen J. Mack SBAND 04398  
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Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

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

In the Matter of the Estate of **Even Reuben Garnant, Deceased.**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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 (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Debra I. Forsberg, 119 3rd Avenue NW, Rugby, ND 58368, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026.  
Debra I. Forsberg  
Co-Personal Representative

Galen J. Mack  
Mack Law Offices, P. C.  
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

First publication on the 11th day of March, 2026.

(March 11, 18 & 25, 2026)

## PUBLIC HEARING

The McHenry County Board of Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on March 24th at 9:00 AM to receive public comment regarding the updated Floodplain Ordinance for McHenry County. A copy of the revised Floodplain Ordinance can be seen at the McHenry County Auditor's office or found online at [www.mchenrycountynd.com](http://www.mchenrycountynd.com).

By order of the McHenry County Commission this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Darlene Carpenter  
McHenry County Auditor/Treasurer

(March 11 & 18, 2026)

## SUMMONS & NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM

Civil No 25-2026-CV-00030  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF MCHENRY  
NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Neil Schell and Rhonda Schell, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
John F. Miller Estate; Helen V. Miller (a/k/a ) Violet Miller, a/k/a Helen Miller Estate; Helen V. Miller (Testamentary) Trust B of 2/6/1986; John G. Miller Testamentary Trust a/k/a John F. Miller Testamentary Trust of 2/6/1986; Tom Miller a/k/a Thomas Miller a/k/a Thomas F. Miller Estate; Susan Miller; Traci Miller Wiebe a/k/a Tracie Miller a/k/a Traci Wiebe; Kevin Wiebe; Troy F. Miller; Jodi Miller; Roxanne Miller a/k/a Roxann Miller; and all other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, whether as heirs, devisees, legatees, or personal representatives of deceased persons, Defendants.

## SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2026.

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and no personal claim is made against the Defendants above named, or any of them.

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of quieting title in the Plaintiffs in and to the following described real estate located in McHenry County and more fully described as:

Township 157 North, Range 76 West of the 5th P.M.

Section 29: SW¼

Section 30: E½SW¼, Government Lots 3 and 4

Section 33: NE¼

Section 34: NW¼

Township 156 North, Range 76 West of the 5th P.M.

Section 8: S½NW¼SE¼

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(March 4, 11 & 18, 2026)

## SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF MCHENRY  
NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Civil No. 25-2026-CV-5  
Karen E. Batts and Steven R. Pearce, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Karen E. Batts, Trustee of The Delores R. Pearce Revocable Living Trust dated June 1, 2011, irrevocable upon death; Karen E. Batts, Trustee of The Beneficiary Trust of Karen E. Batts; Steven R. Pearce, Trustee of The Beneficiary Trust of Steven R. Pearce; William R. Pearce, Personal Representative of the Estate of Murray R. Pearce; Karen E. Batts, Personal Representative of the Estate of Delores R. Pearce and all unknown heirs, devisees, successors, and creditors of Murray R. Pearce and Delores R. Pearce, deceased, and all other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described in the Complaint.

Defendants.

Karen E. Batts, Trustee of The Delores R. Pearce Revocable Living Trust dated June 1, 2011, irrevocable upon death; Karen E. Batts, Trustee of The Beneficiary Trust of Karen E. Batts; Steven R. Pearce, Trustee of The Beneficiary Trust of Steven R. Pearce; William R. Pearce, Personal Representative of the Estate of Murray R. Pearce; Karen E. Batts, Personal Representative of the Estate of Delores R. Pearce and all unknown heirs, devisees, successors, and creditors of Murray R. Pearce and Delores R. Pearce, deceased, and all other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described in the Complaint.

Defendants.

## SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HERBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiffs in the above-entitled action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an Answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days of service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you have been served by publication or if you have been served outside the State of North Dakota, you have an additional fifteen (15) days to answer the Complaint. If you fail to appear and defend, default judgment will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.

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(March 4, 11 & 18, 2026)

## GRANVILLE CITY MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2026

Council Members: Mayor Anthony Zimbleman, Rod Swallers, Joni Anderson, Griffin Gessner, Lorie Werle-absent

Mayor Zimbleman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said. February meeting minutes were reviewed. Gessner made a motion to approve February minutes, Anderson 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed.

March vouchers were reviewed. Swallers made a motion to accept the vouchers, Gessner 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed.

March Agenda reviewed. Swallers wanted Merchant's Bank and Post Office lease agreements moved to old business from Auditor's report on the agenda and

Tree committee funding and summer help along with bids for hay put on new business. Anderson made a motion to approve agenda with the corrections from Swallers. Griffin 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed.

Public: Jason Strand from Ae2s discussed his services.

Engineer's Report: N/A

Mayor's Report: Mylo Jones pool tournament coming up March 13-15 with the 15th set aside for a children's pool tournament.

Cemetery and Ordinances: Swallers had nothing for the cemetery and had a discussion regarding the ordinance letters that went out and wants a call to the lawyer.

Parks/EDC: N/A

Planning and Zoning/Police: Anderson read the police report and had nothing for planning and zoning.

Sewer, Water, Roads: Gessner had discussions about water and sewer and would have public works talk further about the water and sewer in his report. Swallers had discussion about main and retarding. Swallers had talked to county, and the county could retar main which the cities portion would be \$800.

Auditor: McMahon had discussion about transferring liquor licenses to community center for the Mylo Jones pool tournament. Swallers made a motion to have both liquor licenses transferred to the community center for the Mylo Jones pool tournament as long the licenses were paid for beforehand, Anderson 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed. McMahon had called the IRS for the unpaid taxes which would take them 5-10 calendar days to send the transcripts which she had received that day of the council meeting and had mentioned that they were from 2018-2024 but had not had a chance to go through but had emailed to city council and available on the table. Circle Sanitation has set up a roll-off for April 23-30 for spring cleanup. Equalization meeting was set for April 14 at 5:30. Open positions for the city council were sent to paper and ran for 2 weeks and also put on website. McMahon asked if they wanted this to run any longer and council had agreement to run another 2 weeks.

Public Works: Shane discussed the water main and had set up time at the end of April with Steen. Discussion was made about the lift station, and it was inspected and they were impressed with how it looked. Discussion was about the sanding of the floors in the community center, street lights and switching to LED also discussion about diamond maps.

Old Business: Discussion was made about the personnel policy manual to be moved to next meeting. Discussion was made about the lease agreements for Merchant's Bank and Post Office. Merchant's Bank mentioned that they would like to get baseboard heat in there and they would pay for the cost. Swallers made a motion to allow Merchant's Bank to put baseboard heating, Gessner 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed. Swallers made a motion to raise the lease agreement from \$300 to \$400. Gessner discussed the rent for Merchant's Bank should have been raised over the years and not wait till now to make a big jump.

Anderson 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed. McMahon discussed the Post Office lease agreement, and the lease agreement is done electronically, and it expires on March 31, 2028.

New Business: Discussion was made on McHenry County Saddle Club contract which is not up till December. Discussion was made about the Nodak Foundation and White Buffalo gaming site authorization. Gessner made a motion to accept Nodak Foundation gaming site authorization for White Buffalo, Anderson 2nd, Roll call: All-yes; motion passed.

Discussion was made about the Tree Committee. McMahon had asked County Auditor about the funding for Tree Committee. Council asked to invite the Tree Committee to the next city council meeting in April. Discussion was made about summer help and to put up signs at Memorial Diner and the school. Discussion was made about the hay bids which are done every 3 years. Swallers made a motion for county to retar Main for \$800, Gessner 2nd, Roll call