

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE COAL LEASE SALE – FREEDOM MINE IN MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana/Dakotas State Office will hold a competitive coal lease sale by sealed bid for federal coal reserves at Freedom Mine in Mercer County, North Dakota on Sept. 3, 2025. The lease sale will be conducted in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. The Notice of Availability announcing the lease sale was published in the Federal Register Aug. 4, 2025. The lease tract, identified as NDM 111186, was submitted by Coteau Properties Company under a lease-by-application. It includes approximately 1,070 acres containing an estimated 18.3 million tons of recoverable federal coal. If approved, the lease would support continued operations at the Freedom Mine through 2045, contributing to domestic energy security, job creation, and regional economic development. The BLM and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed lease and related mining plan. The public comment period for the Draft EA was held April 1 – May 2, 2025,

and a public meeting occurred on April 24, 2025. The Notice of Availability for the Draft EA was published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2025. The Draft EA, project documents, and more information is available at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2039132/510>. The Sales Notice is available on the BLM's ePlanning website and has detailed instructions for potential bidders on how to submit bids and the lease sale process. For additional information, contact Tessa Wallace, Solid Minerals Branch Chief, at tlwallace@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Wallace. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

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MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Gene Wolf. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Rick Bauman, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed, and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Others present during the meeting were Extension Agent Craig Askim, Tax Director Jennifer Neumiller, Landfill Director Candy Strand, Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp, Assistant Highway Superintendent Dennis Olheiser, Moore Engineer Jim Jackson, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Recorder Shannan Senger, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner, Coyote Creek Representatives Brad Erickson and Jeremy Eckroth, Clerk of Court Wanda Knutson, Sheriff Terry Ternes, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, Deputy Auditor Mark Erhardt, Rachel Grimm, Ashley Hill, and Dave Straley. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Bauman moved to approve the special meeting agenda as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Extension Agent Craig Askim presented the Extension 2026 budget. No changes were noted. Auditor Carmen Reed presented the Auditor's Office and other County-wide Budgets with following changes: (1) Verify Health and Insurance Amounts are split between funds. (2) Line item for Audits was increased to \$80,000. (3) Change NDIRF Budget Line Item (1001.41890.381) to \$7,500. Tabled until later in meeting due to time constraint. Recessed at 9:11 a.m. Reconvened at 9:19 a.m. Tax Director Jen Neumiller presented the Tax Director and Planning & Zoning Board Budgets. No changes were noted. Landfill Director Candy Strand presented the Landfill budget. Added \$100,000 to be transferred from the General fund to the Landfill for the new loader purchase. Highway Superintendent Elroy Opp and Moore Engineer Jim Jackson presented the Highway Department Budget. Flex Funding will be worked into this budget. Building Maintenance Supervisor Jim Albers reviewed the Building Maintenance, Janitorial, and Risk Management Budgets. No changes were noted. Treasurer Dawn Grannis reviewed the Treasurer Budget. No changes were noted. Recorder Shannan Senger reviewed the

Recorder and Document Preservation Budgets. No changes were noted. HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner presented the HR and EM Budgets. Requested an additional advertising line item within the HR Budget for \$4,500 for job advertisements. Discussed requested raises and stated that the EM/HR job is split 25/75. Clerk of Court Wanda Knutson presented the Clerk of Court Budget. No changes were noted. Recessed at 11:08 a.m. Reconvened at 11:13 a.m. Sheriff Terry Ternes presented the Sheriff's Office Budgets. Changes include: (1) \$10,000 per month be transferred from General fund into the Special Vehicle fund, for future purchases of vehicles. (2) Ashley Hill's wage will be taken out of the 911 fund rather than the General fund. Recessed at 11:41 a.m. Reconvened at 11:46 a.m. States Attorney Todd Schwarz presented the States Attorney budget. No changes were noted. Schwarz open discussion on the North American Coal/Road Issues agenda item. Voigt recused himself. Discussion also included Coyote Creek Representatives Brad Erickson and Jeremy Eckroth. Schwarz confirmed that at this point the board needs a decision from the landowners on a dollar amount to purchase the road easement, so road replacement can be completed. Upon advisement of the State Attorney, item was placed on the August 6, 2025 meeting agenda at 11:00 a.m. for a final determination to be made by the board. Board reviewed the Weed Control and Superintendent of Schools Budgets. No changes were noted. Reviewed remaining Auditor Budgets to include the Veteran's Officer and County Nurse. No further changes were noted. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at www.mercercountynd.com. Approved: Gene Wolf, Chairman Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor

(08-21-2025)

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 16, 2025
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Rick Bauman. Present were Commissioners Jamee Folk, Mark Pierce, Casey Voigt, Auditor Carmen Reed and Dan Arens of the Hazen Star. Gene Wolf was absent. Others present during the meeting were Treasurer Dawn Grannis, States Attorney Todd Schwarz, HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner via phone, Deputy Mark Erhardt, Sheriff Terry Ternes, PRC Wind Representative Jason Hanselka, Coteau Properties Darren Hellman, Coyote Creek Mining Representative Jeremy Eckroth, David Straley, Mark Haugen, and Kenneth J. Link. Pledge of allegiance was said. Pierce moved to approve the agenda as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Voigt moved to approve the July 2, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Pierce moved to approve the Sheriff's revenues of \$29,591.25 as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the Hook, Line & Sinkers Liquor License Renewal as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Folk moved to approve the County Nurse's quarterly report as presented. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. HR/EM Director Alice Grinsteinner via phone presented information on the Perry Weather Warning system for the Hazen and Beulah Bay Areas. Item was put on the next agenda. States Attorney Todd Schwarz presented the Coyote Creek Road Resolution. Voigt recused himself. Coyote Creek Mine Representative Jeremy Eckroth was also present during this discussion. Voigt will get a confirmation from the affected landowners that the road be put back as it was originally. Item was placed on the July 25, 2025 Special Meeting. The Eide Bailly bill of \$34,682.72 was discussed. Folk moved to cease operations with Eide Bailly at this time and pay bill as presented. Pierce seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Portfolio updates were given. Board reviewed vouchers. Folk moved to approve the bills as presented with the exception of the Hazen Motors and Center Machine bills. Voigt seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment: ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$2,461.00; ASKIM, CRAIG \$404.10; BEULAH JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY \$1,196.67; BLOOM'N HOUSE \$57.00; BOESHANS, ANATOLIE A \$21.00; BRODKORB, VICKIE \$652.90; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$124.14; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$1,399.90; CHARM-TEX,

INC. \$482.40; CHI ST ALEXIUS HEALTH \$209.41; CITY OF BEULAH \$115.85; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$8,402.98; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP. \$154.47; DALE SCHWALBE TRUCKING \$500.00; DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC. \$260.00; DONOVAN & KAFFAR PLLP \$7,333.30; EIDE BAILLY \$34,682.72; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$17,752.31; FIRESIDE OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$54.97; FITTERER OIL HAZEN LLC \$1,375.17; GOOD SOURCE SOLUTIONS \$575.00; GRANNIS, DAWN \$1,133.96; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$42.72; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$1,271.20; HAZEN STAR \$3,666.77; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$5,976.14; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$69.83; LEXIS NEXIS MATTHEW BENDER \$400.11; LUCKYS TOWING AND REPAIR \$500.00; MENARDS \$152.37; MERCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$813.77; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$183.17; NAPA \$280.94; ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$1,500.00; ND SECRETARY OF STATE \$144.00; NEUBERGER OIL COMPANY \$2,650.31; North Central International, LLC \$542.67; NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL \$7.50; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$552.97; OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL \$720.00; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,040.00; PFLIGER, METTA \$30.80; PHARMCHEM, INC. \$197.55; PRO VISION \$930.00; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. \$682.29; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$155.93; REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY \$16.38; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE, INC \$765.07; S & M LAWN SERVICE \$405.00; SMITHS DETECTION, INC. \$4,376.66; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.28; STERICYCLE, INC. \$22.90; STROUP INSURANCE & REALTY \$200.00; TERNES, TERRANCE \$171.98; THE BEACON \$1,604.20; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES \$3,085.00; VERIZON WIRELESS \$576.07; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$2,452.14; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,315.45; WEX BANK \$45.55; WIEDRICH, WARREN \$534.90; WOLF, GENE \$104.60; WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE \$250.00. (TOTAL: \$120,873.22) There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at www.mercercountynd.com. Approved: Rick Bauman, Vice Chairman Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor

(08-21-2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO implementing changes in statute, as well as rules and changes to keep the board's practices and procedures current. The proposed amendment addresses the accounting concentration definition as it relates to internship credit hours; allowing employee stock ownership plans; language regarding eligibility for retirement and inactive status; and the removal of foreign residency as an exception to continuing education requirements.

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Board of Accountancy will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code title 3 at 10:00 am on Monday, September 8th, 2025, at Brady Martz, 401 Demers Ave, STE 300, Grand Forks ND

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing to the North Dakota Board of Accountancy, 1407 24th Ave S STE 217, Grand Forks ND or calling 800-532-5904. Also, written comments may be submitted to the address above or mandyharlow@nd.gov until September 19, 2025 If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Board of Accountancy at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 11th day of August 2025.
Mandy Harlow, Executive Director,
North Dakota Board of Accountancy

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, CREATE, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Amend: Temporary Partial Disability Benefits; Injured Employee Attorney Fees; Merger, Transfer & Sale of Business; Rehabilitation Equipment; Medical and Hospital Fees; Medical Services – Definitions, Who May Be Reimbursed, and Prior Authorization; Criteria for Motor Vehicle Purchase and Modification, Home Modification, Power Mobility Device, Footwear, and Prostheses; Independent Medical Examinations; Medical Service Provider Responsibilities and Billings and Copies of Records; Employer Attorney Fees; Decision Review Office – Electronic Means; and Premium Credit – Military Members.

Repeal: Definitions; First Report of Injury; Treating Health Care Provider's Opinion; and Contributing Cause of Mental or Psychological Condition Defined.

TAKE NOTICE that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will hold a public hearing to address the proposed creation, amendments and repeal to the North Dakota Administrative Code, Title 92, at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 E. Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the proposed rules.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing to WSI, Legal Department, P.O. Box 5585, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506 or by calling 800-777-5033 or TTY 800-366-6888. Written comments may be submitted to WSI, Legal Department, P.O. Box 5585, Bismarck, ND 58506 until close of business on October 3, 2025. The Full Notice may be viewed by scanning the below QR code. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to hearing.

Dated: August 13, 2025.
WSI Legal Department,
ATTN: Julie Porsborg



CITY OF PICK CITY REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2025 @7:30
Council Present: Scott Bather and Kel Westman, via ZOOM. Arvid Anderson, Lori Davis. Absent: Reiser. Also present: Travis Frey, Accountant Amy Ones, PWD James Sailer, Terry Focke and Auditor Diane Johnson
Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order @ 7:30pm. Bather motioned, second Westman to approve consent items, meeting held July 2, 2025, bills & agenda. All in favor. Tabled items: Nuisance property, Residents with no water were tabled to next meeting. Attorney not present. Mayor contacted owner of Riverfront Property he was told that they are planning to tear it down this year and they have no future plans as of yet. Tabled: adopting the Policy for public comment to next meeting. Tabled: to renew membership with Western

Dakota Energy Association. Council would like to find out more how it helps the City. Travis Frey with Frey Engineering told the board that NDDEQ has approved the Donny Wald infrastructure project. Frey stated the contractor will start in September & Attorney Kaffer is working on an easement with Hardy's. Chad Olson's building permit was discussed, Davis questioned the grade/elevation and was concerned with drainage & flooding of alley way. Davis motion, second Bather to approve the permit contingent on receiving the needed information. Motion carried. City received an email from Mercer County Land Administrator Jen Neumiller, informing that she combined Ryan Gullicks two parcels into one. Council agreed that he will still have to pay for the separate water/sewer connections that are located on the second property he purchased.

Budget Hearing is scheduled for October 1st, 2025 @ 7:00pm before regular meeting. ND Forestry Service notified the City of Green Ash disease they offer a free service to survey the town, Mayor thought it would be a good idea to have them check the town out. Reports: Landfill: was inspected July 7, 2025, the findings were standing water in pit, Jim will fix the issue. Water: Davis motioned, second Bather to have Inland Potables do an inspection of the clear well. Proposal \$3450.00. All in favor. Small System Training Work Shop Sept. 2, 2025 in Minot. Park: Annual Rummage sale \$3454.00. A meeting will be schedule in the future for upcoming projects. Small Grants are available thru Trees for ND Trust Fund, will check into for trees in Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm, next meeting September 3, 2025 @7:30pm
General fund: Pay Roll/ins/reimb \$3514.50, NDPers-234.00, US Treas.-1358.40, WRT-125.37
RRE-586.91, Circle-2561.00, Dak Tex-104.20, DOC-36.57, Fitterer Oil-582.80, General-2131.62
Hazen Star-61.68, ND One call-13.50, Ones Const.-850.00, Donald Pfliger-396.00, Scott's-258.99
Water: Payroll-1410.50, J. Sailer-50.00, WRT-31.62, RRE-341.77, MSR-WD-5392.56
Core & Main-929.52, Interstate Power-952.91, NDDOH-54.00. Sewer: Payroll-705.20, Share Corp-656.07
Mayor: Arvid Anderson Auditor: Diane Johnson

(08-21-2025)