

GRAFTON'S CRAZY DAY PAPER PLATE DROP



Ruby Steele of Grafton is all smiles as she captures one of the paper plates that floated down into Leistikow Park from an airplane on Thursday.

RIGHT: The Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce and Grafton Merchants Committee sponsored Crazy Days last Thursday, highlighted by the return of the paper plate drop. Pilot Don Hutson released a load of plates over Leistikow Park during the event.



Children of all ages scurried through Leistikow Park on Thursday, chasing paper plates as they fluttered down from an airplane.

North Dakota focuses on alcohol, drug-impaired driving awareness

North Dakota agencies are coming together to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. As part of the Vision Zero initiative, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and law enforcement partners are reminding everyone that responsible driving means sober driving, every time, no matter the substance.

To support this effort law enforcement across the state will participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign from Aug. 16 to Sept. 2. High visibility enforcement provides a layer of protection to the public by deterring risky

driving behaviors and supporting traffic laws.

This statewide campaign focuses on keeping roads safe by reminding everyone that driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or certain medications is both dangerous and illegal. The goal is to prevent crashes before they happen and promote safer driving for all.

“You don’t have to feel ‘out of it’ to be too impaired to drive,” said Walsh County Sheriff Ron Jurgens. “If you consume these substances, plan ahead. Are you con-

suming anything that could impair your driving? Arrange a sober ride. Use a rideshare service, call a friend, choose to be the designated sober driver or take advantage of ND Sober Ride when available.

Talk with friends and family about the risks of impaired driving and encourage others to always drive sober or find a sober ride.

Read warning labels on all medications, including over-the-counter options.

This campaign is part of the Vision Zero strategy to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

Deed Transfers

JULY DEED TRANSFERS

Adams City to Derreck Lundquist. \$100. Lots 7-8-9, Block 20, Adams, Original Townsite.

First United Bank to Destined Multi-Services, LLC. Lots 11-12, Block 20, Adams, Original Townsite.

Jo-Vana AKA Jovanna Martinez to Roy Olivarez, Enedelia Guerra-Olivarez. Lots 11-12, Block 10, Grafton, Original Townsite, east 70’.

Ross and Colleen Anderson Irrevocable Trust to Colleen Anderson. Section 26, Twp. 158, Range 54, NW4, N2SW4, SW4SW4.

Colleen L. Anderson, Karen A. Anderson, Joan Duray, Janet M. Duray to Benjamin H. Thompson. \$125,200. Section 26, Twp. 158, Range 54, NE4SW4, W2SW4.

RMC Trust, RMC Irrevocable Trust

AKA to Joel Sobolik, Kristin Sobolik. Section 11, Twp. 157, Range 54, S2SW4; Section 3, Twp. 157, Range 54, SE4; Section 10, Twp. 157, Range 54, SE4SE4.

Wayne Jallo, Wayne AKA Jallo, Genell Jallo to Wayne and Genell Jallo Irrevocable Trust, Wayne Jallo (Life Estate), Genell Jallo (Life Estate). Section 28, Twp. 155, Range 57, SE4; Section 28, Twp. 155, Range 57, S2NE4; Section 34, Twp. 155, Range 57, S2SW4; Section 34, Twp. 155, Range 57, S2SW4; Section 13, Twp. 157, Range 54, W2.

Dale L. Zahradka, Bonnie L. Zahradka to D&B Zahradka Legacy LLLP. Section 31, Twp. 156, Range 59, NE4SW4; Section 16, Twp. 155, Range 58, NE4; Section 10, Twp. 155, Range 58, SW4; Section 10, Twp. 155, Range 58, SW4SW4; Section 11, Twp. 156, Range 58, E2; Section 22, Twp.

156, Range 58, NE4; Section 15, Twp. 155, Range 58, W2NW4; Section 10, Twp. 156, Range 58, S2SE4; Section 17, Twp. 156, Range 58, W2NW4; Section 2, Twp. 156, Range 58, S2NW4, S2NE4, NE4NW4, NW4NE4, NW4SW4, NW4SE4; Section 11, Twp. 156, Range 56, E2; Section 7, Twp. 156, Range 56, NW4; Section 7, Twp. 156, Range 56, N2SW4; Section 12, Twp. 155, Range 57, E2NE4; Section 2, Twp. 155, Range 58, NW4; Section 7, Twp. 155, Range 56, SW4; Section 8, Twp. 156, Range 55, W2NW4; Section 8, Twp. 156, Range 55, SE4NW4; Section 12, Twp. 156, Range 58, NE4NW4; Section 12, Twp. 156, Range 58, NE4NW4; Section 1, Twp. 156, Range 58, S2SE4, SE4SW4; Section 18, Twp. 156, Range 57, SW4; Section 18, Twp. 156, Range 57, SE4.

“In school, I could hear the leaves rustle and go on a journey.”

Clint Eastwood

Public Notices

18058	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 of the Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company In the state of PA	
Total Assets	12764101171
Total Liabilities	8815289731
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital	4500000
Stock	0
Preferred Capital	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	386071167
Unassigned funds (surplus)	3558240273
Total Capital and Surplus	3948811440
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	12764101171

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024	
Total Direct Premiums Earned	6823405
Total Direct Losses Incurred	530770
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Incurred	0

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

I, Jon Godfrey, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2025 (SEAL).

JON GODFREY

Commissioner of Insurance

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2024 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid, NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREY, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2026.

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JON GODFREY

Commissioner of Insurance

August 6, 13, 20, 2025

24112	
ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 of the Westfield Insurance Company In the state of Ohio	
Total Assets	3657213073
Total Liabilities	2391445557
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital	8220000
Stock	0
Preferred Capital	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	67267015
Unassigned funds (surplus)	1190280501
Total Capital and Surplus	1265767516
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	3657213073

NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024	
Total Direct Premiums Earned	365301
Total Direct Losses Incurred	140681
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Incurred	0

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Walsh County Commission

Request for Qualifications for Professional Architectural Services

Walsh County Commission is seeking statements of qualifications for professional architectural services to design and provide construction services for a 46-bed jail addition in Grafton, ND. The addition will be constructed adjacent to the existing Walsh County Courthouse. The total project budget is \$23 million and must be completed no later than July 2028.

Any firm responding to this request must submit their written information in accordance with the enclosed specifications. **Eight (8) copies** of the completed responses must be received no later than **2:00 P.M., CST, Friday September 12th, 2025.**

Submittals and questions to be sent to: **Walsh County Highway Dept. Jason E. Johnston 600 Cooper Ave Grafton, ND 58237 701-251530 jejohnston@nd.gov**

Scope of Services:

The scope of services required by the selected architectural firm shall be as follows, but is not limited to:

1. Enter into a standard AIA agreement.
2. Assist with the Walsh County Commission's review and approval process by creating and submitting documentation tailored to the requirements of regulatory agencies, other reviewing authorities, and the County's internal use. Work with the selected Construction Manager at Risk through the entire design, bid and construction process.
3. Assume that the design and construction documents include historical preservation to conserve the building's historical significance.
4. Conduct periodic site visits with county officials, stakeholders, principals, and other staff members as appropriate, to observe the work in progress and provide relevant reports and updates to the County.
5. Upon completion of the work, compile and deliver to the County a complete set of as-constructed record documents, including a hard copy and in an electronic format. This should include, but not be limited to warranties on equipment, certificate of occupancy, and inspection reports.

Firm Requirements:

Architectural firms choosing to submit a response shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Experience with CM@R construction delivery method.
2. Architects shall be licensed to practice in the state of North Dakota.
3. Must provide evidence of insurability and a business license in good standing.
4. The responding firm shall have prior municipal planning and design experience.
5. Architect shall be responsible for Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Other specialty consultants.
6. The firm must have experience in design and construction of a minimum of 2 jails.
7. The selected architectural firm shall have the construction documents completed by June 2026.
8. The firm shall be capable of meeting the project schedule and have resources available to begin and complete each phase of work. The project must be completed by July of 2028.

Submittal Requirements:

Walsh County requests specifically the following information for use in the selection of a professional architectural firm:

Past Performance – Weighing 10% (Maximum of 2 pages)

1. Demonstrated experience and excellence in 5 projects with comparable scale, complexity, and function.
2. Proven capability of providing services to include conceptual design, cost estimating, presentation, graphics and marketing support.
3. Proven experience of design methodology.

Ability of Professional Personnel – Weighing 10% (Maximum of 10 pages)

1. Qualifications of the principals and project team members proposed for the project, including their primary responsibility.
2. Indicate the names of employed persons who will be designated as the Project Manager and Principal Design Member. Indicate the person who will serve as the point of contact for all matters relating to the management of the contract and design services.

Willingness to meet Time and Budget Requirements – Weighing 20% (Maximum of 2 pages)

1. Indicate your intent to complete the work within the project timeline.
2. Present an outline of the basic work plan anticipated to accomplish the work.

3. Include estimated vs. actual costs of the projects.

Location - Weighing 5% (Maximum of 1 page)

1. Higher priority given to firms head quartered in North Dakota.
2. Indicate proximity and availability to the project.

Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons or firms - Weighing 20% (Maximum of 2 pages)

1. Provide a list of projects that each person listed above is currently committed to completing during the next 12 months.

Related Experience on Similar Projects - Weighing 15% (Maximum of 10 pages)

1. Recent relevant work experience within the last 10 years: included 5 projects that are only relevant that most closely align with this project.

Recent and Current Work for the agency - Weighing 20% (Maximum of 2 pages)

1. Indicate recent and current work with other municipalities or state government agencies over the last 5 years.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Sequence of Events: The following sequence details the key phases involved in the qualification and selection process:

1. Advertise for Submittals August 21st, 28th, and 29th, 2025
2. Submittals Due 2:00 PM (CST) on September 12th, 2025
3. Review Responses and Prepare Shortlist September 15-17, 2025
4. Notification of Selections September 18-19, 2025
5. Interview Selected Persons and/or Firms September 22-26, 2025
6. Final Ranking and Notification September 29-30, 2025
7. Contract Negotiation, Preparation, and Review September 30, October 6, 2025
8. Start of Services October 7, 2025

Non-Collusion and Debarment Certification:

The Bidder certifies that neither he/she, nor any official, agent or employee of the bidder has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in the connection with this RFQ.

By submitting qualifications, the firm certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that he/she and his/her principles:

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or State agency.
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this RFQ been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or perform a public (Federal, State or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property.
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above Bullets of this certification.
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this RFQ had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective firm is unable to certify that it is not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or otherwise excluded from covered transactions, the firm shall submit an explanation. The explanation will not necessarily result in denial of participation in a contract.

Terms and Conditions:

The Walsh County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all responses. Furthermore, the Commission shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation, submission, or presentation of their responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The selection committee further reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information for any response.

Walsh County Commission reserves the right to award the contract at its sole discretion to the firm determined to be the most qualified.

The State of North Dakota will not include an arbitration clause in any contract with the successful firm.

END OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

(August 20, 27 and September 3, 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 a.m. 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

SECTION 1.1

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DRAIN 87 – 149TH AVE NE CROSSING WALSH COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT COUNTY OF WALSH, NORTH DAKOTA

Sealed bids will be received by the Walsh County Water Resource District, at the office of the Walsh County Water Resource District, Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, ND 58237, until **10:00 AM**, local time, on **September 10, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of labor, equipment, skill, and any materials required for the **DRAIN 87 – 149th Ave NE Crossing Project** and incidental items in and for the Walsh County Water Resource District, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifications therefore, which will be made available as specified below.

Bids shall be upon cash payment on the following estimated quantities and types of work: Excavation, Embankment, Hauling, Riprap, Installing Box Culverts supplied by the Owner, Aggregate Surface, Seeding and Mulching, and incidental items. Refer to the Proposal in the bid package for the complete list of bid items and quantities.

The contract documents will be on file and may be examined at the following:

Walsh County Water Board, Walsh County Courthouse, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, ND 58237

Houston Engineering, Inc., 1401 21st Avenue North, Fargo, ND

Copies of the Bidding Documents and additional project information may be obtained online for a fee of \$25.00 at www.houstongeng.com - click "Projects for Bid" to reach the designated website. Paper copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of Houston Engineering, Inc., 1401 21st Avenue North, Fargo, ND 58102, upon payment of \$50.00, non-refundable. Please contact us at 701-237-5065 if you have any questions.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The Bidder's Bond with Acknowledgement of Surety must be in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of award, principal will execute and affect a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. The bid bond surety must be licensed to do business in North Dakota, and must be a certified surety in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570. A bid submitted without this information properly enclosed in the bid bond envelope shall not be read nor considered and the envelope shall be sealed and bid returned to the bidder immediately. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

All Bidders shall hold a valid North Dakota contractor's license of the proper class, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-07. All Bidders shall enclose, in the same envelope as the Bidder's Bond, a copy of the Bidder's Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, and each license shall be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

The Walsh County Water Resource District will not read or void the project until a satisfactory bid is received. Bids that do not include a proper Bidder's bond and contractor's license or renewal, as described above, and does not otherwise fully comply with the requirements of N.D.C.C. § 48-01-2.05.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items. A single contract will be awarded for the work.

All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided; plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall fix to the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. The work covered by the bidder.
2. The name of the bidder.
3. Acknowledgement of Addenda.
4. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal.

No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be read and returned to the Bidder immediately.

All Work shall be substantially completed on or before **December 1, 2025**. Substantial completion includes all work items being completed except for punch list items. All Work shall be completed by June 30, 2026.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and void the project until a satisfactory bid is received, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty-six (36) days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Owner. After the bid opening, the Owner reserves the right to request up to three (3) references from the lowest three bidders of similar work completed within the last five (5) years. References shall include the owners of recently completed work. The lowest three bidders must provide the references as requested by the Owner, or justification why references were not provided.

If the Contractor fails to complete the work according to the terms of the Contract within the times specified, he shall pay the Owner the sum of \$1,400.00 per calendar day as liquidated damages. The Owner reserves the right to withhold Progress Payments and/or Final Payment until such time that all liquidated damages have been paid by the Contractor. The Owner reserves the right to deduct liquidated damages from Progress Payments and/or Final Payment.

Revised this 14th day of August 2025.

WALSH COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT COUNTY OF WALSH, NORTH DAKOTA

Daryl Campbell
Chairman

(August 20, 27 and September 3, 2025)