

Legal Notices

Notice to Creditors

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Probate No. 48-2025-PR-00006
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TOWNER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Ida Mattson, Deceased.

[1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Mark Mattson, personal representative of the estate, at c/o Gibbens Law Office, P.O. Box 708, Cando, ND 58324 or filed with the Court.
Dated this 16th day of April, 2025.
/s/Mark Mattson
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April 19, 26 and May 3, 2025

Notice

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE
CIVIL NUMBER: 48-2023-CV-00036
IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF TOWNER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT, NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
US Bank Trust National Association, Not Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner
Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust,
Plaintiff,
v.
Joseph D. Graham and Arleen R. Swart and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint, and any person in possession, Defendants.

1. Judgment in the amount of \$62,489.80, having been entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants, which Judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Towner County, North Dakota, on November 1, 2024, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.
2. Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judgment that the real property described as:

A parcel of land situated in the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township 157 North, Range 68 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section Ten (10) located 3772.05 feet South of the Northeast Corner, thence S00°26'55"W along the East line of said Section a distance of 526.94 feet; thence S90°00'00"W a distance of 816.61 feet; thence N00°00'00"E a distance of 526.92 feet; thence N90°00'00"E a distance of 820.74 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 9.9 acres, more or less, and is subject to a 33.00 feet township road easement along the East boundary line.

Real Property address: 7021 58th Avenue NE, Leeds, ND 58346

The above real property is the subject of the Mortgage dated July 27, 2007, which Mortgagors, Joseph D. Graham, Arleen R. Swart, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns and recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Towner County, North Dakota, on July 30, 2007, Instrument Number 147024, in Book Mtgs 163, at Page 0532, which is subject to the entered Judgment. Said Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff, its successors or assigns, by Assignment of Mortgage recorded April 11, 2023, Instrument Number 160556.

3. In order to realize the amount of \$62,489.80, as of November 1, 2024, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount as awarded by the court, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Towner County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Towner County, North Dakota.

PUBLIC NOTICES

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens' everyday lives. Public notices have been printed in local newspapers, the trusted sources for community information, for more than 200 years.

at the main entrance of the Towner County Courthouse located at 315 2nd Street, Cando, North Dakota 58324, on May 22, 2025 ("Sale Date"), at 12:00 PM.

4. If the sale is set aside for reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

DATED this 11 day of April, 2025.
SHERIFF OF TOWNER COUNTY
Andrew Hillier
Sheriff / Deputy Sheriff of Towner Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
By /s/ Tyler S. Wirick
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April 19, 26 and May 3, 2025

City of Cando

Minutes of the Cando City Council
The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Halverson, Klingenberg, Miller and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Olson was absent.

A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the agenda with the addition of Building Permits for review being added. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the minutes as written. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Visitors & Delegations: Lavonne Haugen, Director of the Cando Community Library came to the council meeting to give an update on how the library is doing and the plans they have in place for upcoming events. She also told the council that a library board member had resigned due to moving away from town, but they did find a replacement. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Scott to have Laurie Colton fill the vacant spot on the Library Board. All voted aye and the motion passed. Haugen also mentioned to the council members that the gutter by the back door where the library patrons come in is leaking, and the mortar is disintegrating. She asked if the council could check it out. The next visitor to make a presentation to the council was Rogue Stephens, a member of the Senior Class at North Star School. Stephens told the council that the senior class is looking to hang up banners on the light posts on Main Street, like other towns do for the students that are graduating. She told the council that the banners would be made from vinyl and there would be thirteen of them. The council really liked this idea and told Stephens to go ahead. They also told her to get in touch with the Public Works Supervisor when they are ready to hang the banners up. Sheriff Andy Hillier was also present at the meeting to talk about the ordinances and ways to enforce them. After chatting about the topic, it was decided by everyone to table the conversation for now until more information is available.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering was at the meeting to talk about the Sewer Project, 4th Ave Water Main Replacement Project and the Lead Line Service Inventory. Muscha started off his agenda for the meeting by telling the council about the kick off meeting they had with BEK earlier that day and their plans to resume working on the sewer project. The hope is to start the work back up in mid to late May as everyone waits for the frost to come out of the ground. Brad then moved on to discuss the 4th Ave Water Main Replacement Project. He said that they received four bids for the project, and then went on to review the different bids with the council. Once Muscha and the council finished looking over the bids, a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to award the project to Post Construction for their low bid, contingent on funding agency approval. All voted aye and the motion passed. With the construction bid completed, a motion was needed from the council to submit the construction cost share request to the DWR for grant funding. This motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha then moved on to the last part of his agenda which was letting the council know how the Lead Line Service Inventory was going. He said that with the help from the members of Moore Engineering that have been going door to door, they have completed about 75% of the town. Brad told

council that they will be back for one more round of door knocking, and then will send the updated information/exhibits to the City for the Public Meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00pm in the Commissioner's Room. Once Muscha was done with his presentation, the council then moved on to discuss an extension that was given to a resident who is fixing up a property and fees for the Pavilion. The last item for the council to review under old Business was to hold the second reading of Ordinance 03182025: Ordinance Extending and Increasing Corporate Limits of City. This ordinance is for Annexing the Northern Plains Addition (pole yard) into the City of Cando. After the second reading was complete, a motion to adopt Ordinance 03182025 was made by Councilor Halverson and seconded by Councilor Scott. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: With the hiring of Sheila Bjornstad as the new City Auditor, the council had a conversation regarding benefits. A motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg to pay Medicare and Supplement for her. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Councilor Bjornstad abstained from the vote. With warmer weather around the corner, the council has decided to have Free Dump Days on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, weather permitting. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the Site Authorization forms that was submitted by Hal Parker Post #79 American Legion. All voted aye and the motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Transient Merchant application that was submitted by Sweet Prairie Food Truck who will be in town on Saturday, May 10. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council acknowledged the building permits for J. Clay, S. Geiger and R. Halverson, and the financials for February and March. The Public Works Supervisor gave an update on what they've been working on as they get ready for spring/ summer. Following the update, the council talked about crack sealing for the streets in town. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Miller to spend up to \$20,000 on crack sealing. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Open Committee: The council talked about the highways by Cenex and who is responsible for the repairs. The council members also had a conversation about the maintenance Fairground Road and who is responsible. Also, it was noted Troy has a sign-up sheet at the Hardware Store for people that would like to honor pass veterans and present members of the armed forces with street signs that they proposed to the council at the February 18th meeting.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Scott. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

Bills for Approval for April 4, 2025	
Salaries PP#7	\$9,071.68
Cando Home & Hardware	300.67
ND Child Supports	854.78
281 Spirit Shop	263.84
Colonial Life	327.10
FICA/MED/FED	5,637.31
Northeast Regional Water	10,815.10
ND State Tax Commissioner	1.15
Circle Sanitation	16,408.80
BCBSND	5,094.64
Advanced Business Methods	95.02
Materials Testing Service	6,600.00
Capital Guardian	1,076.19
Cando Community Library	2,903.98
Standard Insurance	37.00
Cando Baseball	10,000.00
WSI	9,294.22
North Star School	1,500.00
TC Auditor/Treasurer	20,128.08
TC Ambulance Service, Inc	10,000.00
Northern Plains Electric	5,665.74
Lane Pederson	1,300.00
ND Telephone	394.78
Total	117,770.08
Bills for Approval for April 15, 2025	
Salaries PP#8	5,662.00
Legacy	2,554.17
Environmental Equipment & Service	290.63
ND Child Support	854.78
GF Utility Billing	52.00
First State Bank	7.00
Verizon	125.09
Time Clock Plus LLC	38.50
A & W Standard	224.95
Fire Equipment Company	519.00
Neumann Drug	3.23
D&R Tire	203.42
Cando Park Board	6,156.90
One Call Concepts	4.50
AE2S	450.00
Visa	47.11
Total	17,193.28

At 8:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.
Kathy Rance, Recorder
April 26, 2025

Help Wanted Equipment Operator/Mechanic

Steele County Highway Department in Finley, ND has a job opening for a full-time equipment operator/mechanic position. We offer paid health, dental, vision, and ND PERS retirement benefits. Employees will be expected to operate highway maintenance equipment. Some mechanical experience preferred but not required. CDL required. Possibility of night and weekend hours pending the weather. Salary range is \$22.00/hour - \$25.00/hour pending experience. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday May 23, 2025. Submit an application to: Steele County Highway Department, PO Box 291, Finley, ND 58230 , Attn: Reed Oien or Email: steelecohighway@nd.gov Applications available on our website at www.steelecountynd.gov/employment (Steele County is an EOE)

Legislator pay

By Ann Estvold
NDNA Legislative Intern

A Minot legislator's decision to take a week's vacation during the legislative session has recently drawn attention to the state lawmakers' compensation and when they receive it.

All lawmakers receive minimum pay of \$592 monthly for each month they serve, which equals \$7,194 annually. Members of the North Dakota House and Senate are elected to four-year terms. The monthly pay is labeled "expense reimbursement or compensation."

When the Legislature is in session the members are paid \$213 a day, which totals \$1,491 for all seven days of the week. The weekly pay is in addition to their \$592 monthly "base pay." Lawmakers outside the Bismarck-Mandan area also receive a housing allowance during the session of up to \$2,022 a month.

At the end of the Legislature's daily floor sessions, during which members of the House and Senate vote on bills and amendments, both chambers vote to "excuse" any members who are absent. If a legislator is excused, he or she receives their daily pay.

This practice drew attention after a report that Rep. Lori VanWinkle, R-Minot, had decided to take a week off from the Legislature to go on a ski vacation. Annoyed House members called for a vote on whether VanWinkle should be excused, and the motion was approved.

During their time between sessions, legislators are also asked to serve on interim committees to study issues in preparation for the next session. Interim committees typically meet for one or two days every three months. Lawmakers are paid \$213 per day, the same amount as the session, for attending interim meetings.

They are also given meal reimbursement of up to \$45 a day, along with motel and mileage reimbursement. The meal, lodging and mileage costs are the same as the reimbursement paid to state employees for on-the-job travel within North Dakota. Legislators do not receive meal reimbursement during the session.

Members of the Legislature's leadership and committee chairmen receive extra pay. The majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate and the Speaker of the House are paid an extra \$15 a day during the legislative session. Committee chairmen, and assistant majority and minority leaders, are paid \$10 a day extra.

The Legislature's majority and minority leaders, and the chairman of the Legislative Management, are also paid an additional \$424 a month. This is part of the "base pay" for these positions and does not depend on whether the Legislature is in session.

The Legislative Management is a 14-member committee, made up mostly of legislative leaders, that supervises interim studies and handles legislative business between sessions. Its current chairman is Rep. Mike Lefor, R-Dickinson, the House majority leader.

Legislators' base pay, daily session pay and compensation for attending interim committee meetings are linked to salary increases for state employees that lawmakers include in the budget for state government.

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