

PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PERFORM COUNTY ENGINEERING AND AFFILIATED SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY

Mercer County is requesting the services of qualified engineering firms to provide county engineering and affiliated services. This work can include but is not necessarily limited to planning, design, bidding, and construction management of the county road system.

Firms are invited to submit a proposal for the project listed above. The Proposals shall provide the following information:

- Past Performance
- Ability of professional personnel
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons and/or firms
- Related experience on similar projects
- Recent and current work for the County

The proposal pages shall be numbered and must be limited to 10 pages in length. Proposals that exceed the 10 page length requirement will not be considered. The cover letter will not be counted as one of the 10 pages. The

proposal should list the personnel who will be assigned to work on the project, including titles, education, and work experience. Mercer County will only consider proposals received prior to 4:00 P.M.(CT), February 4, 2025. Late proposals will be deemed unresponsive.

The consultant's proposal may include an appendix. Resumes, references, a statement of qualifications and other materials outlining experience may be included in an appendix. The appendix will not be considered as a part of the 10 page proposal. Each proposal will be evaluated by a selection committee. Mercer County will conduct interviews.

Interviews will take place on a date to be determined by the County. Fees shall be negotiated with the successful firm. If the fee cannot be agreed upon, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations, and then negotiate with the second and third ranked firms in order, if necessary, until a satisfactory contract has been negotiated. All costs associated with the proposal shall be borne by the

proposer. The County reserves the right to reject any and /or all proposals and to not award contracts for any and /or all projects.

Engineering firms interested in performing the work shall submit seven (7) hard bound copies and an electronic pdf file of their proposal to: Mercer County Auditor
PO Box 39
Stanton, ND 58571-0039
701-745-3292
careed@nd.gov

Title VI assures that no person or group of persons may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs or activities administered by the Department. For information regarding the Title VI Program see the NDDOT website at: <https://www.dot.nd.gov/about-nddot/civil-rights/title-vinondiscrimination-and-ada>

(01-09-2025) (01-16-2025)
(01-23-2025) (01-30-2025)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Probate No. 29-2024-PR-43
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MERCER, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Nygard, a/k/a Mary Ann Nygard, 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 months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Mark Nygard, personal representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 400, Bismarck, ND 58502-0400 or filed with the Court.
Dated January 10, 2025.
/s/ Mary Nygard
Mark Nygard
(01-16-2025)(01-23-2025)(01-30-2025)

ATTENTION SUNFLOWER GROWERS

The North Dakota Oilseed Council - Sunflower election for Mercer County will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 11:30 AM (CT) at the Beulah Civic Center, 120 7th St NE, in Beulah, ND. Election will be held during the

ELECTION

Anyone who has planted Sunflowers in 2024 or intends to plant in 2025 and is a participating producer who resides in Mercer County is eligible and encouraged to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at 701-328-5107

ATTENTION DRY PEA & LENTIL GROWERS

The North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council election for Mercer County will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 11:30 AM (CT) at the Beulah Civic Center, 120 7th St NE, in Beulah, ND. Election will be held during the

ELECTION

Any person who has not applied for a refund for at least three years, plants or causes to be planted a Dry Pea or Lentil crop in which the person has ownership interest with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested is entitled to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information contact the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council at 701-355-4458

ATTENTION CORN GROWERS

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council election for Mercer County will take place on Tuesday January 28, 2025, at 11:30 AM (CT) at the Beulah Civic Center, 120 7th ST NE, in Beulah, ND. Election will be held during the

ELECTION

A Voting Producer is a person who plants, or causes to be planted a Corn crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested in the next available or immediately preceding growing season. Producers have to reside in Mercer County and have not requested a Corn refund during the preceding year.

For more information contact the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council at 701-566-9322

Your right to know...

CENTER/STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Center/Stanton Public School
January 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center/Stanton School Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were John Schwab, Shiloh Becher, Jesse Krieger, and Kelly Erhardt. Elementary Principal Mark Sondag, and Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to set agenda as amended with the addition of pool update to letter A under old business. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C).

Approval of Minutes. Becher moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024 and December 23, 2024 meetings. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C

Financial Reports. Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and December payroll totals were presented to the Board. Krieger moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Bills. Schwab moved to pay the following bills as presented: 3P LEARNING INC 300.00; ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,881.01; BUSINESS U LLC 895.00; CAPITAL ONE 276.35; CDW GOVERNMENT 44.05; CENTER COAL COMPANY 5,222.83; CENTER MACHINE INC 225.00; CENTER REPUBLICAN 537.43; CDLN 1,245.26; CREA 75.00; CITY OF CENTER 432.73; CCCHC 220.00; COLE PAPERS 952.10; CONTINENTAL ATHLETIC SUPPLY 2,501.50; CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES 316.58; DAVE'S SALES & SERVICE 46.90; EGGERS ELECTIC MOTOR CO 426.33; EIDE BAILLY 18,900.00; FREEDOM TRUCK CENTER 3,930.22; GOVERNMENT LEASING & FINANCE 86,979.60; HARLOWS BUS SALES & SERVICE 1,042.63; JOSTENS INC 522.37; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 292.10; MANDAN PLUMBING & HEATING INC 412.50; MDU 4,540.64; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 229.00; NDSOS 30.00; NDDTSEA 64.00; NETWORK CENTER 1,140.00; NORTHERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 1,805.97; OLIVER COUNTY TREASURER 747.11; PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL 232.37; QUINLIVAN, STEVEN 210.00;

RUD PROPANE 5,100.08; SCHOOL SPECIALTY 13.24; SFBNDVISA 4,659.24; STEINS INC 345.57; TWIN CITY ROOFING 673.00; VITEK, KEITH 1,425.67; WARRENS LOCKS & KEYS 465.80. General Fund Total: 149,359.18. CITY OF CENTER 3,352.57. Building Fund Total: 3,352.57. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal's Report. Mr. Sondag reported on Enrollment; 1st & 2nd Nine Weeks Completed; Student Testing Follow Up; Elementary Attendance; and Upcoming Events. Secondary Principal's Report. Ms. Nitschke reported on Mentorship; All Staff Appreciation; Intervention Program; and Class Enrollments for second semester.

Schmidt Report. Schmidt reported that Superintendent Tracy Peterson has been placed on administrative leave until further notice.

Old Business: A. Pool Update. Schwab gave an update from the pool committee that the city will be repainting the inside of the pool and the draining of the pool will begin tentatively on March 8th. Acid washing and painting will take place after that.

New Business: A. Motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Legal Authority: NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). K. Erhardt made a motion to move into executive session to discuss Superintendent Position. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C (Motion Carried). Board went into executive session at 6:26 p.m. on January 8, 2025. Chairman Schmidt called the Board meeting back into open session at 7:52 p.m. on January 8, 2025.

Meeting Dates. Building/Grounds/Transportation Meeting – January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Extra-Curricular Meeting – January 16, 2025 7:00 a.m. CT
Budget Committee Meeting – January 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. CT
Regular Board Meeting – February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. CT
Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.

Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(01-23-2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT ADMINSTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY

North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and will hold a public hearing on the N.D. Admin. Code 33.1-16-02.1 at:

**ND Dept. of
Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND
58503-1324
March 17th, 2025
5:00 p.m. CT**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and holding a hearing relating to the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State, N.D. Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-16-02.1. This is an opportunity for all citizens and stakeholders to voice concerns and provide input during the review process as required by 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c). The standards may be viewed on the department's website www.nddeq.gov. A copy may also be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality at 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck ND 58503 or by calling the Department at 701-328-5210. A virtual option to attend the hearing will be provided. Information to attend the virtual option can be obtained by calling the Department phone number listed above. Written comments sent to the mailing address above received by the Department until March 28th, 2025, will be fully considered. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations, contact the Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deq@nd.gov by March 14th, 2025. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 13th day of January 2025. Karl H Rockeman, Deputy Director, Division of Water Quality.

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