

Public Notices

Planning Commission Meeting Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Wells County Planning Commission on the 21st day of April, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the KTL Building in Fessenden ND, for the purpose of discussing proposed changes to the current zoning ordinances in chapters 3, 9, and 12 as well as discuss the potential need for a data center ordinance. The Wells County Planning Commission consists of Stan Buxa, Danny Maxwell, Daniel Stutlien, Chad Ziegler, Faye Schimelfenig, Robert Martin, Warren Strand, Jon Polries, and Connie Kunz.

The intended changes are as follow:

3.7 Road and Highway Setbacks

All buildings and structures shall be placed at least 200 feet from County and State highway right-of-ways, and at least 200 feet from the County road right-of-ways, and at least 133 feet from the center of any township road for the purpose of preventing hazardous accumulations of snow and to allow for future widening of public right-of-ways. Tree plantings and shelterbelts shall be planted in accordance with the USDA-NRCS-North Dakota Field Office Technical Guide recommendations.

9 PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE	
Application for building permit for additional square footage added to taxable property only:	
Value of additional square footage:	Fee
\$5,001 - \$20,000	\$20
over \$20,000	\$25 + \$1 for each additional \$1,000 in valuation
Application for conditional use permit	
	\$50 .10% of the cost of the project with a minimum \$500 fee and a maximum \$2000 fee
Application for zoning amendment	
	\$50
Application for variance	
	\$50

12.1.5.1 Each wind turbine shall be set back from the nearest occupied dwelling, commercial building or publicly-used structure or facility at a distance not less than 1.25 times its total height or 1,250 feet, whichever is greater 5,280 feet (1 mile) with an option for a variance.

All parties and concerned citizens are invited to said hearing at which time they shall have the opportunity to be heard. Please take further notice that the proposed changes as well as the original Zoning Ordinances of Wells County, ND shall be available for inspection and copying at the Wells County Tax Director's Office, 700 Railway ST N Fessenden, ND, on Monday through Friday of each week between the hours of 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Township officials also have copies of said changes, and all proposed documents can be viewed on the home page of www.wellscountynd.com.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2025.

Jana Mogren, Secretary

Publication Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 2025

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Meeting Notice

Wells County District Health Unit Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 beginning at 12 Noon

Conference room Harvey Office

1008 Adams Ave Harvey

Publication Date: April 19, 2025

Bowdon City Council Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOWDON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Mayor Widicker called the meeting to order. Alderman Morrow, Alderman Martin, and Alderman Hoff were present. Lindsay Widicker, Anne West, Tim Scheer, and Darliss Huss were also present. The January and February financials were reviewed. Alderman Martin motioned to approve the minutes and financials, which Alderman Morrow seconded. The minutes and financials were approved.

Old Business

The auditor will work with the city attorney to modify the building permit ordinance and develop a form to accompany the application for a permit. This will be presented at a future meeting to be read and voted upon.

Dahn Haning signed an agreement with the city to demolish the house located on Park Ave this spring.

Alderman Morrow gave an update on completing the pump house upgrade with newer pumps to provide pressure. One of the pressure pumps broke, and the pumps were past their life cycle and needed to be replaced.

New Business

The equalization meeting with Bev Hart will be held on April 8 at 8:30 pm.

A letter will be sent to houses with abandoned vehicles parked at the sheriff's office. Mayor Widicker will talk to Tom S. about possible solutions to drain water away from the South end of Park Ave.

The community center's upkeep was discussed. The shrubs on the south side of the building will be pulled out, and the gutters and downspouts need to be cleaned out.

Alderman Martin suggested that we should seal the cracks in the street.

There was a motion to adjourn and a second. The meeting was adjourned.

Publication Date: April 19, 2025

Call for Bids

CALL FOR BIDS

Cathay Township is accepting written bids for the delivery of 2,000 yds of crushed gravel, more or less, to be delivered to various locations in Cathay Township. Gravel must meet the approval of the board. Bids must be received by May 17, 2025. Send bids to Cathay Township at 943 50th Ave NE, Cathay, ND, 58422. The township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of Cathay Township Board

Thomas M. Wachtel, Clerk

Publication Dates: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO ACCREDITATION: PROCEDURES, STANDARDS, AND CRITERIA; AND COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI)** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes of N.D. Admin. Code 67-19, Accreditation: Procedures, Standards, and Criteria; and 67-23, Special Education; at **9:30 AM on Thursday, May 22, 2025, in the Peace Garden Room at the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.**

The proposed rules may be reviewed at the NDDPI Office of School Approval and Opportunity, ND State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to the above address, to the attention of Jim Upgren, emailing jimupgren@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-2244. Written and oral comments may be sent to the above address or telephone number until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025.

For individuals seeking to attend who will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the NDDPI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2025.

Jim Upgren, Assistant Director

Office of School Approval and Opportunity

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Fessenden-Bowdon School Board Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 - 7:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Miranda Kittelson, Erin Hagemeister, Mychal Neumiller, Hans Widicker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Larson

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Stacy Benz, Principal Aaron Loff, Business Manager Michelle Johnson, Mark Huber - Teacher, Amber Fortney, Mackenzie Dietz

Vice President Miranda Kittelson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was reviewed and amended. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Widicker, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting February 11th and special meeting March 3rd as presented. Motion by Widicker, second by Neumiller, to approve financial reports as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Widicker, to approve the district bills as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The superintendent report was given. The principal's report was given. The assistant activities director's report was given.

Superintendent evaluation was reviewed and completed. All areas were given satisfactory marks. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Neumiller, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Bids were discussed for IT contracting services. Bids received: ABM Technology Group -\$3,642 per month by month contract, ByteSpeed -\$3,225 per month one year contract, and Marco Technologies - \$3,980 per month one year contract. Motion by Neumiller, second by Widicker, to accept the proposal from ABM Technology Group for the district's IT Services for \$3,642 per month on a month by month basis. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Presentation on the Art program by Amber Fortney, Art Teacher was given. (Fortney left the meeting.)

Discussed the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Motion by Neumiller, second by Widicker, to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 AM.

Miranda Kittelson, Vice President

Michelle Johnson, Business Manager

District Expenditures

Presented on March 11, 2025

Scholastic Inc \$650.03; ND Bureau of

Criminal Investigation \$80.00; North Dakota Telephone Company \$289.56; Scholastic Inc \$31.09 Hart Counseling Services \$1,100.00; Herald-Press \$367.29; Loff, Jaimy \$39.97; ACT-American College Testing Progr \$121.50; Affordable Floor Covers \$2,760.00; City of Fessenden \$946.87; Cole Papers Inc \$834.52; Core Facility Solutions \$5,340.94; Dacotah Paper Company \$647.73; Dakota Dust-Tex \$423.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination Division \$172.12; Fessenden-Bowdon School District \$40.32; Herald-Press \$101.97; High Point Networks \$863.69; IState Truck Center \$561.42; Kreiter Autoworks Inc \$648.02; Library World Inc \$525.00; Marco Technologies LLC \$4,252.79; Martin, Thomas \$315.00; Menards-Minot \$55.95; Menards - Jamestown \$223.96; Mid-Dakota Lumber \$2,468.14; ND Center for Distance Education \$1,487.00; ND Council of Educational Leaders \$400.00; North Dakota Telephone Company \$289.56; Northeast Education Services Coop \$4,500.00; TJ Plumbing-T Olschlager \$991.00; Time Management Systems \$193.48; Tracy's Market \$147.34; Trio Environmental Consulting Inc \$585.00; Weigelt, Beau - BW Electric \$187.50; Ottetail Power Company \$10,498.89; First International Bank & Trust \$52.10; Magic-Wrighter Inc \$79.13. TOTAL: \$43,271.88.

Payroll for March 2025: Payroll Items \$1,987.80; Payroll Direct Deposit \$110,198.41; Automatic Payment \$53,332.85; Plus Federal Withholding \$27,483.42. TOTAL: \$193,002.48.

Publication Date: April 19, 2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 8:30 AM

Superintendent Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Larson, Miranda Kittelson, Erin Hagemeister, Mychal Neumiller, Hans Widicker

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Stacy Benz, Business Manager Michelle Johnson

President Monica Larson called the meeting to order. Letter of resignation was received from Stacy Benz, Superintendent. Motion by Kittelson, seconded by Neumiller, to accept the resignation letter from Stacy Benz, Superintendent. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 AM.

Monica Larson, President

Michelle Johnson, Business Manager

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Wells County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

project to reduce costs. The consensus of the Commission was to table this project due to cost. Lastly, there are eight bridges in WC that need to be evaluated for bridge scour and a POA (Plan of Action) will need to be submitted to NDDOT as soon as possible.

WC Road Foreman, Brent Keller, met with the Commission to discuss matters of his Dept. Keller discussed with the Commission information on personnel, equipment, upcoming projects, and county road priorities. SB (M), DM (S) offer \$19/hr. to Hulis Burton to provide groundskeeping services at the WC Fairgrounds. Unanimously carried.

Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ Engineering, met with the Commission to share final documents from the WC Highway #5 project completed last fall. The project was completed for app. \$100,000 under bid. BM (M), DM (S) to approve final documentation. Unanimously carried. Tykwinski noted the bridge project south of Harvey, while construction is completed, is still in the final approval process. Lastly, Tykwinski shared information on a Flex Funding proposal that is currently in the legislature.

Aaron Opdahl of Opdahl Enterprises approached the Commission on asphalt crack sealing capabilities they now have. Opdahl Enterprises now serves multiple surrounding counties with this service and is in the preliminary phase of proposing the provision of these services to WC. The Commission will take the proposal under consideration in the future.

The Commission considered two appointments to the WC Planning & Zoning Committee. BL (M), DM (S) to appoint Warren Strand (City of Fessenden) and Chad Ziegler (Dist. 3). Unanimously carried.

The Commission reshaped Bilodeau Township's request for a cost-share with the County to replace a bridge on 56th Ave. BL (M), BM (S) to fund the pipe for the project as it was under consideration for several years. Unanimously carried.

WC Auditor, Daniel Stutlien, stated his office is in the beginning phases of budgeting for 2026 and performing inventory of WC property. The Commission began discussing budgeting priorities and direction. The Commission would like to continue working on matters of equity amongst the WC employee group.

A couple of capital improvements on the Courthouse that have been discussed in prior months are the replacement of the courthouse elevator and the replacement of the courthouse roof. A bid from TK Elevator (\$72,582.83) and from Teves Construction (\$92,886.13) for the roof have been received. DM (M), BL (S) to approve the elevator project. Motion failed.

BL (M), BL (S) to approve the elevator project for December 2025 to apply for applicable grants. Motion carried. SB (M), DM (S) to approve the roofing project from Teves Construction. Unanimously carried.

WC Auditor, Daniel Stutlien, informed the Commission SAAF (Safe Alternatives for Abused Families) in Devils Lake has closed its doors. As such, we will be seeking a new location to target future court funds along with SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification). The Clerk of Court will be visiting with both the Judge and States Attorney to seek recommendations for you in either May or June.

A Gaming Permit was requested from the Bremen Bar for the Aggie Foundation. SB (M), BM (S) to approve the permit. Unanimously carried.

The Commission considered the Juneteenth holiday, or providing a day to WC employees in lieu of Juneteenth. SB (M), DM (S) to authorize closure of WC offices Thursday, July 3rd, in lieu of Juneteenth. Unanimously carried.

Kip Kovar from Garrison Diversion reached out to apprise WC of the possibility the Feds are open to the idea of either giving or selling the New Rockford Canal. Kovar will attend the May meeting to discuss.

In reconsideration of a proposed WC Fair Activity, Battle of the Breweries, Flatland Trailblazers, under their retail beer license, would oversee the activity during the WC Fair. In addition, the Trailblazers are requesting to sell beer during the Fireworks Display scheduled for Friday, June 13th, as a part of the F-B All-School Reunion. SB (M), BM (S) to approve the alteration of Flatland Trailblazers' license. Unanimously carried.

The WC Planning & Zoning Board recently considered a permit for Dakota Central to install fiber. The P & Z Board approved the request

Planning Commission

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Wells County Planning Commission on the 25th day of April 2025, at 7:00 pm in the KTL Meeting Room at Fessenden, ND, for the purpose of discussing a proposal to directionally bore a new power line across/under County Road 52 and then plow a new cable as close to the southern edge of the county road row west to an old yard where an individual has requested service, Wells County, ND. The Wells County Planning Commission consists of Connie Kunz, Jon Polries, Faye Schimelfenig, Daniel Stutlien, Boone Maxwell, Stan Buxa, Robert Martin, Warren Strand, and Chad Ziegler.

This hearing will be held concerning the boring and plowing of a new cable that Verendrye Electric has filed a Conditional Use Permit with Wells County and the Planning Commission will go over different aspects of the proposed land maps and application.

All parties and concerned citizens are invited to said hearing at which time they shall have the opportunity to be heard

Dated this 9th day of April 2025.

Jana Mogren, Zoning Administrator

Publication Dates: April 12 and 19, 2025

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

The City of Harvey is accepting bids for the Renovation of the South Side of the Armory including old Police Department and Kiwanis Room interior and exterior. Contractors must be licensed and bonded. For more plans, specs and questions contact Public Works Director Jamey Weinmann at 701-324-2000 or email Publicworks@harveynd.com.

Please submit a bid to the City Auditor, 120 West 8th Street Harvey, ND 58341 by 12 pm May 14th, 2025. The bids will be opened at the city council meeting on May 14th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The City of Harvey has the right to refuse or reject any or all bids.

Publication Dates: April 19 and 26, 2025

Public Notice

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City of Harvey CDBG Project

A second public hearing will be held at 3:00 PM on May 14, 2025, at the Harvey City Hall, 120 8th St, Harvey, ND.

The purpose of the meeting:

1) To discuss the use of CDBG funds by the City of Harvey for the Water Control Panels Update Project #5159-CD2122-PF.

2) To inform the public about the North Dakota Community Development Block Grant and to gain public input into the program.

3) To gather comments about the project. Comments will be accepted until May 14, 2025, at the City of Harvey, 120 8th St, Harvey, ND 58341.

Individuals including non-English speaking individuals who require accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids, translated documents or interpreters to participate in the public hearing, should contact Karen Nordby at 120 8th St, Harvey, ND, (701) 324-2000, karen@havrynd.com or by calling TTY: 800-366-6888, Spanish TTY: 800-435-8590 or Relay ND Voice: 800-366-6889; so appropriate aids can be made available.

Publication Dates: April 19, 26, 2025

\$46.89. TOTAL: \$459.87.

Social Services: Wells County Treasurer, Client Support \$54.00; Farmers Union Oil Fessenden, Fuel/Foster Care \$64.82; Wells County Treasurer, Fuel/Foster Care \$118.83; CenDak Cooperative-New Rockford, Fuel/Foster Care \$43.71; Wells County Treasurer, Meals/Foster Care \$45.22; Alicia Lamm, Meals/Foster Care \$67.20; Wells County Treasurer, Dues/Reg Fees/Child Protect. Serv. \$126.56; Farmers Union Oil Fessenden, Fuel/Child Protect. Serv. \$82.01; Wells County Treasurer, Fuel/Child Protect. Serv. \$247.36; Bessette Motors, Inc., Vehicles \$584.62; Kim Goettle, Parent Aid Health Ins. \$250.00; Wells County Treasurer, Dues/Registration Fees \$300.00; Wells County Treasurer, Family Social Worker/ Fuel \$39.66; CenDak Cooperative-New Rockford, Family Social Worker/Fuel \$55.94; Wells County Treasurer, Vehicles \$15.00; Kreiter Autoworks, Inc., Vehicles \$381.98; Wells County Treasurer, Meals/Foster Care \$7.26; Farmers Union Oil Fessenden, In Home Care/Fuel \$468.97; Patriot Fuels, In Home Care/Fuel \$203.10; CenDak Cooperative-New Rockford, In Home Care/Fuel \$31.47; Carrington Motor, Vehicles \$572.82; Alison Nybo, Admin Support-Health Ins. \$250.00; Transcript Publishing, Zone Admin Support/Advert. \$251.28; Herald Press, Zone Admin Support/Advert. \$167.52; Wells County Treasurer, Contracted Services \$100.00; Leaf, Contracted Services \$312.00; 4th Corporation, Contracted Services \$140.00; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services L, Contracted Services \$81.90; Advanced Business Methods, Contracted Services \$126.21; Dakota Central, Telephone \$171.49; NDTCT, Telephone \$605.27; Wells County Treasurer, Telephone \$540.48; Central City H20+, Zone Admin Support/Misc \$52.50; ITD, Zone Admin Support/IT Other \$95.81; NDAco Resources Group, Zone Admin Support/IT Other \$1,020.00; Wells County Treasurer, Zone Admin Support/Office Materials \$6.50; ND Human Service Zone Directors Assn., Subscriptions & Memberships \$500.00. TOTAL: \$8,181.49.

Weed Control: Danny Maxwell, Salary - Board Meeting \$161.80; Kyle Alfstad, Salary - Board Meeting \$162.17; Dale Schmitz, Salary - Board Meeting \$445.13; Kelly Muscha, Salary - Board Meeting \$216.10; Donna Rau, Salary - Employee \$220.87; Herald Press, Advertising \$168.00; Western Township, Noxious Weed/Leafy Spurge/Cost Sharing \$500.00; Hawksnest Township, Noxious Weed/Leafy Spurge/Cost Sharing \$500.00; Kelly Muscha, Bug Nets \$321.84; US Treasury, WC/Withholding \$462.85. TOTAL: \$3,158.76.

Hwy Tax: K & S Builders, LLC, Building Upkeep \$720.00; Farmers Union Oil Fessenden, Fuel \$9,528.87; Kotaco Fuel & Propane, Fuel \$5,251.53; Patzer Truck Repair, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$284.90; Gooseneck Implement, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$1,290.18; Swanston Equipment, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$3,561.02; High Plains Equipment, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$2,940.23; Lault's Auto Body & Towing, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$327.56; Power Plan, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$8,772.38; Rick's Wholesale Tire, Inc., Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$230.00; NAPA-Harvey, Machinery Repairs & Supplies \$1,459.83; Drive Chevrolet Harvey, Pickup Repair \$6,571.28; Wells County Treasurer, Supplies \$892.51; Lerner's ACE & Rental, Supplies \$208.30; Menards-Minot, Supplies \$93.66; Linde Gas & Equipment, Supplies \$140.79; Saber Shred Solutions, Inc., Supplies \$40.99; NDTCT, Telephone \$145.26; Wells County Treasurer, Travel/Mileage \$145.06; Doug Mertz, Travel/Mileage \$36.40; Cathay City, Utilities \$95.00; Verendrye Electric, Utilities \$373.56; Wells County Treasurer, Utilities \$586.41; Northern Plains Electric, Utilities \$494.84; Harvey City, Utilities \$64.20; Fessenden City, Utilities \$152.52; Central Plains Water, Utilities \$181.12; Double M Sanitation, Utilities \$175.00; Sykeston City, Utilities \$49.00; Otter Tail, Utilities \$636.32; Central Dakota Family Physicians, Misc. \$140.00; Schimelfenig Construction, Road Work \$1,140.00. TOTAL: \$46,728.72.

24-7: Wells County Treasurer, Pharm Chem \$31.95; Office of Attorney General, Scram Fees \$155.00. TOTAL: \$186.95.

Total April 2025 Expenditures: \$93,105.02.

Attest: Daniel W. Stutlien,

Wells County Auditor