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Burke County
Commissioner
District #2 Vacancy

Burke County is accepting applications to fill a vacant County Commissioner position for District #2 beginning January 1, 2026. Applicants must reside within District #2, which includes the following townships and cities:

Foothills Township
Harmonious Township
Leaf Mountain Township
Soo Township
Short Creek Township
Forthun Township
Portal Township
Vale Township
Dale Township
Fay Township
Keller Township
City of Lignite
City of Columbus
City of Portal

Interested individuals should submit an application and letter of interest outlining their qualifications and reasons for seeking the appointment. Applications can be found on the county website or at the Auditor's office and may be submitted in person, by email to the Burke County Auditor or online.

Application Deadline: December 19, 2025 by 4:00 PM.

avandegraff@nd.gov
www.burkecountynd.com
Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2025

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. ARTICLES

71-02, 71-03, 71-04, 71-05, 71-06, & 71-08
REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, UNIFORM GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM, DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT, AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposed rules relate to the Public Employees Retirement System, Uniform Group Insurance Program, Deferred Compensation Plan for Public Employees, Highway Patrol Retirement System, Retiree Health Insurance Credit, and Defined Contribution Plan. The proposed rules implement statutory changes made during the 2025 legislative session, clarify current administrative processes, and ensure consistency in administration within the various plans administered by NDPERS.

A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502, e-mailing NDPERS-info@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-3900. Written comments on the proposed rules can be mailed to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502 or emailed to NDPERS-info@nd.gov. Oral comments can be submitted by calling 701-328-3900. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2025.
Rebecca Fricke
Executive Director

City of Bowbells
Council Proceedings

December 8, 2025
Unofficial Proceedings

PRESENT: Council members: Casey Beeter, Laurie Lemmon, Archie Deckert & Michael Bolton; Lanette Jager City Auditor; Dylan Bengel Maintenance Supervisor.

Guests: Jason Cartier.
Mayor Holter called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Motion was made by Deckert, seconded by Beeter, to approve the minutes as written for November 10th, 2025. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Deckert, seconded by Lemmon to approve the Policing Contract at 4800.00 a year for 2026. Motion was carried. Roll call vote: Deckert: Aye, Lemmon: Aye, Beeter: Aye.

Michael Bolton joined meeting.
Motion was made by Deckert, seconded by Lemmon to approve the Water Purchase Agreement from Upper Souris Water District for 1 year of 800,000 gallons water and every 1000 gallons over at 6.25. Motion was carried. Roll call vote: Deckert: Aye, Lemmon: Aye, Beeter: Aye & Bolton: Aye.

First Reading: 12/8/2025
Motion was made by Bolton, seconded by Beeter to approve the financial reports for November 2025. Roll call vote: Deckert: Aye, Lemmon: Aye, Beeter: Aye, Bolton: Aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bolton, seconded by Beeter to pay the bills for December 2025. Roll call vote: Deckert: Aye, Lemmon: Aye, Beeter: Aye, Bolton: Aye. Motion was carried.

BILLS: AE2S \$23.00; Burke County Sheriff 400.00; Burke Tribune 105.41; Circle Sanitation 5482.00; City of Minot 90.00; Dennis Bengel 220.10; DEQ 401.82; Elan Financial 803.95; Farmers Union Lumber 587.57; Farmers Union Oil 450.83; FDHU 90.00; John Deere Financial 395.04; Lanette Jager 285.36; Menard's 2670.36; Mertes Implement 364.00; MFOA 40.00; MDU 2260.53; NCC 248.13; ND One Call 4.50; Online Dakota Info Network 4.45; Upper Souris

Water 4640.00; VESTIS 126.16; BC/BS 208.40. TOTAL \$19,841.61.

Dylan Bengel gave his maintenance report: MDU streetlights are not working, curb stop by the Sheriff Shop broke off from snow removal, Acme is setting up an account with the city. Pallet forks and lift were purchased on Visa Card from Acme. Heat was not on at the pool. Check with H & H Coating to see if they will still service the City Water Tower. Future water tower will need paint as well; it is getting rust spots.

Lot 11, Block 2, except SW 80'x2' Bowbells City and Lot 6, Block 2, OT, Bowbells City were both purchased from the County and the deeds transferred to the city.

Brosz Engineering will put in for the Agricultural Grant as well as the Flex Funding Grant for the road and drain tiles. Waiting to hear anything.

Motion was made by Beeter, seconded by Deckert to nominate Michael Bolton as the City rep for the Burke County Planning & Zoning Board. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Bolton, seconded by Beeter to reimburse Dennis Bengel Medicare to 284.10 a month. Motion was carried. Roll call vote: Deckert: Aye, Lemmon: Aye, Beeter: Aye & Bolton: Aye.

Discussion on 2026 Election.
Discussion on concrete taken to the landfill.

Discussion on Building Permit 777 to Nicholas Anderson who has until 11/10/2026 for the garage to be moved and meet the proper setbacks.

Discussion on sidewalk in front of the Black Gold Saloon still has not been repaired right. The City will get it hired out to fix and the bill will be assessed to the property.

Discussion on Ambulance New Building and Burke County Tribune utility billing was tabled until Mayor Holter talks with the City Auditor.

Building Permit #779 to Archie Deckert to move the 14 x 70 mobile home at 510 Westside Drive NW, Bowbells to the County. Permit was signed off by 3 council members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next City Council Meeting will be January 12th, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST Shannon Holter, Mayor
Lanette Jager, City Auditor
December 17, 2025

City of Columbus
Council Proceedings

December 8, 2025
Unofficial Minutes

The December meeting of the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 8, 2025, by Mayor Chris Kihle at the Columbus City Hall, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Kihle, Amber Nygard, Katie Nygard and Scott Sandy; Auditor, Sandy Raines. Absent: Darla Westerners.

Guests Present: Deb Clemens, First State Bank & Trust of Crosby, delivered a meat and cheese tray to the Council. Thanks to FSBT for their holiday wishes.

Agenda: Motion by Sandy and second by K. Nygard to approve the agenda as presented.

The mayor called for the vote. Motion approved.
Minutes: Motion by K. Nygard and

seconded by Sandy to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025, City Council Meeting as presented. The mayor called for the vote. Motion approved.

Public Comment: There being no members of the public wishing to comment, Mayor Kihle proceeded with the meeting.

City Engineer: No report
City Attorney: No report.

City Maintenance: Worked on Flower St. clean-up; tires replaced on the Bob Cat; Lions Park decorated; leveled out Gazebo at Lions' Park; installed shop lights in the City Shop; ordered rubber edge for the snow plow wing; received water tower report; lagoon sample was acceptable; discharge began Friday, Dec. 5th and should be complete by Dec. 9th.

City Auditor: Correspondence: Shared seasonal cards and greetings; elected officials completed Statement of Interest Forms which are due by January 31, 2026; PSC is holding a public hearing at Bowbells on Dec. 19th for the BESS south of Columbus; Twice Blessed donation forms are available at City Hall; informational letters regarding the Lead and Copper Line Inventory for the Public Service side (curb stop to main) were mailed to all residents in November.

Financials: Motion by Sandy and second by A. Nygard to pay the December bills and file the November financial statement. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Fee structure: utility rates and fines for ordinance infractions – ongoing.

Columbus Community Club: Auditor shared that a grant in the amount of \$60,000 was received from a trust at Wells Fargo Bank for the playground project.

Tree Grant: submitted will learn decision in mid-January.

MDU Grant: Auditor reported that the city received a \$1950 grant from the MDU Resources Foundation for upgraded audio-visual equipment for the Community Center.

New Business:

Christmas Light Up and Visit with Santa: Community Light Up Contest will continue for residents running from December 1st – December 31st. Winners will be announced at January Council Meeting. "Visit with Santa," will be Wednesday, Dec. 17th 3:30-5:00 pm at the Community Center.

2026 Sheriff Contract: Motion by K. Nygard and second by A. Nygard to approve the policing contract for 2026 with the Burke County Sheriff's Department at the rate of \$4800/yr. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Financial: Motion by Sandy and second by K. Nygard to move \$50,000 from the general fund to the Water Enterprise Repair Fund by year end. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Year End: Motion by K. Nygard and second by A. Nygard to pay \$1000 to Maintenance supervisor for year end clothing bonus and \$1000 to Auditor for year end bonus as mileage reimbursement for bank and water readings. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Kihle, and A.

Nygard. Nays: None. Abstain: Sandy. Motion approved.

2026 Council Meetings: Motion by Sandy and second by A. Nygard to approve the following dates for 2026 council Meetings: January 5th; February 2nd; March 2nd; April 6th; May 4th; June 8th; July 6th; August 3rd; September 8th (Tuesday); October 5th; November 2nd; and December 7th. The mayor called for the vote. Motion approved.

Adjournment: Motion by K. Nygard and second by Sandy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Bills to Pay: Intuit \$377.00; BDEC \$11.50; Verizon \$289.71; NWRW \$2486.36; NCC \$223.36; EFTPS \$1138.44; Adobe \$251.87; Amazon \$1235.26; Jacob's Hardware \$45.85; Office Depot \$49.00; BC Sheriff \$400.00; Burke County Tribune \$115.68; Circle Sanitation \$1994.50; First District Health \$30.00; Jerry's Transfer \$24.00; Lignite Oil \$418.50; Visa Maintenance \$1352.34; Banyon Data \$1730.00; One Call Concepts \$.90; Burke County Auditor \$21.00; ND DEQ \$183.52; H & H Coatings \$4710.00; Raines \$1000.00; Sandy \$1000.00.

Sandy Raines, Auditor
December 17, 2025

Notice Before
Foreclosure

To the Title Owners, Borrowers and Occupants of the Property:

Scott Payne
502 Main St. NW
Bowbells, ND 58721

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that unless you dispute the validity of the foregoing debt or any portion thereof within thirty days after receipt of this letter, we will assume the debt to be valid. If the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt and will mail you a copy of such verification. You are also advised that upon your request within the thirty-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of your original creditor, if different from the creditor referred to in this Notice. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account. However, if you fail to contact our office, our client may consider additional remedies to recover the balance due. The real property that this notice pertains to is located at 502 Main St. NW, Bowbells, ND 58721, and more particularly described as:

Lot 8 and the Northeastly 75 Feet of Lot 9, Block 36, Shippam's Plat to the City of Bowbells, Burke County, North Dakota.

Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage, recorded against the above described property by Scott Payne and Heather Payne, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans successors and assigns, dated March 11, 2022, ("Mortgage"); and given to secure the payment of \$116,844.00, and interest and other fees and costs

according to the terms and obligations of a certain promissory note, is in default. The current Mortgagee of the Mortgage is NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing.

The following is a statement of the sum due for principal, interest, taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. as of October 3, 2025:

Principal.....\$110,345.86
Interest to 10/10/2025
@ 3.750%.....\$2,515.84
Late Charges.....\$100.00
Property Inspection.....\$120.00
Funds owed by borrower.....\$1,029.62
Grand Total.....\$114,111.32

That as of October 3, 2025, the amount due to cure any default, or to be due under the terms of the mortgage, exists in the following respects:

Monthly Mortgage
Payments.....\$7,402.30
Total Corp Advance/Late/
NSF/Atty Fees.....\$220.00
Grand Total.....\$7,622.30

In the event that you either payoff or reinstate the loan, payment must be paid by certified funds, and made payable to NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, and mailed to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C., at 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Additionally, you must pay any additional accrued interest, subsequent payments or late charges which become due and any further expenses for preservation of the property which may be advanced. Please contact Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. for the exact amount due through a certain date.

You have the right, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, to cure the default specified above. You also have the right in the foreclosure action to assert that no default exists or any other defense you may have to said action.

Notice is further provided that if the total sums in default, together with interest accrued thereon at the time of such payment, accrued payments then due and expenses advanced, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or service of this Notice, the Mortgagee will deem the whole sum secured by the Mortgage to be due and payable in full without further notice. Furthermore, proceedings will be commenced to foreclosure such Mortgage, and in the event of Sheriff's sale as provided by the laws of the State of North Dakota, the time for redemption shall be as provided by law, but not less than sixty (60) days after the Sheriff's Sale.

Date: October 9, 2025
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
/s/ Tyler S. Wirick
Tyler S. Wirick

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December 17, 24 & 31, 2025

News Tip?
377-2626



Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year, and a little bad too...but this is my Christmas list: 1. phone; 2. bubble skincare; 3. NDSU clothes; 4. pink pom puff hoodie; 5. stickers; 6. art supplies; 7. LED lights; 8. slime; 9. makeup; 10. pink football; 11. squishmallow; 12. Wheifed dinosaur; 13. gymnasium stuff; 14. my mini babies; 15. mini make-up; 16. paint; 17. mini Stanley; 18. tumbling mat; 19. 3D pen.
Love, Blake H.

Dear Santa,
I would like a gymnastic bar please and thank you. And one more thing, I want a tumbling mat and for my baby sister to be healthy.
Sincerely, Emmie

Dear Santa,
I really want a real cute white puppy that's fluffy and I would like some clothe to dress him up and it has to be a boy.
Love, Cora

Dear Santa,
I would like a reindeer because I want one.
Love, Jameson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good kid. I been helping my mom and dad and for Christmas I want a train.
Love, Weslee

Dear Santa,
I want the best Christmas and a bell because we need it for supper.
Love Hadley

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike and a mine ditch pickle.
Love Briggs

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas because so I can play with it. I want a phone because so I can call my cousin. Thank you.
Love, Ahna

Dear Santa,
I want a pit bike for Christmas because I want to jump it.
Thank you, Grey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Can I please have a Meta-Quest so I can play video games. And another one is new shoes so I can run in them. Thank you.
Love, Kyson

Dear Santa,
I have been nice other when I made my brother's mouth bleed. I really want a angler fish, piranha plant Lego set.
Love, Harry

Dear Santa,
I will like a BVT BLEK and a bumper car so I can play with my brother.
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
I want a hunting bed sheet and a bow because I want to kill a deer.
Love, Leland

Dear Santa,
I want a bow for Christmas so I can shoot a bear. My last one I want a Xbox so I can play the Xbox.
Thank you, Boden

Dear Santa,
I would want a Lamborghini and a puppy and capybara and a United States of America hat and an expensive Minecraft Lego set.
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
My name is Marie. I want a LOL because I want to see what surprise LOL I get.
Love, Marie

Dear Santa,
Xbox and ranger and Ipad duck tape. If I got a ranger I would drive it. If I got a Xbox I would play fort.
Thank you, Bennett

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like a ball.
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like a new bike and a new poodle stuffy. I would like my own tiny mail box.
Love, Ellington

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like a lava lamp, custom like Santa and also a jingle bell ring.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I would like you for Christmas.
Love, Paige

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a baby doll with eyes that open and close and a paci for baby.
Love, Paisley

Dear Santa,
I have been nice and naughty. I would like a bike, Barbie house, Barbies, more hair stuff to do my hair pretty.
Love, Everleigh

Dear Santa,
I have been doing my best to be good. I would like a camera, Switch controllers, 3D printer, 3D pen, remote control car and robot dog.
Love, Rylan

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like a remote control sonic and RC car.
Love, Grayson

Dear Santa,
I have been doing my best to be good. This year I would like a VR head set please! Another thing I want is a bendable arm and leg doll boy and girl. Thank you.
Love, Gracelynn

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like puddly slime squishys for Christmas.
Love, Raelynn

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like my mini babies series 2.
Love, Kinsleigh

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like a picky pad, Christmas PJs, a nerf gun and a jelly bead shooter gun.
Love, Wesley

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like a Hot Wheels track.
Love, Gunner

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like a new phone, sweatpants and sweatshirts for Christmas.
Love, Kendra

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a Labubu, phone, laptop, nails, big angel and stitch toys, Eevee backpack, CatNap toy and Pika-chu backpack.
Love, Natasha

Dear Santa,
I am doing my best to be good. I would like a baby sister for Christmas.
Love, Aiyanna

Dear Santa,
I have been doing my best to be good. I would like a cooking set, a paint set and a doll.
Love, Aniyah

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like a ipad and a magic pen.
Love, Amelia

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like a stress ball, makeup and Legos.
Love, Jolie

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like a snowboard and a semi RC.
Love, Tyson

Dear Santa,
I have been doing my best to be good. I would like a snowboard and a fully waterproof RC Titanic.
Love, Beau

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like makeup, cow, Barbies.
Love, Bailey

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like diapers & wipes, and 12 to 18 months clothes as I am nine months old.
Love, Ariah