

Legals: Your Right to Know

Official Results for the MLS School Board Election Held on June 10, 2025.

Lansford:

- Drake Vendel: 109 votes
- Jared Abernathy: 85 votes
- Write In Votes: Paul Smetana: 1 vote

Drake Vendsel, having received the highest number of votes, is hereby declared elected Member of School Board for the term of 3 years.

Sherwood:

- Nathaniel Buynak: 172 votes
- Write In Votes: Chantel Southam: 3 votes

Jared Engh: 1 Vote
Norman Buynak: 1 Vote
Virginia Engh: 1 Vote
Wendy Solemsaas: 1 Vote
Todd Johnson: 1 Vote
Roger Hutchinson: 1 Vote

Nathaniel Buynak, having received the highest number of votes, is hereby declared elected Member of School Board for the term of 3 years.

At Large:

- Thurston Johnson: 79 votes
- Lexi R. Kvasnicka-Gates: 77 votes
- Jennifer Vannerden: 28 votes
- Kevin Aho: 15 votes

Thurston Johnson, having received the highest number of votes, is hereby declared elected Member of School Board for the term of 3 years.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY PROCESSES

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Water Resources will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code related to regulatory processes for construction permits, drainage permits, and drainage complaint and appeal reviews at 10:30 am on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 225 4th Street N., Fargo, ND 58102, and at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504. The hearings will also be available to be streamed online. The links for virtual attendance are available at [dwr.nd.gov](#).

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Department of Water Resources at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504, calling 701-328-2750, or online at [dwr.nd.gov](#). Written comments may be submitted online at [dwr.nd.gov](#), sent to the above address, or emailed to [asebach@nd.gov](#) with the subject, "Administrative Code Comments – Regulatory Processes" until 5 pm on September 12, 2025. If any accommodations are needed related to this rule update or public hearing attendance, contact the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator at 701-328-1956 or [ckadmas@nd.gov](#) at least 24-hours prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2025.
/s/ Reice Haase, Director;
Department of Water Resources

The Sherwood City Council Held Their Monthly Meeting on Monday, June 16th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Council members present were: Garrett Volk, Boyd Southam, Will Smith, and David Thompson. Others present were Nathan A., Joel O., Sonja O., Shianne A., and Kaylee H.

Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Discussion was held on late water bills/monthly disconnects. There was one disconnect for June, and three from previously that still have an outstanding balance.

The NDIRF inventory sheet has been updated and submitted for the city.

Discussion was held on the school coal room. Will is working on possible contractors, and will have additional information for the next meeting.

Nathan provided the council with the monthly engineering report. A question was asked if there is possibility of buildup within the new water meters that the city has. No concerns at this time, with that being an issue. The lead pipe door-to-door surveys will be submitted to DEQ.

The RSCO monthly report was reviewed, no concerns at this time.

The Lawn Ordinance has been submitted to the RCF for publishing, and has been added to the city Facebook page twice, for residential yearly reminder. There was a citizen concern about the property needing to be mowed, parcel number 2600105765010, owner Daniel Downs. Garrett will speak with Johan about the property, and it being mowed.

The Sherwood Gym rental fee was discussed. David made a motion to

raise the daily rental fee to \$100.00 per day (from \$50.00/day). Seconded by Will. All board members present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Boyd made a motion to approve the raffle permit for the Sherwood Fire Department. Seconded by Will. All board members present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Will made a motion to approve the raffle permit for the Sherwood American Legion. Seconded by Boyd. All board members present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the account closure, of the city account that has a balance of \$1.00. This account was used years ago for the income/expenses of the Sherwood Gym floor project. Boyd made a motion to close the account, seconded by David. All board members present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

David made a motion to pass the 2nd Reading of the Sales Tax Ordinance. Seconded by Boyd. All board members present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SHERWOOD CITY SALES, USE, AND GROSS RECEIPTS TAX UNDER THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, Renville County, NORTH DAKOTA:

SALES, USE, AND GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Definitions.
All terms defined in chapters 40-05.1, 57-39.2, 57-39.4, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2 of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.), are adopted by reference. All references to the N.D.C.C. include amendments adopted by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

Collection and administration.
Where not in conflict with the provisions of this article, the provisions of N.D.C.C. chs. 40-05.1, 57-39.2, 57-39.4, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2, and all administrative rules adopted by the tax commissioner, pertaining to the collection and administration of the retail sales, use, and gross receipts tax, including provisions for liability, refund, penalty, interest or credit, govern the administration by the state office of the state tax commissioner (hereinafter "tax commissioner") of the taxes imposed by this article.

Sales Tax Imposed.
Subject to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided by this article, or the sales and use tax laws of the state, a tax of two percent is imposed upon the gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail, including the leasing or renting of tangible personal property, within the corporate limits of the of the city.

Use tax imposed.
1. Subject to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided in this article, or the sales and use tax laws of the state, an excise tax is imposed upon the storage, use, or consumption within the corporate limits of the city of tangible personal property purchased at retail for storage, use, or consumption in this city, at the rate of two percent of the purchase price of the property. An excise tax is imposed on the storage, use, or consumption within the corporate limits of the city of tangible personal property not originally purchased for storage, use, or consumption in this city at the rate of two percent of the fair market value of the property at the time it was brought into this city.

2. With respect to the purchase price of tangible personal property used by a contractor or subcontractor to fulfill a contract as defined in N.D.C.C. § 57-40.2-03.3, the tax imposed by this section applies only to bids submitted on or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.

Gross receipts of alcoholic beverages.

Subject to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided in this article, a gross receipts tax of two percent is imposed upon all gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city. A person who receives alcoholic beverages for storage, use, or consumption in this state is subject to tax on storage, use, or consumption of those alcoholic beverages at the rate of two percent.

Gross receipts of new farm machinery and new farm irrigation equipment.

Subject to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided in this article, a gross receipts tax of two percent is imposed upon all gross receipts from the sale of new farm machinery and new farm irrigation equipment within the city. A person who receives new farm machinery or new farm irrigation equipment for storage, use, or consumption in this state is subject to tax

on storage, use, or consumption of that machinery and/or equipment at the rate of two percent.

Exemptions
1. This article does not provide for any additional exemptions from imposition and computation of the city sales and use tax other than those provided by state law.

2. Sales to contractors that are exempt pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 57-39.2-04(15) shall be exempt from any city sales tax, but contractors shall be subject to the city use tax on those items used within the city that would be taxed pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 57-40.2-03.3 on which the city sales tax has not previously been paid.

Maximum Tax Imposed
No single transaction by the taxpayer from any one customer, involving one or more items, is subject to a tax in excess of \$25.00.

City Auditor Empowered to Contract with State Tax Commissioner
The city auditor is hereby authorized to contract with the tax commissioner for administration and collection of taxes imposed by this article. The city auditor has all powers granted to the tax commissioner and in the absence of a valid contract with the tax commissioner or failure of the tax commissioner to perform the delegated duties, shall perform these duties in place of the tax commissioner.

Dedication of Tax Proceeds
All revenues raised and collected under this article shall be dedicated for infrastructure improvements and expenses. All revenues shall be placed in a separate sales and use tax fund.

Effective Date
This Ordinance shall take effect, following final passage, adoption and publication.

The tax shall be implemented and take effect on July 1st, 2025.

Boyd made a motion to pass the monthly bills. Seconded by Will. All board members present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Check # 10225 to ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service for \$24,192.00 will be voided and replaced with Check # 10248 to ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service for \$12,096.00. Meeting adjourned at 7:08p.m.

June Monthly Bills:	
John Brown (Payroll)	\$3,992.50
John Brown (Vehicle)	\$250.00
Joni Heller (Payroll)	\$416.68
Joni Heller (Library Expense)	\$17.50
Kristy Titus (Payroll)	\$1,167.90
ND Once Call, Inc.	\$2.55
Envision	\$296.99
City of Mohall	\$1,324.50
FDHU	\$30.00
Cameron Hardware	\$186.79
Precision Farm Parts	\$28.58
Circle Sanitation	\$2,211.50
Renville County SO	\$1,625.00
ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service	\$12,096.00
NCEC	\$248.00
MDU	\$2,582.85
SRT	\$161.78
Menards	\$79.61
IRS	\$2,015.93
ND Tax	\$922.50
ND PERS	\$813.00

IN THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

Supreme Court No. 20250227

In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 4, with Chambers in Devils Lake, Northeast Judicial District

[¶1] On June 25, 2025, the Governor notified this Court of the retirement of the Honorable Donovan J. Foughty as Judge of the District Court in the Northeast Judicial District, effective September 30, 2025. Therefore, under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, a vacancy in the office of district judge will be created upon Judge Foughty's retirement.

[¶2] Section 27-05-02.1, N.D.C.C., requires the Supreme Court to determine whether the judgeship is necessary for effective judicial administration in the Northeast Judicial District or whether the judgeship may be transferred. The Court considered the matter, and

[¶3] ORDERED, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the Northeast Judicial District under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2(b). Any person wishing to comment on the vacancy may also do so in writing no later than July 28, 2025. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the Court Administrator for Unit 1 regarding the Northeast Judicial District and discussing the criteria under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2 and receive statewide caseload data from the State Court Administrator's office. Written comments may be filed as provided by the North Dakota Rules of Appellate Procedure, i.e. electronically filed through the public portal ([portal.ctrack.ndcourts.gov](#)); emailed to Petra H. Mandigo Hulm, Clerk of the Supreme Court, at [supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](#); or mailed to 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530.

[¶4] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota convened with

the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, and the Honorable Douglas A. Bahr, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

[¶5] Dated: June 30, 2025
Petra H. Mandigo Hulm Clerk
North Dakota Supreme Court

Dakota Datebook

T-Rex By Merry Helm

It was about this time in 1905 that H. F. Osborn revealed the discovery of the "Dinamosaurus" or "dynamic lizard." Now known as the Tyrannosaurus, or T. rex, it surfaced for the first time just across the border in Montana.

The discovery was in what's known as the Hell Creek Formation, which is visible in quite a few locations; in addition to areas of Montana, it also occurs in North and South Dakota. In North Dakota, the formation is about 300 feet thick in western North Dakota and about 150 feet thick in the Bismarck area.

A sub-tropical sea covered a great deal of North Dakota 65 million years ago. Feeder rivers flowing east from the Rocky Mountain area created huge silt deposits.

North Dakota paleontologist John Hoganson writes, "This delta was teeming with life, including T. rex and about 10 other kinds of dinosaurs, several other kinds of creatures like crocodiles, turtles, fish, salamanders—even small mammals. There were also exotic plants growing here at that time, including palm trees. It was hot and humid, a great place for reptiles like T. rex and humans drinking piña coladas."

The word Tyrannosaurus translates to "tyrant reptile." As someone aptly said, the Tyrannosaurus was "the most terrifying engine of destruction ever to have walked the earth." At about 40 feet long and roughly 20 feet tall, it weighed around eight tons—more than a modern African bull elephant. Its head alone was more than four feet long, and its jaws were lined with 60 six-inch teeth. Because its head was so large, its neck was short, thick and powerful, and it used its tail as a counterbalance. Support came from monolithic hind legs ending in three-toed feet tipped with long sharp talons. In stark contrast were its very small forelimbs and tiny two-clawed hands.

Paleontologist Dean Pearson discovered the first Tyrannosaurus in North Dakota. It's the largest collection of T. rex bones yet to be found in this state.

Based on research conducted by Hoganson and others, the farthest east the T. rex lived in North America was near Bismarck. Hoganson says scientists have found T. rex remains in about six spots south of Bismarck and Mandan and several in the Marmarth area.

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Little Baby Skunks Do Stink!



Sisters Anna Mae Laumb and Carolyn Alexander

Anna Mae Laumb, born 1936, and her sister, Carolyn Alexander, born 1932, were interviewed together on the Laumb farm. Carolyn lives on a farmstead six miles away and came to be part of the interview. Their father, a Danish immigrant, moved the family frequently. When Carolyn was about 16, the family moved to a farm northeast of Norma.

When they were young, Carolyn says, "we found [four or five] baby skunks."

They were darling. They were cute." They were going to carry them to town and show the town kids. They got about three-fourths of the way to town, when...Anna Mae finishes the story: "Wow! Well, we didn't get [to town]. I don't know why I [thought] little baby skunks don't smell. They stink. They do!"

Carolyn and Anna Mae received most of their education in Norma. Carolyn says, "I was in a unique class—the only high school graduating class from Norma High School."

Watne calls reconciliation package "good and bad"

North Dakota Farmers Union President Mark Watne called the budget reconciliation package passed today by Congress "a mixed bag."

"There is a lot of good in the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act' that will strengthen the farm safety net. We appreciate the improvements made to farm programs and tax provisions impacting agriculture and farmer-owned cooperatives," he said.

Farm bill provisions that NDFU worked hard to achieve include an increase in commodity reference prices to better reflect the cost of production, improved crop insurance sup-

2ND ANNIVERSARY BASH

ROSIE'S CANTINA PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Friday, July 11th

Fun for Kids
1 PM-3 PM
Bouncy House
Games
Ice cream
Prizes

Fun for Adults
3 PM-Closing
Street Party with DJ
Burgers/ Brats
Door Prizes/ including free TV
Surprise Performer at 8 PM

Free will offering to benefit
Portal International Fire Department

SUDOKU PUZZLE ANSWER

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