

# Legals: Your Right to Know

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 20**

**THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code Title 20 at 9:00 am on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at the North Dakota State Capitol Building; 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota; 58505—Fort Union Room.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners at 2900 E. Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, ND, 58501, e-mailing info@niddentalboard.org or calling 701-258-8600. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above address or to the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners, PO Box 7246, Bismarck, ND, 58507, until November 28, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners at the above telephone number or address at least twenty (20) days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 13 day of October, 2025.

David Schaibley  
Executive Director  
North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners

**RENVILLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

Board convened at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairman Andy Gates, Commissioner Rick Haman and Commissioner Jamee Hansen.

Sean Mattern, Road Supervisor, met with the Board. The crew has been out blading. Kenyon finished doing the maintenance on the mowing tractors. They will start mowing next week. The bale removal deadline date will be November 1, 2025.

Correspondence addressed to the Board's attention was reviewed and discussed. August payroll was approved as presented.

Moved by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Haman that the minutes of August 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Moved by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Haman to have December 26, 2025 a holiday for all employees. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

County Recorder, Danielle Petersen met with the Board to ask if she could attend a "Servant Driven Leadership" presentation in Bismarck on October 3, 2025. Moved by Comm. Haman, second by Comm. Hansen to approve the training. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

At 10:00 a.m. the meeting was opened for the public to be heard for or against the 2026 County budget. No one appeared. Moved by Comm. Hansen and second by Comm. Haman to accept the preliminary budget for 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Resolution 2025-22 was introduced by Commissioner Haman, second by Commissioner Hansen and adopted by a unanimous vote of aye. Details of the resolution are on file in the Auditor's office.

Payee	Amount
AT&T	63.20
Attorney General	175.00
Bottineau County Sheriff	490.00
Bower's Aerial	202.50
James Burton	494.00
Carter Septic Services	960.00
Cenex Fleetfueling	2,463.65
Circle Sanitation	140.00
Dakota Fence	14,500.00
Ryder Donohue	247.00
Envision	2,393.89
Farden Construction	15,966.00
Bethany Gates	546.70
Glenburn City	55.60
Jack & Jill Groceries	31.54
Jergy Boys Powersports	511.98
John Deere Financial	785.76
Marmon LLC	157.86
Mid-American Research Chemical	223.31

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Mohall Ambulance Service	90.40
NDDOT	128,127.21
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North Prairie Garage	178.90
NRG	22,609.71
O'Keeffe Oil	6,767.67
Otter Tail Power	59.54
Pringle & Herigstad	512.00
Quadient Leasing	239.76
SRT Communication	1,113.00
Stein's	1,419.96
Softchoice Corp	4,159.48
Turtle Mountain Communication	55.62
Tyler Technologies	22,258.37
Upper Souris Water District	659.80
Verizon Wireless	515.49
Julie Vetter	2,090.00
Visa	874.39
Ward County Auditor	200.00
WEX	70.00
Wold Engineering	52,188.75

Roger Hutchinson, County Sheriff, discussed his 2026 budget requests with the Board. The Board has recommended a 3% raise for all full time positions. He would like an additional 2% salary increase for 2026. They also discussed the former city hall building and what Roger may need to get it operational for the Sheriff Department's use. He will need a TV screen and docking station for the building. The Sheriff's office will be using the enclosed office space and one of the garage bays. The meeting space will be available for the public's use at no cost.

Deputy Auditor, Victoria Klingbeil-Trout, gave the Board information for the next Mouse River Park Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

Board convened at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairman Andy Gates, Commissioner Rick Haman and Commissioner Jamee Hansen.

Sean Mattern, Road Supervisor, met with the Board. He received an estimate for a new furnace for the Sherwood Shop from Nett Electric in the amount of \$3,809.00. Moved by Comm. Haman, second by Comm. Hansen to accept the estimate from Nett Electric. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Sean stated the mowing of County roads is about half done. The crew is going back to five, eight hour days starting September 29. Sean will install a speed limit sign of 35 mph on the west access road into the Mouse River Park.

The Board met with Chad Schmidt, Custodian, to get an update on what projects he is currently working on. He has spoken to 701 Plumbing and was told the heating units would be here next week. He had also received an estimate on repairs for the Courthouse roof from Tecta America. They broke down the roof area into four sections and gave an estimate by section. The total estimate is \$203,950.00. The Board will be working on prioritizing projects for 2026 and will then decide what section to do first. The Board will also consider the estimate from BradCo for tuckpointing on the courthouse, and see what area is next on that list.

Kristy Titus, DES Coordinator, discussed the upcoming Full Scale Exercise to be held at the Courthouse on October 16th.

Danielle Petersen, County Recorder, met with the Board to request approval for travel in February 2026. She wants to attend a conference in Virginia Beach, VA. The estimated cost is \$2,700.00. Moved by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Haman to approve the out of state travel request. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Roger Hutchinson, County Sheriff,

**Notice of Name Change**

Andrea Jeanine Limberger, of Mohall, has filed for a name change to AJ Wyldé Dendy in the District Court of Renville County, North Dakota. Any objections should be filed with the Court within 30 days.

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discussed equipment needed for the former city hall building. He would like a TV, four computer monitors, two docking stations, a power washer, battery charger and car washing supplies. Total estimated cost is \$4,000.00. The Board approved the request. Roger also discussed his 2026 budget.

Moved by Comm. Haman, second by Comm. Hansen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the ND Secretary of State's office and the County in regards to the State owned election equipment used for all elections by the County. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Moved by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Haman to continue to be a Cooperating Agency with the US Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Correspondence addressed to the Board's attention was reviewed and discussed. Travel requests were approved as presented.

Resolution 2025-23 was introduced by Commissioner Haman, second by Commissioner Hansen and adopted by a unanimous vote of aye. Details of the resolution are on file in the Auditor's office.

Payee	Amount
AT&T	64.13
Butler Machinery	153.95
Fargo Glass & Paint	640.47
Heisler Auto	788.00
Information Technology Dep	1,488.50
Mohall City	119.16
Montana Dakota Utilities	4,620.58
National Association of Counti	450.00
NDACO	137.20
North Country Mercantil	13,672.48
North Prairie Garage	47.40
NRG	17,605.98
Danielle Petersen	79.80
Quadient Finance	251.00
Renville County Farmer	67.80
Sherwood City	86.94
Soltis Sportswear	676.16
Gabriel Titus	172.20
Kristy Titus	309.40
Waste Management	1,284.30
Turtle Mountain Communications	55.62
WE701	818.00

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Expenditures, by fund, approved by the Board for the month of September, 2025: General, \$234,248.20; Road & Bridge, \$45,606.30; County Infrastructure Fund, \$180,315.96; Highway Tax, \$47,973.58; 9-1-1, \$1,232.00; Veteran Service, \$1,232.54; County Agent, \$674.23; Weed Control, \$1,960.08; Sheriff Reserve, \$25,481.48.

Details of the bills are on file in the Auditor's office.

**RENVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

SEAL

Andy Gates, Board Chairman

Attest:

LeAnn M. Pollman, County Auditor

**MLS School Board Business Meeting Minutes Tuesday September 9, 2025**

Present: Matt Undlin, Andy Grondahl, Nathaniel Buynak, Thurstan Johnson, Jake Kaufmann, Ben Ethen, Drake Vendsel

Admin Present: Heidi Newgard, Kelsea Bowers, Cody Beck, Trevor Savelkoul, Kim Strand Meeting was called to order by Matt Undlin at 7:07 AM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent Agenda (Previous Minutes, Financials of all accounts, Bills)

Board members asked for clarification on some of the bills going out. Nathaniel suggested naming the person that objects to a motion and also pointed out some spelling errors in the previous meeting minutes. Jake motioned to approve the consent agenda, Drake seconded. M/C

Administration Reports

-Elementary Principal

-Mrs. Bowers gave her report on MTSS, and mentioned the teachers have created a pathway to streamline communication and paperwork. She will present in October the data from testing in September.

-Dean of Students

-Mr. Beck reported that 140 students are enrolled in grades 7-12 at MLS. NDA Plus testing starts this month. Yondr pouches, which are the pouches students store their electronic devices in, are going well. After the first week of school, there have been no further issues with students cooperating in using the pouches.

-Superintendent/HS Principal

-Mrs. Newgard is looking into putting security cameras at the school apartments due to recent events.

There are two applicants for the

custodian position. Interviews will be scheduled.

-Athletic Director

-Mr. Savelkoul stated the annual athletic director meeting is in Bismarck at the end of September. The new scores table is set up in the new gym. Sports are going well.

Committee and other Reports: nothing to report

Old Business:

-Board reorganization was tabled until proper paperwork can be found.

New Business

-Mrs. Newgard presented the 2024-2025 DPI budget for approval. Andy made a motion to approve the DPI budget. Nathaniel seconded the motion. M/C.

-The final 2025-2026 budget was reviewed, Mrs. Newgard amended the budget for Title I to reflect the grant received. She needed to adjust the elementary budget as well to compensate for the Title I change. Board members asked for clarification on some of the budget items. Andy motioned to approve the final budget, Nathaniel seconded. M/C.

-The 2025-2026 Annual Compliance Report was presented. Thurstan made a motion to approve the report, Jake seconded. M/C

-The 2025-2026 Professional Development Plan was presented. Jake made a motion to approve the plan, Drake seconded. M/C

-The fire and tornado insurance rates remained the same this year. Jake made a motion to approve the rates, Thurston seconded. The board members had a discussion over the rates and coverage. Motion brought to a vote. M/C

-Mrs. Newgard suggested outsourcing payroll to Jenna Nilsen. Jake made a motion to approve Jenna Nilsen to process payroll until the end of the fiscal year. Drake seconded. M/C

-The board discussed whether or not to allow an open campus at lunch for students. Andy suggested an open campus for the older kids. It was decided by the board to not allow open campus for grades Pre-K-11. Continue to allow open campus for Seniors.

-Mrs. Newgard passed out handouts with information on 504's. She also explained the difference between a 504 and an IEP.

-The Lansford Marquee is out-dated and doesn't work properly. After a discussion on different options, Jake motioned to turn off the electricity to the marquee, Drake seconded. M/C

-Pearce Durick has been the district's attorney since 2004. They specialize in educational law. The board discussed using the School Board Association attorneys as well. It was suggested to use both attorneys for big issues to ensure the best outcome for the district and students. Jake motioned to use both Pearce Durick and the School Board Association attorneys as needed for big issues. Andy seconded the motion. Nathaniel amended the motion to add when attorneys are contacted for the big issues, administration will contact the board members to let them know of the contact. The board members will also let administrators know when the board contacts the attorneys for any reason. Thurstan seconded the amendment. M/C.

-Motion to approve the original motion with the amendment made by Jake, Andy seconded. M/C.

-Mrs. Newgard presented a permission form for student driving for parents to sign. This form will allow students to drive their own vehicle or ride with another student to and from a school event. Without this permission form signed by a parent, the student must ride in a school provided vehicle to and from school events. Andy made the motion to allow students to drive their own vehicle or ride with another student only if the permission form is signed. Drake seconded. M/C

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Drake, seconded by Andy M/C. Next meeting will be held on October 14 at 7:00 AM

Matt Undlin, School Board President

Kim Strand, Business Manager

MLS Public School District #1

Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School District #1

**MLS Special School Board Meeting Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 25th, 2025 -8:00 am STEM/Board Room**

Present: Heidi Newgard, Kim Strand, Matt Undlin, Andy Grondahl, Nathaniel Buynak, Jake Kaufmann, Thurstan Johnson, Drake Vendsel

Absent: Ben Ethan

Matt called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM, and the pledge was recited. No public comment.

New Business

-Mrs. Newgard presented the 2025-2026 Certificate of Levy. Jake motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Certificate of Levy. Drake seconded the motion. M/C

Jake motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nathaniel seconded the motion. M/C

Next meeting will be held on October 14 at 7:00 AM

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**The Bismarck Capitol Steps as a Skating Rink**  
by Sarah Walker

October 20, 2025 – After the original capitol building in Bismarck burned down in a fire on December 30, 1930, the current Capitol, the “Skyscraper of the Prairie,” was planned and built. Constructed during the Great Depression, many of the original plans for extra decoration were reduced or even eliminated. For example, a fifty-foot statue intended for the entry plaza in front of Memorial Hall was reduced in size, then ultimately taken out of the plans completely. Decorative etching from the cornice stones of the Legislative wing and from the metal panels between the windows of the administrative tower were also removed from the plans.

The building ended up costing slightly under its two million dollar limit. At 241 feet and eight inches in height, and with eighty percent usable space, the building cost North Dakota 46 cents per cubic foot.

Completed in 1934, the building was unique to the landscape in North Dakota. It was surely an oddity to some, with its height and lack of ornamentation. It was a great, modernized departure from the architecture of the older building. Public opinion of the building may also have been colored by a strike by unskilled laborers who wanted a raise. The strike stopped the project for almost two weeks. Also raising concern was the building's hefty price tag, coming in the midst of a nation-wide economic downturn.

Nonetheless, on this date in 1934, the youth of Bismarck had made their own decision about the new structure: the stone steps and large, flat landing leading up to the glassed entrance of the Memorial Hall made for a perfect roller-skating rink. They liked it so much that they took to meeting on the steps to race each other and try out different stunts.

Much to the chagrin of Ed Nelson, the superintendent of the capitol building, he had to repair the stone steps, where chunks had been taken out by young dare-devils testing out their skills.

**12 Million for State Projects**  
written by Carole Butcher

October 21, 2025 – In 1929, America's economy was devastated. The Great Depression had begun, and would continue for the next decade. Manufacturing companies cut production by 50 percent. Stock values plummeted. Sears stock dropped for \$181 to \$10. By 1932, 12 million people had lost their jobs – one quarter of the country's workforce.

While the entire country suffered, a drought made the Depression even worse on the Great Plains. Farmer LeRoy Hankel remembered, “We was praying for rain.” But it just didn't come.

People migrated out of North Dakota as conditions deteriorated. The combination of high farm debt and low commodity prices resulted in a staggering number of foreclosures and bank failures. During the 1930s, North Dakota suffered from dust storms, crop failures, plagues of grasshoppers, drought, economic problems, and a decreasing population.

The Federal government created programs to address the country's economic problems, and state governments followed suit. On this date in 1938, it was announced that \$12 million would be allotted for public works projects in the state – a combination of state and Federal funds. Communities had to make requests by January 1, and agree to furnish a portion of the funding from their own budgets. The state would give the highest priority to projects related to education, but the state also considered requests for penal facilities, charitable institutions, and irrigation and pumping projects.

The problems of the Depression were formidable, and many North Dakotans gave up. The population began to drop after peaking in 1930. Nonetheless, the Depression was a period of surprising advances in technology. North Dakota modernized in a variety of ways. Farmers experimented with new methods of irrigation and soil conservation. The new State Capitol was completed in 1935, and the State Highway Patrol was formed the same year. Rural schools began to consolidate. Public utilities began to reach the countryside. New departments were created to address public health and safety.

Although the state was devastated by the Great Depression, determined North Dakotans stuck it out and put the state on the road to recovery.

**A Chance Meeting with JFK**  
written by Sarah Walker

October 22, 2025 – If you could share a meal and talk a little with anyone you wanted, who would you like to meet with?

On this date in 1960, the Aneta Star reported that John L. Hanson, a native North Dakotan who grew up in Aneta and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1953, didn't get to pick the who, but he found himself with a very prominent historical figure – Senator John F. Kennedy.

Hanson, who was working in New York for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance, ran into Kennedy at a hotel. Kennedy was in town for a fundraising dinner. He also met up with four presidents of New York and New Jersey dairy co-ops.

Hanson's report read: "While crowds were milling around the lobby of the hotel hoping to catch a glimpse of the candidate, I happened to be meeting a business friend and associate on the eighth floor. As my friend and I were on our way to dinner, we approached a small group of men in the hall. I stopped and asked one of them for a match. While I was lighting my cigarette, the door next to me opened and out stepped Senator Kennedy."

Hanson and his friend followed the small group into an empty room, where they received a few questioning looks. Hanson said he wished to cover their informal conference for his hometown newspaper. With that explanation, Hanson remained, and did indeed share the story with the Aneta paper. The report was quite brief, with Hanson calling the meeting an enjoyable conversation that mostly covered farm issues and general election topics.

He concluded with the comment that he did not mean to write the article to be "politically pointed"; however, he did write, "I would like to share with some of my home town friends in Aneta the fact that I was impressed by Sen. Kennedy's appearance, sincerity and apparent adeptness."

**Wrought Iron Cross Cemeteries**  
written by Jayme L. Job

October 23, 2025 – Beginning in the 1870s, a new group of immigrants began arriving in the United States. The newcomers were from Central Europe and Russia, but they spoke German. These “Germans from Russia” were ethnically German, and had fled their villages on the Russian steppes to seek freedom overseas.

Thanks in large part to the Homestead Act, Dakota Territory experienced the Great Dakota Boom during this time, as settlers flooded the territory seeking cheap land. The Germans from Russia found the area appealing, as it mirrored the harsh treeless plains of the Russian homeland to which they had grown accustomed.

By 1910, more than 30,000 Germans had arrived from Russia, settling mainly in the central part of the state. They soon became the state's largest ethnic group, and they brought their food and traditions with them. Although practicing many faiths, most followed forms of Catholicism or Protestantism. In Russia, the Germans had settled in villages in which most members shared the same faith. The church became the center of their village lives, and when they became transplants on the Great Plains, they continued to prioritize the church.

One practice they maintained was the making of beautiful wrought-iron grave crosses (or Eizenkreuzen). The art of the grave crosses began in Germany and Austria as early as the 16th century. It was most common among Catholics, although others also made the crosses, which usually stood between 2 and 6 feet tall; they represented a symbol of hope and new life for the deceased loved one. The Germans who immigrated to Russia took the tradition with them, and continued to make the crosses once they arrived in the Great Plains.

Across North Dakota, thousands of iron crosses can still be found in abandoned prairie graveyards. In the 1980s, interest in the crosses and their preservation began to grow. Timothy Klobberdanz, an anthropology professor at NDSU, worked with several others to begin documenting the crosses and their locations.

On this date in 1988, the crosses of several cemeteries were added to the National Register of Historic Places, to be protected as objects of cultural significance. Today, work continues to identify and document the crosses, works of art that have endured as “sentinels of the prairie.”