

TO: Secretary of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

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ATTENTION: General Counsel

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF TIME ZONE
MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Gary Murray, being first duly sworn, hereby states that he is Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Mercer County, the highest political authority for the area subject of this request, and, in such capacity respectfully requests the U.S. Department of Transportation to move Mercer County, North Dakota, from the Mountain Time Zone to the Central Time Zone.

This request is based on the convenience of commerce, for the following reasons:

1. Virtually all the supplies for the businesses in Mercer County are shipped from the Bismarck-Mandan area, which is sixty (60) miles from the county seat and which is in the Central Time Zone.
2. Virtually all television and radio broadcasts come from Bismarck, which is the metropolitan trade center for this area. Also, the Bismarck Tribune is the daily newspaper which serves the County.
3. Mercer County has no regular passenger travel services. Residents normally go to Bismarck for bus and rail service. The nearest commercial airport with passenger airline service is in Bismarck, at the Bismarck International Airport.
4. Some of the residents of Mercer County commute to the Bismarck-Mandan area for employment. A major portion of the residents are employed in our coal energy industry. We have two (2) major coal mines, Knife River and North American Coal, and four (4) power plant facilities, Basin Electric, Antelope Valley, Coyote Station and Great River Energy. There is also Dakota Gasification Company that makes synthetic natural gas from coal. The main offices for

these facilities are in Bismarck, with the exception of Knife River Coal, and are on Central Time.

5. The coal industry is the prime basis of our economy. We also have a considerable agricultural industry. We experienced considerable growth in the coal industry in the 1970's. The economy is quite healthy, and we are pursuing diversification in our economic development, through diversification of our coal usage, as well as unrelated small industries. Both the agricultural industry as well as our coal industries rely on supplies from the Bismarck-Mandan market area.

6. Our residents travel regularly to Bismarck-Mandan, for recreation, health care, and other activities. The highways linking us to the Bismarck-Mandan area are in good condition and our residents regularly travel back and forth.

7. The County Commission put the question of whether the residents would want to change to Central Time on the ballot in it's June 13th, 2000, primary election. The results of that election indicated that 1,180 voters favored changing to Central Time while 1,038 opposed the change. A copy of the Abstract of Votes as prepared by the County Auditor is attached to this request and made a part hereof by reference.

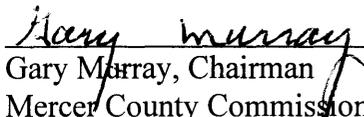
8. Geographically, Mercer County is well suited to be in the Central Time Zone. It is adjacent to the Central Time Zone on the east, north and part of the south boundaries of the county. North of Mercer County, the Central Time Zone extends west to the Montana border. The northwest corner of the county, containing part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is in the Central Time Zone.

9. The contact person for more information is:

James O. Johnson
Mercer County State's Attorney
P.O. Box 39
Stanton, ND 58571
Telephone Number: (701) 745-3518

On behalf of the Mercer County Commission, I respectfully ask that the U. S. Department of Transportation act favorably on our request as soon as conveniently possible.

Dated at Stanton, North Dakota, this 16 day of August, 2000.



Gary Murray, Chairman
Mercer County Commission

ATTEST:



Michelle Sailer
Mercer County Auditor



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ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Cast at the PRIMARY ELECTION
June 13, 2000

BY THE VOTERS OF Mercer County, North Dakota

I hereby certify that the within and following Abstract of Votes cast by the Voters of Mercer County, North Dakota, at the Primary Election held at the various election precincts of said County on the 13th day of June, A.D. 2000 is a true and correct copy of the original Abstract thereof made by the regularly organized Board of Canvassers as required by law.

Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of June, A.D. 2000

MICHELLE R. SAILER
County Auditor

	Hazen City #2	Beulah Ward #3	Beulah Ward #1	Hazen City #1	Hazen #3	Stanton City	Beulah Ward #2	Beulah Ward #4	Rural #3	Rural #13	Zap Precinct	Pick City Precinct	Golden Valley precinct	Rural #5	TOTALS
Total # of votes cast	290	267	216	233	183	181	252	168	153	112	89	113	94	15	2366
US Senator	133	117	97	88	70	60	114	74	71	53	38	34	42	4	999
	DUANE SAND, Rep.														
	KENT CONRAD, Dem.														
	OTHERS	100	68	61	101	76	81	88	61	39	33	55	34	4	861
Representative in Congress	134	108	97	85	68	56	109	69	69	52	37	32	39	8	963
	JOHN DORSO, Rep.														
	EARL POMEROY, Dem.	97	66	59	100	75	77	86	60	38	32	54	33	5	836
	DANAPAL BRANDENBURG, Reform				1										1
	OTHERS			2		1	2								5
Governor and Lt. Governor	142	123	106	91	72	63	124	82	74	58	38	36	45	9	1063
	JOHN HOEVENAND														
	JACK DALTYMPLE, Rep.														
Governor and Lt. Governor	93	65	59	95	73	82	84	57	59	38	35	53	33	4	830
	HEIDI HEITKAMP														
	AARON KRAUTER, Dem.														
Governor and Lt. Governor			1	1	1	3									6
	WAYNE J.C. ANDERSON														
	MARTIN WISHNATSKY, Const.														
Governor and Lt. Gov.				3	1				1						5
	OTHERS														
Secretary of State	135	121	104	88	69	62	118	78	73	57	38	33	39	9	1024
	ALVINA (AL) JAEGER, Rep.														
	DENNIS BERCIER, Dem.	86	57	50	91	70	72	77	55	34	27	53	29	4	758
	OTHERS			1											1
State Auditor	133	112	104	89	70	57	113	75	73	56	38	33	41	8	1002
	ROBERT PETERSON, Rep.														
	MARY EKSTROM, Dem.	89	55	53	93	70	76	77	56	33	29	55	30	4	774
	OTHERS			1											1
State Treasurer	129	111	104	87	69	58	115	70	70	55	37	31	40	8	984
	RANDY A. SCHOBINGER, Rep.														
	KATHI GILMORE, Dem.	89	58	54	94	70	76	80	55	35	30	53	28	4	778
	OTHERS			1											2
Attorney General	137	112	100	85	70	57	113	72	70	53	36	33	40	7	985
	WAYNE STENEHJEM, Rep.														
	GLENN POMEROY, Dem.	96	58	55	98	72	78	83	60	36	33	53	31	4	814
	PETER CRARY, Constitution			1	1	1									3
	OTHERS			1											1
Commissioner of Insurance	130	108	99	80	66	55	110	72	65	53	36	32	37	7	950
	JIM POOLMAN, Rep.														
	GORMAN KING, JR., Dem.	85	53	51	86	67	73	70	52	35	29	53	31	4	748
	OTHERS			1				1							2
Commissioner of Agriculture	132	108	97	84	66	54	108	72	64	48	37	33	37	7	947
	CLAIRE CARLSON, Rep.														
	ROGER JOHNSON, Dem.	90	58	53	90	69	75	80	57	35	32	52	35	4	787
	OTHERS			1						1					3
Public Service Commissioner	128	106	97	78	66	54	111	72	68	49	36	32	36	7	940
	TONY CLARK, Rep.														
	VERN THOMPSON, Dem.	86	55	52	85	66	76	79	56	35	31	55	30	4	762
	OTHERS			1	1										2
Tax Commissioner	128	108	93	83	67	56	113	76	69	50	37	33	38	8	959
	RICK CLAYBURGH, Rep.														
	STEVE TOMAC, Dem.	90	58	55	89	70	78	80	60	38	32	55	33	5	798
	OTHERS			2	1										3
Superintendent of Public Instruction	84	79	66	65	45	61	74	63	50	29	24	33	23	7	703
	RAY HOLMBERG, Rep.														
	WAYNE G. SANSTAD, Dem.	160	144	125	146	122	105	151	79	69	50	65	59	5	1359
	OTHERS			1	1		1			1	1				5
Justice of the Supreme Court	128	84	106	97	97	60	120	60	59	48	33	50	39	6	987
	KATHRYN DIETZ														
	CAROL KASPNER	73	105	68	74	45	81	85	51	59	40	31	38	28	4
	OTHERS			1	1										2
Judge of the District Court No. 4	206	179	171	182	141	148	202	115	105	88	64	86	68	8	1763
	BRUCE HASKELL														
	OTHERS			2					1		1				4
Judge of the District Court No. 9	84	123	102	88	64	77	122	68	55	47	35	47	41	2	955
	BRUCE ROMANICK														
	JIM VUKELIC	150	89	76	117	91	86	94	63	71	43	32	47	33	7
	OTHERS			2											2
County Commissioner	23	13	11	14	17	15	15	14	20	4	5	5	0	0	156
	TOBIAS LEMER														
	JAMES LORENZ	21	30	23	14	20	43	23	14	20	15	8	13	11	1
	LYLE LATIMER	127	25	23	94	82	54	36	18	65	17	14	41	5	0
	GERALD BAUMAN	48	139	94	48	27	33	107	67	21	36	35	21	62	12
	CHUCK CRAIG	10	26	29	16	2	10	40	26	4	19	12	8	9	0
	OTHERS														1
Director Southwest Water Authority	232	210	178	187	150	141	217	125	114	90	73	92	74	8	1891
	R.B. "CHIP" UNRUH														
	OTHERS			1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1			12
County Measure TIME ZONE	156	148	119	127	104	107	116	78	48	36	36	75	23	7	1180
	YES														
	NO	111	102	88	93	72	60	124	79	98	72	44	27	5	1038
Constitutional Measure No. 1	116	112	106	110	81	87	124	74	70	43	28	48	34	7	1040
	YES														
	NO	124	96	92	100	81	76	96	71	60	56	42	47	6	987
Constitutional Measure No. 2	135	121	119	124	98	96	134	84	61	58	34	61	43	5	1173
	YES														
	NO	102	92	79	77	65	67	87	59	69	45	34	37	8	852
Constitutional Measure No. 3	95	99	79	92	64	52	92	55	56	35	30	43	32	7	831
	YES														
	NO	138	114	118	113	105	113	127	91	76	66	39	56	43	6
Constitutional Measure No. 4	146	104	108	116	108	92	135	81	72	46	42	47	36	10	1143
	YES														
	NO	97	102	90	86	61	71	88	63	59	55	28	49	3	891

HAZEN

	Hazen City #2	Hazen City #1	Hazen #3	TOTALS
Hazen City Commission Elect 2	106	103	67	276
	MICHAEL L. PETERSON			
	BRUCE LEE	124	84	78
	KENNETH J. LINK	150	139	98
	HILMER R. WEIDRICH	139	91	84
	OTHERS	6	1	7
Hazen Park & Rec Commission	1	1		2
	MAXINE BECKWITH			
	BOB MILLER		2	2
	TODD JOHNSON	1		3
	DEAN DANZEISEN	1	4	5
	ALLAN W. MAUTZ	239	196	155

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GOLDEN VALLEY

		Golden Valley	TOTALS
Councilman	DEAN R. BRECHT	41	41
4 year, elect 2	ROD BRECHT	41	41
Municipal Judge	DAVID WALTH	38	38
Park Board	ROLAND BACKFISCH	23	23
	OTHERS	4	4
Golden Valley Meas. No. 1, Publ. Min.	YES	31	31
	NO	13	13
Golden Valley Meas. No. 2, Adv. Com.	YES	15	15
	NO	27	27

PICK CITY

		Pick City	TOTALS
Councilman	KENNETH KARCH	34	34
4 year, elect 2	HEIDI MCKNIGHT	32	32
	DARELL PFLIGER	34	34
	LES BORNEMAN	38	38
Councilman	ROBERT HEER	53	53
2 year	OTHERS	3	3
Municipal Judge	MARILYN GARRET	54	54
	OTHERS	1	1
Pick City Meas. No. 1, Adv. Com.	YES	27	27
	NO	39	39
Pick City Meas. No. 2, Pub. Min.	YES	39	39
	NO	26	26

ZAP

		Zap	TOTALS
Councilman	DON MONGER	45	45
4 year, elect 2	DELVIN ZAHN	54	54
	OTHERS	7	7
Zap City Park Board, 4 years	KENNETH KASANKE	52	52
	KAREN WAGNER	55	55
	BILL MUNDT	51	51
	OTHERS	2	2
Municipal Judge	DAVID L WALTH	46	46
	OTHERS	3	3
Zap Measure No. 1, Adv. Com.	YES	28	28
	NO	31	31
Zap Measure No. 2, Pub. Min.	YES	49	49
	NO	10	10

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
County of Mercer) ss.

Stanton, N.D., June 16, 2000.
We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing Abstract of Votes cast at the Primary Election, held at the various election precincts of this County, is a true and correct abstract, according to the returns made by the Election Boards of the various precincts. Witness our hands and the seal of said County, the day and year first above written.

GARY MURRAY
Chairman County Commissioners.
WANDA J. KNUTSON,
Clerk of District Court.
NELDA VILHAUER,
Representative of Republican Party.
APRIL L. OSTER,
Chairman Democrat District Committee.
MICHELLE R. SAILER,
County Auditor.

(7-6-00)

NOTICE OF SALE

Civil No. 29-00-C-1032
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure by the District Court of the South Central Judicial District in and for the County of Mercer and State of North Dakota, and entered and docketed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court on the 22nd day of May, 2000, in an action wherein Fleet Mortgage Corp. was Plaintiff and Everett O. Wright; Debra J. Wright; and any person in possession were Defendants, in favor of Plaintiff and against the Defendants for the sum of \$24,454.01, which judgment and decree, among other things, direct the sale by me of the real property hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount of said judgment, with interest thereon and the costs and expenses of such sale, or so much thereof as the proceeds of said sale will satisfy; and by virtue of a writ issued to me out of the office of the Clerk of said Court, I, Ronald Kessler, Sheriff of Mercer County, North Dakota, will sell the property described in the Judgment to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Stanton in the County of Mercer and State of North Dakota, on the 18th day of July, 2000 at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m., to satisfy the amount due, with interest thereon, and the costs and expenses of such sale, or so much thereof as the proceeds of such sale will satisfy. The property to be sold is situated in the County of Mercer and State of North Dakota, and described as follows:

Lots Twenty-seven and Twenty-eight (27 and 28) in Chaffee Row Addition to the City of Beulah, located in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S½NE¼) and North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N½SE¼) of Section Twenty-five (25) in Township One Hundred and Forty-four (144) North, Range Eight-eight (88) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Mercer County, North Dakota, a/k/a 601 Chaffee Row, Beulah, ND 58523. Dated this 24 day of May, 2000.
RONALD KESSLER,
Sheriff
Mercer County, N. Dakota
MACKOFF KELLOGG LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 1097
Dickinson, ND 58602-1097
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(6-22-00-6-29-00-7-6-00)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that that certain Mortgage, executed and delivered by Mortgagors to The State of North Dakota, doing business as The Bank of North Dakota, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 1995, and filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Mercer County, North Dakota, on February 17, 1995, at 10:14 a.m., and recorded in Book 101 of Mortgages, on Page 549, as Document No. 156312, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such Mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the courthouse in Mercer County, North Dakota, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., MST, on August 8, 2000, to satisfy the amount due upon such Mortgage on the day of sale. The premises described in such Mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows:
Mercer County, North Dakota
Township 144 North, Range 89 West

Section 03: E½, LESS the following tracts of land:
A parcel of land in the NE¼ of Section 3, T144N-R89W, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 3, T144N-R89W, thence 2,614 feet West on the section line to the North quarter corner of said Section 3; thence South on the quarter line 250 feet to the North right-of-way line of the county road; thence 110 feet E.S. 39° 30' on the North right-of-way line; thence 2,504 feet East on the North right-of-way line; thence 342 feet North on the section line to the point of beginning, containing 20.37 acres, more or less.

AND A strip of land 66 feet wide, the center line of which runs as follows: Beginning a point 1,076 feet East of the Southeast section corner of Section 36, T145N-R89W; thence 588 feet E.S. 39° 30'; thence 2,504 feet East to a point

375 feet due South of the Northeast corner of Section 3, T144NR89W, containing 3.94 acres, more or less.

Section 10: N½NE¼, NW¼.
There will be due on such Mortgage at the date of sale the sum of \$94,515.30, which amount does not include the costs and expenses of such sale.

The failure to include the street address in this notice does not affect the validity of the notice.
Dated this 15th day of June, 2000.
State of North Dakota
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Attorney General
Douglas Anderson
Assistant Attorney General
State Bar ID No. 05072
Office of Attorney General
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(6-22-00-6-29-00-7-6-00-7-13-00-7-20-00-7-27-00)

CITY OF STANTON Special Reorganization meeting June 26, 2000

Mayor Grannis called the special reorganization meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present. Boyko, Larson, Klindworth and Mitchell absent.

Mayor Grannis vacated his position as acting Mayor.

Grannis read the election certification from the County Auditor as follows: Mayor; Joseph Grannis 68. Council Members; Emily Dockter 52, Larry Klindworth 30. Park Board: Larry Lang 22; Barb Leinius 18. Publication of City Governing Body Minutes; yes 88, no 42. Local Advisory Study Committee; Yes 58, No 71. Renovation or construction of Harmon Avenue; yes 99, no 31. Moved by Grannis second by Boyko certifying the election results. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Joe Grannis took the oath of office for Mayor. Emily Dockter took oath of office for Council Member.

Nominations for President and Vice President of the Council were tabled for the July 10 Council meeting.

Mayor Grannis made the following appointments for a two year period.

City Auditor - Richard Honeyman.
Cemetery Sexton - Richard Honeyman.

City Attorney - Alexander & Solem Law Office.

City Engineer - Kadramas, Lee & Jackson; SSR.

Clerk of Court - Gay Marlenee
Mercer County Zoning Board - Ron Boyko, Emily Dockter (second seat).

Library - Richard Mitchell.
Mercer County Airport - Richard Mitchell.

MCEID - Richard Mitchell.
JDA - Joe Grannis, Roy Boyko, Jun 1, 2000 to Dec. 31, 2003.

City Planning and Zoning - Entire Council.

Library Board - Jodine Brown, one year. Wendy Laverdure, Rebecca Dockter, two years. Tricia Buchmann, three years.

Moved by Boyko second by Dockter ratifying these appointments. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Mayor Grannis assigned the following portfolios:

Emily Dockter - Water, sewer, electric.

Ron Boyko - Building/grounds, police, recreation complex's.

Rick Mitchell - Civic Center, fire hall, personnel and benefits, library.

Vacated position - Equipment/Tools, highway, solid waste.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

JOSEPH M. GRANNIS,
Mayor
RICHARD HONEYMAN,
Auditor
(7-6-00)

CITY OF STANTON Special Public Meeting June 26, 2000

Mayor Grannis opened the Special Public Meeting at 7 p.m. with the following members present. Boyko and Dockter, Mitchell absent.

The purpose of the special meeting is to hear any and all comments from

Stanton citizens concerning a License application submitted by Forrest LLP.

Mayor Grannis stated that Forrest's application papers and ground checks are in order.

Mayor Grannis went through step of the process for qualification a liquor license as per the Stanton Ordinances. Mayor Gr asked the public if there was any ment to any of the qualification pr There were no public comments.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving the Auditor's ture on Liquor License 2000 s ted by the Forrest LLP. This lice not to be used prior to receive State License. Roll call vote. All bers voted aye, carried.

Being no further business the lic meeting was adjourned.

JOSEPH M. GRANNIS,
Mayor
RICHARD HONEYMAN
(7-6-00)

CITY OF STANTON Regular Meeting June 26, 2000

Mayor Grannis called the meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall with following members present. Boyk Dockter, Mitchell absent. Also p were Attorney Solem and Miller

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving the minutes June 12 meeting. Roll call vot members voted aye, carried.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving the May Fin Report as submitted by the Au Roll Call Vote. All members vote carried.

Duke Rosendahl with the Community Development present grant of \$1,000 to the Stanton JI be used as they see fit.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving at no fee bu permit 2200 submitted by Keith on his property in Block 12. Ro vote. All members voted aye, ca

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving at no fee, bu permit 2300 submitted by Jesse K on his property in Block 7. Rol vote. All members voted aye, ca

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving a request b Forrest LLP to be open on legal days. Roll call vote: All members aye, carried.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving a special liqui cense submitted by the Forrest LI July 2 and 3, 2000. This permit to be used prior to receiving their License. Roll call vote: All men voted aye, carried.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving the release a bond check attached to building mit 2000. Roll call vote: All men voted aye, carried.

The Police position was table til the next meeting.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving a payment fro General Misc. Fund in the amou \$300 for a partial payment of a conditioner for the Stanton Lib. Roll call vote: All members voted carried.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving the Auditor's s sure on an Application for Propert Credit submitted by Ken Knutso his property in Block 5. Roll call All members voted aye, carried.

Moved by Boyko second Dockter approving a pledge of se ties from the Union State Bank i amount of \$731,388.80. Roll call All members voted aye, carried.

Mayor Grannis declared one C cil Member position and two Board Member positions vacant.

Moved by Dockter second Boyko approving the payment o following bills submitted. J Bak 65.76; G. Schaff, 64.78; Wa 4,641.76; Conlin Furniture, 158. key Handling, 67.15, Farm P 148.26; ND Dept of Health \$20; B 1,821.10; Superior Business Solut 151.29; ND Dept of Health, 15; F

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