

City/County/Park/School Liaison Committee

July 17th, 2025, Meeting

Members Present:

Mark Jantzer, Jim Rostad (county alternate), Miranda Schuler, Scott Louser, Mike Schmitt

Members Absent:

Perry Olson, Mitch Kraft, Lisa Olson

Others Present:

Tom Joyce, Noreen Wilkie, Ryan Kamrowski, Brian Billingsley, Dana Larsen, Laura Dokken
Michael Frye, Marisa Haman, Dave Lakefield, Harold Stewart, Jill Schramm

FROM: Ward County Auditor

RE: Meeting agenda for July 17th, 2025
12:00 pm Badlands

1. Call to Order

The City/County/Park/School Liaison Committee meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm, by Chairman Jantzer, at Badlands.

2. Election of Chairman

Chairman Jantzer opened nominations for 2025 Chairperson. Jim Rostad nominated Miranda Schuler and included that nominations cease with a unanimous ballot being cast, Scott Louser seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mark Jantzer moved to approve the minutes from the meetings dated April 18th, 2024, July 18th, 2024, October 17th, 2024, January 16th, 2025, May 20th, 2025, Jim Rostad seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

4. Property Tax Assessments and Appeals Discussion

Ryan Kamrowski expressed concerns regarding the county handling of valuation appeals received at the board of equalization over the past few years. He stressed that valuation decisions should not be arbitrary but instead be supported by facts and findings.

Discussion was held.

5. Caps and Budgeting

Each entity gave a summary of how their respective budgets were being calculated with the newly passed HB1176 legislation and caps. Discussion included challenges encountered and solutions being explored to ensure levies were within cap limitations.

6. Public Appearance Policies/Ordinances

All entities have approved policies at this time.

7. Other Business

Tom Joyce advised a flood tabletop exercise is scheduled for late September.

Dave Lakefield advised the city is applying for an Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation grant. The grant requires a compatible land use study. The grant could be used to assist with transportation, infrastructure, sewer, water, power, schools, etc. Application is due early August.

Dana Larsen provided information regarding a \$4 million dollar BUILD grant to assist in continuation of planning process for the SW/SE corridor including preliminary design work.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Haman
Ward County Auditor