

STUTSMAN COUNTY



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Board Approves MRT Enterprises Flex PACE Request

At its May 11, 2026, meeting, the JSDC Board of Directors approved a **Flex PACE** funding request from MRT Enterprises LLC, owned by Raisha Trautman. The approval provides up to \$36,203.92 in Flex PACE support, with an 80/20 split between the City and Stutsman County, to assist with the purchase of the commercial property at 613 10th Street SE in Jamestown.



MRT Enterprises will use the property as the permanent home of **Ultimate Relaxation**, Raisha's established health and wellness business. Ultimate Relaxation offers facials, massage services, and customized skin treatment plans, and has continued to grow since relocating to Jamestown several years ago, including adding new employees over the last year.

By approving this Flex PACE request, the JSDC Board is helping a successful local entrepreneur transition from renting to ownership, stabilize a key commercial property, and support continued job retention and small business growth in Jamestown's service sector. The building currently carries an existing Flex PACE incentive from a prior project, which will now enter repayment as ownership changes, while the new Flex PACE support helps ensure the property remains an active, revenue-generating business location.

Board Approves Koush, LLC Flex PACE Request



At its May 11, 2026, meeting, the JSDC Board of Directors approved a **Flex PACE** funding request from Koush LLC, owned by Jordan Koushkouski. The Board authorized up to \$63,084.89 in Flex PACE support, with an 80/20 split between the City and Stutsman County, to assist with the purchase and renovation of the building at 115 First Avenue South in downtown Jamestown.

Jordan is a Jamestown native. He has purchased the former Office Bar building, which has been closed for about three years and has a long history as a bar and billiard hall dating back to 1926. Jordan plans to restore and reopen the space as the "**Park Bar and Lounge**," honoring

his family's legacy, as his grandfather previously operated the location under that name.

The project will transform the building into a renovated bar and lounge offering a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, gaming, occasional live music, and on- and off-sale. Flex PACE funds will support key building improvements such as roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, restroom updates, windows, signage, and electrical work.

By approving this Flex PACE request, the JSDC Board is supporting downtown revitalization, helping bring a vacant First Avenue building back into productive use, and backing a local entrepreneur who is investing both personally and financially in Jamestown's core business district.

Board Approves A Tiny Roar Childcare Daycare Request

At its May 11, 2026, meeting, the JSDC Board of Directors approved a funding request from A Tiny Roar Childcare, a new childcare venture owned by Carolyn Triepke and Amber Selander. The Board authorized up to \$10,000 in support through the JSDC's **Daycare Expansion**

Assistance Program, with an 80/20 split between the City and Stutsman County (up to \$8,000 City / \$2,000 County), contingent on final state licensing approval.



A Tiny Roar Childcare is purchasing the facility at 214 6th Avenue NE in Jamestown to open a licensed childcare center with a capacity of up to 30 children ages 0–6. Carolyn and Amber bring experience in early childhood education and emphasize their mission to provide reliable, safe, and high-quality early learning and care for local families. The funding will be used to purchase essential furniture and equipment needed to operate the center, alongside ongoing improvements to the building, such as new flooring and fresh paint.

The project will reactivate a former childcare site under a new brand and ownership, helping address Jamestown's childcare shortage. By approving this request, the JSDC Board is directly supporting working families and employers, enabling more parents to participate in the workforce and strengthening the community's overall workforce and quality-of-life infrastructure.

What's In The News:



North American Bison Discovery Center Welcomes First Calf of the Season

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (NewsDakota.com) The North American Bison Discovery Center is excited to announce the arrival of its first bison calf of the season, born earlier this week in the Center's North Pasture. The calf was born to

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City Council advances residential lot development project in SW Jamestown

The Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corp.'s Residential Lot Development Program will be used to construct the infrastructure.

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Jamestown, Carrington, Barnes County airports awarded funding for projects

The Federal Aviation Administration recently awarded \$17.9 million in funding for 20 airport infrastructure projects across North Dakota, including Jamestown Regional Airport, Carrington Municipal Airport and Barnes County Municipal Airport, Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., announced.

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SUMMER 2026 APPROVED INTERN REIMBURSEMENTS

Four Applications Approved for Summer 2026 Workforce Pathways Program

The Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation Board of Directors approved reimbursement funding for four Summer 2026 internships through the **Workforce Pathways Program**, continuing JSDC's focus on developing local talent and strengthening connections between students and employers. Approved internships include positions with **Stutsman Offroad**, **Dalsted & Ryan**, and **Trinity Lutheran Church**. Interns will gain valuable hands-on experience in technical trades, accounting, and community-based work environments.

The Workforce Pathways Program is an expanded version of JSDC's former Internship Reimbursement Program, designed to better support local employers and strengthen the region's workforce pipeline. The program provides wage reimbursement of up to \$3,500 to eligible Jamestown and Stutsman County employers who create meaningful, paid work-

based learning opportunities. By broadening the program beyond traditional internships, Workforce Pathways helps businesses attract talent, build skills, and retain workers while giving participants hands-on experience that can lead to long-term employment opportunities.

Watch for the Fall 2026 Workforce Pathways application to open in the coming months!

May Hometown 2.0 Feature: Nick Klawon



Originally from Larimore, North Dakota, Nick Klawon moved to Jamestown in 2009 to play football at the University of Jamestown. What started as a college opportunity quickly became home.

Today, Nick serves as Manager at **Newman Print** and is also a volunteer firefighter with the Jamestown Fire Department. Through his work and volunteer efforts, he's built strong connections and lasting friendships throughout the community.

For Nick, the best part of living in Jamestown is the people and the sense of community. Whether spending time with his wife and three kids at local parks and events or giving back through volunteerism, Jamestown has become the perfect place to build both a career and a family.

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Out and About:



Alyssa recently attended the 2026 Greater North Dakota Chamber Women to Know and Watch in Business luncheon in Bismarck alongside fellow alumni and industry professionals. The event celebrated women leaders from across North Dakota and provided an inspiring opportunity to connect with others making an impact in their



Operations Coordinator Jamie Czapiewski recently graduated as part of the inaugural Stutsman-Barnes Women's Leadership Cohort. Over five sessions, participants from across the region explored leadership, communication, resilience, and community impact. Congratulations to all of the women who took part in this exciting first cohort!



Corry attended SparkED training in Bismarck hosted by the Economic Development Association of North Dakota (EDND). During the event, he connected with economic development professionals from across the state and presented on incentives, including how JSDC structures SEPA and PILOT agreements. We're excited to bring these insights back to

industries and communities. Congratulations to the Women to Know and Watch Class of 2026!

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