



# Report

## TITLE: VILLAGE OF FORESTBURG - ANNEXATION OF NE 35-41-15-W4

Meeting: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: May 6, 2026

### Background

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Attached is a letter from the Village of Forestburg dated April 14, 2026, regarding the Forestburg/Flagstaff Industrial Subdivision. They indicate in the letter they plan to proceed to annex NE 35-41-15-W4 and are requesting Flagstaff County support the annexation and provide them with a formal advisement of support, or otherwise.

Council previously reviewed a similar request at the April 16, 2025 Flagstaff County Council meeting where Forestburg was requesting the following:

1. To formally support an annexation application for NE 35-41-15-W4 once formally filed and;
2. To enter into a 50/50 cost and revenue sharing partnership for the Industrial Park

At the April 16, 2025 Council meeting the following resolutions were approved (letter attached):

1. *THAT should the proposal from the Village of Forestburg for annexation of NE 35, Twp 41, Rge 15, W4 align with the terms of our Joint Intermunicipal Development Plan, Flagstaff County will consider it.*
2. *THAT Flagstaff County fully supports the development of an Industrial Park. As previously stated, when a private investor has committed to developing, we would move to support new development and we would look forward to developing a negotiated agreement with the Village of Forestburg.*

Additionally, on January 15, 2025 a letter was sent to the Village of Forestburg (attached) which in part stated: *Regarding your comments on annexation, I want to clarify that requesting a formal development commitment for land within Flagstaff County does not, and should not, compel you into an annexation process. Annexation should only be pursued in compliance with annexation principles, with clear and transparent intent. If the Village of Forestburg chooses to initiate an annexation application, the matter will be brought forward for consideration. Should the proposal align with the terms of our Joint Intermunicipal Development Plan, Flagstaff County may consider it uncontested.*

### Alignment with the Strategic Plan

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**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY:** Flagstaff County's commitment to Economic Prosperity means we will work collaboratively with our local businesses and regional partners in the diversified growth of our economy.

### Recommendation

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THAT Council consider the request from the Village of Forestburg regarding support of the annexation of NE 35-41-15-W4.