

## OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 8th, 2025  
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 7:00 PM with all members present.  
Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 6th and November 10th, 2025 meetings. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the following bills for payment and approve the following bills previously paid. A roll call vote was held, with Dave Berger, aye, Rob Schmidt, aye, Lee Husfloen, aye. Motion carried.  
Allstate Peterbilt-362.81  
Applied Concepts Inc.-414.00  
Beulah Beacon-189.00  
Blue360 Media-92.95  
C&H Glass-125.00  
Center Machine-381.55  
Center Republican-1417.40  
Computer Express-1900.00  
Dakota Fluid Power-768.48  
Empower Electric-1868.00  
Factory Motor Parts-678.61  
Lee Husfloen-90.30  
ITD-1100.05  
K&M Repair-3516.45  
Thomas Kaspari-600.00  
McLean County Auditor-17500.00  
Menards-324.21  
NDDOT-268.41  
NDACO-1368.00  
NDACO Resources Group-819.72  
Quadient Leasing-209.49  
RDO Equipment-3727.53  
Rud Oil & Gas-10873.04  
Runnigs Supply-148.84  
Jaden Schmidt-146.00  
Silverhawk Construction-4500.00  
Stein's Inc-473.73  
The Radar Shop-192.00  
Uniform Center-468.98  
Keith Vitek-292.41  
Quadient Finance-172.18  
Emineth Plumbing-5832.77  
Butler-8636.67  
The following bills previously paid were approved:  
Aflac-128.52  
AT&T Mobility-485.94  
Beulah School District-514.18  
Center-Stanton School District-10210.87  
Center Park District-245.90  
City of Center-5207.11  
Colonial Life Processing Center-1100.43  
Companion Life Ins.-441.31  
Cale Ferderer-600.00  
Fidelity Security Life Ins.-70.16  
Amber Goetz-19.63  
Hazen Rural Fire District-195.37  
Hazen School District-3241.86  
Liberty Business Systems-1223.41  
MDU-801.92  
Mercer County Ambulance-273.06  
Morton County Auditor-221.64  
Morton County Council on Aging-345.71  
Nationwide Retirement-2001.00  
ND State Treasurer-207.86  
New Salem-Almont School District-2669.04  
New Salem Ambulance-83.24  
New Salem Rural Fire District-116.35  
Oliver County Ambulance-1108.58  
Oliver County Historical Society-43.21  
Oliver County Rural Fire District-497.50  
Oliver County Soil Conservation-432.13  
Oliver County Treasurer-2040.08  
Oliver County Water Resource-106.86  
Roughrider Electric-225.16

Rud Oil & Gas-25837.28  
Security First Bank of ND-109027.29  
SW Water-219.70  
Verizon Wireless-42.07  
VISA-6367.35  
Washburn Rural Ambulance District-207.65  
WRT-694.58  
Western Plains Public Health-595.21  
Payroll-84856.73  
Sheriff's Department updates were given. Discussion was held on the potential for a Weights and Scales officer, which would allow for better enforcement of overweight/overwidth loads that do not have permits. A decision and further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.  
Discussion was held on purchasing new laptops for the Sheriff's vehicles. Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the purchase of five laptops for the Sheriff's vehicles, with the Sheriff's department determine the vendor. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Discussion was held on the Sheriff's boat in storage at the county shop. Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve putting the boat up for bids. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Discussion was held on the impounded vehicles in the sheriff's lot. Duane Gappert has expressed interest in hauling all vehicles left to salvage. Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to all Duane Gappert to haul all remaining vehicles only from the 2025 Sheriff's sale and allow him to keep 60% of the salvage amount and the county to receive the remaining 40% and that the vehicles should be moved as soon as possible. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Discussion was held on the county's weather closure policy. The Courthouse policy had been that they follow all school closures and delays. Until a new policy is written, the current policy will be that the Sheriff's Department and Road Superintendent will discuss and inform the County Auditor if the Courthouse should be delayed open or closed due to inclement weather. The remaining policy discussions were tabled to the next meeting.  
Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the following the resolution:  
Whereas, the bid amount of \$796,743.21 from Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. received in the bid opening of November 14, 2025 for Project SC-3300(020) was the low bid received.  
Whereas, this bid is considered reasonable. Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissions of Oliver County will award to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. the contract for Project SC-3300(020) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the

Board to sign said contract.  
It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from Federal Highway Administration. All in favor, none opposed; the resolution passed.  
Discussion was held on BNI's blade on a county road, blading without county knowledge due to heavy loads being hauled. It has been requested that BNI only blade the roads when they speak with Kenny Rude, Road Superintendent for permission. Lane Dahl, BNI, state there is an MOU BNI would like to present to the Commission at the next meeting to allow for Kenny to review and answer any questions that may come up.  
Discussion was held on snow removal. Discussion was held on the fuel tank in the boiler room, no action was taken. Patrick Waters, State's Attorney, discussed the option of obtaining a subscription to Westlaw, a legal research tool, for his office. The Commission requested he obtain quotes and it will be discussed at the next meeting.  
The Beer and Liquor Licenses for the Square Butte Creek Golf Club and the Oliver County Fair Board were discussed. The applications need to be updated and a representative from each entity is requested to be present at the next meeting prior to any license approval.  
Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Kaspari to the Western Plains Public Health Board as well as re-appoint him as the County Coroner. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Discussion was held on advertising for expired board member positions. The positions will be advertised and applications considered.  
Discussion was held on safe driving when blade operators are out on the roads. Vehicles are passing the blades while on the roads and causing safety concerns. It's requested that people driving by the County blades be cautious when driving. A post should be made to Facebook, paper and website as well as making a post about snow removal across county roads.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.  
The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, December 30th, 2025 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room.  
Jaden Schmidt, Oliver County Auditor  
Lee Husfloen, Chairman of the Board  
  
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## OAKLEY HENDRICKSON

**Sport:** Varsity girls basketball  
**Grade:** Eighth  
**Years on varsity:** First year  
**Parents:** Shaune Goetz and Treavor Hendrickson

**What is the greatest thrill you get from the game of basketball?**  
The greatest thrill for me is definitely scoring points and hearing the crowd cheer for you, especially when you shoot a three-pointer.

**Other than your uniform, what is one thing you make sure to wear for games?**  
Since we can't wear jewelry for the games, I try my hardest to wear my bracelet and necklaces before games. They remind me why I keep going.

**What's one thing about you that maybe most people don't know or realize?**  
Most people don't realize that being pulled up as an eighth grader to a varsity sport is a lot, but it definitely helps when you have a great team to help support you.

**If you were to take a solo trip, where would you go?**  
If I were to take a solo trip somewhere, I'd probably go back to Washington, D.C. and see the memorials again. It was amazing to meet all the people there.

**What do you like doing on your birthdays?**  
What I do is usually just hang out with family, go out to eat, maybe do a little shopping, but I really enjoy watching movies with everyone, too.

**Favorite post-game meal:**  
My favorite post-game meal is Hu-Hot.

**What extracurricular activities are you involved in and what is your favorite?**  
I do FFA, music, volleyball, robotics, science club and 4-H Club. My favorite would either be volleyball or music. Volleyball because I love the sport and all the different positions, and music because I enjoy playing my trumpet and going to different festivals.

**Finish this sentence: "This year I want to accomplish ..."**  
Being able to get on the basketball court and just play, not think.

**What social media platform do you spend the most time on?**  
I spend the most time on TikTok.

**What is your nickname your friends call you? Or what is a pet peeve of yours?**  
One of the nicknames I get called is "Oaks."

**Coach's quote:** "Oakley is a spark that our team needs and uses at every opportunity. Her enthusiasm and attention to detail are second to none." – Drew Erhardt

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Range Judging Contest. The team consisted of Center-Stanton Public Schools' Rachel Schmidt and Elena Sorge and Griggs County 4-H students Ameila and Rosie Abraham.

**Boeshans wins New Salem golf meet**  
Kade Boeshans, of Center-Stanton, took first place at a junior high golf meet in New Salem, April 29. Boeshans shot a 44 to lead the team and the tournament, which included 10 teams.

**Wildcats finish in top five at Central McLean invite**  
The Center-Stanton Wildcats varsity track and field time had top-five finishes at the Central McLean Invite last week.  
The Wildcats traveled to Underwood on May 2 to compete against six other schools. The girls team placed fourth overall, while the

boys took fifth.  
  
**MAY 15**  
**Late surge lifts WWCS over Hazen in pitcher's duel**  
In a game that saw strong pitching and tight defense on both sides, the Washburn-Wilton-Center-Stanton baseball team broke through late to earn a 4-1 victory over the visiting Hazen Bison in Washburn, May 8.  
The non-region contest remained scoreless through four innings before a big sixth inning from the home team made the difference in an otherwise evenly matched game.

**MAY 22**  
**Center-Stanton's Science Club earns top award, finishes second overall**  
Two teams consisting of Center-Stanton High School students competed in the 7th Annual North

Dakota Envirothon state competition with one team taking second place overall, May 9.  
The event, held in Crystal Springs, sported 24 teams from both Class A and Class B schools from across the state, with one Bismarck team taking first, a Center-Stanton team taking second and another Bismarck team taking third.

**Gill, Leinius, Ronholdt, Isaak recognized for dedication to golf course**  
A handful of volunteers and employees were recognized for their years of dedication to the Square Butte Creek Golf Course at an appreciation banquet May 16.  
Longtime groundskeeper Brent Isaak, who is now retired, was celebrated for his years of service, and Lance Gill, Randy Leinius and Jim Ronholdt were also recognized for

their years of volunteer work. Cakes were presented to the four men.  
  
**Cardinals rally late to defeat Skyhawks**  
In a contest marked by tight pitching, early momentum, and late-game resilience, the Washburn-Wilton-Center-Stanton Cardinals pulled off a thrilling 4-3 comeback victory over the Shiloh Christian Skyhawks on Tuesday, May 13.  
Despite trailing early and being out-hit 9-4, the Cardinals capitalized on key opportunities and leaned on a complete-game gem from pitcher Jack Retterath to secure the road win.  
  
**MAY 20**  
**WCS softball battles at Regionals**  
The Washburn-Center Stanton Cardinals varsity softball team showed heart and hustle during the

2025 Region IV Tournament held in Minot, May 22-24.  
Despite opening the tournament with a lopsided loss to a powerful Velva-Drake/Anamoose squad, WCS bounced back with a thrilling extra-inning battle against Central McLean and a narrow win over Wilton-Wing.  
Ultimately, the Cardinals fell just short of advancing deeper into the bracket but left the tournament with plenty to be proud.  
  
**WWWCS baseball draws tough matchups at Regionals**  
The Washburn-Wilton-Center-Stanton (WW WCS) Cardinals baseball team opened the Region Tournament in Dickinson with a high-scoring slug fest but couldn't maintain momentum through their second-round matchup, ultimately finishing 0-2 and seeing their 2025 season come to a close.