

# CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Oliver County Courthouse, 115 W Main St, Center, North Dakota, to consider an amendment to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Ordinances for the Wind Energy Facilities portion of the Ordinance to add language regarding a one

mile setback from non-participating residences. To see the changes, a copy can be obtained at the Oliver County Auditor's office at the Oliver County Courthouse. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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guage, a copy can be obtained at the Oliver County Auditor's office at the Oliver County Courthouse. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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provision change. To see the amendment language, a copy can be obtained at the Oliver County Auditor's office at the Oliver County Courthouse. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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## NOTICE OF PERMIT

Craig Gaube of Bismarck, ND, has applied for a conditional use permit to build a home within the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 9, 141-82 of Oliver County, North Dakota. Take further notice that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to the provision of Section 17.3 of the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance will hold a public hearing on the request. The hearing will be held

at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 30th, 2026, in the Meeting Room of the Oliver County Courthouse at 115 West Main St, Center, North Dakota. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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## OLIVER COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

March 26th, 2026  
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 10:16 am with all members present. Others present were Patrick Waters, States Attorney, Alice Grinsteiner, HR, Brian Schmidt, Attorney and Michelle Lang, NDIRF. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to move into Executive Session for attorney consultation with respect to pending litigation entitled McNulty-Eide v. Oliver County et al pursuant to N.D.C.C. §§ 44-04-19.1, 44-04-19.2. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 10:18 am  
The Commission Meeting was called back into regular session at 10:57 am.  
There was no final action in the Executive Session to be acted upon in the regular session.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.  
The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, April 14th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room. Oliver County Auditor Chairman of the Board

(04-23-2026)

## CITY OF CENTER COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

March 26, 2026  
Betty Hagel Civic Center  
The Center City Council met in special session on March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Betty Hagel Civic Center. Mayor Eric Casson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Mayor Eric Casson; Council Members Lisa Gusewelle and Kisa Kindsvogel. Absent at roll call: Troy Hatzenbihler (arrived at 6:15 p.m.).  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. No public comments were received.  
The agenda was approved on a motion by Kindsvogel, seconded by Gusewelle. Motion carried.  
Governance Actions  
Council Vacancy Appointment  
The council reviewed letters of interest from Dean Windhorst and Becky Berg. Following discussion, a motion was made by Gusewelle and seconded by Kindsvogel to appoint Becky Berg to fill the vacant council seat. Motion carried with Gusewelle and Kindsvogel voting yes and Hatzenbihler voting no. Hatzenbihler cited the proximity of the upcoming election as the reason for his vote.

Berg completed the oath of office and joined the council.  
City Auditor Appointment  
Mayor Casson appointed Cassandra Smith as City Auditor. A motion was made by Gusewelle and seconded by Kindsvogel to approve the appointment pending completion of a background check, credit check, and offer agreement. Motion carried unanimously.  
Other Business  
Financial Signatures  
On recommendation from the League of Cities, a motion was made by Gusewelle and seconded by Kindsvogel to add Mayor Casson and, pending acceptance of employment, Cassandra Smith as authorized check signers. Motion carried unanimously.  
Condo Sale  
A motion was made by Kindsvogel and seconded by Berg to approve the sale of Unit 103, Block 1, Hazel Miner 2nd Addition, with a closing date of March 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.  
City Cleanup Announcement  
The council announced a city-wide curbside garbage pickup scheduled for May 16.

Raffle Permit  
A motion was made by Gusewelle and seconded by Hatzenbihler to approve a local raffle permit for the Oliver County Tractor Club. Motion carried unanimously.  
Council Discussion  
Discussion occurred regarding council professionalism and procedures. The mayor called the meeting to order following the exchange.  
Adjournment  
A motion to adjourn was made by Hatzenbihler and seconded by Berg. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.  
Re-convening of Special Meeting  
A re-convening of the special meeting was held at 6:50 p.m. to discuss terms of employment for the City Auditor position. The council discussed compensation and agreed to an hourly wage of \$24.50, with a \$1.00 increase after six months contingent upon successful performance and completion of auditor certification. Due to an agenda posting error, this item may be revisited at a future meeting.

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## OLIVER COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

March 25th, 2026  
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 2:00 pm with all members present.  
Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the Local Event Raffle Permit for the Jyler Isaak Memorial Golf Tournament. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Discussion was held on the BNI Overpass on 37th Avenue. BNI presented a revised detour for the 37th Ave project with written findings. BNI requested that the Commission rescind the rescinded motion from the January 13th meeting.  
Brian Dresser, resident, approached the Commission with concerns regarding the project and presented a letter to the Commission. Discussion was held on issues with moving his road approach. The County does not have standards for road approaches nor a permitting process, but residents have come to the county for approval to build an approach previously. Brian Dresser requested an engineering study be done with county and landowner review. Mike Heger, BNI, stated BNI would take suggestions from the landowner and the Commission. The Commission requested that BNI have

an approach design drawn out with the engineering firm, Moore Engineering, by the April Commission meeting. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to table any further action regarding the BNI Overpass Project on 37th Avenue until the April 14th meeting. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
Discussion was held on the Oliver County Community Foundation Grant. The Sheriff's Department needs new AEDs for their vehicles and it was felt that that would be a better use of the funds than for the comprehensive plan.  
Discussion was held on the weed board officer receiving a cell phone. The Sheriff's office cell phone is not being used. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the transfer of the Sheriff's Office cell phone to the Weed Control Officer. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm.  
The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, April 14th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room. Oliver County Deputy Auditor Chairman of the Board

(04-23-2026)

## SECTION 324 NOTICE

In compliance with federal law, the Oliver County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) gives notice that the Oliver County Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports have been received and reviewed by the Oliver County LEPC.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Mercer-Oliver County Emergency Manager's Office within the Mercer County Courthouse at 410 Van Slyck Ave, Stanton, ND between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

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### Filling Berger's seat

After Berger excused himself, the commission agreed to hold a special meeting to appoint a new commissioner and did so two days later, with Schmidt and Commissioner Lee Husfloen appointing county resident Bradley Dahl, bringing the commission back to a three-person board. Dahl will cover Berger's term until the term or until his unexpired term starts, which is the first Monday in December.

According to Schmidt, the percentage of signatures required to get on the ballot for the vacant seat for the November election is 2 percent of the total vote cast for the position.

"Because the position was a vote for two, it would be the total vote cast divided by two then taken by 2 percent," Schmidt explained. "Based on election results from 2024 General, the total required signature amount for November is 19."

Deadline to submit petitions is Aug. 31.

The commission did not make any more motions regarding data center ordinances, however, members of the audience and county officials continued to discuss the impact big industries could make for the county, both positive and negative, and also discussed the importance of keeping civility amongst themselves as they find ways to create guardrails as new technology and big industry become more and more prevalent in the state.

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