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Board of Equalization April 14, 2026

The Board of Equalization met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Harris, D Hollingsworth, Kelly, J Hollingsworth, Hernandez-Waite and Day. Employees present: Chad Raatz, Matthew O'Brien, Rod Rodningen, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson. Multiple visitors were present.

Rodningen addressed the council explaining that 58 Homestead Credit applications were received with 54 qualifying. He then presented his evaluations and changes for the year. Several individuals in attendance asked for clarification on their property. Rodningen asked those individuals to come into the office the next day so they could review the property together. J Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to table decision until visitors in attendance could meet with Rodningen to review their assessment, carried.

(Submitted to the Oakes Times 05/7/2026)

City Council Meeting April 14, 2026

The City Council met at 6:22 PM at Oakes Community Center with the same members, employees and some of the same visitors present.

Engineer Report: Reber gave an update on the WTP Improvements with a pre-construction meeting to be scheduled for mid-May. D Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to pay invoice 008314 to Moore Engineering, carried. Invoice 008315 for WTP technical assistance was presented, Day moved, D Hollingsworth second to pay the invoice, carried. The bid opening for the sanitary manhole replacement was on April 13th. Naastad Brothers was the low bidder, they have worked with the City previously and engineers recommend approved of their bid. J Hollingsworth moved, Day second to award the bid to Naastad Brothers, carried. A second meeting of the Zoning and Planning committee will be scheduled to continue working on the Highway 1 connectivity study.

Minutes, Auditor and Police Report: Harris moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve minutes, carried. Harris moved, Kelly second to approve police report, carried. Day moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve auditor reports, carried.

Building Permits: D Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve building permits as listed, carried.

-W 1/2 Of 9 & All Of Lots 10 Thru 12 Blk 20 McCarthy's Addn, Deck
-Lot 1 & N 40' Of Lot 2 Blk 12 McCarthy's Addn, Fence

Game of Chance Permits: Harris moved, J Hollingsworth second to approve game of chance permits as listed, carried.

1. Catholic Church, Bingo
Special Event Permit: Mayer moved, Harris second to approve special event permit as listed, carried.

1. Angry Beaver Lodge, Wedding at Oakes Community Center
Bills: J Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve bills, carried

Aflac	887.46
American Welding & Gas	38.68
American Engineering	8000.00
Aqua Pure	2141.80
Avid Hawk	200.00
A W Diesel	607.15
B&K Plumbing	519.88
Bank of ND	41437.63
Bobcat	226.12
City of Fargo	258.00
Code 4	288.63
Computer Express	221.96
Dakota Valley Electric	823.00
DRN	996.16
Groton Ford	184.09
Hastings Plumbing	255.67
Information Technology	175.85
James River Repair	2187.44
Jones & Kelly Attys at Law	280.00
Kustom Machine	3362.13
Napa	800.10

One Call	3.00
NDPERS-Group Ins.	22,219.06
NDPERS-Retirement	14,356.31
ND Sewage Pump Lift station	2100.00
Oakes Enhancement	17,256.35
Oakes Times	185.36
Oakes Truck & Trailer	4350.60
Ottertail	11,223.73
Proforms	1759.27
Prairie Printing	21.41
Praska's Hardware	76.63
Rod's Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04
Tornado Stop	6263.77
Verizon	600.27
Visa Credit Card-City	1847.15
Visa Credit Card-library	433.92
Visto's Carquest	128.13
Waste Management-Recycle	12,608.27
Zacks Repair	761.40
Payroll Taxes	21,853.27
Salaries	95,640.92

Visitors: Kausha Magill with the Chamber of Commerce presented two tourism fund requests; one for the 2026 Irrigation Days celebration and one for an ad in a statewide visitor's guide. Day moved, D Hollingsworth second, to approve \$7,000 for Irrigation Days carried. Harris moved, Kelly second to approve \$927 for the visitor's guide, carried. Rachel Kelly was present to talk about a childcare program she has qualified for. The City would need to be the sponsor of the project and funds would pass through the City. We have done this with other similar projects in the past; Johnson will work with Kelly to sign any necessary paperwork. Jeremy Moore presented the council with a conditional use request for temporary RV parking on a residential lot he recently acquired. He had a well detailed plan and answered questions from the council. City attorney F. Kelly advised that the proper procedure involves presenting this to the zoning and planning committee first as they have initial approval of conditional use requests. More also presented information about the alley on his recently acquired property that is not plotted as an official City alley at this time. Utility lines run through this part of his property, and it appears the necessary easements for those services are not in place. M Kelly and J Hollingsworth will work with the engineers, and zoning and planning committee to determine best steps to move forward with this situation.

Committee Reports: Mayor Sitzler asked about the status of finishing the ceiling in the meeting room and if we were still looking to complete roof repairs. D Hollingsworth was approached by a resident inquiring if the city paid to remove dead trees in the boulevard. Johnson was reviewing ordinance to determine if this only applied to diseased trees such as Dutch Elm or trees considered hazardous. A comment was made earlier in the meeting about difficulty with hearing council members and the possibility of having microphones and a speaker. Johnson will look into options. Harris was approached by a resident with some concerns about zoning and access to their property. City attorney F Kelly explained some options that may be taken regarding the property. J Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second, to perform a survey of this property, J Hollingsworth amended his motion, Kelly seconded the amendment, to proceed with survey pending approval of a quote from Moore Engineering, carried.

Discussed the receipt of a quote from Total Home to replace the floor tiles in the gym. A sample was sent in for asbestos testing, and we are waiting on the results of that test before proceeding. A pile of junk and trash is accumulating in a lot on South 14th Street, City Attorney F. Kelly will write an abatement letter to the property owner. Discussed the condition of the old CDI building and possible plans to demolish it. City Attorney F. Kelly will send a letter to encourage property owners to begin the process of demolition. A resident approached the city office with concerns about train noise in the northwest section of town. The train is left idling for hours to days at a time while

parked and the resident was wondering if anything could be done. City Attorney F. Kelly mentioned a quiet zone process that is done through the federal level, but he has only heard it used for train whistles. D Hollingsworth knows an individual on the LaMoire crew; he will reach out to them for information. Raatz received a quote for \$2,200 to move the compost pile at the landfill, J Hollingsworth moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve quote and proceed with work, carried. Another quote was received for \$1,865 to spray the cattails surrounding the lagoon, D Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second, to approve quote and proceed with work, carried. Raatz also informed the council he has hired two summer help high school workers for the season. Chief O'Brien gave an update on the SIFRN system and a recent county meeting. Conversation moved back to the ceiling of the meeting room, there were no issues during recent rains so council feels work can be completed.

Unfinished Business: D Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to enter an executive session to discuss negotiation strategy and consult with attorney on order received from the court regarding Great Plains Oil Building Permit, unanimous roll call, carried. The executive session was recorded and called to order at 7:41PM and was attended by Mayor Sitzler, Council: M. Kelly, Day, D Hollingsworth, Harris, J Hollingsworth and Hernandez-Waite. Attorney F. Kelly, Public Works Director Raatz and Auditor Johnson. Executive session was adjourned at 8:05PM and meeting was continued in open session. J Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve Great Plains Building Permit, unanimous roll call, carried. First reading of the Off Highway Vehicle Ordinance change was presented. The City is still in need of a County JDA rep and County Zoning Committee Rep. D Hollingsworth volunteered to fill the JDA position.

New Business:
Spring Clean-Up - will take place April 25th, 8am-3pm. Landfill will be open free of charge (with the exception of shingles). Electronics disposal will be on April 24th, 12pm to 3pm at the City shop.

Gravel Bids, two gravel bids were received. Harris moved, D Hollingsworth

second to accept the lower bid from Dakota Improvement, carried. NDIRF conducted a survey of the insured value of several city owned structures, they believe that many are undervalued and suggest increasing the valuations. J Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve all increases as presented by NDIRF, carried. County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was provided to the council along with a resolution to adopt the plan as provided. J Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to introduce and approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAKES ADOPTING THE DICKEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026, carried.

Announcements & Correspondence:
Proclamations for EMS Week and Arbor Day were presented. A water appropriate notice from the Dickey Sargent Irrigation District was received, as was an invitation from the Lions Club for their 100th Anniversary Celebration. Information about Capital Credit Union and a deposit proposal was reviewed, please reach out with any questions, Anthony Bruhn would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss it further.

D Hollingsworth moved, Day second to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.
(Submitted to the Oakes Times 05/7/2026)

Special City Council Meeting Board of Equalization April 27, 2026

The Board of Equalization reconvened at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Hernandez-Waite, Harris, J. Hollingsworth, Day, D. Hollingsworth and Kelly. Employees present: Zasha Johnson and Rod Rodningen. Rodningen reviewed the discussions he had with each of the individuals present at the first meeting and any changes or adjustments that were made. Harris moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve all residential and commercial evaluations and changes as presented, carried.

J Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to adjourn the meeting at 6:18PM.
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Oakes Bakery Shoppe Places 2nd!

The Oakes Bakery placed 2nd in competition yesterday in Glyndon, Mn. Britney from our little Bakery finished strong. Beans, Beans, the musical fruit..... no, I won't finish that. But that is how we ended the first Annual Bean Cook-off last night at DGF School.

6 competitors going head to head with classic, new, and innovative ways to serve beans.

Going down the line
Hometown HOPE Inc with a Bean Salad from a 1960s Ada, MN cookbook.

Maggie's Hometown Tavern with a Tuscan White Bean Sausage Skillet

DGF Schools Food Service with a Bean Brownie and Ice Cream

Dempsey's with Grandma's Baked Beans

Sophie Dument-ET Music with a Bean Truffle.

The Bakery Shoppe with a

White Bean Dip and Bean Chips.

Maggie's Hometown Tavern took both 1st place and People's choice.

The Oakes Bakery Shoppe took second place.

We had some great conversations with Thom Peterson, Minnesota's Ag Commissioner and Mitch Coulter, Executive Director Northarvest Bean Growers Association, about Beans grown in Minnesota and North Dakota. I got to catch up with one of my favorite ladies, Tammy Swift. I met Chef Candace Stock and Chef Joe Swedgarden. I admire the work that they do.

And there were games with prizes! And a swag bag for all contestants. One of these fabulous items will be added to the Adventure Box for our giveaway.

Article Submitted by Noreen Thomas

Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod

Last Wednesday My Sweet Bobboo and I went for a little road trip. We drove to Aberdeen. It's been a long time since we took a trip to Aberdeen. Cooper knows the way to LaMoire and Milnor so he curls up for a snooze on his backseat platform. Aberdeen was something new.

When we got to Ludden and slowed down his head popped up and he stood on the gear box. "Where are we?" he wanted to know. "Are we there yet?" And when we turned at the Ludden Cemetery to go south he was more confused but settled back down for the ride. In Hecla we slowed down and up came his little head and curious eyes. Yes, this was really something new.

I drove through Houghton so we could observe Sand Lake. Nothing!! Not a Sand Lake Crane or a pelican. There was lots of water but the place was bare except for a few yellow heads and some coots swimming around in the beautiful water. It was a lovely day for a drive through Sand Lake but not a good day for viewing water fowl.

I was disappointed but we kept driving toward Aberdeen. When we got there I went straight to Kesslers. It was time for lunch. Cooper stayed in the car and I went in and got a turkey sandwich. I sat at a table near the coffee shop, ate half of the sandwich and watched the people come and go. People watching is a fun pastime.

Back at the car I found Cooper sitting on the gear box. He was people watching too. I took out the sandwich and began feeding my Sweet Bobboo. He got the turkey from the second half of the sandwich. That made him a happy camper.

We drove back home. I saw red tulips at the Lutheran Church on the highway in Hecla. In Ludden there were yellow tulips at the house across the street from the



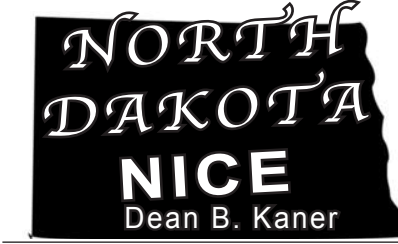
Tavern. It was a glorious day of blue sky and sunshine.

Back in Oakes we sat in the backyard for awhile. Some robins were building a nest in the old crab apple tree. The nest was placed in the crook of three branches jutting out toward the garage. I could see the nest but it was still very private for the young family.

About 5:30 we went inside for supper. Cooper always lets me know when it's time to eat. If I forget he pulls on my shoes and pant legs. His kibbles are special for sensitive stomach and skin. I mix in some canned beef with gravy. He likes that.

We played fetch in the living room and then I had a program to watch. Cooper and I had a conversation about that. He likes to talk to me and I talk back in dog speak. I watched the program and Cooper was on the other end of the sofa talking. He had his front paws up on the arm of the sofa and was looking at the end table. My sister Judy painted an 8 by 10 picture of his cute little face with turned up nose that was sitting on the end table. To my surprise he was looking at his picture and talking to himself. I forgot about the program I was watching and turned my attention to Cooper the wonder dog. He continues to do things that endear him to me.

My Sweet Bobboo the little Shih Tzu.



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A cat has nine lives,
but a frog croaks
every night.

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Beautiful Ugly
by Alice Feeney.

Author Grady Green's life changes in an instant. While on the phone with his wife, Abby, he hears her stop suddenly, get out of the car and then silence. Later, her car is found by a cliff, lights on and door open, but Abby is gone. A year later, Grady is still grieving and unable to move on. Hoping to heal, he travels to a small Scottish island where he sees a woman who looks exactly like his missing wife.

Her Every Fear
by Peter Swanson.

Kate Priddy, an art student from London with severe anxiety after surviving a kidnapping, agrees to swap apartments with her cousin Corbin in Boston, hoping a change will help her heal. Soon after she arrives, Kate learns that Corbin's neighbor has been murdered. As police ask questions, Kate begins to suspect Corbin and meets Alan, another neighbor whose story doesn't quite add up. Strange discoveries in the apartment deepen her fears, and Kate realizes Corbin may not be innocent after all. Unsure who to trust, and haunted by her past trauma, Kate is pulled into a dangerous mystery where the threat is far closer and deadlier than she ever imagined.

Our Perfect Storm
by Carley Fortune.

Frankie and George have been best friends since childhood, often fighting but always finding their way back to each other. Now, just before Frankie's wedding, she isn't even sure George will show up. He does but the happiness doesn't last. The morning after the celebration begins, Frankie's fiancé ends their engagement without explanation. Heartbroken, Frankie retreats home, until George suggests something unexpected: they should take her honeymoon together. The trip to Tofino is meant to help Frankie heal and maybe save their friendship. As the week unfolds, old secrets and buried feelings rise to the surface, forcing them to face what they really mean to each other.

We continue to have a generous collection of Large Print books from NDSL. Stop by and look!

Bookworm Discovery Class - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library. (Year round)

Lego Lovers - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00. (September-May)

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