

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Oliver County Courthouse, 115 W Main St, Center, North Dakota to consider adoption of By-Laws for the Planning & Zoning Commission. A copy of the draft By-Laws 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.

(02-12-2026)(02-19-2026)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Oliver County Courthouse, 115 W Main St, Center, North Dakota to consider an addition to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Ordinance for Solar Energy Facilities. To see the addition of the Solar Energy

Facilities ordinance 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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ATTENTION OLIVER COUNTY SOYBEAN PRODUCERS: CAST YOUR BALLOT NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL ELECTION

The ND Soybean Council's election for your County Representative will take place by mail ballot in March 2026. In March, newly elected county representatives will select a board member of the ND Soybean Council. On or about February 17, 2026, the ND Soybean Council will mail each soybean grower of record in the county an election ballot. For your vote to count, ballots must be filed with the County Extension Agent of the above-named county. The ballot can be hand delivered or mailed to the agent. For your vote to count, the County Extension Agent must receive the ballot by March 5, 2026, or your mailed-in ballot must be post-marked no later than March 5, 2026. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your Oliver County Extension Agent at 701-794-8748 or the ND Soybean Council at 701-566-9300 to obtain one.

A producer is defined as: "any person that plants or causes to be planted a soybean crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with intent that upon maturity, the crop will be harvested; will have met the requirements of the above stated during the next available growing season or has met these requirements during the immediately preceding growing season. The term does not include an organic producer that has been exempted from the payment of assessments in accordance with federal law."

(02-12-2026)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 75-09.1-11 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT VOUCHER SYSTEM

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-09.1-11 relating to definitions, requests for reimbursement of medical expenses, voucher applications, and training at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION AND CITY OF CENTER MEETING MINUTES

December 8th, 2025

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION AND CITY OF CENTER PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 6:00 pm with all members present.

Discussion was held on the City/County JPA for policing.

Discussion was held on any areas of

concern, with comments made on snow removal issues and a flashing sign for speed on Highway 48 going through town near the post office corner due to speed issues and pedestrians.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 7:00 PM, December

8th, 2025 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room.

Jaden Schmidt, Oliver County Auditor Lee Husfloen, Chairman of the Board

(02-12-2026)

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 30th, 2025

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 1:00 PM with all members present.

Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Pledge of Allegiance. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th and December 15th, 2025 meetings. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt 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. Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the Add-On bills. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Big State Industrial Supply-524.16

Eide Bailly LLP-619.00

Empower Electric LLC-13129.00

ETS Systems Inc-718.00

Jake's Auto Glass-486.74

K&M Repair-429.72

Menards-5188.52

Mercer County Human Services-4794.55

Mercer-Oliver Emergency Mgmt-13727.53

Moore Engineering-6000.00

NW Tire-620.00

Uniform Center-106.97

Rud Oil & Gas-7825.84

Butler Machinery-78.45

Quadient Finance-1245.65

Dave Berger-350.00

Rick Schmidt-312.20

Runnings-19.99

The following bills previously paid were approved:

Aflac-128.52

Center Post Office-324.00

Colonial Life Processing Center-1100.43

Fidelity Security Life Ins. Co-70.16

Liberty Business Systems-2446.82

MDU-877.58

Nationwide Retirement-2001.00

Oliver County Treasurer-691.14

Post Board-45.00

Roughrider Electric-301.30

Security First Bank of ND-29905.54

Verizon Wireless-126.21

WRT-694.65

Payroll-94482.51

Discussion was held on Sheriff's Department updates. The boat that is up for bids will be opened at the January 13th meeting.

Discussion was held on the fifth officer/weights and scales officer position, tabled from the previous meeting. Jim Wenning, Chief Deputy Sheriff, went to Kidder County to look at a set of used weights and scales. If purchased, it would save the county roughly \$15,000 from a set of new weights and scales. They would fit in the back of any of the patrol vehicles. Discussion was held on how to finance another deputy and the purchase of the weights and scales.

Rob Schmidt, Commissioner, listed several points in the current budget that could be adjusted to make up the cost, including approval of overtime hours, decreasing hours of the office secretary, giving the Emergency Manager position to a deputy versus a contract with Mercer County.

Discussion was held on the affect changing the joint powers agreement could have on several grants that are jointly applied for. No action was taken and continued discussion on the topic will be tabled until the January 13th meeting.

The Commission meeting was recessed at 1:36 pm.

The Oliver County Park Board Meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm by Dave Berger. The remaining amount in the Park Board's budget is \$1500. Two entities are requesting funds. The Oliver County Fair Board put in a request for \$1000 to help cover the costs of the toilet and wash station rentals and the Center-Stanton

School Playground Committee requested any amount to help with the cost of playground improvements. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to donate \$1000 to the Center-Stanton School Playground Committee and \$500 to the Oliver County Fair Board. Discussion was held and a clarification was brought up by Rick Schmidt that the Center-Stanton School request should either be towards the playground improvement or for the study on the improvements.

Dave Berger moved to amend the previous motion that the \$1000 donation to the Center-Stanton School Playground Committee would be for the study of the improvement with Lee Husfloen seconding. All in favor, none opposed; the amendment to the motion carried. The amended motion by Dave Berger for \$1000 to be donated to the Center-Stanton School Playground Committee for the improvement study and \$500 to the Oliver County Fair Board for toilet and wash station expenses, seconded by Lee Husfloen was considered.

All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

The Oliver County Park Board meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.

The Oliver County Commission Meeting was called back into session at 1:44 PM. Discussion was held on the inclement weather policy. Rob Schmidt and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the changes to the inclement weather policy.

All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Holiday closure policy. No action was taken and it was tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the Road Superintendent position putting in overtime but not receiving payment for the time worked.

The Commission meeting went into recess at 2:01 pm.

The Commission meeting was called back into session at 2:06 pm.

Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the Road Superintendent Bonus Pay policy. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Courthouse Janitorial position. Current hours are 20 per week. Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to decrease the hours of the Courthouse Janitor from 20 hours per week to 10 hours per week, still doing the same job duties. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to appoint Rob Schmidt to the Social Services board. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to appoint Cassie Smith to the Planning & Zoning Board. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

There are also two openings on the Soils Committee. Beth Kohler expressed interest in serving on any board that had an opening, per her application. Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to appoint Beth Kohler to the Soils Committee. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2026 Commission Meeting Calendar. Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the 2026 calendar with changes discussed to the February and March meeting dates. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on quotes from Denny's Electric for the Maintenance Contract and Additional work needed for hooking up the entire building. Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve a one year maintenance agreement with Denny's Electric for \$750. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Dave Berger moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve the quote for additional work to the generator for \$10405. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Kyle Larson, Minnesota Power, updated the Commission that the company will be coming for a building permit for the HVDC project in the next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, January 13th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room.

Jaden Schmidt, Oliver County Auditor Lee Husfloen, Chairman of the Board (02-12-2026)

ATTENTION BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Oliver County will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1:00 PM (CT) at the Civic Center, 312 North Lincoln Ave, in Center, ND.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.

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