

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 4th, 2026
 OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 1:13 pm with all members present. Others present were Patrick Waters, States Attorney, Alice Grinsteiner, HR, Linda Nelson, Deputy Auditor, Jim Gray, NDSU
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to move into Executive Session for attorney consultation with respect to reasonably predictable litigation. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. The Commission moved into Executive Session at 1:13 pm.

The Commission Meeting was called back into regular session at 2:14 pm. There was no final action in the Executive Session to be acted upon in the regular session.
 The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, March 13th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room.
 Oliver County Deputy Auditor Chairman of the Board

(03-26-2026)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):
 Job No.: 24784
 Project No(s): HES-1-999(063)
 Length: 0
 Type: PAVEMENT MARKING
 County(s): OLIVER, BURLEIGH, EMMONS, GRANT, KIDDER, LOGAN, MCINTOSH, MCLEAN, MERCER, MORTON, SHERIDAN, & WELLS Cos
 Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - BISMARCK DISTRICT
 Bids will be received via the Bid Express online bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, April 10, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>
 NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.
 For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.
 Requested by:
 Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
 North Dakota Department of Transportation (03-26-2026)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WSI Premium Rates and Rate Classification Manual
 Notice is hereby given that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 AM at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the proposed changes to premium rates and rate classification manual in accordance with NDCC §65-04-01.
 These changes will be on file and may be reviewed or copied on any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at WSI in Bismarck. A copy may be requested by phone by calling (701) 328-3812 or by writing to: Workforce Safety & Insurance
 Attn Marguerite Rath
 1600 East Century Avenue Ste 1

PO Box 5585
 Bismarck ND 58506-5585
 (701) 328-3812
 Written data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed changes or adoptions may be sent to WSI at the above address. The closing date for receipt and consideration of all written or oral submissions is close of business Monday, April 13, 2026.
 If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.
 Dated this 16th day of March 2026
 Sarah Feist
 Chief of Employer Services
 (03-26-2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF CENTER BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Betty Hagel Civic Center in Center.

(03-26-2026)(04-02-2026)

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW...

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO PEACE OFFICER LICENSES

TAKE NOTICE that the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10:00 a.m. on 27th day, April 2026, at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, 1720 Burlington Drive Suite B, Bismarck North Dakota.
 A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board or calling 701-328-5504. The proposed rules are also posted at www.post.nd.gov. Written comments may be submitted to 1720 Burlington Drive, Suite B, Bismarck, ND, 58504 until May 12th, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board at the above telephone number or address at least two days prior to the public hearing.
 Dated this 12th day of March 2026.
 Pat Helfrich, Secretary
 Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will offer the following lands for lease in Oliver County.
 Unorganized (141-082)
 AC Term Rent NW4, E2 W of
 16 Hwy & N of 278 1
 \$9800 County Rd
 Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The public lease auction will be held in Center, ND at Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center, Conference Room

on 3/23/2026 8:30 AM CT. Other than the descriptions of the lands to be auctioned, the information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. Any such revisions will be announced at the auction and will be binding upon the bidders. Bidding will begin at minimum rent. 1st year's rent must be paid in full immediately after the sale. The Board reserves the right to reject

any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800. For auxiliary aids and services, please call by 3/13.

Joseph A. Heringer COMMISSIONER
 1707 N 9th St | Bismarck ND 58506-5523
 PHONE: 701-328-2800 | FAX: 701-328-3650 | WEB: <https://land.nd.gov>

(03-05-2026)(03-12-2026)
 (03-19-2026)(03-26-2026)

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 10th, 2026
 OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 1:00 PM with all members present.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 and January 21, 2026 meetings. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen 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, Lee Husfloen, aye, Rob Schmidt, aye; motion carried.
 Allstate Peterbilt-1469.68
 API Garage Door-200.00
 Beulah Beacon-333.50
 Keri Brown-22.73
 Butler Machinery-2681.85
 Capital Trophy-91.85
 Center Machine-710.53
 Center Republican-300.02
 Computer Express-15248.00
 Dakota Fire Station-382.98
 ETS Systems-1111.63
 Lee Husfloen-65.25
 ITD-1180.00
 Kenny Rude-117.49
 Menards-1182.87
 Mercer Co. Sheriff Dept.-70000.00
 NDAO-641.00
 ND Sheriff's & Deputies Assn.-400.00
 ND Weed Control Assn-285.00
 NDAO Resources Group-805.72
 Pahlke Steel-778.38
 Quadiant Finance USA-400.00
 RDO Equipment-753.49
 Robert Gibb & Sons-577.90
 Rud Oil & Gas-3162.62
 Sannes Family Funeral Homes-450.00
 Richard Schmidt-688.63
 Software Innovations-9650.00
 Statewide Services-42305.00
 Steins Inc-244.63
 Titan Machinery-159.10
 Direct Med-2279.90
 SRF Consulting-12317.20
 The following bills previously paid were approved:
 Aflac-128.52
 AT&T Mobility-491.74
 Steven Bennett-738.19
 Capital Credit Union-28.32
 Center Job Development Authority-2500.00
 City of Center-91.45
 Colonial Life Processing Center-1100.43
 Companion Life Insurance-441.31
 Corelogic-3132.17
 Bradley Dahl-34.86
 Eide Chevrolet-1157.04
 Cale Ferderer-300.00
 Fidelity Security Life Insurance-70.16
 Daryn Karges-62.98
 MDU-1930.36
 Mercer County Ambulance-9857.52
 Morton County Auditor-7924.17
 Morton County Council on Aging-12354.51
 Nationwide Retirement-1926.00
 ND Housing Finance Agency-1742.40
 New Salem-Almont School-36970.40
 Oliver County Ambulance-40020.37
 Oliver County Rural Fire Dist-17446.29
 Oliver County Soil Cons-15675.43
 Oliver County Treasurer-642.09
 Oliver County Water Resource Dist-3825.48
 Roughrider Electric Coop-607.07
 Security First Bank of ND-77931.43
 Gary Smith-168.16
 Stanton Rural Fire Dist.-1119.92
 SW Water Authority-78.81
 Verizon Wireless-84.14
 VISA-5268.78
 Washburn Rural Ambulance Dist.-7496.44
 Washburn Rural Fire Dist.-2460.59
 Western Plains Public Health-21136.12
 Payroll-87401.00
 Updates from the Sheriff's Department were presented. A proposal for a new sheriff's vehicle was presented. Chief Deputy Jim Wenning stated there's a company

in Minnesota that outfits and takes older vehicles on trade. He will come to the next Commission meeting with quotes for prices.
 Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve abatement #. All in favor, none opposed; motion approved.
 Discussion was held on Portfolio Reports. No reports were given.
 Les Henke, resident, presented to the Commission. He has .55 acres by his property that the county owns, but has been under the impression that he owned it until recently and a plat was drawn out. Some research was done and it appears that it affects several along the highway. States Attorney Patrick Waters will look into this.
 Building Permit #1079 for Minnesota Power for a Substation and East Yard within the NW1/4-NW1/4 Sec 35 & SE1/4-SE1/4 Sec29, 142-83 was presented. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Building Permit #1079. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Conditional Use Permit #1078 for North Plains Connector LLC for a transmission line along 11 miles in Oliver County was presented. The Road Use and Maintenance Agreement will be brought to the county for review next month. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve Conditional Use Permit #1078 with the following resolution;
 WHEREAS, on January 5, 2026, North Plains Connector LLC submitted an application ("Application") for a conditional use permit ("CUP") for the portion of the North Plains Connector Transmission Line Project ("Project") located in Oliver County, North Dakota ("County") pursuant to Section 4.1(2) of the County's Zoning Ordinance.
 WHEREAS, on January 29, 2026, the County's Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on and considered the Application and, thereafter, recommended issuance of a CUP to North Plains Connector LLC with authorization to adjust the Project under the CUP as requested in the Application ("Recommendation").
 WHEREAS, the County's Board of County Commissioners considered the Application and the Planning & Zoning Commission's Recommendation at its meeting on February 10, 2026.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oliver County Board of County Commissioners:
 1. A CUP is issued to North Plains Connector LLC for the Project conditioned on securing an easement (or other real property agreement) with each landowner whose land is crossed by the Project route prior to initiating Project construction.
 2. The CUP authorizes adjustments to the Project route, permanent and temporary rights-of-way, and structure and permanent access road locations so long as the Project does not involve a new landowner(s) and North Plains Connector LLC has secured landowner approval.
 Discussion was held on data centers. Ordinances need to be written and discussion was held on placing a moratorium. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to place a public hearing on the February 26, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting for a data center and cryptocurrency mining facility moratorium for a recommended 90 days with final approval to take place at the March County Commission meeting. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Discussion was held on the language from the McLean County ordinances for avoidance zones and pre-application hearings/meetings. The language will be taken to Planning & Zoning again to implement into ordinances.
 Kenny Rude, Road Superintendent, provided updates on the Road Department. Discussion was held on vacation carryover for an employee. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve 100 hours of vacation for carryover for Marvin Pfliger to be used by March 31st, 2026.

Discussion was held on equipment advertising and county shop updates.
 Discussion was held on a backhoe loader from Butler for \$128,595. No action was taken and it was tabled.
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to authorize the County Auditor to call for bids for gravel crushing, fuel and rental equipment. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Discussion was held on the water tanker at the county shop.
 Alice Grinsteiner, Oliver/Mercer EM/HR, presented updated language to the Holiday Closure for the Employee manual. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the new language for Holiday Closures. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Discussion was held on the Sheriff's Department Office position. It has been advertised as a licensed peace officer position that would do part office work, part courthouse security. The position will advertise as a licensed peace officer for another month and will revisit at the next meeting.
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the revised Human Resources and Emergency Manager Joint Powers Agreement with Mercer County at a lower rate of \$52.94 per hour. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Daniel Schwartz presented an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Schwartz also commented on the Data Center ordinance discussion. He recommended the county adopt language similar to the Stutsman County and then adjust it as needed, as he stated, it is better to have something in place before industries come to the county.
 Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the E-911 Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Center. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Dave Berger, Commissioner, brought the topic of the Backhoe Loader to the table again, asking if the backhoe would be needed sooner. It is a used unit, so it could sell before the county makes a decision next month. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to make the purchase of the Caterpillar Backhoe Loader from Butler for \$128,595.
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the Election Joint Powers Agreement with the Hazen and Washburn school districts. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 The March 5th Commission meeting will be moved to March 13th due to scheduling conflicts and mandatory training for elections that the Auditor's office must attend. An update was given on the Court Facilities Grant.
 Discussion was held on road work with BNI. Discussion was held on the drains from the roof at the Courthouse and re-doing the back parking lot.
 Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Computer Express taking over the Courthouse Wi-Fi hardware and cancel the hardware with NRG. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to enter into a funding agreement for the 2027-2029 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk of district court services with the North Dakota Supreme Court. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
 Discussion was held on the Public Comment Policy. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, March 13th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room.
 Jaden Schmidt, Oliver County Auditor
 Robert Schmidt, Chairman of the Board
 (03-26-2026)