

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Oliver County 2050 Comprehensive Plan at 7 p.m. on June 25, 2026, at the Oliver County Courthouse, 115 West Main Street, Center, ND. At the meeting, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard re-

garding the proposed Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan is available for inspection at the Auditor's Office during regular business hours and is also available on the County's website, olivercountynd.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 25th 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 Concentrated Animal Feed Operations. To

see the amendment, 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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OLIVER COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

May 19th, 2026
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS were called to order at 8:22 pm with all members present.

Second Consideration for an application for an amendment to the Oliver County Zoning Map was taken.

Bradley Dahl, Commissioner, asked questions of Applied Digital regarding sound studies and permits required at the state level. Patrick Waters, States Attorney, asked questions about full time employees that would be brought in.

A request was made by the States Attorney to have Applied Digital pay for new law enforcement officers to help with the influx of traffic and people in the county.

Public comments were received by Jason Ellert, Jonathan Fortner, Arlo Bakker, Marcelle Grosz, Tanner Henke, Tara Dukart, Eric Casson, Chris Albers, and Nancy Evanhoff. Discussion was held amongst the Commissioners.

Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl seconded the motion to approve the zoning map amendment for all of Section 24, Township 142, Range 85 from Agricultural to Industrial for the purpose of a data center. Discussion was held on reasons for approval. Lee Husfloen stated that the county commission manages the budget and protects the county and approval would help the commission do so. Bradley Dahl had a list of conditions he wanted to see prior to approval.

Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to amend the previous motion to approve and add the following conditions:

1. A sound study shall be submitted for the noise producing equipment before the building permit will be approved.
2. Building permits shall be submitted and approved by the County Commission
3. Site plans shall be submitted and approved by the County Commission
4. A road agreement shall be submitted and approved by the County Commission and with the County Highway department, particularly on access and exit roads, including turning lanes.
5. An agreement shall be submitted that the water for cooling shall be brought in from offsite.
6. An agreement shall be submitted that no water will be injected into the aquifer.
7. Proof of an approved septic system through Western Plains Public Health prior to building permit approval.
8. Applicant shall follow all County Industrial Zoning ordinances as well as state, federal and EPA regulations

A roll call vote was held for the amendment: Lee Husfloen-Aye, Bradley Dahl-Aye,

Rob Schmidt-Aye. The amendment was approved.

Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the zoning map amendment for all of Section 24, Township 142, Range 85 from Agricultural to Industrial for the purpose of a data center with the following conditions required:

1. A sound study shall be submitted for the noise producing equipment before the building permit will be approved.
 2. Building permits shall be submitted and approved by the County Commission
 3. Site plans shall be submitted and approved by the County Commission
 4. A road agreement shall be submitted and approved by the County Commission and with the County Highway department, particularly on access and exit roads, including turning lanes.
 5. An agreement shall be submitted that the water for cooling shall be brought in from offsite.
 6. An agreement shall be submitted that no water will be injected into the aquifer.
 7. Proof of an approved septic system through Western Plains Public Health prior to building permit approval.
 8. Applicant shall follow all County Industrial Zoning ordinances as well as state, federal and EPA regulations
- A roll call vote was held: Lee Husfloen-Aye, Bradley Dahl-Aye, Rob Schmidt-Nay. The zoning map amendment was approved with the reasons that it would benefit the county by helping to balance the budget and allow the county to retain revenue, the proposed project could also benefit the city revenue and budget, should the land be annexed into the city, the zoning ordinance for Industrial would allow the Commission more ability to regulate the project and would require any project built to follow industrial rules. Rob Schmidt gave his reason for voting nay, stating that the site location was not agreeable and that he believed there are better locations near already industrial areas in the county for the company to consider. Discussion was held on the Home Rule Charter Commission members. The following names were given to be on the Home Rule Charter Commission with the County Auditor taking minutes for the record; Chris Albers, Chris Simon, Brad Meckle, Lane Dahl, Blaine Wilkens and Matt Wilkins. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, June 4th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room. Oliver County Auditor Chairman of the Board
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OLIVER COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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 Bradley Dahl 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 April 14, 2026, April 16, 2026, April 24, 2026 and April 30, 2026 meetings. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Bradley Dahl 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 Bradley Dahl, aye, Lee Husfloen, aye, Rob Schmidt, aye; motion carried.

- Allstate Peterbilt-223.13
Rebecca Bethke-37.48
Center Machine Inc-465.86
Center Republican-571.50
Centre Inc-960.00
Computer Express-2300.00
Directmed Inc-2568.55
Election Systems & Software-2693.06
Factory Motor Parts-283.89
Lee Husfloen-359.60
ITD-1217.30
Moore Engineering-16264.78
NDDOT-1149.61
NDACO-1574.18
NDACO Resources Group-1611.44
North Central International-847.61
Rud Oil & Gas-12969.03
Runnings Supply-949.17
Richard Schmidt-954.40
Stein's Inc-358.52
Taylor Print Impressions-1602.13
Keith Vitek-275.00
K&M Repair-518.99
Butler-10596.17
Ryan's Auto Body-4527.18
LexiPol-3239.73
Knife River-12486.60
Brittany Price-784.40
S&M Lawn Service-409.00
MidDakota Wheel Alignment-119.36
The following bills previously paid were approved:
Aflac-128.52
AT&T-491.64
Beulah Rural Fire-27.35
Beulah School District-4684.80
Center-Stanton School District-102711.88
Center Park District-117.07
City of Center-1766.87
CNA Surety Direct Bill-50.00
Colonial Life Processing Center-1100.43
Companion Life Ins. Co.-399.23
Credit Bureau of Bismarck-207.83
Dorothy Duhr-62.98
Drew Erhardt-216.60
Cale Ferderer-300.00
Fidelity Security Life Ins. Co-58.06
Glen Ullin School Dist-179.68
Ryan Gullickson-186.69
Hazen Rural Fire-117.20
Hazen School Dist-2059.56
Samantha Iverson-485.09
Marshall Karges-3909.30
Liberty Business Systems-1223.41
MDU-2483.77
Mercer County Ambulance-1731.78
Morton County Auditor-1372.99
Morton County Council on Aging-2132.90
Nationwide Retirement-1813.50
ND State Treasurer-1137.02
New Salem-Almont School Dist-7504.51
New Salem Ambulance-342.17
New Salem Rural Fire Dept-324.45
Oliver County 4-H Council-68.00
Oliver County Ambulance-7030.79
Oliver County Historical Society-270.34
Oliver County Rural Fire Dist.-4706.01
Oliver Soil Conservation Dist.-2724.04
Oliver County Treasurer-12552.98
Oliver County Water Resource Dist.-680.90
Quadinet Finance USA-400.00
Red Top Recovery-1045.00
Security First Bank of ND-80799.05
SW Water Authority-104.06

Verizon Wireless-84.10
VISA-6772.98

Washburn Rural Ambulance Dist.-1316.98
Washburn Rural Fire-124.37
Washburn School Dist.-3067.54
Ashlee Weigel-478.61

Western Plains Public Health-3650.98
Stanley Wetzel-647.38

Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the public comment time at 3 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes total and the Commission will adjust the total time on a case-by-case basis pending on meeting agendas. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Bradley Dahl, Commissioner presented Oliver County Tax Revenue clarity. Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl seconded the motion to approve the Roughrider Electric Highway Utility permits. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the WRT Highway utility permit. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the crushed asphalt project and other future road projects. Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Kenny Rude, Road Superintendent, to sign off on hydraulic studies up to \$5000. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on a future fiber optic project and potential Highway Utility permits. Sheriff's Department updates were discussed. There was discussion held on hiring a fifth deputy and budget. A memo was received from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department regarding the radios and radio tower.

Lee Husfloen moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to approve Bradley Dahl being appointed to the Lewis & Clark Regional Development Board. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl seconded the motion to approve a quote for a new panic button system with Electro-Watchman for \$6,942.18. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Discussion was held on commission districts and increasing from 3 commissioners to 5 commissioners. Discussion was tabled until June.

Discussion was held on a Home Rule Charter. Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the formation of a Home Rule Charter Commission to draft a Home Rule Charter for Oliver County. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit #1084 for Craig Gaube was presented for putting a house in the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 141, Range 82. Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Conditional Use Permit #1084. A roll call vote was held; Bradley Dahl-aye, Lee Husfloen-aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Conditional Use Permit #1084 was approved.

Building Permit #1085 for Craig Gaube was presented for putting a house in the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 141, Range 82. Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl seconded the motion to approve Building Permit #1085. A roll call vote was held; Bradley Dahl-aye, Lee Husfloen-aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Building Permit #1085 was approved.

Building Permit #1082 for Dusty Backer for an addition to an ag building was presented in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 141, Range 85. Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl seconded the motion to approve Building Permit #1082. A roll call vote was held; Bradley Dahl-aye, Lee Husfloen-aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Building Permit #1082 was approved.

Building Permit #1083 for Wes Jensen for an ag building was presented in Section 34, Township 143, Range 82. Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Building permit #1083. A roll call vote was held; Bradley Dahl-aye, Lee

Husfloen-aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Building Permit #1083 was approved.

Building Permit #1086 for Dan Bueligen for a shed was presented in Outlot D in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Township 141, Range 85. Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Building Permit #1086. A roll call vote was held; Bradley Dahl-aye, Lee Husfloen-aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Building Permit #1086 was approved.

Building Permit #1087 for Minnesota Power for an HDVC Transmission line was presented. Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve Building Permit #1087. A roll call vote was held; Bradley Dahl-aye, Lee Husfloen-aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Building Permit #1087 was approved.

The Commission meeting was recessed at 2:30 pm. The Commission meeting reconvened at 2:35 pm.

Bids were opened on the Motorgrader Wing Mower. Ole Sletten bid \$200. Bids were opened on the TD Ridge Mulcher. Ole Sletten bid \$200 and Justin Retterath bid \$250.

Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl seconded the motion to accept the high bids for the equipment. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

The second reading and consideration for the Wind Energy Facilities ordinance amendment for a one-mile setback from non-participating residences was held. Public comments were received by Dav Berger, Nancy Evanoff, Arlo Bakker, Michael Doll, Tara Dukart, Sarah Montone, Randy Becker, Lori Hammer and Lee Husfloen.

Bradley Dahl moved and Rob Schmidt seconded the motion to table the Wind Energy Facilities ordinance amendment for a one-mile setback from non-participating residences for further research. A roll call vote was held; Lee Husfloen-Nay, Bradley Dahl-Aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. The amendment was tabled.

Bradley Dahl moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to table the CO2/DAC collection facilities ordinance. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Tara Dukart, resident, made a personal appearance. Lee Husfloen moved and Bradley Dahl 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 meeting moved into executive session at 3:41 pm. The Commission meeting was called back into regular session at 4:05 pm. No final action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, June 4th, 2026 at the Oliver County Courthouse Courtroom. Jaden Schmidt, Oliver County Auditor Robert Schmidt, Chairman of the Board (06-11-2026)

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE NORTH DAKOTA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Real Estate Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501 or calling 701-328-9749. Also, written comments may be submitted to the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501 until July 20, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Real Estate Commission at the above telephone number or address at least three days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2026.
Jeanne Prom, Executive Director