

Cooperstown City Council

The Cooperstown City Council met Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 7 a.m. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Robin Hasenwinkel, Charles Dehoff, Matt Flatt, and Mark Urness. Others present: Auditor Christine Olson and Shawn Holcomb. Absent: Mike Eslinger.

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order.

MSC D. Eslinger, Hasenwinkel to sign a one-year agreement with a cost of \$16,000.00 for county policing services.

MSC Urness, Dehoff to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 a.m.

These are unofficial minutes. Christine Olson, City Auditor

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Board of County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 9:30 am.

Chairman Edland opened the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Edland took roll call and present were Commissioners Averill, Alfson, Zorn-via zoom, and Tranby. Also present was Road Superintendent Oien, IT Travis Palm, KLI Paul Bjornson, Maintenance Chad Johnson, Chief Deputy Danielle Bjorlie, States Attorney Jayme Tenneson, and Cooperstown Park Board members, Bryce Trostad, Lauren Ressler, Carissa Mehus, Rich Danielson, and Megan Anderson.

Chairman Edland asked for an approval of the agenda, or any additions or changes. Motion by Averill to accept the agenda as presented, second by Tranby and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to Public Comment. No discussion was held.

Chairman Tranby opened the floor to accept the June 22nd meeting minutes. Motion by Tranby to approve the meeting minutes as presented, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays,

and carried.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to discuss the bills. Motion by Tranby to approve the bills as presented, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Zorn-aye, Alfson-aye, Tranby-aye, Edland-aye, and carried.

34096 Advanced Business Methods.....	87.07
34097 Andrew S Marquart.....	378.00
34098 Barnes County Correctional Center.....	1,500.00
34099 CBS Advanced Business Methods.....	38.99
34100 Cooperstown Hardware	61.11
34101 DNA Mobility Inc..	1,057.50
34102 Florious Face Painting	625.00
34103 Griggs County.....	1,321.32
34104 Griggs County.....	227.42
34105 Insure Forward.....	34,331.00
34106 Joanna White.....	100.00
34107 John Deere Financial	168.72
34108 Kelly Palm.....	160.70
34109 LEAF	262.53
34110 Macy Vincent	1,687.64
34111 Makenzie Barclay.....	125.71
34112 Millers Fresh Foods.....	31.17
34113 New Century Press.....	724.61
34114 Otter Tail Power Company.	1,344.84
34115 Rodd Zorn.....	100.00
34116 Scott Tranby	100.00
34117 Traffic Logix	4,456.00

Chairman Edland opened the floor to Road Superintendent Oien to discuss the Road Department. There was discussion on the Dekker bridge project. Oien discussed the State Emergency Communications Rate and MOA. The rate will remain the same as the 25-27 biennium at \$1.59 per line, per month. Motion by Averill to accept the memorandum of agreement, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. Oien also discussed the Garrison Conservancy District-Pipeline Project. There was continued discussion on the Road Department.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to discuss the Monthly Office

Reports. There were no questions on the report and no discussion was had.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to the Sheriff's Department. Chief Deputy Bjorlie gave a report on calls for service. Bjorlie gave an update on their upcoming schedule with Cooper days, the Sheriff's golf tournament, PBR in Binford, and Hannaford days.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to the Cooperstown Park Board. The park board provided a PowerPoint with information on the potential aquatic facility for Cooperstown. The park board came to the commissioners, as community leaders, to layout the potential project.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to discuss Interim Auditor. Chairman Edland provided a PowerPoint to the commission to review and discuss the Auditor and Treasurer positions. Chairman Edland supplied information on combining/merging the Auditor and Treasurer. Chairman Edland called upon States Attorney Tenneson for further information on the topic. Tenneson presented options for the commission to move forward. There was continued discussion on the merger along with suggested public hearing dates and times. A motion was made by Zorn to accept the preliminary resolution to combine the offices of the Griggs County Auditor and the Griggs County Treasurer second by Averill and called three times for discussion with a roll call vote: Zorn-aye, Tranby-aye, Averill-aye, Alfson-nay, Edland-aye and carried.

Special meeting dates for the public hearings were set to July 20th at 9:00 am, July 27th at 7:00 pm, August 10th at 9:00 am, and August 10th at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Edland opened up the floor to discuss the 2027 Budget. There was discussion on items that need to be changed and added. The commission would like the department heads to attend the next meeting to discuss their individual budgets. There was

continued discussion on the 2027 budget.

Chairman Edland opened up the floor to discuss the NDCCA Board of Directors. If any member of the commission is interested in serving on a board, they may reply to the email sent.

Chairman Edland opened up the floor to discuss the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Membership. There was discussion on the yearly cost and the letter sent providing the benefits of the membership.

Chairman Edland opened the floor back up to Interim Auditor. Motion by Tranby to remove Samantha Larson from all the signature cards, second by Averill and called three times for

discussion all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. Maintenance Chad Johnson asked the commission if they wanted to get on the schedule to spray the lawn in the fall, and was approved to do so. There was also discussion on the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse. Chairman Edland discussed going to the old courthouse and take pictures of items and contact museums if they would like anything to display in their space. There was continued discussion on items from the courthouse and how to keep old files safe and where we can store them or what the retention would look like on damaged files.

Chairman Edland opened the floor to discuss future business. The commission will discuss the 2027 Budget, Sheriff's Department, Road Department, and Garrison Conservancy District.

Motion by Tranby to adjourn meeting at 11:55 am, and meet in special session on July 20th at 9:00 am and regular session on July 20th at 9:30 am, second by Averill and called three times for discussion, all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Stephanie Edland
Chairman

ATTEST:
Madison Eli
Interim Auditor