

OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 13th, 2025
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PRO-CEEDINGS were called to order at 1:00 PM with all members present. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 11th, 13th, 21st, 24th, 28th and March 5th 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, Rob Schmidt, aye, Lee Husfloen, aye. Motion carried. Allstate Peterbilt-447.65
Butler Machinery-1137.63
Center Republican-964.52
CNRG Credit-613.46
Computer Express-5194.00
Dacotah Paper Co.-617.58
Dakota Fire Station-95.00
Electro Watchman-8310.36
Essentia Health-487.00
I-State Truck-4622.03
ITD-4622.03
K&M Repair-1847.20
Locators & Supplies-989.04
Menard's-2043.78
Mercer County Sheriff-1275.00
ND Clerks Assn-100.00
ND County Recorder's Assn-500.00
NDACO Resources Group-1639.44
ND League of Cities-60.00
OK Tire Store-1329.90
Quadient Finance-200.00
Quadient Leasing-209.49
Roberts Floral-118.79
Rud Oil & Gas-4904.99
Salhus Septic-300.00
Jaden Schmidt-142.10
Richard Schmidt-919.80
Robert Schmidt-192.50
Security First Agency of ND-10128.00
Statewide Services-36401.00
Stein's Inc-615.42
Superior Glass-425.00
Vanguard Appraisals-2150.00
Keith Vitek-165.00
Mercer County Human Resources-5887.20
DirectMed-1704.56
Patrick Waters-400.00
The following bills previously paid were approved:
Aflac-398.94
Balerud Rentals-534.55
Beulah Rural Fire-954.47
Beulah School District-103041.53
Char Boehm-2125.92
Center JDA-2500.00
Center Park District-11020.72
Center-Stanton School-825678.97
City of Center-75990.17
Colonial Life-782.79
Companion Life-442.25
Core Logic-788.86
Dovenmuehle Mortgage-61.18
Cale Ferderer-300.00
Fidelity Security Life-70.16
Fort Clark Irrigation-169.50
Glen Ullin Rural Fire-745.95
Glen Ullin School-19266.33
Hazen Rural Fire-5352.54
Hazen School-88094.48
Liberty Business Systems-2167.82
MDU-1082.98
Mercer County Ambulance-20904.11
Merchants Bank Operations Center-1930.54
Morton County Auditor-17051.32
Morton County Council on Aging-41035.72
Nationwide Retirement-2248.50
ND State Treasurer-12868.96
New Salem-Almont School-89051.33
New Salem Ambulance-10783.71
New Salem Rural Fire-4839.87
Oliver County Ambulance-84868.14
Oliver County Historical Society-3321.25
Oliver County Rural Fire-39889.34
Oliver Soil Conservation-33211.91
Oliver County Treasurer-133759.05
Oliver County Water Resource-8233.88
Oliver Wind-146.11
Rebecca Peterson-103.14
Roughrider Electric-1141.88
Security First Bank-79634.50

St Paul's Lutheran Church-118.46
Stanton Rural Fire-1549.77
SW Water-65.05
US Records-1345.59
Verizon Wireless-370.32
VISA-1638.56
Washburn Rural Ambulance-15897.13
Washburn Rural Fire-6308.41
Washburn School-104787.50
WRT-1393.21
Western Plains Public Health-45701.55
Payroll-94215.59
Abatement #03050002 for \$370.06 was presented. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve abatement #03050002 for \$370.06. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Planning & Zoning updates were discussed. A decision to create subcommittees for ordinance work was tabled to the April meeting. JD Hanson, Oliver SCD, approached the Commission requesting assistance to help with authority in NDCC regarding areas in the recent NextEra wind project and weed control and tree planting. Mikael Schmidt, Oliver SCD board member, also addressed erosion concerns within the area. The Oliver SCD is requesting the Commission "back up" the SCD board's recommendations for erosion control, weed control and tree planting. Discussion was held on Courthouse weather closures. Currently the Courthouse follows what the Center-Stanton school announces for closures. The County Auditor, with discussion and advisement with the County Sheriff, will announce closures of the courthouse due to inclement weather. Discussion was held on a backup generator for the courthouse. A quote was presented by Denny's Electric. Decision on the generator was tabled to the April meeting. Discussion was held on HB 1279. Casey Voigt, Mercer County Commissioner, presented information on HB 1279 relating to a 10 year tax holiday for coal fire power plants. Voigt testified at the hearing, requesting there be an increase to the coal counties portion of the coal conversion tax. Lee Husfloen addressed concerns about going to the legislature requesting an increase to conversion tax due to past history of discussion about it being taken away entirely. Other concerns brought up were the request to lift all zoning moratoriums in place in order for the amendment to be introduced, as there is no guarantee that the amendment would pass if introduced, nor was there guarantee that the county would receive any extra dollars from coal conversion. Discussion was tabled to later in the meeting. Denise Brown, NDLTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program), presented to the Commission regarding training for road crews and counties. A recess was called for 10 minutes. Kasey Erickson, Butler Machinery, presented two new lease agreements for a 938 Wheel Loader and a 150 Motorgrader. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to approve and accept the lease agreement for the 2025 938 Wheel Loader with an annual contract payment of \$15,752.74 and the lease agreement for the 2025 150 AWD Motor Grader with an annual contract payment of \$57,115.94. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on road concerns. Load/road restrictions are now in place due to frost restrictions. Discussion was held on a fuel tank. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to accept the quote of \$41,305.00 from Enerbase in Minot for a 12,000 gallon fuel tank. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on door and window replacement and repairs at the county shop. Dale Hoger will be addressing those repairs. Some gravel was tested. Concerns were addressed with roads within the NextEra Wind project area. Dave Berger will contact NextEra. March 27th, BNI is hosting an open house to discuss the 37th Ave bridge crossing. Jim Jackson was present to discuss the proposed plan. Fuel & Lubricant bids were received from

Rud Oil. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to accept the Fuel & Lubricant bid. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried. Rental Construction Equipment bids were received from Baranko Bro's Inc. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to accept the Rental Construction Equipment bid. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Gravel Crushing bids were received from Sundre Sand & Gravel. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to accept the Gravel Crushing bid. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Jim Jackson, Moore Engineering, discussed the Flex Fund. The project that will be applied for is the BNI road resurfacing. Discussion was held on Ambulance Districting. Darcy Lackman, Bill Peterson and Mickie McNulty-Eide were present to discuss. The Ambulance has hired a consulting firm to work through the process. They will be in touch with the Auditor's office to start the timeline. Jim Wenning, Deputy Sheriff, discussed a Law Enforcement policy manual. Currently there is no policy for the Sheriff's Department, which governs everything the department does. Without it, it can open the county and sheriffs up to liability. The cost is a yearly subscription with updates and changes as needed for \$3042.00. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the contract of \$3042.00 with Lexipol to produce a Law Enforcement policy manual. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on the PERS Public Safety Plan. Alice Grinsteinner, EM/HR, will look into it with the Sheriff's Department, including cost. Tabled discussion on HB 1279 resumed. Patrick Waters, State's Attorney, recommended to lift the moratoriums based on the information presented, but still actively work on a valid ordinance. Lee Husfloen moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to lift the moratoriums for both Solar Facilities and Data Centers & Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities. A roll call vote was held: Lee Husfloen-Aye, Dave Berger-Aye, Rob Schmidt-Aye. Jaden Schmidt, Auditor, requested of the Commission to get a county cell phone. Due to the increase of calls, texts and emails received after hours and on weekends on the Auditor's personal phone, she is requesting a county paid cell phone to be used specifically for any and all work-related communication. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to allow the Auditor to get a county cell phone. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on the Golf Course lease updates. The original lease was during the 1980s between the city park board, Oliver County park board and Minnkota. In the 1990s, the lease was renewed and Oliver County Park Board was excluded from the lease after the Oliver County Commission/Park Board decided to cancel their part of the agreement. At this time, the County has no interest in the Golf Course, so no action is needed. Discussion was held on the quotes from consulting firms to update the Comprehensive Plan and Planning & Zoning Ordinance. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion to accept the quote from SRF Consulting for just the Comprehensive Plan for \$59,743.20. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on a burn ban. Dave Berger moved and Lee Husfloen seconded the motion put a burn restriction during fire emergencies in place. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, April 10th, 2025 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room. Jaden Schmidt, Oliver County Auditor
Lee Husfloen, Chairman of the Board

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March 19th, 2025
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PRO-CEEDINGS were called to order at 12:30 PM with Lee Husfloen, Dave Berger and Rob Schmidt present via phone. Discussion was held on the purchase of a fuel tank trailer. A tank trailer was found in Fargo, ND for \$16750.00. Rob Schmidt moved and Dave Berger seconded the motion to approve the purchase

of the tank trailer for \$16750.00. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 1:00 PM, April 10th, 2025 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room. Lee Husfloen, Chairman of the Board

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OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 7th, 2024
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PRO-CEEDINGS were called to order at 8:00 AM with all members present. Blake Wilkens moved and Darrell Berger seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Blake Wilkens moved and Darrell Berger seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th and 11th meetings. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to approve the following bills for payment and approve the following bills previously paid. A roll call vote was held, with Darrell Berger, aye, Blake Wilkens aye, Lee Husfloen, aye. Motion carried. Allstate Peterbilt-757.95
Bonnell Aman-3800.00
Darrell Berger-376.47
Bismarck Hotel & Conf Center-594.00
Butler Machinery-441.05
Center Machine-93.36
Center Republican-1877.38
Centre Inc-960.00
Coal Conversion Counties-1477.00
Computer Express-2019.97
Downtown Gas & Auto Repair-285.44
Election Systems & Software-4542.62
Lee Husfloen-294.70
I-State Truck Center-51.26
Jake's Auto Glass-478.40
K&M Repair-1791.76
Menards-2.80
National Business Furniture-589.53
NDDOT-4057.14
ND Post Board-45.00
NDACO-1170.00
NDACO Resources Group-650.72
NDSU Extension Service-7140.58
Linda Nelson-46.90
One Call Concepts-3.00
Quadient Finance-799.70
Robert Gibb & Sons-365.72
Roberts Floral-147.22
S&M Lawn Service-434.00
Richard Schmidt-437.76
Stein's Inc-229.68
Keith Vitek-250.00
American Solutions-475.24
Farm & Home Supply-81.42
Mercer County Sheriff-285.00
Rud Oil-15641.90
ITD-911.25
Sidwell-1896.25
Uniform Center-281.99
Beulah Beacon-90.00
Blake Wilkens-194.97
South Sakakawea Task Force-17500.00
Roughrider Industries-1056.38
The following bills previously paid were approved:
Aflac-426.50
Beulah School District-1045.16
Center-Stanton School-9131.20
Center Park District-174.16
City of Center-2085.89
Colonial Life-492.13
Dakota Business Solutions-241.00
DCI Credit Services-158.32
Deere Credit-527.81
Fidelity Security Life Insurance-70.16
Hazen Rural Fire District-16.02
Hazen School District-201.07
Liberty Business Systems-531.17
Jacob Maier-7.68
McHenry County Clerk of Court-500.00
MDU-1195.40
Morton County Auditor-159.71
Morton County Council on Aging-260.31
Nationwide Retirement-3099.00
ND State Treasurer-165.15
New Salem-Almont School-1558.58
New Salem Ambulance-172.54
New Salem Rural Fire-67.12
Oliver County Ambulance-749.87
Oliver County Historical Society-45.75
Oliver County Rural Fire-466.86
Oliver County Soil Conservation-315.86
Oliver County Treasurer-1143.52
Oliver County Water Resource District-77.88
PRIA-60.00
Quadient Finance USA-2000.00
Roughrider Electric Cooperative-145.52
Security First Bank-73818.77
Phyllis Skager-5.41

SW Water-63.75
TransTrash-420.00
US Records Midwest-988.60
Verizon Wireless-370.33
Visa-24820.29
Washburn Rural Ambulance-141.29
Washburn Rural Fire-38.97
WRT-754.61
Western Plains Public Health-445.55
Payroll-81800.68
Linda Nelson, Deputy Auditor/Risk Manager, discussed Health Insurance quotes. The county is waiting on NDPHIT quotes. Patrick Waters, State's Attorney, received quotes for a policy as well. The amounts are higher than what we're currently paying per month. The plans are slightly different than what the county currently has for coverage, but the cost is quite a bit more, costing the county roughly 20,000 more per month. At the time of the meeting, the Commission will think it over and made no decision. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to approve sending a check to Unclaimed Property in the amount of \$6.44. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. The regular Commission meeting went into recess and the Oliver County Park Board meeting was called to order at 8:27 am by Dave Berger. The City of Center is requesting funding for pool maintenance and upgrades. They requested \$1000. Lee Husfloen moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to approve the funding request of \$1000. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 am. The regular Commission meeting was called back into session at 8:35 am. Kyle Miller, Road Superintendent, discussed road issues. The mowing has been completed for the year. Gravel was being hauled in the SW part of county along 58th and 59th Ave. Kyle will be checking for gravel, stating Troy Hatzenbihler may also have some option for gravel. A section line by Opps needs to be fixed. The temporary help is still on until it freezes. The wind project is slowing down some, but not done yet, as they are slightly behind schedule. Discussion was held on selling some county equipment, including a plow truck and low boy. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to approve the membership agreement with VisionWest ND for the Associate membership at \$200. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to appoint Rick Schmidt as the State Fair delegate. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on estimates received to do concrete work in the front of the Courthouse and on the back sidewalks. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to accept the bid from Brandoz Concrete for \$33,661.00. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. The hearing for Section Closures for BNI was opened at 9 am. The following are the closures BNI Coal, LTD is requesting to temporarily close in the 2nd quarter of 2025: The section line between Section 19 and Section 20, T141N R83W. The section line between Section 18 and Section 19, T141N R83W. The section line between Section 24 and Section 25 T141N R84W & Section 19 and Section 30 T141N R83W. The section line between Section 19 T141N R83W and Section 24 T141N R84W. The section line between Section 14 and Section 23 T141N R84W & Section 15 and Section 22 T141N R84W. The section line between Section 14 and Section 11 T141N R84W. The section line between Section 14 and Section 15 T141N R84W & N1/2 of Section 22 and N1/2 Section 23 T141N R84W. The section line between N1/2 Section 28 and N1/2 Section 29 T141N R83W. Landowners and tenants are able to access but the section lines will be closed to the public. Concerns were addressed, such

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November 22nd, 2024
OLIVER COUNTY COMMISSION PRO-CEEDINGS were called to order at 2:00 PM with all members present. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Alice Grinsteinner presented information on a grant from Homeland Security. The county will receive \$11487 reimbursed by FEMA. The amount would be used to pay for the Ready App, which will cost the

county \$5243.50. Alice would also like to use money from the grant to put on trainings in the community for citizens for some first aid/first responder type training. Darrell Berger moved and Blake Wilkens seconded the motion to approve the grant application. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Discussion was held on the HR JPA with Mercer County. Alice will begin on December 6th starting with one day per week in Oliver County. Blake Wilkens moved and Darrell Berger seconded the motion

to approve the JPA with Mercer County for HR services. A roll call vote was held. Blake Wilkens-Aye, Darrell Berger-Aye, Lee Husfloen-Aye. The JPA was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM. The next meeting of the Oliver County Commission will be at 8:00 AM, Thursday December 12th, 2024 at the Oliver County Courthouse meeting room.

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