

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
July 8, 2025

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the Day County Museum of Wildlife, Science & Industry. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners McGregor-Okroi, Torrence, Aldrich and Kjos. Others: Auditor Kading, Treasurer Zubke, Register of Deeds Berger, Deputy Hoven, Ron Beldon, Josh Bartos, Janet Marx, Mark Schulze, Don Mahlen, Joe Crister, Tara Hill, Jason Hill, Brandon Bell, Glenn Gebur, Monte Rougemont, Paul Dulitz and Annie Witt-R&F.

PLEDGE: Chairman Sinner led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenn Gebur commented on the Butler Bridge project and questioned whether the County has the authority to vacate roads for the project.

MINUTES: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve the minutes from June 17, 2025, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to approve the minutes from June 24, 2025, special commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending June 14, 2025. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,768.21; Treasurer's Office 6,243.20; Register of Deeds 5,983.20; State's Attorney 2,952.80; Sheriff's Office 9,266.26; Jailors 10,678.00; Assessor's Office 5,153.20; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 760.00; Veteran's Service 2,737.50; Ambulance 5,584.50; Maintenance 2,143.75; Extension 1,680.01; Welfare 475.00; Drainage 401.63; Planning & Zoning 591.63; OEM 849.75; 911 515.00; Weed 916.15; Highway 17,587.61; Social Security 5,063.33; Medicare 1,184.14; Health Insurance 28,402.66; Dental Insurance 417.02; SD Retirement 4,424.31 for a total of 122,485.78.

PAYROLL: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending June 28, 2025. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,768.20; Treasurer's Office 6,243.20; Register of Deeds 5,562.78; State's Attorney 2,952.80; Sheriff's Office 11,327.00; Jailors 11,713.70; Assessor's Office 4,153.20; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 680.44; Veteran's Service 2,726.25; Ambulance 6,668.32; Maintenance 1,960.00; Extension 1,330.00; Welfare 475.00; Drainage 401.63; Planning & Zoning 591.63; OEM 721.00; 911 360.50; Weed 847.22; Highway 18,189.49; Social Security 5,212.46; Medicare 1,219.04; Dental Insurance 417.02; Life Insurance 208.76; SD Retirement 4,367.14 for a total of 96,803.70.

CLAIMS: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the following audited claims. Motion carried.

SERVICES: A & B Business 167.67, Century Business Products 110.20, City of Webster 458.79, Marshall & Swift/Boeckh LLC 1,272.95, Cash-Wa Distributing 1,427.94, Dakota Drillers Inc 11,224.51, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 7,750.00, Green Roby Oviatt LLP 4,820.00, Christopher D. Dohrer 1,268.50, Premier Biotech 366.94, Fiksdal Funeral Service 1,500.00, Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc. 65.00, PCC Ambulance Billing Service 4,879.26, Chip Premus 1,500.00, Safe Harbor 160.00, Sanford Health Occupational 51.00, SD Dept of Transportation 575.98, SD Public Assurance Alliance 127.35, SD Public Health Laboratory

120.00, SD Treasurer 20.68, SDAAO 400.00, Team Laboratory Chemical LLC 1,978.50, Twotrees Technologies 1,792.66, Verizon Wireless 252.87,

REPAIRS: Bullert Automotive 700.80, Dave Hahler Auto 771.75, Diamond Mowers Inc 837.00, House of Glass 33.41, Northstar Mechanical Inc. 1,640.16, Twin Valley Tire 2,401.62,

FEES: Department of Agriculture 800.00, SDACES 60.00,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 464.03, Waubay Clipper 490.40,

PER DIEM: Kristen Gonsoir 21.44.

SUPPLIES: Ace 135.78, AGWRX 260.00, Auto Value 152.43, Bryan Anderson 45.48, Bound Tree Medical 508.02, Day County Treasurer 137.14, Off The Wall Signs 285.00, Thomson Reuters-West Group 1,350.28, Truenorth Steel 38,818.83, Valley Office Products 12.39,

UTILITY: AT&T 297.79, Dependable Sanitation 130.00, ITC Telecom 1,194.75, Midcontinent Communications 456.09, Northwestern Energy 70.08, Venture Communications Inc. 197.90,

MANUAL CHECKS: Mcleod's 470.80, Global Emergency Vehicles 98,500.00, SD State Treasurer 68.02.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Economic Development President Kelly Hanson gave a 2025 report on the Economic Development Office. The Economic Development has been working on the new daycare, with completion to be done in August, housing, and continuously looking for new businesses to grow in our community. The Economic Development Corporation has requested \$25,000.00 for the 2026 budget year.

PLANNING/ZONING: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to recess the regular session at 9:15 AM, to convene as Planning, Zoning and Drainage Board. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:58 AM.

PLATS: Upon recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board, moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to approve the following plats: 1) Jaskulka First Addition in N ½ SE 1-123-53 and 2) Lots 3A & 3B White Dog Subdivision 19-123-54. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to approve application of occupancy in R.O.W. for Lake Region Electric for boring under road on County Road 15 in Nutley Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve application of occupancy in R.O.W. for Dennis Peckham for tiling on County Road 35 in Valley Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to approve application of occupancy in R.O.W. for Dean Townsend for boring under road on County Road 39 in Farmington Township in sections 3 & 4 and sections 27 & 28. Motion carried.

R.O.W. AGREEMENT: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve agreement with Steve Wagner for R.O.W., northwest of Pierpont on 127th St. for a box culvert on his land. Motion carried.

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UTILITY CERTIFICATE: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the utilities certificate for a box culvert northwest of Pierpont on 127th St. Motion carried.

R.O.W. CERTIFICATE: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the R.O.W. certificate for a box culvert, northwest of Pierpont on 127th St. Motion carried.

BID LETTING: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve a bid letting on August 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. for a box culvert northwest on 127th St. Motion carried.

BUTLER BRIDGE: Discussion was held on the current contract of the Butler bridge and the possibility of converting back to the original agreement with the railroad being the general contractor. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to enter into Executive Session at 10:07 AM for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:15 AM.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to approve Ben Braaten as temporary highway superintendent at \$32.65/hour, effective 6-29-2025. Motion carried.

JOB TRANSFER: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to allow Travis Larson to transfer to Full-Time Maintenance Road Grader/Truck Driver at \$24.23/hour with benefits, effective 6-29-2025. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to approve to advertise for an Ambulance Director. Motion carried.

SOFTWARE: Deputy Hoven gave an update on needed computer software from Windows 10 to Windows 11 as software will become outdated in October of 2025.

DEPUTY SHERIFF: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve Kolby Weinberg to Full-Time Deputy Sheriff with benefits, effective 6-29-2025. Motion carried.

TRAVEL: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to approve travel for Assessor Block to travel to Milbank to attend the Assessor district meeting in July. Motion carried.

2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION: 2026 Budgets were passed out and discussion was held. Commissioners will review and discuss at the next meeting.

FUTURE COMMISSIONER DATES: Move by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to approve future meeting dates as followed: September 2nd and 16th, October 7th & 21st, November 4th and 18th and December 2nd, 16th and 30th, 2025.

MUSEUM OF WILDLIFE, SCIENCE & INDUSTRY: Monte Rougemont gave a update on the year and the building addition progress. The Museum of Wildlife, Science & Industry has requested \$5,000.00 for the 2026 budget year.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, July 22, 2025, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Derek Sinner,
Chairman

ATTEST:

Kelsey Kading,
Day County Auditor

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