

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
August 5, 2025

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, in Community Room #101 in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners Kjos, McGregor-Okroi, Aldrich and Torrence. Others: Auditor Kading, Treasurer Zubke, Highway Superintendent Braaten, Glenn Gebur, Paul Dulitz, Brian Holland, Dean Welch, Nathan Kuehl, Jason Roebrich, Ron Block, Nancy Block and Amanda Dulitz-R&F.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Jen Moos with the tree shed and plastic recycling sent a thank you to the commission for the approval of \$1,500.00 for 2026 budget year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Glenn Gebur questioned if the county kept an eye on the rising water levels in the surrounding lake? Commissioner Kjos referenced an editorial in the newspaper, referencing the executive sessions that occur at the commission meetings. Kjos clarified that only legal counsel and personnel issues, though there have been some lengthy ones, are being discussed. Chairman Sinner added that the ambulance is in a transition period and Commissioner, Torrence also added that the resigning of the highway superintendent has also been a part of it.

AMEND MINUTES: Auditor Kading made correction in the 2026 provisional budget. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to correct the capital outlay for jail repairs & maintenance from \$151,305.01 to \$112,465.51, decreasing the jail repairs and maintenance budget from \$176,305.01 to \$137,465.51. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to approve the minutes from July 22, 2025, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending July 26, 2025. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,768.20; Treasurer's Office 6,243.20; Register of Deeds 5,483.20; State's Attorney 2,952.80; Sheriff's Office 11,375.26; Jailors 11,019.25; Assessor's Office 4,153.20; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 760.00; Veteran's Service 2,571.75; Ambulance 6,382.14; Maintenance 2,143.75; Extension 1,330.00; Welfare 475.00; Drainage 280.50; Planning & Zoning 470.50; OEM 592.25; 911 206.00; Weed 728.00; Highway 20,314.15; Social Security 5,248.40; Medicare 1,227.40; Dental Insurance 431.50; Life Insurance 227.92; SD Retirement 4,452.19 for a total of 97,543.48.

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

SERVICES: Century Business Products 110.20, Dakota Finest Investigation 70.00, Jason Coester 58.00, Dave Hahler Auto 109.42, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 7,750.00, Kerry Holscher 17,400.00, L.G. Everist Inc. 15,947.29, Mcleod's 34.14, Ramsey County Finance 1,753.00, Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center 952.00, River Valley Forensic Service 600.00, Sanford Health 2,148.53, SD Public Assurance Alliance 474.38, Taliaferro Law Firm, P.C. 295.00, Truenorth Steel 4,200.00, TwoTrees Technologies 1,792.66,

REPAIRS: House of Glass Inc. 29.72, Twin Valley Tire 4,318.65,

DEDUCTABLE: Brian Holland 2,000.00, Richard Roskos 2,000.00,

SUPPLIES: ACE 383.48, Bituminous Paving Inc 1,110,293.10, Dacotah Bank 149.13, Johnson Lumber 26.99, Motorola Solutions Inc. 585.00, Day County Treasurer 402.36, CT Sibson Gravel Inc. 49,200.00, Valley Office Products 300.02, Cash-Wa Distributing 1,521.26, UTILITY: AT&T-Firstnet 297.77, City of Webster 486.09, Midcontinent Communications 456.09, Otter Tail Power Co 34.37, Northwestern Energy 73.87, Verizon Wireless 160.04, Venture Communications Inc. 197.90,

FEE: State 4-H Office 35.00,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 498.57, Waubay Clipper 560.70,

PER DIEM: Rose Kraft 53.60, Tracey Lehrke 58.96, Kolby Weinberg 100.00,

MANUAL CHECKS: Fire Insurance Checks 57,867.35,

NURSE: Community Health Nurse Aadland gave her bi-annual report.

PLANNING & ZONING: Moved by Torrence seconded by Aldrich to recess the regular session at 9:10 AM, to convene as Planning, Zoning and Drainage Board. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:37 AM.

PLAT: Upon recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board, moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to approve the following plat: R & L Farms 1st Addition in 17-120-59. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to enter Executive Session at 9:38 AM for legal as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:58 AM.

SHERIFF CONTRACT: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve and sign Sheriff's departments contract with City of Bristol to hire the Sheriff's department for a minimum of 5 hours per month for \$100.00 per hour for one year. Motion carried.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve Sheriff Schreur to purchase and install 4 computers and software with windows 11 compatibility from AI Computers for \$4,050.00- \$4,689.00. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to sign letter of support in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the Lawrence Welk show often featuring Myron Floren from Roslyn. Motion carried.

BID RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi that Day County Commissioners recommend to SD DOT to award the low bidder for Project No. BRO 8019(00)23-2, PCN 09GX Structure Replacement, Approach Grading, and Gravel Surfacing to Midwest Contracting, LLC with a bid of \$389,542.90. Motion carried. The bid letting was held on August 4, 2025. All bids are on file at the Auditor's Office.

HIGHWAY PUBLIC MEETING SET: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to hold a Public Meeting on the 5-year plan for the Highway Department September 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM. The Highway Department will publish the notices needed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to enter Executive Session at 10:10 AM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:20 AM.

HIGHWAY HIRE: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to approve hiring Troy Gabriel as full-time highway worker for \$23.23/hour with benefits, effective 8-25-2025. Motion carried.

WATER LEVELS: Superintendent Braaten has been monitoring Blue Dog Lake and stated that the water level it is 2 inches lower than this time last year. The water level on Bisgard

grade is one inch over on one entrance and is a foot below on the other entrance, which is his only way out at this time and is keeping an eye on it.

BOILER: Dean Welch, Jason Roebrich and Nathan Kuehl with Climate Systems presented the Commission with an update of his inspection of the Courthouse boiler system. Walsh estimated the boiler replacement project to cost an estimated \$1,300,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to enter Executive Session at 10:50 AM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 11:27 AM.

AMBULANCE HIRE: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to approve hiring Kelcie Lewandowski as a part time EMT for \$16.00/hour, effective 8-5-2025. Motion carried.

BUDGET REQUEST: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to deny increase request to Center for Independence for late request. They will receive initial 2026 request of \$360.00. Motion carried.

2026 BUDGET: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to adopt and have Auditor Kading publish the Provisional Budget. The first Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 2, 2025.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Torrence, seconded McGregor-Okroi to approve travel for Commissioners, Highway Superintendent, Register of Deeds-Burger, Auditor-Kading and Treasurer-Zubke to attend the County Convention in Pierre. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COOKOUT: August 19th, 2025 at 12:00 PM is the set date for Courthouse and Highway Department cookout.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED: The Courthouse and Highway Department will be closed September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, August 19, 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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