

**DAY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**March 24, 2026**

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the Community room in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners McGregor-Okroi, Torrence, Aldrich and Kjos. Others: States Attorney Knight, Auditor Lehman, Treasurer Zubke, R.O.D. Berger, Sheriff Schreur, P&Z Director Schlotte, Hwy Supt. Schmieg, OEM Bryan Anderson, Ambulance Director Sackreiter, Mandy Bartelt, Stephanie Williams, Paul Dulitz, Ben Braaten, Pam Dylla, William Dylla, Lauren Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Michael Herr, Karli Zimmerman, Sam Hubsch, Kent Borstad, Dave Olson, Glenn Gebur, Allen Sass, Connie Jensen, Nick Jensen, Jeanette Jensen, Aaron Johnson, Ken Frohling, Jon Raap, Sherry Raap, Jerry Mork, Berdette Zastrow, Andy Dale, Mike Dale, Jim Walter, Reuben Parks, Reed Mahlke, Ordean Parks, Dennis Peckham, Randy Schuring, Tim Mammenga, Jim Grimes, Randy Horter, Matthew Johnson, Tom Sannes, David Dulitz, Perry Zimmerman, Jim Nilson and Connor Handrahan-R&F.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Paul Dulitz explained that ambulance radios are critical, but he is unsure if they should repair the old ones or buy new ones.

**MINUTES:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve the minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL:** Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,592.64; Treasurer's Office 6,483.20; Register of Deeds 5,691.20; State's Attorney 3,174.69; Sheriff's Office 11,891.38; Jailors 11,695.50; Assessor's Office 4,305.20; Commissioners 3,106.92; Veteran's Service 481.50; Ambulance 12,191.25; Maintenance 2,212.13; Home Health 792.00; Extension 1,386.01; Welfare 495.00; Planning & Zoning 1,085.75; OEM 1,070.00; 911 508.25; Weed 754.01; Highway 22,755.69; Social Security 5,839.65; Medicare 1,365.73; Life Insurance 230.04; Dental Insurance 464.72; SD Retirement 4,852.91 for a total of 108,425.37.

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

**SERVICES:** 3E Electrical Engineering 1,476.12, Bratland Law 614.00, Century Business Products 144.05, City of Watertown 7,718.65, Green Roby Oviatt LLP 4,964.00, Lexisnexis - Mathew Bender & Co 130.43, Medtox Laboratories Inc 77.80, PCC Ambulance Billing Service 1,745.44, PEAC Solutions 233.77, Safety Service Inc 1,988.95, Sanford Health 3,274.29, SD Public Health Laboratory 250.00, SDACO M&P Fund 142.00, SDML Workers Compensation Fund 2,339.00, Taliaferro Law Firm PC 546.50, Vestis 290.04, Wex 70.00, XEROX Corporation 378.96,

**REPAIRS:** Farm & Home Repair Inc 513.67, Snaza Implement LLC 237.04, Webster Tire & Marine Service 1,655.80,

**FEES:** SD Ass'n of County of Highway 600.00, SDAAO 300.00, SDACO 600.00,

**SUPPLIES:** Applied Concepts Inc 267.95, Cole Papers Inc 883.34, Dakota Electronics 81.00, First Call Auto Parts 71.43, Johnson Lumber 219.61, Mike's Jack & Jill 236.81, Premier

Biotech LLC 368.02, Reliance Telephone Inc 300.00, Runnings Fleet & Farm 309.99, Sioux Valley Cooperative 8,941.95, Tri State Water Inc 37.40, Valley Office Products 520.02,  
UTILITY: AT&T Firstnet 51.57, Dependable Sanitation 212.75, Northwestern Energy 6,275.19, NVC 341.40, Otter Tail Power Co 68.50, Supercom Inc 3.25, Venture Communication Inc 197.90, Verizon Wireless 160.04,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 948.43, Waubay Clipper 1,728.55,

MILEAGE: Kayla Fischer 155.15,

MANUAL CHECKS: Pro Image Partners 1,759.00, Day County Treasurer 460.05, SD Department of Revenue 153,301.40, and Dacotah Bank 2,819.24.

**REPORTS:** The Board noted the following reports:

In compliance with the law, I, Tonya Lehman hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the Treasurer of this County as of March 1, 2026. Total amount of deposits in bank \$609,903.86. Total amount of actual cash \$2,198.55. Total amount of deposits and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days \$38,204.52. Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts, which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days: CD'S \$3,850,000.00; IMMA \$4,953,386.34; Postage \$262.00; Register of Deeds petty cash \$200.00; Sheriff \$2,604.00; Credit cards \$5,203.51 for a total of \$9,461,962.78. Cash Balances: General Fund \$4,609,403.26; Highway \$3,759,455.14; E911 \$15,512.67; OEM \$10,000.93; Domestic Abuse \$214.00; 24/7 Fund \$50,202.60; M & P Fund \$61,505.00; Highway Rural Access \$69,280.66; 700 & 800 Accounts \$885,797.52; equals \$9,461,371.78.

In compliance with the law, I, Jodi Berger, hereby report the fees of the Office of Register of Deeds for the month of February 2026. Births (13) \$195.00; Deaths (14) \$210.00; Marriages (2) \$80.00; Transfer fees \$1,104.50; Recordings \$2,225.00; Copies \$474.45; Sales Tax \$0.59 for a total of \$4,289.54.

In compliance with the law, I, Jerred Schreur hereby submit the following report of all fees received by me as Sheriff within and for the County for the month of February 2026: Phone cards \$338.04; Phone Commission \$334.14; Remote Breath Tests \$195.00; Remote Breath Act/Deact \$160.00; Sheriff's Fees \$1,092.50; Finger Prints \$28.17; Juvenile Care \$6,500.00; Dispatch Services \$8,500.00; PBT's \$660.00; Prisoners-Out of Co. \$5,280.00; UA Fees \$450.00; Work Release \$1,150.00; Pierpont Contract Hours \$500.00; Roslyn Contract Hours \$500.00; Waubay Contract Hours \$1,000.00; Bristol Contract Hours \$500.00; Sales Tax \$23.79 for a total of \$27,211.64.

**AGWRX COOPERATIVE:** Moved by Torrence, seconded by Kjos to approve Agwrx for a 5-year property tax discretionary formula on their \$5 million project in Webster, in accordance with the assessment schedule established by Resolution 2022-09. Aldrich Abstained. Motion carried.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND DRAINAGE:** Moved by Kjos, 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 9:24 AM.

**ATTORNEY MAHLKE:** Reed Mahlke, representing Reuben Parks and the Day County Action Alliance, requested that the board increase the wind tower setback to three-quarters of a mile to reduce safety hazards. Mahlke emphasized that public welfare should outweigh financial gain and reminded the board of the upcoming April 1, 2026, court date regarding the moratorium.

**PUBLIC HEARING/FIRST READING – ORDINANCE #2026-01:** Berdette Zastrow shared her opposition to the one-mile setback for Pickerel and Enemy Swim Lakes, stating that the tax base provided by Pickerel and Enemy Swim Lakes demonstrates the importance of incorporating residents' desires into common-sense setback policies.

Auditor Lehman presented an email from the absent Mark Schulze regarding the proposed one-mile lake setbacks. Schulze stated that despite some comfort gained from discussions with the wind developer, he still advocates for a two-mile setback specifically for Pickerel and Enemy Swim Lakes.

Glenn Gebur proposed a two-mile setback stating towns could later reduce at their discretion. Additionally, he expressed safety concerns over brake failures during high winds and storms.

Jim Walter shared 11 specific hazards with the board, recommending that the setback be set at a minimum of three-quarters of a mile to address these concerns.

Attorney Tom Sannes appeared before the board on behalf of Day County Forward to express the group's support for the updated ordinance changes. Sannes stated that the organization believes the board has exercised their due diligence by acting in the county's best interests while prioritizing the protection of landowner rights.

Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Motion carried 4-1 McGregor-Okroi nay.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to enter Executive Session at 9:44 AM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:00 AM for County Tax Sale.

**COUNTY TAX SALE:** 10:00 AM, March 24, 2026, this being the time and place set to offer the following county property for sale to the highest bidder. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular meeting at 10:10 AM. Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to approve the bid on the following parcels and issued Quit Claim Deeds. Motion carried. Parcel #72.04.0701: Sold to Jeff and Elaine Monson for \$1,700.00, Parcel #72.04.0718: Sold to Jeff and Elaine Monson for \$5,500.00, Parcel #72.04.0807: Sold to Jeff and Elaine Monson for \$3,500.00.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Resume Executive Session at 10:11 AM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:39 AM.

**WAGE ADJUSTMENT:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to approve 6 months of employment salary increase from \$60,840 to \$62,400 for Hwy Supt Schmiegs' highway salary effective 3/21/26. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION:** Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to accept Deputy Sheriff Kolby Weinberg's resignation effective 4/17/26. Motion carried.

**NEW HIRE:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to approve new hire Slade Owen as Deputy Sheriff at \$25.00/hour with benefits effective 4/7/26. Motion carried.

**DEPUTY SHERIFF VEST:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve the purchase of bullet proof vest with a quote of \$742.60. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:** Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to approve three employees from the Sheriff's department to attend the yearly Sheriff and Chiefs Conference in Deadwood. Motion carried.

**RADIO PURCHASE:** Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to approve purchase of 6 Kenwood non-faced radios for the Ambulance staff at \$324.64 each with a 3-year warranty. 3 – P25 handheld radios for the Ambulance trucks at \$2,103.00 each with a 3-year warranty. Motion carried.

**NEW HIRE:** Moved by Torrence, seconded by Kjos to approve new hire Charles Thames as an EMT at \$20.00/hour effective 3/24/26. Motion carried.

**WAGE ADJUSTMENT:** Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to approve 6 months of employment wage increase from \$29.00 to \$30.00/hour for Ambulance Director Sackreiter. Motion carried.

**CALL UPDATE:** Director Sackreiter gave a call update sharing so far this year they have received 109 calls which is less than last year at 112.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve travel for Treasurer Zubke, R.O.D Berger, Auditor Lehman, Hwy Supt Schmieg and Commissioner Torrence to attend the Lake Region Commissioner & Officials Association District Meeting in Milbank. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:** Equalization meeting is set for April 14, 2026, at 10:00a.m. (April 21, 2026, if needed).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, April 14, 2026, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

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Derek Sinner,  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tonya Lehman,  
Day County Auditor

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