

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
June 4, 2026

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, June 4, 2026, in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners Kjos, McGregor-Okroi, Torrence and Aldrich. Others: Auditor Lehman, States Attorney Knight, Treasurer Zubke, Jim Walter, Harry Knapp, Josh Bartos, Allen Sass, Dennis Bremmon, David Dulitz, Paul Dulitz and Timothy Gibson-R&F.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you card from the Jack Halbkat family for the memorial sent by the County and Highway Department. The Board received an invitation from the Museum Board to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new addition on Saturday, June 13th, at 10:00 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Kjos shared that the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will have an open meeting on June 30th at 1:00PM in the courthouse basement room 101.

MINUTES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to approve the minutes from May 19, 2026, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending May 16, 2026. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,567.89; Treasurer's Office 6,483.21; Register of Deeds 5,810.00; State's Attorney 3,174.69; Sheriff's Office 11,251.00; Jailors 11,756.00; Assessor's Office 4,305.20; Commissioners 3,106.92; Home Health 673.20; Veteran's Service 2,281.75; Ambulance 12,203.64; Maintenance 2,231.25; Extension 1,386.00; Welfare 495.00; Planning & Zoning 940.00; OEM 1,070.00; 911 535.00; Weed 754.00; Highway 23,069.15; Social Security 5,926.46; Medicare 1,386.01; Health Insurance 24,697.27; Dental Insurance 465.12; SD Retirement 4,840.17 for a total of 134,408.93.

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

SERVICES: A&B Business Inc 378.42, A-I Computer Solutions 134.98, Anacon Leasing 269.06, Austin, Strait, Benson, Thole & Koehn LLP 2,946.80, Blossom Shoppe 83.75, Century Business Products 110.45, Dakota Finest Investigation 723.78, Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes 8,020.83, Loren Jorgenson 800.00, PCC Ambulance Billing 2,310.23, PEAC Solutions 225.06, RC Technologies 50.00, Sanford Health 827.96, Steve Hargis 330.35, Taliaferro Law Firm P.C. 1,121.90, Twotrees Technologies 5,967.85, Valley Office Products 30.66, Window Pros 364.00,

REPAIRS: Fisher Sand & Gravel 130.35, Pierpont Services and Supplies 66.48, Twin Valley Tire 1,920.52,

SUPPLIES: ACE 607.56, Auto Value Webster 31.48, C & R Supply Inc. 2,023.00, CWD-Cashway 1,564.75, Day County Treasurer 479.70, Dollar General 142.65, Life Assist Inc. 128.93, Minn-Kota Communications Inc 6,309.00, Transource Trucking Equipment 59.88, TrueNorth Steel 7,065.60,

UTILITY: AT&T-Firstnet 299.69, City of Webster 379.71, Dependable Sanitation 141.75, ITC Telecom 1,777.32, Midcontinent 472.41, Northwestern Energy 82.37, Otter Tail Power Co. 35.33,

ELECTION: ES&S 977.15,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 1,469.46, Waubay Clipper 1,558.37,

DEDUCTIBLE: Jeffrey Kwasniewski 2,000.00,

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: SD Lumber & Design LLC 10,979.88,

PER DIEM: Ashley Nelson 306.43, Barbra Block 81.61, Daniel Kjos 375.20, Tonya Lehman 43.60,

MANUAL CHECKS: ES&S 15,310.00.

CANVAS JUNE 2, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to have Chairman Sinner recessed the regular session at 9:02 AM to convene as a Canvassing Board for the purpose of canvassing the June 2, 2026 Primary Election as authorized by SDCL12-20-36. Commission members present: Chairman Derek Sinner, Danny Kjos, Blake Torrence, Roy Aldrich and Sara McGregor-Okroi. Also present were Auditor Lehman, Deputy Auditor Kwasniwski, Deputy Auditor Bremmon, States Attorney Knight, Treasurer Zubke, Jim Walter, Harry Knapp, Josh Bartos, Allen Sass, Dennis Bremmon, David Dulitz, Paul Dulitz and Timothy Gibson-R&F. Motion carried.

Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:15 AM. Results as follows: 944 ballots cast. United States Senator: Justin McNeal 186, Mike Rounds 726. United States Representative: Marty Jackley 737, James Bialota 156. Governor: Larry Rhoden 265, Jon Hansen 113, Dusty Johnson 258, Toby Doeden 300. State Representative District 01: Logan Manhart 217, Keith Miller 215, Daniel Kjos 620, Nick Fosness 434. County Commissioner District 1: Ben Braaten 98, Charlotte Andres 28. Commissioner District 3: Kelly Brandlee 121, Jerry Mork 71. Commissioner District 5: Derek Sinner 81, David Dulitz 75. Precinct Committeeman Precinct 5: Reuben Parks 33, Randy Horter 95. The random precinct & race draw was made for the 2026 Post Election Audit and will be held on June 10, 2026 at 10:00am. Precincts 6 & 8 for United States Representative were drawn and will be hand counted. Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to accept the results of the June 2, 2026 Primary Election. Motion carried.

COMPUTER: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence to approve the OEM Bryan Anderson to purchase a new computer at \$1,357.97. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to enter into Executive Session at 9:19AM for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried.

Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:55 AM.

MALT BEVERAGE/ SD FARM & WINE HEARING: Public Hearing was held at the set time. No one from the public appeared. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to approve the new "Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine" alcoholic beverage license for Candyland Corner & Grill at 751 W Highway 12 Webster for the 2026-27 licensing period. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to approve James Remmers as full-time employee with benefits, effective 6-15-2026 at \$24.23/hr. Motion carried.

APPROVE R.O.W.: Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve occupancy of R.O.W. for Allison Daniel on Highway 1B for Drain Tile in Section 25-123-53 Day County. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS 2026 WAGE INCREASE: Jim Walter addressed the Board to express his concern regarding the 14.9% wage increase for Commissioners, asserting it was excessive, lacked transparency, and that the funds should have been allocated to ambulance services instead. Chairman Sinner and the Board clarified that the increase was openly presented and discussed during the September public budget hearing. Chairman Sinner also noted that the Commissioners had not received a wage adjustment since 2014. Josh Bartos publicly disagreed with Walter's criticism, thanking the Commissioners and Courthouse personnel for their service to the county.

AMBULANCES: After reading an article in the Reporter & Farmer, Dennis Bremmon with Twin Valley Tire provided an update to the Commissioners and the public on the condition of the county ambulances. He has worked on the ambulance vehicles for many years and is highly familiar with their mechanical maintenance, excluding the medical equipment. Bremmon said the vehicles are in good condition other than normal maintenance that you have on any vehicle.

NEW HIRE: Auditor Lehman presented to the board that Ambulance Director Sackreiter wanted approval to hire an EMT from out of town at \$20.00/hr from 6:00AM to 6:00PM and \$5.00/hr from 6:00PM to 6:00AM unless on a run which would be \$20.00/hr. This was tabled until Director Sackreiter is available to meet with the board.

WAGE INCREASE: Auditor Lehman reported having met her 6 months of employment. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve wage increase from \$30.54/hr to \$31.04/hr. Motion carried.

FUNDS TRANSFER: Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve funds transfer \$20,000.00 from General fund (101-4-911-911) to OEM fund (226-371) as budgeted. Motion carried.

2027 BUDGET: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to approve using a 4% employee wage increase excluding Commissioners for budgeting purposes for the 2027 budget. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE: The Courthouse and Highway Department will be closed June 19th, 2025, in observance of Juneteenth.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2026, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Derek Sinner,
Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Lehman,
Day County Auditor

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