DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
August 3, 2026

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Monday, August 3, 2026, in Community Room #101 in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners McGregor-Okroi, Aldrich and Torrence. Absent: Kjos Others: State's Attorney Knight, Auditor Lehman, Treasurer Zubke, Mike Tunnissen, Paul Dulitz, Josh Bartos, Josh Wagner, Kelly Hanson, Jim Brakefield and Timothy Gibson-R&F.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Josh Bartos, acting on legal advice, presented concerns to the board regarding the discharge of commercial fireworks near a 2,000-gallon gas tank located near his Pickerel Lake residence. Bartos extended an invitation to the commission to inspect the property and thanked them for their time. Chairman Sinner reminded attendees of the upcoming National Night Out event with local first responders and noted that it is the week of the Day County Fair.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve adding a liquor license hearing to the agenda pending approval of Ordinance #2026-02. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve the minutes from July 14, 2026, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending July 11, 2026. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,722.98; Treasurer's Office 6,495.59; Register of Deeds 5,678.84; State's Attorney 3,174.69; Sheriff's Office 11,377.50; Jailors 11,419.48; Assessor's Office 4,404.20; Commissioners 3,106.92; Home Health 804.38; Veteran's Service 2,909.25; Ambulance 7,776.00; Maintenance 2,384.25; Extension 1,386.00; Welfare 495.00; Planning & Zoning 920.50; OEM 1,070.00; 911 535.00; Weed 754.00; Highway 24,625.76; Social Security 5,800.59; Medicare 1,356.54; Health Insurance 25,509.68; Dental Insurance 480.32; SD Retirement 4,980.27 for a total of 133,167.74.

PAYROLL: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending July 25, 2026. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,719.27; Treasurer's Office 6,483.20; Register of Deeds 5,666.47; State's Attorney 3,174.69; Sheriff's Office 11,214.00; Jailors 10,542.75; Assessor's Office 4,305.21; Commissioners 3,106.92; Home Health 816.75; Veteran's Service 2,477.25; Ambulance 8,740.50; Maintenance 2,154.75; Extension 1,386.00; Welfare 495.01; Planning & Zoning 1,019.50; OEM 1,070.00; 911 535.00; Weed 754.00; Highway 24,530.75; Social Security 5,770.19; Medicare 1,349.50; SD Retirement 4,903.65 for a total of 106,215.36.

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

SERVICES: Anacon Leasing 126.31, Century Business Products 113.63, Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC 654.60, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 8,020.83, Green Roby Oviatt LLP 4,964.00, Judith Cleveland 175.00, Krege Family Chiropractic 90.00, SDACC-Clerp 3,350.00, Taliaferro Law Firm, P.C. 754.55, Tri State Water Inc 45.75, Twotrees Technologies 2,870.56,

REPAIRS: Aaron Anderson 3,600.00, Webster Tire and Marine Service 38.95,

SUPPLIES: Bound Tree Medical LLC 689.73, Cole Papers Inc 399.49, Duninck Inc 3,136.00, Hanlon Bros 32,163.66, Kerry Holscher 25,673.87, Mcleod's 114.68, Premier Biotech LLC 156.04, Reliance Telephone Inc 160.00, Sioux Valley Cooperative 25,984.45, Valley Office Products 127.25, Van Diest Supply Company 2,809.00,

UTILITY: AT&T-Firstnet 299.92, City of Webster 369.73, Dependable Sanitation 141.75, Northwestern Energy 266.81, NVC 341.40, Otter Tail Power Co 33.95, Venture Communication Inc 197.90, Verizon Wireless 80.02,

ELECTION: Barbara Anderson 252.00, David Baule 234.00, Leon Beisch 267.95, Dorothy Benson 252.00, Kathy Breske 243.00, Bristol Community Center Inc 150.00, Julaine Busch 238.50, Terry Corner 252.00, Deborah Davidson 252.00, Judy Dohn 243.00, Nancy Gaikowski 243.00, Ann Gerriets 252.00, Kathleen Grupe 243.00, Douglas Hansen 243.00, Ilene Helmer 234.00, Douglas Herold 243.00, Sara Johnson 238.50, Marlaina Kinn 252.00, Jewel Larson 243.00, Monica Larson 243.00, Evonne Lesnar 281.65, Janet Marx 243.00, Pierpont Community Bldg 50.00, Sandra Raap 243.00, Barbara Reetz 255.90, Judy Ronshaugen 243.00, Roslyn Fire Dept 50.00, Frances Rougemont 248.00, Monte Rougemont 261.13, St. Joseph's Catholic Church 200.00, Penny Stolsmark 290.35, The Other Place 200.00, Sheryl Town 252.00, Raenell Trautner 243.00, Joshua Wagner 243.00, Luann Wasilk 267.95, Waubay Legion Club 50.00, Emma Wolff 270.90, Bette Zenk 243.00,

FEE: Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources 800.00,

PUBLISHING: Waubay Clipper 550.79,

REGISTRATION: SDVSOA 100.00,

PER DIEM: Amanda Bartelt 99.22, Jennifer Ringkob 327.31, Jerred Schreur 40.00, Matt Halbkat 184.99, Richard Roskos 194.99,

MANUAL CHECKS: Brown County Auditor 90.00, Fire Insurance Checks 66,544.72, Travis Larson 179.99.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Manager Josh Wagner presented the district's current budget, and activities report to the Commission. Wagner expressed appreciation for the County's 2026 allocation and requested $12,500.00 for conservation and $1,500.00 for the recycling program for 2027. When asked by commissioners about Conservation District budget balances, Wagner stated they had a successful year and currently maintains a surplus. Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi, to approve $6,500.00 for the Conservation District and $1,500.00 for the recycling program in the County's 2027 budget. Motion carried

OPEN MEETING LAWS: Commissioners were provided with a copy of the July 1, 2026 version of Conducting the Public's Business in Public. Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to note Commissioners will review the open meeting laws. Motion carried.

TRAVEL: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve travel for Auditor Lehman to attend Department of Revenue training in Pierre in August. Also, for R.O.D. Berger and Auditor Lehman to attend the 2026 SDACES meeting/training in Oacoma in August. Motion carried.

AAA COLLECTIONS: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve AAA Collections to proceed with legal action against Client #1161133. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #2026-02: Moved by Torrence, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance #2026-02. An ordinance establishing procedure for the issuance and regulation of On-Sale licenses for Full-Service

Restaurants in Day County. Roll call passed 4-0: Aldrich-Aye, Torrence-Aye, McGregor-Okroi-Aye, Sinner-Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to approve Auditor Lehman to set and advertise Public Hearing to be held Sept 1, 2026, at 9:15AM. The hearing will be for a "Full-Service On-Sale Restaurant" License for Tuny's 12 Spot, Waubay, SD. Motion carried.

CANVAS JULY 28, 2026 PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to have Chairman Sinner recess the regular session at 9:30 AM to convene as a Canvassing Board for the purpose of canvassing the July 28, 2026 Primary Run -Off Election as authorized by SDCL12-20-36. Commission members present: Chairman Derek Sinner, Blake Torrence, Roy Aldrich and Sara McGregor-Okroi. Absent: Danny Kjos. Also present were Auditor Lehman, States Attorney Knight, Treasurer Zubke, Paul Dulitz and Timothy Gibson-R&F. Motion carried.

Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:41 AM. Results as follows: 846 ballots cast. Governor: Toby Doeden 261, Larry Rhoden 585. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to accept the results of the July 28, 2026 Primary Run-Off Election. Motion carried.

RECESS: Chairman Sinner declared a recess at 9:58 AM. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:03 AM.

MUSEUM OF WILDLIFE, SCIENCE & INDUSTRY: Jim Brakefield with The Museum of Wildlife, Science, and Industry expressed appreciation for the County's 2026 allocation and requested additional funding for the 2027 budget year. Brakefield presented museum updates along with future plans and Janet Marx shared that they have hosted 1,100 visitors.

WEBSTER AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: President Kelly Hanson presented the 2026 Economic Development Office report. The Webster Area Development Corporation requested $22,000 for the 2027 budget. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to approve $18,500 for the Webster Area Development Corporation in the County's 2027 budget. Motion carried.

FABER ANALYTICS: Justin Faber presented data services to the board, explaining how he could leverage this information to stabilize the Ambulance Service's finances. Fully funded by the State of South Dakota's EMS Regional Services Grant, his strategic planning comes at no cost to the county. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve working with Faber Analytics. Motion carried.

2027 BUDGET: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to adopt and have Auditor Lehman publish the Provisional Budget. The first Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, August 18, 2026, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

_____

Derek Sinner,
Chairman

ATTEST:

_____
Tonya Lehman,
Day County Auditor

Day County does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of service.