DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 29, 2026

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, September 29, 2026, in the Commissioners Chambers 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, Hwy Supt. Schmieg, Glenn Gebur, Paul Dulitz, Kelly Brandlee, Chris Barse, Nicole May, Carolyn Lang, Don Lang, David Dulitz, David Olson, Jack Born, Spencer Huggett, Justin Carlson and Timothy Gibson-R&F.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul Dulitz shared his concerns regarding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchasing land. Dulitz argued that the agency frequently mismanages the property, while simultaneously removing valuable acreage from both local tax rolls and agricultural production.

David Dulitz inquired whether the board had issued a "gag order" preventing Ambulance Director Sackreiter from speaking to the newspaper. The board clarified that Director Sackreiter is permitted to speak with the media, provided she adheres to the guidelines outlined in the employee handbook. Dulitz also expressed surprise at a recent newspaper article stating ambulance employees received a 50% raise last year, noting that he had not received such an increase. A discussion followed regarding how wage adjustments were distributed between on-call time and run time.

Glenn Gebur thanked all local volunteers, including those with the Fire Department, Ambulance, and the new EMS nonprofit. Gebur questioned the board regarding how many times he must attend meetings and request a financial statement before receiving a clear update on the ambulance department's finances. The board explained that compiled information in the Auditor's office for public viewing is currently a work in progress. Gebur also inquired about why the fire department is tasked with directing traffic when called out to an accident scene. Gebur expressed concern that this practice could pose a liability issue and questioned whether that liability would ultimately fall back onto the county. The board advised Gebur to speak directly with the Sheriff to see if he could address those specific operations and liability questions.

MINUTES: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the minutes from September 1, 2026, 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 September 5, 2026. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,828.59; Treasurer's Office 6,483.20; Register of Deeds 5,599.63; State's Attorney 3,174.69; Sheriff's Office 11,218.00; Jailors 12,099.48; Assessor's Office 4,305.20; Commissioners 3,106.92; Veteran's Service 3,250.00; Ambulance 11,113.00; Maintenance 2,173.88; Home Health 883.58 Extension 1,386.01; Welfare 495.00; Planning & Zoning 940.00; OEM 1,070.00; 911 535.00; Weed 754.01; Highway 22,450.61; Social Security 5,916.50; Medicare 1,383.72; Life Insurance 225.42; Dental Insurance 434.72; SD Retirement 4,885.66 for a total of 109,712.82.

PAYROLL: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending September 19, 2026. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,661.10; Treasurer's Office 6,483.20; Register of Deeds 5,599.63; State's Attorney 3,174.69; Sheriff's Office 11,579.50; Jailors 9,713.75; Assessor's Office 4,329.95; Commissioners 3,106.92; Veteran's Service 2,091.75; Ambulance 11,175.25; Maintenance 2,307.75; Home Health 883.58; Extension 1,386.00; Welfare 495.00; Planning & Zoning 862.25; OEM 1,070.00; 911 535.00; Weed 754.00; Highway 21,969.04; Social Security 5,688.38; Medicare 1,330.35; Health Insurance 23,072.45; Dental Insurance 434.72; SD Retirement 4,691.01 for a total of 128,395.27.

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

SERVICES: A-I Computer Solutions 90.00, Bituminous Paving Inc 206,006.19, Blue360 Media 117.95, Century Business Products 426.07, City of Watertown 7,852.01, Dacotah Bank 2,607.12, Department of Legislative Audit 25,099.50, IMEG Corp 7,050.00, Kwasniewski Enterprises Inc 150.00, Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc 65.00, National 4-H Council Shop 221.78, PCC Ambulance Billing Service 1,995.13, RC Technologies 50.00, Red River Rescue LLC 1,354.00, Richardson, Wyly,Wise, Sauk 146.40, Sanford Health 1,458.00, SD Dept of Public Safety 2,340.00, SD Dept of Transportation 826.20, SD Public Health Laboratory 600.00, SDACO M&P Fund 184.00, SDEMA 50.00, Team Laboratory Chemical LLC 85,442.00, Trophy Land Control 49,050.00, Truenorth Steel 19,921.68, Twotrees Technologies 2,582.87, Valley Office Products 376.35, Vestis 338.63, Webster Auto Care Inc 233.70, Weld County Sheriff 43.00, Wex 70.00, Xerox Corporation 362.89,

REPAIRS: Butler Machinery 9,344.93, Climate Systems Inc 153,061.50, Dave Hahler Automotive 550.00, First Call Auto Part 34.40, Ridge Electric 4,844.91, RDO Equipment 390.60, Transource Trucking Equipment 2,475.10, Twin Valley Tire 3,638.18, Webster Tire & Marine Service 1,300.98,

INSURANCE: American Income Life Insurance 178.50,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 898.92, Waubay Clipper 2,161.10,

SUPPLIES: A-OX Welding Supply 259.06, ACE 494.73, Auto Value 390.37, Bound Tree Medical LLC 239.34, Cash-Wa Distributing 2,735.69, CT Sibson Gravel Inc 49,500.00, Dollar General 97.75, Mid-American Research 376.04, Mike’s Jack & Jill 307.93, Newman Traffic Signs 4,426.77, Pheasantland Industries 677.00, Reliance Telephone Inc 10.00, Sioux Valley Cooperative 27,539.53, Tri State Water Inc 80.65,

UTILITY: AT&T Firstnet 306.70, Chip Premus 500.00, City of Webster 417.20, Dependable Sanitation 212.75, ITC 1,792.14, Midcontinent Communications 472.41, Moriarty Rentals 1,450.00, Northwestern Energy 4,477.68, NVC 341.40, Otter Tail Power Co 32.21, Venture Communication Inc 197.90, Verizon Connect 50.82, Verizon Wireless 80.02,

PER DIEM: Barbra Block 80.85, Brian Buxton 164.60, Derek Sinner 268.11, Jennifer Ringkob 666.60, Jodi Berger 39.53, Rhonda Zubke 239.16, Tonya Lehman 274.76,

ELECTION: ES&S 1,219.01, McLeod’s 473.72,

MANUAL CHECKS: Day County Treasurer 158.75, SD Department of Revenue 158,113.66, Day County Treasurer 119.94, Ambulance Refund 5.90.

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 September 1, 2026. Total amount of deposits in bank $238,385.91. Total amount of actual cash $2,633.98. Total amount of deposits and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days $18,582.08. Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts, which have been in the Treasurer’s

possession over three days: CD'S $2,850,000.00; IMMA $6,943,527.38; Postage $158.75; Register of Deeds petty cash $200.00; Sheriff $1,708.66; Credit cards $727.57 for a total of $10,055,924.33. Cash Balances: General Fund $4,160,860.28; Highway $5,323,279.03; E911 $9,205.65; OEM $19,038.19; Domestic Abuse $384.00; 24/7 Fund $53,762.95; M & P Fund $67,421.08; Highway Rural Access $75,404.92; 700 & 800 Accounts $368,588.30; equals $10,077,944.40.

In compliance with the law, I, Jodi Berger, hereby report the fees of the Office of Register of Deeds for the month of August 2026. Births (16) $240.00; Deaths (24) $360.00; Marriages (3) $120.00; Transfer fees $3,473.00; Recordings $3,060.00; Copies $564.65; Sales Tax $0.66 for a total of $7,818.31.

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 August 2026: Accident Reports $8.00; Phone cards $9.39; Phone Commission $250.85; Remote Breath Tests $133.47; Sheriff's Fees $1,198.29; Fingerprints $46.95; Juvenile Care $7,774.00; PBT's $718.00; Prisoners-Out of Co. $4,330.00; UA Fees $100.00; State Grant $50.62; Roslyn Contract Hours $500.00; Pierpont Contract Hours $500.00; Waubay Contract Hours $1,000.00 Sales Tax $3.66 for a total of $16,623.23.

COVERED SHOW RING: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Aldrich, to approve the construction of a 56' x 100' covered show ring at the Day County Fairgrounds. Fair Board President Chris Barse informed the Commission that 4-H leaders will cover all construction costs. Upon its scheduled completion in August 2027, the structure will be donated to the county, with the Fair Board assuming ongoing maintenance responsibilities.

PLANNING & ZONING: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Torrence to recess the regular session at 9:21 AM, to convene as Planning, Zoning and Drainage Board. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:50 AM.

PLAT: Upon recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board, moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve the following plats: Knudson Addition in the SW ¼ of Sec. 34-120-54 and Tract 1 of M & E Land Company Conservation Easement in the SW ¼ of Sec. 12-120-55. Motion carried.

WEED BOARD: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos to recess the regular session at 9:50 AM, to convene as Weed Board. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:53 AM. Next Weed Board meeting will be the second meeting in February 2027.

APPROVE R.O.W.: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to approve R.O.W. occupancy for road boring to Chad Sjurson, County Rd 33 in Section 22-121-58 Day County. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to approve travel for Hwy Supt. Schmieg to attend the Annual Local Road Conference held in October in Sioux Falls, SD. Motion carried.

BUTLER BRIDGE UPDATE: State's Attorney Knight and Highway Supt Schmieg provided an update regarding a scheduled meeting with the railroad on Tuesday October 6, 2026, to discuss the Butler bridge.

BUDGET HEARING: The Commission conducted the final Budget Hearing. Appearing from the public were Glenn Gebur, Paul Dulitz, Kelly Brandlee, David Dulitz, and Timothy Gibson-R&F.

2027 ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTION: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Kjos to adopt the 2027 Provisional Budget as the Annual Budget with the following changes: increase in

means of finance to the General Fund $383.00; increase in means of finance to the County Road & Bridge Fund of $139.00 and approve Budget Levy Resolution #2026-08. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2026-08
Adoption of Annual Budget for Day County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

WHEREAS, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations, and additions have been made thereto,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates, and all matters therein set forth, shall be approved and adopted as the annual budget of the appropriations and expenditures for Day County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027, and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Day County, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 2026. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Day County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Day County for the year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Board of County Commissioners of Day County, South Dakota.
Derek Sinner, Chairman
Roy Aldrich, Commissioner
Daniel Kjos, Commissioner
Sara McGregor-Okroi, Commissioner
Blake Torrence, Commissioner
ATTEST:
Tonya Lehman, County Auditor

County tax levies within limited levy: General County Purposes $3,947,747.75. $2.159/1,000.00, County Road & Bridge $1,430,352.05. $0.782/1,000.00 total taxes levied by Day County. As of September 29th, 2026, these levies are not approved by the S.D. Dept. of Revenue & Regulation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Torrence to enter into Executive Session at 10:01 AM for personnel/legal as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 11:13 AM.

2027 LEMPG AGREEMENT: Moved by Torrence and seconded by Aldrich to authorize Chairman Sinner to sign the 2027 LEMPG Sub- Recipient Agreement with SD Dept of Public Safety presented by OEM Anderson. Motion carried.

SECURTIY & COURTHOUSE UPDATES: OEM Anderson and Judge Lovrien presented the security committee's recommendation to purchase a mobile metal detector. The Commission also discussed potential options and interest in updating the public entrance doors with automatic locks. Moved by Aldrich, seconded by Kjos, to approve the purchase of a mobile

metal detector at a cost of $4,500, with 75% funded by a grant and 25% covered by the county. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE SIREN UPDATE: OEM Anderson updated the board that Minn-Kota Communications has removed the siren's control board to test for defects. If the control board needs to be replaced, Anderson noted he will coordinate next steps with the Mayor of Webster.

HISTORICAL LANDMARK RESTORATIONS: Commissioner Kjos shared pictures of two landmarks of former South Dakota Governors Charles H. Sheldon and Sigurd Anderson, both of whom had historical ties to Day County. Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich, to approve the restoration of the historical landmarks at a cost of $1,200.00 each. Motion carried.

FUNDS TRANSFER: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve funds transfer $4,844.91 from assigned for capital outlay jail (101-276.02) to unassigned fund (101-277.0) as budgeted for electrical repair. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: The Courthouse and Highway Dept. will be closed October 12, 2026, in observance of Native American Day/Columbus Day.

BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIPS: Commissioner Torrence reported that he has been in contact with Lake Area Technical College regarding potential educational or training partnerships. He suggested the county explore sponsorship or development opportunities in qualifying fields, such as Mechanics, EMT/Paramedic, and Fire Rescue.

SHERIFF PURCHASE: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Torrence, to authorize Sheriff Schreur to make an early purchase of four Panasonic Toughbooks, four docking stations, four printers, four scanners, with a five-year warranty at $26,036.00 to be installed in the Sheriff vehicles as budgeted for 2027, avoiding the price increase effective October 1, 2026. Motion carried.

SHERIFF PURCHASE: Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the purchase of a replacement router with supplies at a cost of $1,609.41. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos, to authorize Deputy Sheriff Slade Owen use of a county credit card. Motion carried.

WAGE INCREASE: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Aldrich to approve Deputy Sheriff Slade Owen a 6-month wage increase from $25.00 to $25.50 effective 10-4-2026. Motion carried.

JAIL/DISPATCH PERSONNEL STATUS CHANGE: Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the transition of Jack Carlson from an 80% employee to a full-time employee at $21.50 hour with full benefits effective September 6, 2026. Motion carried.

Moved by Aldrich, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the transition of Matthew Gaikowski from an 80% employee to a full-time employee at $21.50 hour with full benefits effective September 6, 2026. Motion carried.

Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Aldrich to approve the transition of Atawraw Kroll from a part-time employee to an 80% employee at $20.50 hour with 80% benefits effective September 6, 2026. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Torrence, seconded by Kjos to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, October 13, 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

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