

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 5:00 PM on August 26, 2025, pursuant to adjournment on August 26, 2025. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Beninga, Bleyenbergh, Heisey, Karsky, and Kippley. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Maggie Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

City Council Members present: Barranco, Basye, Merkouris, Sigette, Spellerberg, Soehl, and Thomason. Councilor Cole and Mayor TenHaken were absent.

Chair Karsky called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes. The City concurred.

JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS

Alysia Boysen, Director of Siouxland Libraries, presented the Siouxland Libraries 2026 budget of \$11,832,310. The County's portion for 2026 is \$1,620,000. The City's portion for 2026 is \$10,212,310. MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Approve Joint Budget Hearing for Siouxland Libraries.

MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Kippley, to Concur with the City's Action to Amend the 2026 General Fund Siouxland Libraries Department Operating Budget by Increasing the Budget by \$270,000 to Dedicate to Staffing and Facility Operations, to Sustain Current Hours of Operation. Funding to come from City General Fund Reserves. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

MOTION to Approve the 2026 Siouxland Libraries Budget, as Amended. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The City concurred.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented the Siouxland Heritage Museum 2026 budget of \$2,131,667. The County's portion for 2026 is \$954,253. The City's portion for 2026 is \$930,654. The Revenue Fund portion for 2026 is \$246,760. MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Kippley, to Approve the 2026 Siouxland Heritage Museum Budget as Presented. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The City concurred.

Aimee Chase, Metro Communications Manager, presented the Metro Communications 2026 budget of \$7,382,329. The proposed budget includes a 4% contribution increase from both the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County. MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Approve the 2026 Metro Communications Budget as Presented. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The City concurred.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Misty France, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about concerns with property taxes and comments made during the July 22, 2025, Commission meeting.

MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Adjourn at 5:56 p.m. 5 ayes. The City concurred.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

Dean Karsky
Chair

Kym Christiansen
Commission Recorder