

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENEED AT 9:00 AM on December 2, 2025, pursuant to adjournment on November 25, 2025. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Beninga, Bleyenberg, Heisey, and Kippley. Commissioner Karsky was absent. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Vice-Chair Bleyenberg called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the Agenda. 4 ayes

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the Consent Agenda. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. The consent agenda includes the following items:

Commission Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2025

Bills to be Paid \$8,482,790.32

A TO Z WORLD LANGUAG Interpreters \$200, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$101.75, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$129.73, ADEN LEADERSHIP Education & Training \$3000, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$2641.55, AMERICAN POLYGRAPH A Memberships \$175, ANDERSON, AUBREY Business Travel \$196, ANDERSON, JENNIFER Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$5582.4, ANDERSON, LEAH Business Travel \$345.6, ANGEL, EDWARD P Attorney Fees \$3016.23, ASH LAW OFFICE PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$1296.5, AVERA MCKENNAN Professional Services \$329.37, BECK, JEFFREY R Attorney Fees \$936, BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPIT Homeless Initiatives \$10, BOSMAN, JOSEPH Business Travel \$46, BURNS, JASON Investigators Expenses \$133, CAVE, JUSTIN Investigators Expenses \$68.6, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$45.5, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$178.07, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$52.13, CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL Contract Services \$421505.84, CPI/GUARDIAN Inmate Supplies \$6071.87, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$3900, DAKOTA LAW FIRM PROF Child Defense Attorney \$204, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$780, DIVIT LLC Sign Deposits \$50, DUFFY, BONNIE Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$408.88, EARTHWORKS ENTERPRIS Contracted Construction \$423143.8, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$1820, ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$16.66, FASTENAL COMPANY Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$38.52, GIEBINK, SKYE HS Donations \$950, GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM I Recruitment \$4450, GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM I Software/Licensing \$21780.64, GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM I Subscriptions \$1030, GRIESE LAW FIRM Child Defense Attorney \$3792, GUNNER, ANDREA Court Reporters \$2877, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$240, HEERENGRABER, KRISTA Witness Fees/Expenses \$500, HEGG, JONATHON Program Activities \$300, HEIBERGER, CINDY Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$494.84, HORIZON PLACE Miscellaneous Expense \$500, HYVEE ACCOUNTS RECEI Jury Fees \$95.23, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$250.58, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$292.15, ISI LLC Interpreters \$220, JAYMAR Printing/Forms \$898.8, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$1661.45, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$6519.1, JEO CONSULTING GROUP Architects & Engineers \$11323.75, KATTERHAGEN, MARK Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$40, KNECHT, ANDREW J Attorney Fees \$3072, KNECHT, ANDREW J Child Defense Attorney \$1208.5, KOLBECK LAW OFFICE L Attorney Fees \$19390.5, LANDEEN LAW PC Child Defense Attorney \$6641.25, LARSON, VALERIE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$60, LEWNO LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$593.22, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$375, LOVING, PHILIP Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$3923.36, MARSH & MCLENNAN LLC Notary Exp \$100, MAYER, MICHAEL P Uniform Allowance \$105.48, MEIERHENRY SARGENT L Attorney Fees \$1608, MENARD INC Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$79.63, MENARD INC Sign Supply Inventory \$56.16, MENARD INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$84.75, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas \$3134.54, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$145.39, MINNEHAHA COUNTY Other Supplies \$120, MOHRHAUSER, ADAM Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$434, NAPA AUTO PARTS Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$459.98, NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL Other Supplies \$53.34, O'LEARY LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$156, OSBORN, ROXANE R Court Reporters \$68.6, PFEIFER IMPLEMENT CO Automotive/Small Equipment \$40.7, PFEIFER IMPLEMENT CO Heavy Equip Repairs & Maint \$82.18, PHILLIPS, JOSHUA Business Travel \$297.28, PHOENIX SUPPLY LLC Inmate Supplies \$1425.44, PIPESTONE COUNTY SHE Return Of Service \$75, POMPS TIRE SERVICE I Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$5345.16, PRAHM CONSTRUCTION I Contracted Construction \$43241, PRECISE MRM LLC Software \$360, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Postage \$242.19, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Publishing Fees \$1399.61, RALSTON, MICHAEL Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$398.34, RANDALL, REBECCA Bd Exp Fees

(Minnehaha) \$484.5, RESOLUTE LAW FIRM IN Child Defense Attorney \$571.35, RUNNING SUPPLY INC Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$59.98, SALEM, KARLA R Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$1292.5, SAMUELSON, HALEY MAR Education & Training \$895, SAMUELSON, HALEY MAR Professional Services \$1150, SANFORD Medical Records \$340.31, SCHAEFER, WILLIAM M Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$20, SCHLEY, ELIZABETH Business Travel \$36.4, SCHREURS, ANNA Business Travel \$74, SCILAWFORENSICS LTD Attorney Fees \$2100, SD HUMAN SERVICES CE Psych Evals \$1200, SIOUX FALLS CITY Professional Services \$480.23, SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY Electricity \$607.61, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPME Sign Supply Inventory \$529.97, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram \$3527, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath \$950, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Notary Exp \$60, STATE STEEL OF SD Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$78, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance \$417.95, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$1010.9, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Inmate Supplies \$225.48, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$2274.74, TREFZ, ERIN Child Defense Attorney \$132, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$5504.25, TUSCHEN, MICHAEL E Uniform Allowance \$7.08, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Rent \$526, ULINE Furniture & Office Equipment \$303.7, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Bond Interest \$1941761.88, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Bond Principal \$5475000, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Cash w/ Trustee 2023A \$-351.55, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Cash w/Trustee 2020A \$-27.45, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Cash With Trustee \$-259.14, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$1003.81, US POSTAL SERVICE Postage \$2600, VANDERVLIIET, RYAN Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$724.68, VER BEEK, KELSEY Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$660, WEERHEIM LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$6828, WEERHEIM LAW OFFICE Crisis Intervention Program \$576.

November 2025 Commission Salaries

COMMISSION	Salaries	\$33,172.32
AUDITOR	Salaries	\$64,733.63
TREASURER	Salaries	\$116,981.25
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Salaries	\$107,222.14
STATES ATTORNEY	Salaries	\$563,664.81
PUBLIC DEFENDER	Salaries	\$356,776.66
PUBLIC ADVOCATE	Salaries	\$103,735.16
FACILITIES	Salaries	\$72,413.84
EQUALIZATION	Salaries	\$134,401.19
REGISTER OF DEEDS	Salaries	\$55,776.10
HUMAN RESOURCES	Salaries	\$43,763.23
SHERIFF	Salaries	\$1,616,766.72
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	Salaries	\$275,778.61
HIGHWAY	Salaries	\$174,063.05
HUMAN SERVICES	Salaries	\$177,560.69
MUSEUM	Salaries	\$101,557.61
PLANNING	Salaries	\$51,624.34
EXTENSION	Salaries	\$4,176.00

Routine Personnel Actions

Step Increases

1. Douglas Roderick, Veteran Services Officer for Human Services, at \$31.97/hour (307/3) effective 11/18/25.
2. Loranda Mousel, Senior Deputy Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, at \$4,474.40/biweekly (314/4) effective 10/17/25.

Special Personnel Actions

1. Authorize filling one attorney position approved for FY26 early and hiring Wade Warntjes as a Senior Deputy Public Defender at \$4,474.40/biweekly (314/4) effective 12/3/2025.

To record significant employee anniversaries for December 2025: 5 years - Eric Bogue, Robin Brust, Joseph Hernandez, Bethany Jost, Cameron Larson; 15 years - Daniel Christiansen, Jessie Nesseim, Monte Watembach.

To record volunteers in County Departments for November 2025. This list is on file at Human Resources.

Notices and Requests

Authorize the Auditor to Post Notice of Budget Hearing on December 16, 2025, to Consider Supplement Requests to the 2025 Budget

BOARD APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Authorize the Chair to Sign Resolution MC25-35 Appointing a Member to the Minnehaha County Housing and Redevelopment Commission. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC25-35

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, SDCL 11-7-12 provides for the appointment of members to the Minnehaha County Housing and Redevelopment Commission (HRC) by the Minnehaha County Commission Chair with approval of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill one vacancy on the HRC due to the expiration of the term of a current member;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Board of County Commissioners that the following appointment is approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term</u>
Aspen Thorstenson	Housing and Redevelopment Commission	Appointed for a five-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030

Approved this 2nd day of December, 2025

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jen Bleyenbergh, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Auditor

Upon the request of Traci Smith, Public Defender, MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Beninga, to Authorize the Chair to Sign Resolution MC25-36 Appointing a Member to the Minnehaha County Public Defender Advisory Board. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC25-36

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-16A-4 provides that the County Commission shall appoint one person to the Public Defender Advisory Board (PDO Advisory Board) who is not admitted to the practice of law, not an employee of the County, and not a law enforcement officer, and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint such an individual to the PDO Advisory Board due to the expiration of the term of the current member;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Board of County Commissioners that the following appointment is approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term</u>
Craig Johnson	Public Defender Advisory Board	Appointed for a three-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028

Approved this 2nd day of December, 2025

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jen Bleyenbergh, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Auditor

Upon the request of Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Kippley, to Authorize the Chair to Sign Resolution MC25-37 Appointing Members to the Siouxland Heritage Museum Board of Directors. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC25-37

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SIOUXLAND HERITAGE MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, The Joint Cooperative Agreement of July 21, 1997, between the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County provides for the appointment of four members by the County Commission to the Siouxland Heritage Museum Board of Directors (Museum Board); and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill three forthcoming vacancies on the Museum Board due to the expiration of terms of three current members; and,

WHEREAS, one current member, with an expiring term, is eligible for reappointment to the Museum Board; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill one vacancy on the Museum Board for the unexpired term of Chris Brockevelt, who has resigned from the Museum Board;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Board of County Commissioners that the following appointments are approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term</u>
John Nordlie	Siouxland Heritage Museum Board of Directors	Reappointed for a three-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028
Thomas Benz	Siouxland Heritage Museum Board of Directors	Appointed for a three-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028
Lindsey Peterson	Siouxland Heritage Museum Board of Directors	Appointed for a three-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028
Deanna Parker	Siouxland Heritage Museum Board of Directors	Appointed to fill the unexpired term of Chris Brockevelt January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Approved this 2nd day of December, 2025

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jen Bleyenbergh, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Auditor

Upon the request of Scott Anderson, Planning Director, MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Authorize the Chair to Sign Resolution MC25-38 Appointing Members to the Minnehaha County Planning Commission. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. Public comment was received from Cindy Meyer.

RESOLUTION MC25-38

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, SDCL 11-2-3 provides for the appointment of members to the Minnehaha County Planning Commission (Planning Commission); and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill two forthcoming vacancies on the Planning Commission due to the expiration of the terms of two current members; and

WHEREAS, the current members are eligible for reappointment to the Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Board of County Commissioners that the following appointments are approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term</u>
Bonnie Duffy	Planning Commission	Re-appointed for a five-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030
Mike Ralston	Planning Commission	Re-appointed for a five-year term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030

Approved this 2nd day of December, 2025

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jen Bleyenbergh, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Auditor

AGREEMENTS

Upon the request of Meredith Jarchow, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Authorize the Chair to Sign the 2026 Animal Control Services Agreement between Minnehaha County and the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

Upon the request of Meredith Jarchow, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Authorize the Chair to sign the 2026 Coroner and Medical Examiner Contract with Sanford Health Pathology and Dr. Kenneth Snell. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Authorize the Chair to Sign an Agreement for Counsel to Represent Respondents on Mental Health Holds

between Minnehaha County and Renae Kruse d/b/a Kruse Law Firm. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

BRIDGE INSPECTION REVIEW

Jacob Maras, Highway Superintendent, introduced Chris Brozik with Civil Design, Inc. to summarize the findings of the 2025 Bridge Inspection Program. Discussion followed on the inspection overview, ranking given, and a summary of postings and recommendations.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Meyer, Hartford, SD, addressed the Board of Commissioners about her past attendance at Board meetings and comments to the Board.

Gary Meyer, Hartford, SD, addressed the Board of Commissioners about his past attendance at Board meetings and comments to the Board.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Bleyenbergs provided an update on the Library budget and work completed towards the furthering of the Library's mission.

Commissioner Heisey reported on the upcoming budget address and the recent meeting of the Open Meeting Law Task Force.

NON-ACTION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioners Bleyenbergs and Heisey thanked all the applicants for the open board seats as well as the outgoing members for their hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Beninga thanked the Highway Department for the work on snow removal during the holiday weekend.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Adjourn at 9:50 a.m. 4 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky
Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen
Commission Recorder