

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENEED AT 9:00 AM on January 6, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on December 23, 2025. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Beninga, Bleyenberg, Heisey, and Karsky. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Chair Karsky called the meeting to order.

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

#### ELECTION OF 2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

2025 Commission Chair Karsky called for nominations for the 2026 Commission Chairperson. MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Beninga, to Nominate Dean Karsky as Commission Chairperson for 2026. Roll Call Vote to Elect Dean Karsky as the 2026 Commission Chairperson. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

Chair Karsky called for nominations for the 2026 Commission Vice-Chairperson. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Nominate Jen Bleyenberg as Commission Vice-Chairperson for 2026. Roll Call Vote to Elect Jen Bleyenberg as the 2026 Commission Vice-Chairperson. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Meredith Jarchow, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, was present to report on the proposals received from the Argus Leader, Brandon Valley Journal, Garretson Gazette, Minnehaha Messenger, and The Dakota Scout for designation as official newspapers. The proposal from Argus Leader includes a rate of \$.30 per line and \$.24 subsequent Pre-July 1 and \$.306 per line and \$.2448 subsequent Post-July 1. The proposal from the Brandon Valley Journal includes a rate of \$.3195 per line for minutes and \$.355 per line for other notices Pre-July 1 and \$.33228 per line for minutes and \$.3692 per line for other notices Post-July 1. The proposals from the Garretson Gazette and Minnehaha Messenger each include a rate of \$.3258 per line for minutes and \$.362 per line for other notices Pre-July 1 and \$.33228 per line for minutes and \$.3692 per line for other notices Post-July 1. The proposal from The Dakota Scout includes a rate of \$.290 per line for minutes and \$.322 per line for other notices Pre-July 1 and \$.29376 per line for minutes and \$.3264 per line for other notices Post-July 1. Garrick Moritz, Garretson Gazette Owner; Lisa Miller, New Century Press General Manager; and Jill Meier, Brandon Valley Journal Publisher/General Manager, were present and stated their appreciation for the consideration of their publications as official newspapers. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Designate the Brandon Valley Journal, Garretson Gazette, Minnehaha Messenger, and The Dakota Scout as the Official Newspapers for Minnehaha County in 2026. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

#### RECORD OF NON-ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Record the Following Individuals as Non-Elected Department Heads, as of January 1, 2026: Tom Greco-Commission Office; Chris Lilla-Equalization; Mark Kriens-Facilities; Jacob Maras-Highway; Carey Jo Deaver-Human Resources; Kari Benz-Human Services; Monte Watembach-Information Technology; Jamie Gravett-Juvenile Detention Center; Bill Hoskins-Museum; Scott Anderson-Planning & Zoning/Parks; Julie Hofer-Public Advocate; and Traci Smith-Public Defender. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

#### CORONER APPOINTMENT

Upon the request of Meredith Jarchow, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Heisey, to Authorize the Appointment of Dr. Kenneth S. Snell for Minnehaha County Coroner for 2026 and Approve Resolution MC26-01. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC26-01  
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY CORONER

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of South Dakota adopted SDCL § 7-7-1.4 which established that the board of county commissioners in a county may appoint, by resolution, a coroner who shall serve at the pleasure of the board; and

WHEREAS, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners previously appointed Dr. Kenneth S. Snell, a duly qualified medical pathologist, to perform the duties of the Minnehaha County Coroner and to serve in the capacity of Medical Examiner for a one-year term in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners wish to re-appoint Dr. Snell in 2026 to satisfy the intent of the statutes for Coroner; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners hereby appoint Dr. Kenneth S. Snell as Coroner for Minnehaha County for a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky

Commission Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen

Deputy Auditor

COMMISSIONER SALARY

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Elect a Salary and Approve Resolution MC26-02. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. Public Comment was received from Gary Meyer, Jean Childs, Penny BayBridge, and Jennifer Foss.

Resolution MC 26-02

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 ANNUAL SALARIES FOR MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, during the first regular meeting of 2026 the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners considered and approved the following action regarding Commission salaries pursuant to SDCL 7-7-5;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners that the following annual salaries for members of said Board are approved for 2026:

\$40,268.80 for Commissioners who do not serve as either Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson;

\$41,787.20 for the Chairperson;

\$41,288.00 for the Vice-Chairperson.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Dean Karksy

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor  
Kym Christiansen  
Deputy Auditor

## 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 December 23, 2025

Bills to be Paid \$2,861,450.47

1J HOMES LLC Sign Deposits \$50, 3200 RUSSELL LLC Motels \$1950, A TO Z WORLD LANGUAG Interpreters \$150, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Furniture & Office Equipment \$3575, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$182.76, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$734.46, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Office Supplies \$36.95, AARON GEORGE PROPERT Welfare Rent \$2098, ACCREDITATION AUDIT Subscriptions \$150, AEGIS LLC Welfare Rent \$700, AFFORDABLE HOUSING S Welfare Rent \$400, AIRGAS USA LLC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$423.69, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$863.37, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$539.68, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$1859.35, ALPINE REAL ESTATE Welfare Rent \$1000, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI Furniture & Office Equipment \$172.32, AMERICAN INK LLC Uniform Allowance \$193.15, ANDERSON, AUBREY Business Travel \$100.8, ANGEL, EDWARD P Attorney Fees \$1956, APLAND CAPITAL Welfare Rent \$1700, APPEARA Program Activities \$226.75, ARCHITECTURE INC Administration Bldg \$40000, AUTOMATIC BUILDING C Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$252.04, AVERA MCKENNAN Hospitals \$37621, AVERA MCKENNAN Other Medical Services \$3812.65, AVERA MCKENNAN Professional Services \$87.51, BALOUN LAW PC Child Defense Attorney \$1173.3, BANGS,MCCULLEN,BUTLE Attorney Fees \$3096, BECK, JEFFREY R Attorney Fees \$381, BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMEN Automotive/Small Equipment \$153.28, BOB BARKER COMPANY I Inmate Supplies \$2184, BRANDON HEIGHTS II L Welfare Rent \$400, BRICKSTONE LLC Welfare Rent \$875, BRUCE SWAN Jury Fees \$30.95, BUILDERS SUPPLY COMP Building Repairs & Maintenance \$5311.2, BUILDERS SUPPLY COMP HHS Maintenance \$261.83, BUILDERS SUPPLY COMP Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$10, C & R SUPPLY INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$9.6, CANFIELD BUSINESS IN Furniture & Office Equipment \$16684.7, CDW GOVERNMENT Data Processing Supplies \$1631.25, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$458.71, CENTURYLINK Data Communications \$2132.7, CENTURYLINK LONG DIS Telephone \$29.29, CHAGOLLA, ALBERT Interpreters \$390, CHAKS LLC Welfare Rent \$1000, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$279.45, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$113.38, CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP Pipe & Culvert Inventory \$2714.4, CONSTELLATION Natural Gas \$21955.77, CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL Contract Services \$357123.28, CRAFTMASTER HARDWARE Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$674, DAKOTA AUTO PARTS Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$542.04, DAKOTA FLUID POWER I Automotive/Small Equipment \$26.37, DAKOTA FLUID POWER I HwY Shop Repairs & Maintenance \$1195.01, DAKOTA RIDGE Welfare Rent \$500, DAKOTA TOOL & SHARPE Program Activities \$136.45, DATA SYSTEMS INC Maintenance Contracts \$4000, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$25254.5, DERHAGOPIAN LAW PROF Attorney Fees \$2208, DOCKENDORF EQUIPMENT Outside Repair \$295, DOUGLAS DYNAMICS INC Parts Inventory \$1070.2, DREXLER, RUSSELL Uniform Allowance \$498.84, DUST TEX SERVICE INC Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$43.59, DYNAMIC SERVICES LLC Professional Services \$3100, DYNAMIC SERVICES LLC Welfare Rent \$1000, EAST RIVER PSYCHOLOG Psych Evals \$2500, ED STIVERS FORD INC Automobiles \$144846, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$1668, FALL LINE FORENSICS Expert Witness Fees & Expenses \$6975, FALLS VIEW Welfare Rent \$509.03, FASTENAL COMPANY Sign Supply Inventory \$59.15, FASTENAL COMPANY Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$1149.91, FIRST DAKOTA NATIONA Lease Interest \$122.19, FIRST DAKOTA NATIONA Lease Principal \$3931.83, FLATS AT PRAIRIE Welfare Rent \$700, FRISBEES PLBG HVAC E Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$514.86, G & R CONTROLS INC Museum Renovations \$1302, GALLS PARENT HOLDING Uniform Allowance \$335.75, GEOTEK ENGINEERING & Architects & Engineers \$3088.75, GIBSON, DANIEL Welfare Rent \$625, GOLDEN WEST Telephone \$63.95, GOVEXEC HOLDINGS LLC Education & Training \$1000, GOVEXEC HOLDINGS LLC Professional Services \$5000, GRAHAM TIRE CO NORTH Automotive/Small Equipment \$552, GRAINGER Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$310.88, GRAINGER Sign Supply Inventory \$715.04, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$90, HALCYON PROPERTIES Welfare Rent \$500, HANSON TOWNHOUSE LLC Welfare Rent \$700, HATTERVIG, CLAIR Uniform Allowance \$15.01, HIGH POINT NETWORKS Software \$2451, HIGH POINT NETWORKS Subscriptions \$12.66, HILLVIEW APARTMENTS Welfare Rent \$1600, HOFFMAN, DUSTIN Welfare Rent \$900, HORIZON PLACE Welfare Rent \$538, HUB INTERNATIONAL

GR Hazard Insurance (Bldgs) \$6373, HYVEE ACCOUNTS RECEI Jury Fees \$130.44, HYVEE ACCOUNTS RECEI Pharmacies \$106.56, I STATE TRUCK INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$201.39, I STATE TRUCK INC Trucks/Tractors/Trailers \$102865, IMEG CORP Architects & Engineers \$847.89, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SO Furniture & Office Equipment \$3178.7, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SO HHS Custodial Supplies \$238.4, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SO Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$238.4, INSTITUTIONS SERVICE Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$1806.31, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$122.55, INTERSTATE POWER SYS Automotive/Small Equipment \$520, INTERSTATE POWER SYS Maintenance Contracts \$474.43, IRVING CENTER APARTM Welfare Rent \$788, IS RESTAURANT EQUIP Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$901.6, ISI LLC Interpreters \$220, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$1748.6, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$4014.59, JD PROPERTY SOLUTION Welfare Rent \$700, JEFFERSON PARTNERS L Transportation \$1514.19, JEO CONSULTING GROUP Architects & Engineers \$28743.75, JIM & RONS SERVICE I Professional Services \$95, JONAS, DARRELL Uniform Allowance \$200.21, KARPEL COMPUTER SYST Software \$50600, KNECHT, ANDREW J Child Defense Attorney \$5551.5, KRUSE LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$3500, KURITA AMERICA HOLDI Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$4651.05, KYLE NEU Business Travel \$168, LACEY RENTALS INC Lease-Rental Agreement \$140, LEXIPOL LLC Education & Training \$2400, LIGHTNING TOWING Professional Services \$305, LISA CARLSON REPORTI Court Reporters \$112.7, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$365, LUNDY, TYLER Uniform Allowance \$205, LUTHER, JEFF Medical Director \$2833.33, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SVCS Evening Report Center \$7538.04, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SVCS Shelter Care/Reception Center \$111183.58, MARION COMMUNITY MHP Welfare Rent \$635, MATTSON, MIKE Uniform Allowance \$124.34, MCGOVERN, MIKE Uniform Allowance \$15.12, MCJ INC Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$69.95, MCKINNEY, JAMES Program Activities \$400, MENARD INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$44.71, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas \$8868.36, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$145.39, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Subscriptions \$91.39, MIDWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$14349.19, MIDWEST ALARM COMPAN Maintenance Contracts \$1337.17, MIDWEST ALARM COMPAN Professional Services \$1337.17, MIDWEST OIL COMPANY Fuel Oil \$2616.84, MIDWESTERN MECHANICA Coliseum \$125, MIDWESTERN MECHANICA Contract Services \$1140, MIDWESTERN MECHANICA HHS Maintenance \$265, MIDWESTERN MECHANICA Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$790, MRG HAUFF LLC Uniform Allowance \$30, MURRAY APARTMENTS Welfare Rent \$540, MYERS, HEATHER Uniform Allowance \$321.48, NAPA AUTO PARTS Automotive/Small Equipment \$836.79, NAPA AUTO PARTS Parts Inventory \$1525.88, NAPA AUTO PARTS Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$-33.74, NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL Other Supplies \$86.23, NORTHEAST INVESTMENT Welfare Rent \$900, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Road Maint & Material \$542.98, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$39.89, OLSON OIL CO. Automotive/Small Equipment \$250, OLSON, DAWN Court Reporters \$1365.65, OLSON, ROBERT Taxable Meal Allowances \$36, OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE S Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$119.9, OSBORN, ROXANE R Court Reporters \$63.75, PALLUCK, ETHAN Taxable Meal Allowances \$36, PARADISE PROPERTIES Welfare Rent \$650, PARK VIEW APTS Welfare Rent \$369.99, PFEIFER IMPLEMENT CO Heavy Equip Repairs & Maint \$843.49, PFEIFLE, SAM Welfare Rent \$1800, PIONEER ENTERPRISES Burials \$7000, POINT GUARD Welfare Rent \$500, PRECISE MRM LLC Software \$360, PRECISION KIOSK TECH Testing Supplies \$4500, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Postage \$220.91, R&L SUPPLY LTD Plumbing & Welding \$2.2, RATERMAN, CODY D Attorney Fees \$1056, REFINED AUTO Sign Deposits \$50, REYNOLDS LAW LLC Attorney Fees \$5586.5, RISTY, MAXINE J Court Reporters \$94.35, RJ KOOL MIDWEST INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$2168.85, RUNNING SUPPLY INC JDC Maintenance \$458.22, SAFARI LTD Store Inventory \$433.78, SAFE HOME LTD PTNRSH Rent Subsidies \$10639, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Memberships \$49.81, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Miscellaneous Expense \$114.8, SANFORD Other Medical Services \$3110.8, SANFORD CLINIC Contract Services \$31004.51, SANFORD CLINIC Professional Services \$80.94, SCHAUNAMAN, KURT Uniform Allowance \$128.63, SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$3716.67, SD ASSOC OF COUNTY C Memberships \$48034, SD ASSOC OF COUNTY O Memberships \$14402.38, SD HUMAN SERVICES CE Psych Evals \$1200, SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE Comprehensive Gen Liability \$235832.31, SD SHERIFFS ASSOC Memberships \$6416.42, SD SYMPHONY ORCHESTR Program Activities \$400, SDML WORKERS COMPENS Workers Compensation \$528289, SECOG Miscellaneous Expense \$28002, SHERWIN WILLIAMS Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$128.79, SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRI Architects & Engineers \$26521.94, SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR AS Miscellaneous Expense \$12500, SIOUX FALLS CITY Electricity \$8894.59, SIOUX FALLS CITY Miscellaneous Expense \$351357.69, SIOUX FALLS CITY Professional Services \$86600.8, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer \$938.05, SIOUX FALLS FORD INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$68.25, SIOUX RIVER MENTAL H Psych Evals \$4000, SPROLES, KEN Welfare Rent \$280, SSC Welfare Rent \$1400, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram \$7400, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath \$1705, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Architects & Engineers \$5862.39, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Construction Safety \$303, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Extension Background Checks \$30, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Federal Grants \$3015.8, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Other Supplies \$20.93, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Safety & Rescue Equipment \$208, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Sign Supply Inventory \$4714.53, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Uniform Allowance \$157.75, STATE STEEL OF SD Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$220, STRANGE FARRELL JOHN Attorney Fees \$349.88, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance

\$283.99, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Board Of Prisoners-Meals \$141551.86, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$1633.97, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Donations \$458.88, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Inmate Supplies \$212.96, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$3533.48, SUNSET LAW ENFORCEME Ammunition \$3981.25, TAB LIBERTY Welfare Rent \$695, TEEL, CLYDE Program Activities \$300, THINK 3D SOLUTIONS MacArthur SJC Grant \$26250, TIM GUSTAFSON Business Travel \$168, TOWER OF DAVID Welfare Rent \$398, TRAFFIC AND PARKING Sign Supply Inventory \$1197.48, TRANE Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$1311.86, TRANSOURCE TRUCK & E Parts Inventory \$1449.4, TRANSOURCE TRUCK & E Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$37.66, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$3311.5, TRIANGLE PROPERTIES Welfare Rent \$700, TURNWELL MENTAL HEAL Attorney Fees \$2407, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS IN Communication Equipment \$755.9, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Rent \$1709.04, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Utilities \$638, US FOODS INC Other Supplies \$71.11, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$2217.22, VANDERRIGHT LLC Welfare Rent \$700, VB FALLS TERRACE Welfare Rent \$968, VERTIV Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$14213.97, WALL LAKE SANITARY D Water - Sewer \$90, WALTER, MAX Attorney Fees \$2414, WALTON, MARCUS Child Defense Attorney \$1725, WEERHEIM LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$6204, WEERHEIM LAW OFFICE Crisis Intervention Program \$72, WELLS, KIMBERLY Attorney Fees \$429, WILLOWS EDGE Welfare Rent \$700, WOODS FULLER SHULTZ Child Defense Attorney \$72, WYNN REALTY LLC Welfare Rent \$700, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$55483, XCEL ENERGY Road Maint & Material \$31.95, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Utilities \$1028.81.

#### December 2025 Commission Salaries

COMMISSION	Salaries	\$40,022.27
AUDITOR	Salaries	\$68,479.07
TREASURER	Salaries	\$116,813.84
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Salaries	\$106,577.27
STATES ATTORNEY	Salaries	\$558,080.66
PUBLIC DEFENDER	Salaries	\$364,718.71
PUBLIC ADVOCATE	Salaries	\$103,578.08
FACILITIES	Salaries	\$72,280.44
EQUALIZATION	Salaries	\$134,599.05
REGISTER OF DEEDS	Salaries	\$51,290.65
HUMAN RESOURCES	Salaries	\$44,016.37
SHERIFF	Salaries	\$1,696,335.58
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	Salaries	\$276,236.68
HIGHWAY	Salaries	\$187,134.96
HUMAN SERVICES	Salaries	\$183,180.11
MUSEUM	Salaries	\$100,964.65
PLANNING	Salaries	\$51,820.00
EXTENSION	Salaries	\$4,201.00

The following report was received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office:  
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks 2025 Annual Wildlife Damage Program Report

#### Routine Personnel Actions

##### New Hires

1. Melvin Carter, Juvenile Correctional Officer for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$27.57/hour (306/1) effective 1/5/26.
2. Elijah Fenner, variable hour Juvenile Correctional Worker for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$25.00/hour effective 1/5/26.
3. Katrin Hafner, variable hour Juvenile Correctional Worker for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$25.00/hour effective 1/5/26.

4. Madisyn Walls, Juvenile Correctional Officer for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$27.57/hour (306/1) effective 1/8/26.
5. Scarlett McGuinness, variable hour Museum Aide for the Museum, at \$16.25/hour effective 1/9/26.

#### Promotions

1. Victoria Reker, Senior Deputy Public Advocate to Supervising Attorney for the Public Advocate's Office, at \$5,772.00/biweekly (316/7) effective 1/3/26.

#### Step Increases

1. Lindy DeGroot, Correctional Systems Operator for the Jail, at \$27.31/hour (304/5) effective 12/14/25.
2. Benjamin Burns, Paralegal for the Public Defender's Office, at \$35.26/hour (307/6) effective 12/11/25.
3. Sarah Kerkvliet, Paralegal Supervisor for the Public Defender's Office, at \$45.36/hour (308/12) effective 12/26/25.

To record significant employee anniversaries for January, 2026: 5 years-Daniel Haggar, Kristin Swanson, Allen Wolf; 10 years-Darin Gonsor; 25 years-Jill VanVeldhuizen; 30 years-Kevin Gansz.

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

#### Notices and Requests

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Notice of General Air Quality Operating Permit for Concrete Plants Operating in South Dakota

#### Items within Policy Guidelines

#### RESOLUTION MC26-03

WHEREAS, a County Lien exists in favor of Minnehaha County and against DPNO 81583 in the amount of \$2,618.30; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Minnehaha County Auditor has determined that one lien entry identified as R-File 102038 in the amount of \$2,327.30 is incorrect; and

WHEREAS, based upon information and belief, the Minnehaha County Auditor believes the lien entry identified as R-File 102038 in the amount of \$2,327.30 should be released from the lienee pursuant to SDCL § 23A-40-16;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after due consideration of the above circumstances and the need to release lien entry identified as R-File 102038, the Board of County Commissioners finds it advisable and proper to authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute and the County Auditor to attest the following:

Pursuant to SDCL § 23A-40-16, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners directs that correction be made to the lien in DPNO 81583 by releasing the lien entry identified as R-File 102038 in the amount of \$2,327.30, resulting in a revised total County Lien in favor of Minnehaha County and against DPNO 81583 in the amount of \$291.00.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Dean Karsky

Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, County Auditor

Kym Christiansen

Deputy Auditor

RESOLUTION MC26-04

WHEREAS, a County Lien exists in favor of Minnehaha County and against DPNO 115221 in the amount of \$819.60, DPNO 100809 in the amount of \$302.30, DPNO 114905 in the amount of 151.50, and DPNO 106685 in the amount of \$1,282.90; and

WHEREAS, based upon information and belief, the Minnehaha County Auditor believes the liens were incorrectly entered against the lienees and concludes that the liens listed above should be released from the lienees pursuant to SDCL § 23A-40-16;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after due consideration of the above circumstances and the need to release the liens identified as DPNO 115221, DPNO 100809, DPNO 114905, and DPNO 106685, the Board of County Commissioners finds it advisable and proper to authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute and the County Auditor to attest the following:

Pursuant to SDCL § 23A-40-16, the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners directs that correction be made to the liens in DPNO 115221 in the amount of \$819.60, DPNO 100809 in the amount of \$302.30, DPNO 114905 in the amount of 151.50, and DPNO 106685 in the amount of \$1,282.90, by releasing the lien entries resulting in a revised total County Lien in favor of Minnehaha County of \$0.00 for each of the respective liens listed above.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Dean Karsky

Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, County Auditor

Kym Christiansen

Deputy Auditor

REQUEST FOR STATE AID FOR SALARY OF COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Upon the request of Brett Johnson, Community Services Engagement Manager, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Authorize the Chair to Sign a Request for State Aid for Salary of County Veterans Service Officer Application. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

ELECTION RESOLUTIONS

Upon the request of Leah Anderson, Auditor, MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Beninga, to Approve Resolution MC26-05 To Establish Rates of Pay for Election Workers and Rental Rate for Polling Locations for the 2026 Election Cycle. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC26-05

TO ESTABLISH RATES OF PAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS AND RENTAL RATE FOR POLLING LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to appoint election officials in 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL §12-15-11, the fee paid to election officials shall be established annually by the Board of County Commissioners at its first meeting in January; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners that for the year 2026, election officials shall be paid as follows:

Precinct Superintendent	\$250.00 per day
Precinct Deputy	\$200.00 per day
Absentee Precinct Superintendent	\$18.50 per hour
Absentee Board, Absentee Assistants, Resolution Board and Counting Center Assistants	\$17.00 per hour
Precinct setup (Paid to Supt. & Deputy)	\$15.00 per session
Precinct tear down (Paid to Supt. & Deputy)	\$15.00 per session
Election School attendance paid to all attendees.	\$25.00 flat rate
Ballot Box Pickup	\$15.00 flat rate
Personal Cell phone use at precinct	\$10.00 flat rate
Mileage reimbursement for delivering pollbooks and ballot boxes (At applicable rate pursuant to SDCL § 12-15-11 and § 3-9-1)	
Post-Election Audit Board (Training & Conducting Audit) (ARSD 05:02:23:15)	\$18.00 per hour
Rate of rent for polling locations.	\$200 flat rate

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky

Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen

Deputy Auditor

Upon the request of Leah Anderson, Auditor, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenber, to Approve Resolution MC25-06 Establishing Record of 2026 Minnehaha County Designated Polling Places. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC26-06

ESTABLISH RECORD OF 2026 MINNEHAHA COUNTY DESIGNATED POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL § 12-12-1 and § 12-14-1 the County Auditor shall give notice of all designated polling places prior to any election he or she is charged with conducting, and

WHEREAS, the Minnehaha County Auditor's Office intends to make a record of all designated polling places in the County for 2026 elections, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Minnehaha County Commission that the following locations will serve as polling places in 2026:

Precinct	Polling Place	Address
01-04	Active Generations – Main Campus	2300 W 46 <sup>th</sup> St

01-05	Active Generations – Main Campus	2300 W 46 <sup>th</sup> St
01-06	Sunnycrest United Methodist Church	4801 W 41 <sup>st</sup> St
01-09	Peace Lutheran Church	5509 W 41 <sup>st</sup> St
01-10	LifeChange Church	6300 W 41 <sup>st</sup> St
01-17	LifeChange Church	6300 W 41 <sup>st</sup> St
01-19	De Dios Es El Poder Church	1605 W 51 <sup>st</sup> St
02-01	De Dios Es El Poder Church	1605 W 51 <sup>st</sup> St
02-02	Southern Hills United Methodist Church	3400 E 49 <sup>th</sup> St
02-03	Harvey Dunn Elementary School	2400 S Bahnson Ave
02-06	Westminster Presbyterian Church	3801 E 26 <sup>th</sup> St
02-08	Embrace Church	2800 E 57 <sup>th</sup> St
02-09	Embrace Church	2800 E 57 <sup>th</sup> St
02-14	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	5500 E 57 <sup>th</sup> St
02-17	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	5500 E 57 <sup>th</sup> St
02-18	Eastside Baptist Church	6101 E 49 <sup>th</sup> St
03-01	Asbury United Methodist Church	2425 S Western Ave
03-05	SD Military Heritage Alliance Inc	1600 W Russell St
03-09	Saint Michael's Catholic Church	1600 S Marion Rd
03-10	Good News Church	1800 S Valley View Rd
03-11	Church at the Gate	6820 W 26 <sup>th</sup> St
03-12	Career & Technical Education Academy	4700 W Career Cir
03-13	Oscar Howe Elementary School	2801 S Valley View Rd
03-14	George McGovern Middle School	6221 W Maple St
03-15	Connection Church	2201 S Marion Rd
03-16	Memorial Middle School	1401 S Sertoma Ave
03-17	Memorial Middle School	1401 S Sertoma Ave
03-18	George McGovern Middle School	6221 W Maple St
03-19	Prairie West Library	7630 W 26 <sup>th</sup> St
03-20	McCrossan Visitor Center	47135 260 <sup>th</sup> St
04-02	Emmanuel Baptist Church	1600 E 12 <sup>th</sup> St
04-03	East Side Lutheran Church (Barn)	1300 E 10 <sup>th</sup> St
04-04	Wesley United Methodist Church	1700 E 6 <sup>th</sup> St
04-05	The Word of Life Pentecostal Church	3513 N 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave
04-06	Faith Lutheran Church	601 N Cliff Ave
04-07	Anne Sullivan Elementary School	3701 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
04-08	Saint Lambert's Catholic Church	1000 S Bahnson Ave
04-09	Grace Lutheran Church	3300 E 18 <sup>th</sup> St
04-10	Active Generations – East Campus	5500 E Active Generations Pl
04-11	Wild Flower Presbyterian Church	4800 E 6 <sup>th</sup> St
04-12	Hilltop United Methodist Church	1312 S Bahnson Ave
04-13	Grace Lutheran Church	3300 E 18 <sup>th</sup> St
04-15	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	2600 S Sycamore Ave
04-16	The Word of Life Pentecostal Church	3513 N 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave
04-17	Ben Reifel Middle School	6700 E 41 <sup>st</sup> St
04-18	Ben Reifel Middle School	6700 E 41 <sup>st</sup> St
04-19	Anne Sullivan Elementary School	3701 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
05-01	First Lutheran Church	327 S Dakota Ave
05-02	First Lutheran Church	327 S Dakota Ave
05-03	Zion Lutheran Church	1400 S Duluth Ave
05-04	DakotAbilities	1116 S 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave
05-06	Hope Lutheran Church	1700 S Cliff Ave
05-07	All Souls Church	2222 S Cliff Ave

05-08	Instructional Planning Center	201 E 38 <sup>th</sup> St
05-09	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	909 W 33 <sup>rd</sup> St
05-12	Instructional Planning Center	201 E 38 <sup>th</sup> St
05-15	Sioux Falls Downtown Library	200 N Dakota Ave
05-16	Sioux Falls Downtown Library	200 N Dakota Ave
05-18	Faith Family Church	127 N Spring Ave
05-19	Saint Mark's Lutheran Church	2001 S Elmwood Ave
05-20	Garfield Elementary School	2421 W 15 <sup>th</sup> St
05-21	18 <sup>th</sup> Street Church	2400 W 18 <sup>th</sup> St
05-22	SD Military Heritage Alliance Inc	1600 W Russell St
05-23	Sioux Falls Downtown Library	200 N Dakota Ave
VP-1	Valley Springs American Legion Club	615 Broadway Ave (Valley Springs)
VP-2	Split Rock Fire Station	7201 E Arrowhead Pkwy
VP-3	Brandon Golf Course	2100 E Aspen Blvd (Brandon)
VP-4	Mapleton Township Hall	47419 258 <sup>th</sup> St (Renner)
VP-5	Brandon City Hall	308 S Main Ave (Brandon)
VP-6	Risen Hope Baptist Church	8545 W 26 <sup>th</sup> St
VP-7	Hartford Senior Center	119 N Main Ave (Hartford)
VP-8	Humboldt Community Center	201 S Main St (Humboldt)
VP-9	Baltic Elementary (Old) Gymnasium	500 3 <sup>rd</sup> St (Baltic)
VP-10	American Legion (Garretson)	504 N Main Ave (Garretson)
VP-11	Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids	701 N Orleans Ave (Dell Rapids)
VP-13	Taopi Community Hall	102 E 3 <sup>rd</sup> St (Colton)
VP-15	Brandon Fire Station	401 N Sioux Blvd (Brandon)
VP-16	Crooks Community Center	701 S West Ave (Crooks)
VP-17	Wall Lake Township Hall	26452 463 <sup>rd</sup> Ave (Hartford)
VP-21	Riverside Event Center (Dell Rapids City Hall)	317 E 4 <sup>th</sup> Street (Dell Rapids)

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky

Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen

Deputy Auditor

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Heisey, to Reschedule the 2026 Commission Meetings as follows: June 2nd to June 9th; June 23rd to June 30th; September 15th to September 8th; and November 3rd to November 10th. 4 ayes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Meyer, Hartford, SD, spoke about the increases in the Commissioner's salary.

NON-ACTION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Heisey brought up the potential consideration of rescheduling the last meeting in December.

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MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 9:55 a.m. 4 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 10:16 a.m.

MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Beninga, to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. 4 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky  
Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen  
Commission Recorder