

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 AM on March 24, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on March 17, 2026. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Beninga, Bleyenbergh, Heisey, Karsky, and Kippley. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Katie Dunn, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

Chair Karsky called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Kippley, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Beninga, to Approve the Consent Agenda. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The consent agenda includes the following items:

Commission Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2026

Bills to be Paid \$1,671,145.70

3200 RUSSELL LLC Motels \$780, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$614.69, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Office Supplies \$11.47, AARON GEORGE PROPERT Welfare Rent \$700, ACCREDITATION AUDIT Subscriptions \$150, ADVANCED TECH INC Telephone \$796.4, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$3573.65, ANDERSON, JENNIFER Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$1319.98, ARCHITECTURE INC Architect, Engineers, and PMgt \$33141, ASH LAW OFFICE PLLC Attorney Fees \$2311.83, AUTOMATIC SECURITY C Building Repairs & Maintenance \$320, AVERA MCKENNAN Other Medical Services \$3310.76, BARNETT LEWIS FUNERA Burials \$2000, BENDER SEWER Coliseum \$347.5, BILLION EMPIRE MOTOR Gas Oil & Diesel \$74.09, BUSCH Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$902.8, C & R SUPPLY INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$23.92, CADD ENGINEERING SUP Program Activities \$145, CENTER FOR FAMILY ME Professional Services \$1660.52, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Lease Principal \$830.34, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$649.48, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Office Supplies \$181.28, CENTURYLINK Telephone \$13.52, CERTIFIED LANGUAGES Interpreters \$237.8, CHAGOLLA, ALBERT Interpreters \$210, CHARMTEX INC Child Care Items \$109.6, CHARMTEX INC Child Care Uniforms \$124.6, CHARMTEX INC Safety & Rescue Equipment \$269.9, CHASING WILLOWS LTD Welfare Rent \$350, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$174.4, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$43.8, CITY CENTER Welfare Rent \$300, CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL Contract Services \$385857.09, COUNTRY VIEW LLC Welfare Rent \$700, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$4200, DAKOTA RIDGE Miscellaneous Expense \$500, DERHAGOPOLIAN LAW PROF Attorney Fees \$1458, DONELAN, TRAVIS Business Travel \$62.3, DOVER, SENA S Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$229.34, DYNAMIC SERVICES LLC Professional Services \$3100, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$976, ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$278.64, FASTSIGNS Construction Costs \$429.4, FIRST DAKOTA NATIONA Lease Interest \$85.92, FIRST DAKOTA NATIONA Lease Principal \$3968.1, FRED THE FIXER INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$241.68, G & R CONTROLS INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$1081.23, GALLS PARENT HOLDING Uniform Allowance \$613.79, GEOTEK ENGINEERING & Architect, Engineers, and PMgt \$8276.5, GIRTON ADAMS Road Maint & Material \$138, GLORY HOUSE APARTMEN Welfare Rent \$674, GOOSMAN LAW FIRM PL Child Defense Attorney \$817.4, GRAINGER Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$98.84, GRAINGER Plumbing & Welding \$40.02, GRANT SQUARE Welfare Rent \$2000, GREATER SIOUX FALLS Memberships \$500, GRIESE LAW FIRM Attorney Fees \$2117, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$360, HANSON, MICHAEL W Attorney Fees \$3654, HEIDEPRIEM PURTELL Child Defense Attorney \$21536.95, HELPLINE CENTER INC Memberships \$4440, HENRY CARLSON CONSTR Construction Costs \$518133, HIGH POINT NETWORKS Maintenance Contracts \$5201, HISTORICAL FOLK TOYS Store Inventory \$1020.15, HOLIDAY INN CITY CEN Professional Services \$368, HORIZON PLACE Welfare Rent \$687, I STATE TRUCK INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$250.31, INTERSTATE ALL BATTE Data Processing Supplies \$138, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$408.5, IRONWOOD 6 FLATS LLC Welfare Rent \$700, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$1748.6, JD PROPERTY SOLUTION Welfare Rent \$500, JEFFERSON PARTNERS L Transportation \$868.56, JUSTFOIA INC Professional Services \$1560.86, JUSTFOIA INC Software \$6243.42, KAUFFMAN, DAVID W PH Psych Evals \$2700, KENNEDY, RENEE S Court Reporters \$274.2, KNECHT, ANDREW J Attorney Fees \$3797.2, KRUSE LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$3500, LAUGHLIN LAW LLC Child Defense Attorney \$571.6, LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVI Bd Evaluations (Yankton) \$450, LISA CARLSON REPORTI Court Reporters \$166.6, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$315, LUTHER, JEFF Medical Director \$2833.33, MARY JO WEGNER ARBOR Store Inventory \$120, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$146.17, MIDLAND INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$248.73, MIDWEST ALARM COMPAN

Maintenance Contracts \$926.87, NAPA AUTO PARTS Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$20.98, NORTH CAROLINA DEPT Contract Services \$1943.8, NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIP Motor/Machine/Equipment Repair \$1898, NOVAK Trash Removal \$262.71, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Grounds & Parking Repair \$108.98, OFFICE DEPOT INC Data Processing Supplies \$412.59, OLIVIER MILES HOLTZ Attorney Fees \$208.1, OWENS, THOMAS DARREL Professional Services \$17231.86, PAYTON, ARISTARCHUS Business Travel \$189, PETERSON, MARK Welfare Rent \$475, PFEIFER IMPLEMENT CO Lease-Rental Agreement \$180, PRAIRIE WIND HUMBOLD Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$332.75, PRICE, THOMAS L Psych Evals \$9600, PRIDE NEON, INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$87.5, PRIDE NEON, INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$87.5, PURPLE COMMUNICATION Interpreters \$213.5, QE LLC Welfare Rent \$520.97, QUALSETH, RYAN Investigators Expenses \$112, R&L SUPPLY LTD Plumbing & Welding \$797.36, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Coliseum \$145, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Contract Services \$402.41, RISK ANALYSIS & MANA Insurance Admin Fee \$3048.5, RISTY, MAXINE J Court Reporters \$960.4, SALBERG, AARON DEAN Attorney Fees \$6602, SAMP, ROLLYN H Attorney Fees \$1587, SANFORD Other Medical Services \$10358.07, SANFORD CLINIC Contract Services \$31004.51, SANFORD CLINIC Lab Costs \$787, SEID Welfare Rent \$900, SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR AS Miscellaneous Expense \$12500, SIOUX FALLS CITY Electricity \$10423.9, SIOUX FALLS CITY Miscellaneous Expense \$347171.74, SIOUX FALLS CITY Professional Services \$375.16, SIOUX FALLS CITY Reconciliation \$47846.53, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer \$17161.32, SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY Electricity \$519.67, SISSON PRINTING INC Printing/Forms \$219.2, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Data Communications \$200, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Education & Training \$375, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Lab Costs \$400, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Misc Revenue \$15.02, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Store Sales \$99.69, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Telephone \$660, STRANGE FARRELL JOHN Attorney Fees \$532.18, STRANGE FARRELL JOHN Child Defense Attorney \$2294.3, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance \$658.99, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Board Of Prisoners-Meals \$36666.91, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$864.34, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Inmate Supplies \$445.59, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$2006.58, TAFOLLA, MIRANDA RAE Court Reporters \$1497.85, TD SYNEX CORPORATIO Software \$2691.52, TEGRA GROUP INC Architect, Engineers, and PMgt \$12500, TOMACELLI'S TOO Jury Fees \$316.47, TRANSLATORS OF CULTU Business Travel \$90, TRECIA JACOBSON Misc Revenue \$150, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$2237.5, TRISTATE GARAGE DOOR Outside Repair \$226.58, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS I Welfare Rent \$2369.32, UNIVERSITY PARK LEGA Professional Services \$306.25, VERIZON WIRELESS Administrative Charges \$23.49, VERIZON WIRELESS Data Processing Equipment \$701.23, VERIZON WIRELESS HIDTA Grant \$77.46, VERIZON WIRELESS Tea-Ellis Range \$40.01, VERIZON WIRELESS Telephone \$5400.5, VITAL RECORDS Records Storage \$4585.75, WASTE MANAGEMENT OF Trash Removal \$4181.04, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$2484.62, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Utilities \$1212.87, YANKTON COUNTY Return Of Service \$150.

March 2026 Commission Salaries

COMMISSION	Salaries	\$43,228.03
AUDITOR	Salaries	\$73,681.81
TREASURER	Salaries	\$127,274.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Salaries	\$109,210.16
STATES ATTORNEY	Salaries	\$580,631.53
PUBLIC DEFENDER	Salaries	\$369,422.58
PUBLIC ADVOCATE	Salaries	\$108,935.53
FACILITIES	Salaries	\$68,724.38
EQUALIZATION	Salaries	\$137,534.80
REGISTER OF DEEDS	Salaries	\$53,563.03
HUMAN RESOURCES	Salaries	\$45,161.62
SHERIFF	Salaries	\$1,633,656.83
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	Salaries	\$266,186.70
HIGHWAY	Salaries	\$182,183.52
HUMAN SERVICES	Salaries	\$189,352.56
MUSEUM	Salaries	\$103,415.92
PLANNING	Salaries	\$51,292.83
EXTENSION	Salaries	\$4,288.00

The following reports were received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office:

Monthly Financial Report - February 2026

Siouxland Heritage Museums Enterprise Fund Annual Report for 2025

Routine Personnel Actions

New Hires

1. Tammy Tran, variable hour Election Worker for the Auditor's Office, at \$16.75/hour effective 3/24/26.
2. Juan Chavez, Caseworker for Human Services, at \$33.77/hour (308/2) effective 3/23/26.
3. Kristina Nordby, variable hour Election Worker for the Auditor's Office, at \$17.75/hour effective 3/30/26.

Promotions

1. Kandi Miller from a Records Technician (304/2) to a Senior Records Technician (305/1) for the Register of Deeds at \$25.53/hour effective 3/23/26.

Step Increases

1. Jeanette Spaans, Caseworker for Human Services, at \$42.12/hour (308/9) effective 3/11/26.
2. Michael McGovern, Lieutenant for the Jail, at \$4,830.40/biweekly (313/8) effective 2/27/26.
3. Eric Schmidt, Corporal for the Jail, at \$40.09/hour (308/7) effective 3/11/26.
4. Dawn Dubbelde, Building & Zoning Technician for Planning, \$33.44/hour (305/9) effective 3/26/26.
5. Patrick Kaiser, Sergeant for the Sheriff's Office, at \$48.07/hour (311/5) effective 3/16/26.
6. Jared Terrones, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$44.25/hour (308/11) effective 2/28/26.

Other Salary Changes

1. To correct the hourly rate of pay for Terry and Cleo Sorensen, variable hour Election Workers for the Auditor's Office, as \$17.75/hour effective 4/6/26.

Special Personnel Actions

1. To reclassify the Juvenile Placement Coordinator position from a pay grade 309 to 310 with a new title of Juvenile Services Manager.
2. To add a new Accountant position in the Treasurer's Office.

Abatement Applications Recommended for Approval by the Director of Equalization

Parcel-48185, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$979.81
Parcel-89311, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,408.55
Parcel-35037, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,306.86
Parcel-37697, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$770.16
Parcel-68384, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$0
Parcel-68949, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$856.11
Parcel-15155, City of Sioux Falls, 2025 Property Taxes, \$476.22
Parcel-35438, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,214.80
Parcel-45839, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,283.50
Parcel-67139, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$0

Parcel-64891, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,210.68
Parcel-63565, Arthur Eulberg, 2023 Property Taxes, \$4,818.41
Parcel-63565, Arthur Eulberg, 2024 Property Taxes, \$4,398.10
Parcel-63565, Arthur Eulberg, 2025 Property Taxes, \$4,283.70
Parcel-69415, City of Sioux Falls, 2025 Property Taxes, \$352.33
Parcel-38754, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,820.81
Parcel-36880, Assessment Freeze, 2025 Property Taxes, \$2,895.44
Parcel-62511, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$656.04
Parcel-94175, City of Sioux Falls, 2025 Property Taxes, \$49.82

CAMPUS MASTER PLANNING UPDATE

Andrew Eitreim, Architecture Incorporated, and Paul Vlnat, HDR, presented a campus master planning update. Discussion on Master Plan Scope, Master Plan Process Overview, and Identified Issues including Existing Buildings-Utilization/Condition/Limitation, Department Space Needs, Storage, and Parking. Further discussion was held on facility condition assessment, departmental questionnaires/interviews, department profiles, and common public surveys themes as the next steps including solutions and costs.

BIG GRANT AGREEMENTS

Upon the request of Jacob Maras, Highway Superintendent, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Authorize the Chair to Sign the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Agreement between Minnehaha County and SD Department of Transportation for the Replacement of Structure 50-273-090. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Upon the request of Jacob Maras, Highway Superintendent, MOTION by Bleyenbergs, seconded by Heisey, to Authorize the Chair to Sign the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Agreement between Minnehaha County and SD Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Structure 50-266-175. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

LIEN COMPROMISE

Sandy Kinder, Commission Assistant, gave a briefing on the application for compromise of lien DPNO-46902 in the amount of \$18,500, which represents hospital services. The petitioner has offered to pay \$10,000 towards the lien. The petitioner was present to answer questions from the Commission. MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Bleyenbergs, to Compromise and Release Lien DPNO-46902 with Payment of \$10,000.00 and Approve Resolution MC26-14. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC26-14

WHEREAS, a County Aid Lien in the amount of \$18,500 purports to exist in favor of Minnehaha County and against DPNO-46902 as Lienee, and

WHEREAS, said lienee has filed an application with the County Auditor stating such facts as provided for by Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after due consideration of the circumstances the Board of County Commissioners finds it advisable and proper to authorize the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor to execute the following:

Compromise and release the lien with payment of \$10,000.00.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 24th day of March 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky

Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen

Deputy Auditor

PRESENTATIONS

Kris Swanson, Minnehaha County Treasurer, presented the annual presentation for the Treasurer's Office. Discussion followed on the Out of State Resident Fees amount, Title Count, number of Registrations, Mail in Title Fee amount, Parcels, number of Elderly Disabled Tax Freeze approvals, Elderly Disabled City Rebates given, NSF balance, phone log, and information regarding the kiosks and 605 Drive.

Leah Anderson, Auditor, presented the annual presentation for the Auditor's Office. Discussion followed on the responsibilities of the office including accounting management (accounts payable, liens, payroll, and capital assets), document management, property tax administration, budget and finance management, election management, legislation related to elections, and the status of the 2025 department goals.

Alicia Luther, Register Of Deeds, presented the annual presentation for the Register of Deeds Office. Discussion followed on the Register of Deeds office and team, department overview, number of vital records, number of real estate recordings, number of liens, 2025 productivity recap, annual revenues including highlights, fee ratios, M & P Fund, and both 2025 and 2026 initiatives.

HOLIDAY PAY BENEFIT

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Declare Four Hours of Holiday Pay for Benefits Eligible Employees on April 3, 2026. By roll call vote: 4 ayes 1 nay-Heisey. Public comment was received from Gary Meyer.

Commissioner Beninga left the meeting at 11:06 a.m. and returned at 11:24 a.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Meyer, Hartford, SD, spoke about election concerns, especially regarding equipment.

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

Penny BayBridge, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about technology concerns about items displayed at public comment.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Kippley reported on recent Planning and Zoning meeting.

MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Kippley, to Enter into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 11:24 a.m. 4 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 11:49 a.m.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Adjourn at 11:50 a.m. 5 ayes.

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The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky
Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen
Commission Recorder