

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on April 28, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on April 28, 2026. 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Routine Business

Consider a Motion to Approve the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Minutes of April 21, 2026

Bills to be Paid \$869,263.05

3200 RUSSELL LLC Motels \$120, A BAR K INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$177.1, A BAR K INC Parts Inventory \$160.08, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$271.75, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$708.18, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Office Supplies \$17.8, ACCREDITATION AUDIT Subscriptions \$150, ACCURATE CONTROL INC Safety & Rescue Equipment \$1141.5, ADVANCED TECH INC Data Processing Equipment \$18479.92, AIRGAS USA LLC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$5.79, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$1571.33, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$139.14, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$3200.25, ALLEGIANT AIRLINES Witness Fees/Expenses \$391, ANDERSON, JENNIFER Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$2020, ASH LAW OFFICE PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$2004.55, AUTOMATIC BUILDING C HHS Maintenance \$927.55, AVI SYSTEMS INC Furniture & Office Equipment \$56937.06, BALOUN LAW PC Child Defense Attorney \$1429.84, BANNER ASSOCIATES IN Architects & Engineers \$24329.02, BILLION EMPIRE MOTOR Automotive/Small Equipment \$1707.5, BOEVER BROTHERS LLC Abatement Interest \$18.62, BOYD, MICHELLE Business Travel \$80, BRENNAN Welfare Rent \$934, BRYAN, CHRIS Uniform Allowance \$169.85, C & B OPERATIONS LLC Grounds & Parking Repair \$83.57, CABLK, MARY E Professional Services \$1266.67, CANFIELD

BUSINESS IN Furniture & Office Equipment \$5071.2, CDW GOVERNMENT Subscriptions \$1166.7, CEGELSKE, ZAC Business Travel \$80, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Lease Principal \$847.72, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$646.35, CERTIFIED LANGUAGES Interpreters \$187.05, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$174.2, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$43.16, CIVIL DESIGN INC Architects & Engineers \$13005, COMPUTER FORENSIC RE Professional Services \$4190, COUNTRY MEADOWS SF L Welfare Rent \$500, CRAFTCO INC Parts Inventory \$2175, DAKOTA AUTO PARTS Motor/Machine/Equipment Repair \$145.89, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$6100, DAKOTA LAW FIRM PROF Child Defense Attorney \$2274.4, DEAN SCHAEFER COURT Court Reporters \$450, DEN HERDER LAW Attorney Fees \$391.93, DIESEL MACHINERY INC Heavy Equip Repairs & Maint \$92.72, DUST TEX SERVICE INC Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$44.3, DYNAMIC SERVICES LLC Professional Services \$3100, EH HOSPITALITY LLC HS Donations \$500, EH HOSPITALITY LLC Welfare Rent \$1500, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$866.2, ELECTION SYSTEMS & S Office Supplies \$980, ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTIO Building Repairs & Maintenance \$145.41, ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTIO Electrical Repairs & Maint \$109.18, ETC FOR HER MAGAZINE Advertising \$2650, EUROGRAPHICS INC Store Inventory \$590.05, FASTENAL COMPANY Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$15.31, FIGUEROA, MARTA OLIV Interpreters \$150, FLEETPRIDE INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$3381.78, FRED THE FIXER INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$119.58, GALLS PARENT HOLDING Uniform Allowance \$505.36, GIRARD, JENNA Business Travel \$158, GLOBAL TEL LINK (GT Telephone \$2.75, GOEBEL PRINTING INC Office Supplies \$401.86, GOOSMAN LAW FIRM PL Child Defense Attorney \$618.54, GP PSYCHIATRY CONSUL Professional Services \$9000, GP PSYCHIATRY CONSUL Psych Evals \$6200, GRAHAM TIRE CO NORTH Automotive/Small Equipment \$232.66, GRAINGER Grounds & Parking Repair \$168.49, GRAINGER Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$115.22, GRAINGER Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$10.77, GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COM Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$2713.73, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$360, HANSON, MICHAEL W Attorney Fees \$6945, HBD INC Inmate Supplies \$1618.41, HCC LIFE INSURANCE Insurance Costs-Stop/Loss \$16310.06, HEIDEPRIEM PURTELL Attorney Fees \$5271.87, HIGH POINT NETWORKS Maintenance Contracts \$15360, HIGH POINT NETWORKS Software \$9884, INTERSTATE ALL BATTE Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$118.06, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$627.51, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$936, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$1736.11, JEFFERSON PARTNERS L Transportation \$258.77, JEO CONSULTING GROUP Architects & Engineers \$2531.25, JOHNSON CONTROLS Building Repairs & Maintenance \$1600.95, JOHNSON, KATIE Child Defense Attorney \$2092.8, KNECHT, ANDREW J Child Defense Attorney \$1718, KONE INC Professional Services \$270, KRUSE LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$3500, LACEY RENTALS INC Lease-Rental Agreement \$145, LAUGHLIN LAW LLC Child Defense Attorney \$13963.7, LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVI Bd Evaluations (Yankton) \$1350, LISA CARLSON REPORTI Court Reporters \$1445.5, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$585, LUTHER, JEFF Medical Director \$2833.33, MALLOY ELECTRIC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$357.07, MALLOY ELECTRIC HHS Maintenance \$44.09, MALLOY ELECTRIC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$516.44, MAXIMUM PROMOTIONS I Building Repairs & Maintenance \$196.3, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$145.65, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Subscriptions \$81.65, MINNEHAHA CNTY TREAS Miscellaneous Expense \$18.5, MINNEHAHA COUNTY Prisoner/Bond Accounts \$100,

MONTES WOODSHOP Program Activities \$285, NEWMAN SIGNS INC Sign Supply Inventory \$704.79, NORTH CAROLINA DEPT Contract Services \$50.9, NORTH CENTRAL INTERN Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$32.24, NOVAK Lease-Rental Agreement \$490.06, NOVAK Office Supplies \$28.5, OFFICE DEPOT INC Data Processing Supplies \$974.43, O'LEARY LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$341.2, OLIVIER MILES HOLTZ Attorney Fees \$8637.48, OLSON LAW FIRM PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$2851.6, OSBORN, ROXANE R Court Reporters \$191.25, P & K PEST CONTROL Building Repairs & Maintenance \$240, PASTPERFECT SOFTWARE Program Activities \$1995, PRICE, THOMAS L Professional Services \$3000, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Postage \$348.59, REEVES, MEGAN Court Reporters \$93.05, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Contract Services \$402.41, RISTY, MAXINE J Court Reporters \$106.25, SALEM, KARLA R Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$4510, SAMP, ROLLYN H Attorney Fees \$2482.2, SANFORD CLINIC Contract Services \$31004.51, SANFORD CLINIC Lab Costs \$582, SD HUMAN SERVICES CE Psych Evals \$1800, SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE Vehicle Insurance \$225.64, SIOUX AREA METRO Bus Passes \$5568, SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR AS Miscellaneous Expense \$12500, SIOUX FALLS CITY Electricity \$11377, SIOUX FALLS CITY Miscellaneous Expense \$340454.08, SIOUX FALLS CITY Parking \$2164.32, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer \$13809.94, SIOUX FALLS RUBBER S Other Supplies \$36.45, SOUTHEASTERN BEHAVIO Miscellaneous Expense \$49921.25, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPME Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$97.96, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Lab Costs \$350, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Miscellaneous Expense \$78, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Printing/Forms \$35.02, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Professional Services \$150, STREAMLINE DNA AND C Professional Services \$6000, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance \$1734, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$898.16, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$1910.49, THOMSON REUTERS - WE Legal Research \$1523.01, TRANE Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$2338.41, TRISTATE GARAGE DOOR Outside Repair \$526.53, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$2953.5, TSCHETTER & ADAMS LA Attorney Fees \$1224.11, ULINE Inmate Supplies \$231.16, ULINE Other Supplies \$181.16, ULTEIG ENGINEERS INC Architects & Engineers \$16526.5, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$1310.01, VERMEER HIGH PLAINS Automotive/Small Equipment \$270.76, WALTER, MAX Attorney Fees \$750.5, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$23617.02, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Utilities \$1764.79, XIGENT SOLUTIONS LLC Maintenance Contracts \$24350.22, YANKTON COUNTY Return Of Service \$50.

Personnel Actions

New Hires: David Hazelrigg, Background Investigator for the Jail, at \$25.00/hour effective 4/22/26; Allen Kaltved, Park Worker for Planning, at \$19.50/hour effective 4/27/26; RoxAnne Gallup, Tax & License Associate for the Treasurer's Office, at \$20.00/hour effective 4/28/26; Diann Bolonchuk, Election Worker for the Auditor's Office, at \$16.75/hour effective 5/4/26; and Carol Broomes, Safe Home Program Worker for Safe Home, at \$20.50/hour effective 5/4/26

Promotions: Melissa Brown, from Tax and License Assistant to Tax and Specialist for the Treasurer's Office at \$28.15/hour (305/3) effective 4/25.26.

Step Increases: Joseph Hernandez, Juvenile Correctional Officer for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$31.92/hour (306/4) effective 4/2/26; Jacob Chrans, Safe Home Program Assistant for Safe Home; at \$29.38/hour (303/10) effective 3/30/26; Adam Eschen, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$39.11/hour (308/6) effective 4/2/26; Spencer Matson, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$39.11/hour (308/6) effective 4/2/26; Kammi Bartscher, Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$4,168.00/biweekly (313/3) effective 4/12/26; and Taylor Bonestroo, Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$4,168.00/biweekly (313/3) effective 4/12/26.

Other: To amend the effective date of hire Jonathan Chapman, Deputy Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, from 4/27/26 to 5/4/26; and to amend the effective date of hire for David Olson, Wendy Olson, and Pauline Poletes, and Richard Sprenger from 4/20/26 to 4/24/2026.

Regular Business

Rezoning Request 26-04

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading for rezoning 26-04 to consider an amendment to the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County to rezone from the A-1 Agricultural District to the C Commercial District. The property is legally described as the West 200 feet of Tract 2 Otterby's Addition (Except Lot H-2) NE1/4 Section 12-T102N-R50W, Benton Township and is located in the northeast corner of the Crook/Renner exit off Interstate 29. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve Rezoning #26-04.

Chair Karsky asked for proponents and opponents to speak on topic. There were no proponents to speak on topic and opponents: Bob Kolbe.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Approve Ordinance MC16-187-26, An Ordinance of Minnehaha County, SD, Amending the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County by Rezoning Certain Property, Rezone #26-04 on Property Legally Described as W 200' of Tract 2 Otterby's Addition (Ex Lot H-2) NE1/4 Section-12-T102N-R50W, Benton Township. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

The entire ordinance is on file at the Auditor's Office.

Zoning Text Amendment 26-06

Kevin Hoekman, Senior Planner, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading on zoning text amendment 26-06 to amend the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for

Minnehaha County to update Article 24.00 fees. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed fee update.

Chair Karsky asked for the proponents and opponents to speak on the topic. There were no proponents or opponents in attendance to speak on the topic.

MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Beninga, to Strike §24.05(E)(2) (adding an appeal fee) from Section 4 of proposed Ordinance MC16-188-26. 4 ayes.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Approve Ordinance MC16-188-26 as Amended, An Ordinance of Minnehaha County, SD, Amending the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County by Amending Article 24.00 Fees. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

The entire ordinance is on file in the Auditor's Office.

Second Judicial Circuit Court Annual Presentation

Judge Robin Houwman, Presiding Judge, presented the Second Circuit Court Annual Presentation. Discussion followed on the Second Circuit Judges, FY 2025 caseload, FY15 to FY25 Minnehaha County Caseload, Second Circuit Caseload Growth, Second Circuit Jury Trials for FY21 to FY25, Minnehaha County Abuse and Neglect Cases from FY15 to FY25, FY20 to FY25 Minnehaha County Interpreters, Minnehaha County Visitation, and Upcoming Projects and Priorities including the records project and transition Juvenile Court operations to the Juvenile Justice Center.

Inter Lakes Community Action Program Presentation

Eric Kunzweiler, Inter Lakes Community Action CEO, provided the Inter Lakes Community Action Program presentation. Discussion followed on 2025 to 2026 Minnehaha County Services as well as programs only available to residents within Sioux Falls city limits and programs only available for Minnehaha County residents that live outside Sioux Falls city limits.

Public Advocate's Office Annual Presentation

Julie Hofer, Public Advocate, and Victoria Reker, Supervising Attorney, presented the Public Advocate's Office Annual Presentation. Discussed followed on Overview of the Office, Efficiencies Implemented in 2025 and 2026, Efficiencies to be implemented in 2027, Goals and Significant Projects for 2027, and Other Future Projects. Further discussion followed on 2025 caseload summary, breakdown of public advocate caseload increase/decrease, and Public Advocate Office Workload. Public comment was received from Bob Kolbe.

Joint Cooperative Agreement

Upon the request of Mark Kriens, Director Facilities and Construction, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Approve the Third Amendment to Joint Cooperative Agreement for County Human Services/City Health/City Health Center. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

Grant Application Authorization

Upon the request of Michelle Boyd, Sheriff's Office Programs and Services Manager, MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Beninga, to Authorize the Sheriff's Office to Apply for Grant Funding through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program. By roll call vote: 4 ayes.

Legislative Update

Meredith Jarchow, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, gave a final recap of the 2026 legislative session. Discussion followed on the implementation of bills in the following areas: General County Operations including Commission, Budgeting, Notices, Publications, Petitions, and Miscellaneous; Property Taxes, Elections, and Items for Future Legislation.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Jim Carlson, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about concerns regarding the future of the Coliseum

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Commissioner Liaison Reports

Commissioner Beninga reported on meetings with the Public Advocate, Highway Department, Facilities Department and Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Karsky reported on a meeting regarding the Link and Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Commissioner Bleyenberg reported on the recent meeting of the Safety and Justice Challenge group and Siouxland Museum volunteer event.

Commissioner Heisey reported on the Siouxland Museum volunteer event.

Non-Action Commission Discussion

Commissioner Karsky spoke on the Campus master plan and the process going forward.

Executive Session

Consider Motion to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purposes of South Dakota Codified Law 1-25-2(1), (3), (4), and (6).

MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Heisey, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 11:35 a.m. 4 ayes.

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

Adjournment

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Adjourn at 11:50 a.m. 4 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder