

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on May 5, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on April 28, 2026. Commissioners present were: Beninga, Bleyenberg, Heisey, Karsky, and Kippley. 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 Beninga, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes

Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Minutes of April 28, 2026

Approve the Joint Dell Rapids Minutes of April 28, 2026

Approve the Joint Sioux Falls Minutes of April 28, 2026

Bills to be Paid \$873,420.16

3200 RUSSELL LLC Motels \$555, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$341.04, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$167.56, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Office Supplies \$113.62, ABI Repair/Renovations \$3612.6, ACTIVE DATA SYSTEMS Records Storage \$1010, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$593.34, AJ PROPERTY Welfare Rent \$1400, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$3646.45, AVERA MCKENNAN Hospitals \$8180, AVERA MCKENNAN Professional Services \$8.17, BECK, JEFFREY R Attorney Fees \$627.8, BIRSCHBACH EQUIPMEN Parts Inventory \$186, BOB BARKER COMPANY I Inmate Supplies \$1722.61, BUILDING SPRINKLER, Building Repairs & Maintenance \$8932.43, BUILDING SPRINKLER, Maintenance Contracts \$300, BUILDING SPRINKLER, Professional Services \$350, BUTLER MACHINERY COM Heavy Equip Repairs &

Maint \$295.34, BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCT Contracted Construction \$124947, CHAGOLLA, ALBERT Interpreters \$220, CHARMTEX INC Child Care Items \$302.8, CHARMTEX INC Child Care Uniforms \$150.1, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$167.18, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$43.16, COMPUTER FORENSIC RE Professional Services \$540, COOMES, SUE Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$112, COUNTRY MEADOWS SF L Welfare Rent \$1200, CUTTING EDGE TINT HIDTA Grant \$375, DACOTAH PAPER CO Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$236.73, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$4850, DAKOTA LAW FIRM PROF Attorney Fees \$15230.88, DAKOTA RIGGERS & TOO Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$200, DANIELLE FOILES Education & Training \$100, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$8649.4, DERRY BENSON Sign Deposits \$50, DUBLIN SQUARE APARTM Welfare Rent \$900, EH HOSPITALITY LLC Welfare Rent \$500, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$6052.2, FARONICS Maintenance Contracts \$112, FLEETPRIDE INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$21.56, GALLS PARENT HOLDING Uniform Allowance \$40.07, GIRTON ADAMS Road Maint & Material \$90, GLEN SHADE Sign Deposits \$50, GLOBAL TEL LINK (GT Telephone \$1.07, GOLDEN WEST Telephone \$63.95, GOOSMAN LAW FIRM PL Child Defense Attorney \$2512.04, GRAINGER Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$396.29, GRAINGER Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$14.98, GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COM Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$328.82, GRIESE LAW FIRM Attorney Fees \$391.2, GRIESE LAW FIRM Child Defense Attorney \$2399.5, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$315, HARTFORD CITY Welfare Utilities \$234.52, HARTFORD'S BEST PAIN Automotive/Small Equipment \$15317.95, HATTERVIG, CLAIR Uniform Allowance \$68.78, HEARTLAND FUNERAL HO Burials \$2000, HONERMAN, MARK Education & Training \$43, IAN MACDONALD Education & Training \$175, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$957.66, ISI LLC Interpreters \$110, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$780, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$1167.03, JD PROPERTY SOLUTION Welfare Rent \$700, JIM & RONS SERVICE I Automotive/Small Equipment \$190, JIM & RONS SERVICE I Investigators Expenses \$201.5, JIM BORK ENTERPRISES Printing/Forms \$960, KATTERHAGEN, MARK Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$16, KENNEDY PIER & LOFTU Attorney Fees \$268.4, KENNEDY, RENEE S Court Reporters \$155.8, KNECHT, ANDREW J Attorney Fees \$1507, KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF' Return Of Service \$35, KURITA AMERICA HOLDI Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$2573.12, LAMB MOTOR COMPANY Automobiles \$63129, LARSON, VALERIE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$16, LEWIS DRUGS INC Pharmacies \$1052.6, LEWNO LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$186.74, LOVING, PHILIP Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$4790, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SVCS Evening Report Center \$7454.71, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SVCS Shelter Care/Reception Center \$104301.03, MALIQI, KALTRIN Welfare Rent \$900, MALLOY ELECTRIC Plumbing & Welding \$53.92, MENARD INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$202.25, MENARD INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$26.94, MICROFILM IMAGING SY Contract Services \$1880.89, MICROFILM IMAGING SY Lease-Rental Agreement \$645, MICROFILM IMAGING SY Maintenance

Contracts \$309, MICROFILM IMAGING SY Software \$200, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas \$3115.02, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Welfare Utilities \$500, MINNEHAHA CNTY TREAS Automotive/Small Equipment \$28.7, MINNEHAHA PETTY CASH Child Care Items \$70, MURRAY APARTMENTS Welfare Rent \$246, MYRL & ROYS PAVING I Road Maint & Material \$1283.6, NAPA AUTO PARTS Automotive/Small Equipment \$30.98, NAPA AUTO PARTS Parts Inventory \$26.7, NAPA AUTO PARTS Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$392.04, NAPA AUTO PARTS Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$22.98, NICOLAI, TIM Welfare Rent \$625, NORTHEAST INVESTMENT Welfare Rent \$1700, NOVAK Lease-Rental Agreement \$103.33, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Building Repairs & Maintenance \$37.96, OFFICE DEPOT INC Data Processing Supplies \$523.58, OLIVIER MILES HOLTZ Attorney Fees \$4013.78, OLSON OIL CO. Automotive/Small Equipment \$500, OLSON, DAWN Court Reporters \$72.25, OMNI DISTRIBUTION Other Supplies \$380, OWENS, THOMAS DARREL Professional Services \$4000, PANTHER GRAPHICS LLC Publishing Fees \$942, PENBROOKE PLACE APAR Welfare Rent \$700, PIONEER ENTERPRISES Burials \$9000, PRECISE MRM LLC Software \$440, PRECISION KIOSK TECH Testing Supplies \$4500, PRIDE NEON, INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$1270, QE LLC Welfare Rent \$3000, QUAESTUS Welfare Rent \$1400, R&L SUPPLY LTD Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$1437.47, R&L SUPPLY LTD Plumbing & Welding \$27.61, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Professional Services \$92.25, REYNOLDS LAW LLC Child Defense Attorney \$6599, RICHARD SPRENGER Business Travel \$26.6, SAFE HOME LTD PTNRSH Rent Subsidies \$7838, SALEM, KARLA R Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$5170, SAMP, ROLLYN H Attorney Fees \$2829.4, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Other Supplies \$57.44, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Professional Services \$158.82, SANFORD CLINIC Lab Costs \$1434, SANFORD CLINIC Professional Services \$568.32, SCHLEY, ELIZABETH Business Travel \$95.9, SCHUT Welfare Rent \$382, SD ASSOC OF COUNTY O Due To Other Governments \$4598, SD ASSOC OF COUNTY O Education & Training \$200, SD HUMAN SERVICES CE Record Requests \$42.2, SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE Vehicle Insurance \$163.22, SEARLES Welfare Rent \$1000, SIOUX FALLS CITY Clinics - Auxiliary Services \$1634, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer \$4519.28, SIOUX FALLS CITY Welfare Utilities \$162.46, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Architects & Engineers \$696.78, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Data Communications \$200, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Extension Background Checks \$10, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Other Supplies \$43.38, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Printing/Forms \$188.7, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Telephone \$660, STONEYCREEKPEN Welfare Rent \$700, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance \$1032.93, SUBSURFACE INC Road Maint & Material \$275235, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$935.74, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Inmate Supplies \$510.13, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$4170.6, TACTICAL SOLUTIONS Communication Equipment Repair \$1191, THE LODGE AT DEADWOO Business Travel \$990, THINK 3D SOLUTIONS MacArthur SJC Grant \$21250, TOMACELLI'S TOO Jury Fees \$191.36, TRANE Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$26.12,

TRANSOURCE TRUCK & E Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$668.8, TRC VISTA Welfare Rent \$700, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$2864, TSCHETTER & ADAMS LA Attorney Fees \$2230.55, TURNWELL MENTAL HEAL Attorney Fees \$3100, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS IN Communication Equipment \$1009.99, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS I Welfare Rent \$600, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Rent \$2900, TZADIK TAYLORS PLACE Welfare Rent \$1100, UNIVERSITY PARK LEGA Professional Services \$2300, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$1434.92, VITAL RECORDS Archive/Preservation Supplies \$1504.08, WALL LAKE SANITARY D Water - Sewer \$90, WALTER, MAX Attorney Fees \$876, WALTON, MARCUS Child Defense Attorney \$2735, WHITNEY Welfare Rent \$595, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$41841.76, XCEL ENERGY Road Maint & Material \$17.69, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Rent \$500, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Utilities \$3347.01, YANKTON COUNTY Attorney Fees \$50, YANKTON COUNTY Return Of Service \$50, YMCA Welfare Rent \$700.

April 2026 Commission Salaries

COMMISSION, Salaries, \$64,935.49; AUDITOR, Salaries, \$120,962.31; TREASURER, Salaries, \$186,522.69; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, Salaries, \$163,418.82; STATES ATTORNEY, Salaries, \$849,774.69; PUBLIC DEFENDER, Salaries, \$538,939.20; PUBLIC ADVOCATE, Salaries, \$160,456.44; FACILITIES, Salaries, \$110,631.41; EQUALIZATION, Salaries, \$207,181.60; REGISTER OF DEEDS, Salaries, \$82,542.76; HUMAN RESOURCES, Salaries, \$70,060.28; SHERIFF, Salaries, \$2,455,844.55; JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER, Salaries, \$400,936.56; HIGHWAY, Salaries, \$281,028.93; HUMAN SERVICES, Salaries, \$289,685.85; MUSEUM, Salaries, \$155,872.57; PLANNING, Salaries, \$81,596.17; EXTENSION, Salaries, \$6,432.00.

Personnel Actions

New Hires: Cody Petersen, Groundskeeper for Facilities, at \$18.50 per hour effective 5/11/26; Nolan Baker, Laborer for the Highway, at \$19.25 per hour effective 5/11/26; Ryder Haas, Laborer for the Highway, at \$19.25 per hour effective 5/11/26; Blake Meyers, Highway Maintenance Team Member for the Highway, at \$25.53 per hour (305/1) effective 5/11/26; Matsen Menage, Laborer for the Highway, at \$19.25 per hour effective 5/11/26; Holden Rise, Laborer for the Highway, at \$19.75 per hour effective 5/11/26; Luke Williams, Laborer for the Highway, at \$19.25 per hour effective 5/11/26; Jason Thomas, Senior Deputy State's Attorney for the State Attorney's Office, at \$4,565.20 biweekly (314/4) effective 5/11/26; Xavier Higgins, Laborer for the Highway, at \$19.75 per hour effective 5/11/26.

Step Increases: Nolen Langrock, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$32.72 per hour (306/5) effective 4/2/26; Chedonio Martin, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$32.72 per hour (306/5) effective 4/2/26; Madison Roushar, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$32.72

per hour (306/5) effective 4/2/26; Meredith Jarchow Olson, Assistant Commission Officer for the Commission Office, at \$4,168.00 biweekly (313/3) effective 4/29/26.

To recognize significant employee anniversaries for May 2026: 5 years-Carlos Bencomo, Jon Healy, Kayla Moss, Aimee Wieczorek; 20 years- Scott Dubbe, Peggy Henley

To record volunteers in County Departments for April 2026. This list is on file at Human Resources.

Notices and Requests

Notice of Annexation Hearing on May 5, 2026, from the City of Sioux Falls

Items Within Policy Guidelines

Consider a Motion to Approve Special Event Consume and Blend Beverage License Number 26-02 for an Event on June 6, 2026

Regular Business

Special Event Malt Beverage and On-Wine Retailer's Public Hearing

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, was present for the public hearing to consider a Special Event Malt Beverage and On-Sale Wine Retailer's License for Siouxland Renaissance Association at the W. H. Lyon Fairgrounds on June 6th and 7th. The application was provided to the Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office and Planning Department for review and there were no objections or concerns reported.

Chair Karsky asked for proponents and opponents to speak on the topic; representatives from the Siouxland Renaissance Association spoke in favor of the license and there were no opponents to speak against the license.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Approve Special Event Malt Beverage and On-Sale Wine Retailer's License for Siouxland Renaissance Association at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds on June 6th and 7th, 2026. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Special Event Malt Beverage Public Hearing

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, was present for the public hearing to consider a Special Event Malt Beverage for Post 307 at the Renner Ball field on May 29, 2026. The application was provided to the Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office, and Planning Department for review and there were no objections or concerns reported.

Chair Karsky asked for proponents and opponents to speak on the topic; Neil Stoll spoke in favor of the license and there were no opponents to speak against the license.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Approve a Special Event Malt Beverage License for Post 307 at the Renner Ball field on May 29, 2026. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Malt Beverage and South Dakota Farm Wine License Renewals

Upon the request of Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the 2026 to 2027 Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and South Dakota Farm Wine License Renewal Applications for Northern Links Golf Course, I-90 Speedway, The Alibi Casino, Garretson Sportsman's Club, Emerald Pines Barn, Pump N Pak, Strawbale Winery, Mighty Corson Art Players, Uncle Ed's Specialty Meats, Crooks Gun Club, Pilot's Roadhouse, Huset's Speedway, Post 307, Wilde Prairie Winery, W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, Izaak Walton League, Hunter's Pointe Shooting Complex, Renner Corner, Yogi Bear Campground, Baltic Corner, Buffalo Trading Post, Wall Lake Oil, A Homestead Brew, Circle K, Bottom's Up, Chasers Food and Spirits, Wild Water West Waterpark, and State Line Casino. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Coroner Annual Presentation

Dr. Kenneth Snell, Coroner/Medical Examiner, presented the annual presentation for the Minnehaha County Coroner's Office. Discussion followed on 2025 Case data, top 5 examined causes of death, examined deaths, accepted cases, infant deaths, examined natural deaths, examined accidental deaths, drug deaths, suicide deaths, and future needs.

Lifescape Presentation

Jessica Wells, Lifescape Foundation President, provided a presentation about Lifescape. Discussion followed on the services provided, Rise custom solutions, financial snapshot, demand for services, and update on the Children's Campus as well as an update on the commitment to supporting adults.

First Reading of Zoning Text Amendment 26-07

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, gave the first reading and requested authorization for the Auditor to Publish a Notice of Hearing on May 26, 2026, to consider a text amendment to the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County to Update Article 23.00.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippely, to Authorize the Auditor to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to the Revised Zoning Ordinance to be held on May 26, 2026, at or after 9:00 a.m. at a meeting of the Minnehaha County Commission. 5 ayes.

First Reading of Zoning Text Amendment 26-09

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, gave the first reading and requested authorization for the Auditor to publish a Notice of Hearing on May 26, 2026, for a zoning text amendment to amend the Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls to Update Article 23.00 General Provisions.

MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Heisey, to Authorize the Auditor to Publish a Notice of Public Hearing for a Text Amendment to the Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls to be held on May 26, 2026, at or after 5:00 p.m. at a Joint Meeting of the Minnehaha County Commission and Sioux Falls City Council. 5 ayes.

State's Attorney's Office Annual Presentation

Daniel Haggard, State's Attorney, presented State's Attorney's Office Annual Presentation. Discussion followed on the State's Attorney Statutory Mandates, State's Attorney's Office Distant Responsibilities, High-Level Prosecution Priorities, Felony vs. Misdemeanor Trends, Impact of Repeal Offenders, Recruitment, Retention & Training, Effective Use of Taxpayer Funds Adult and Juvenile Diversion, Innovations and Efficient Responses, Juvenile Crime, and 2027 Budget Request Overview.

Information Technology Annual Presentation

Monte Watembach, Director of Information Technology, presented the Information Technology annual presentation. Discussion followed on the function of the department, completed projects, current projects, and future projects.

Commissioner Liaison Reports

Commissioner Beninga on recent meetings regarding Teen Court, Forward Sioux Falls, and Juvenile Justice Center building committee as well as data centers.

Non-Action Commission Discussion

Commissioner Bleyenbergh spoke about mentorship through Lutheran Social Services.

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 Heisey, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 10:47 a.m. 5 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 11:23 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Adjourn at 11:24 a.m. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder