

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on May 26, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on May 19, 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 Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes.

Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Minutes of May 19, 2026

Bills to be Paid \$1,877,917.77

A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$62.99, AARON GEORGE PROPERT Welfare Rent \$895, AB PROPANE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$35.88, ACCREDITATION AUDIT Subscriptions \$150, ADVANCED TECH INC Telephone \$1967.71, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$75.63, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$2752.5, ANDERSON, JENNIFER Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$3620, ARCHITECTURE INC Architect, Engineers, and PMgt \$11516, AVERA HEALTH PLANS I Insurance Admin Fee \$3458.06, AVI SYSTEMS INC Furniture & Office Equipment \$11810.76, BALOUN LAW PC Attorney Fees \$81.74, BALOUN LAW PC Child Defense Attorney \$400.16, BALTIC FIRE DEPT Baltic Fire Department \$30988.5, BEN BAXA Taxable Meal Allowances \$18, BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMEN Heavy Equip Repairs & Maint \$447.76, BIRMINGHAM & CWACH L Attorney Fees \$578.76, BLACKBURN & STEVENS Attorney Fees \$1589.9, BOB BARKER COMPANY I Inmate Supplies \$4074.79, BONANDER, RICHARD L Business Travel \$47.4, BRANDON FIRE DEPT Brandon Fire Department \$69488.5, BRYAN, CHRIS Uniform Allowance \$179.98, BYRE, JONN

Welfare Rent \$700, C & R SUPPLY INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$223.56, CENTRAL SPECIALTIES Contracted Construction \$330772.81, CENTURYLINK Telephone \$1583.3, CHAGOLLA, ALBERT Interpreters \$330, CHARMTEX INC Child Care Uniforms \$212.18, CHUUKESSE NATIVE LANG Interpreters \$160, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$333.2, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$77.38, CIVIL DESIGN INC Architects & Engineers \$13710, COLTON FIRE & RESCUE Colton Fire Department \$30963, CONSTELLATION Natural Gas \$21532.68, CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT Grounds & Parking Repair \$67.2, CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT Road Maint & Material \$220, CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$16.62, CROOKS VOLUNTEER FIR Crooks Fire Department \$22429.5, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$4750, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$846.8, DELL MARKETING LP Data Processing Equipment \$2403, DELL MARKETING LP Data Processing Supplies \$399.2, DELL RAPIDS COMMUNIT Ambulance Services \$45000, DELL RAPIDS FIRE DEP Dell Rapids Fire Department \$39036.5, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$2501, ELLIOT LUND Business Travel \$529.3, EQUIPMENT BLADES INC Heavy Equip Repairs & Maint \$1599.34, ETTERMAN ENTERPRISES Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$508.62, FALL RIVER(SD)COUNTY Board of Prisoners-Housing \$330, FALL RIVER(SD)COUNTY Extradition & Evidence \$125, FASTENAL COMPANY Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$560.79, FIFTH STREET APARTME Welfare Rent \$1000, FOX, DANIEL Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$109.75, GARCIA, JACQUELINE Welfare Rent \$1400, GARRETSON COMMUNITY Ambulance Services \$45000, GARRETSON FIRE DEPT Garretson Fire Department \$33508.5, GEOTEK ENGINEERING & Architect, Engineers, and PMgt \$4985, GIRTON ADAMS Road Maint & Material \$81, GLOBAL TEL LINK (GT Telephone \$1.79, GRAHAM TIRE CO NORTH Automotive/Small Equipment \$496.8, GUARDIAN RFID Maintenance Contracts \$18000, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$270, HANSON, MICHAEL W Attorney Fees \$8498.2, HARRIS COUNTY CONSTA Return Of Service \$85, HARTFORD AREA FIRE & Hartford Fire Department \$52016.5, HATTERVIG, CLAIR Education & Training \$45, HENRY CARLSON CONSTR Construction Costs \$522817, HERITAGE FUNERAL HOM Burials \$1400, HIGH POINT NETWORKS Data Processing Equipment \$5729, HOHN, RODNEY L Education & Training \$45, HOPE HAVEN INC Road Maint & Material \$772, HUMBOLDT FIRE & AMBU Ambulance Services \$45000, HUMBOLDT FIRE & AMBU Humboldt Fire Department \$27120, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SO Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$39.88, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SO JDC Custodial Supplies \$30, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SO Office Supplies \$53.88, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$250.58, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$92.21, ISI LLC Interpreters \$280, JOHNSON FEED Road Material Inventory \$41248.58, JOHNSON, RICHARD L Child Defense Attorney \$583.2, KATTERHAGEN, MARK Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$100, KNECHT, ANDREW J Attorney Fees \$1112.4, KRUSE LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$3500, KURITA AMERICA HOLDI Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$68.82, LACEY RENTALS INC Road Maint & Material \$145,

LARSON, VALERIE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$100, LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVI Bd Evaluations (Yankton) \$1350, LEWNO LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$854.7, LISA CARLSON REPORTI Court Reporters \$21.25, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$630, LOVING, PHILIP Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$6290, LUKE PROPERTIES Welfare Rent \$700, LUNDY, TYLER Education & Training \$43, LUTHER, JEFF Medical Director \$2833.33, LYONS VOLUNTEER FIRE Lyons Fire Department \$9015, MAC'S HARDWARE Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$19.16, MALLOY ELECTRIC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$109.05, MARSH & MCLENNAN LLC Notary Exp \$50, MENARD INC Bldg/Yard Repair & Maintenance \$14.95, MENARD INC Parts Inventory \$65.98, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Welfare Utilities \$500, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$145.65, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Contract Services \$60.16, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Maintenance Contracts \$60.16, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Subscriptions \$655.2, MIDSTATES UNIFORM & Uniform Allowance \$173.82, MINNEHAHA CNTY TREAS Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$28.7, MINNEHAHA PETTY CASH Child Care Items \$60, MRO CORPORATION Clinics - Auxiliary Services \$34, NAPA AUTO PARTS Automotive/Small Equipment \$58.37, NAPA AUTO PARTS Parts Inventory \$251.72, NGUYEN, LAM Interpreters \$120, NIES PROPERTIES LLC Welfare Rent \$700, NORTHEAST INVESTMENT Welfare Rent \$700, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$13.29, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$9.49, OTIS ELEVATOR COMPAN HHS Maintenance \$175, OWENS, THOMAS DARREL Professional Services \$1000, PALLUCK, ETHAN Taxable Meal Allowances \$18, PHOENIX SUPPLY LLC Inmate Supplies \$1728, PRIDE NEON, INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$415, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Postage \$260, R&L SUPPLY LTD Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$230.85, R&L SUPPLY LTD Plumbing & Welding \$475.01, RENNER FIRE RESCUE Renner Fire Department \$20493, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Coliseum \$145, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Contract Services \$402.41, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Professional Services \$92.25, RJ KOOL MIDWEST INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$496.95, SALBERG, AARON DEAN Attorney Fees \$1927.4, SANFORD CLINIC Contract Services \$31004.51, SCHAUNAMAN, KURT Uniform Allowance \$191.14, SHELBY SPECHT Business Travel \$40, SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRI Architects & Engineers \$7667.3, SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR AS Miscellaneous Expense \$12500, SIOUX FALLS AREA HUM Miscellaneous Expense \$7116.38, SIOUX FALLS CITY Electricity \$11337.05, SIOUX FALLS CITY Gas Oil & Diesel \$17476.68, SIOUX FALLS CITY HIDTA Grant \$326.58, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer \$19617.32, SIOUX FALLS CITY Welfare Utilities \$243.59, SIOUX FALLS RUBBER S Other Supplies \$36.45, SOLHEIM, VIRGINIA Business Travel \$48.8, SPLITROCK FIRE DEPT Split Rock Fire Department \$28597.5, ST FRANCIS HOUSE Motels \$1350, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram \$3515, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath \$791, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Blood/Chemical Analysis \$14430, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Data Communications \$200, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Extension Background Checks \$10, STATE OF SOUTH

DAKOT Memberships \$210, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Notary Exp \$60, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Office Supplies \$209, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Printing/Forms \$1284, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Professional Services \$550, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Recruitment \$44, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Sign Supply Inventory \$144.6, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Telephone \$660, STEVE GRACE Sign Deposits \$50, STOCKWELL ENGINEERS Museum Renovations \$5000, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance \$5466.99, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Board Of Prisoners-Meals \$76192.42, TEGRA GROUP INC Architect, Engineers, and PMgt \$12500, TESSMAN SEED COMP Grounds & Parking Repair \$970, THE COUNSELING CAFE Psych Evals \$1500, THORNE, STEPHEN Professional Services \$2857.95, THRIVE COUNSELING Recruitment \$350, TRANSOURCE TRUCK & E Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$341.58, TRANSWEST TRUCK OF Automotive/Small Equipment \$12.71, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$3132.5, TUSCHEN, MICHAEL E Education & Training \$65, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES I Software \$455.08, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS I Welfare Rent \$500, US FOODS INC Other Supplies \$36.72, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$744.32, VALLEY SPRINGS VOLUN Valley Springs Fire Department \$18461, WALTER, MAX Attorney Fees \$4741.6, WASTE MANAGEMENT OF Trash Removal \$532.86, WAYNE TOWNSHIP Wayne Township Fire Department \$13623.5, WHITTIER APARTMENTS Welfare Rent \$77, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$34317.15, YANKTON COUNTY Attorney Fees \$756.55.

Reports

Minnehaha County Abandoned Cemetery Board Minutes for October 2025

Monthly Financial Report for April 2026

Register of Deeds Statement of Revenue for April 2026

Personnel Actions

New Hires: Andrew Jaycox and Carter Reindl, Juvenile Correctional Workers for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$25.00 per hour effective 5/18/26; Emma Olafson, Intern for the Public Advocate's Office, at \$20.00 per hour effective 5/18/26; Lisa Bainbridge, Grounds Worker for Facilities, at \$18.50 per hour effective 5/26/26; Ridge Fisher, Grounds Worker for Facilities, at \$18.75 per hour effective 5/26/26; Briar Campbell, Jaxon Ellingson, Eladio Gonzalez Jr, Lydia Gulbrandson, Tyler Hoffman, Issabelle Johnson, Jaden Kvam, Estefani Lopez-Melendez, Austin Nichifor, Jasmin Pena Vasquez, Jaden Wajer, and Isiah Weverka, Correctional Officers for the Jail, at \$27.57 per hour (306/1) effective 5/26/26; Leah DeHaan, Collections Assistant for the Museum, at \$16.25 per hour effective 5/26/26; Shawn Goldammer, Code Enforcement Assistant for the Planning Department, at \$27.50 per hour effective 5/26/26; Emily Whitney, Deputy Public Defender for the Public

Defender's Office, at \$3,780.00 biweekly (313/1) effective 5/26/26; Mary Shriver, Tax and License Associate for the Treasurer's Office, at \$20.00 per hour, effective 5/27/26; Grace Lanners, Intern for Museum, at \$16.25 per hour effective 6/1/26.

Promotions: Julie Miller, from Correctional Officer to Corporal at the Jail at \$35.45 per hour (308/3) effective 5/23/26.

Step Increases: Joshua Marbach, Appraiser of Equalization, at \$35.33 per hour (307/5) effective 5/31/26; Holly Schleuter, Caseworker for Human Services, at \$39.11 per hour (308/6) effective 5/21/26; Michael Gayo Gatlaug, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$32.72 per hour (306/5) effective 4/2/26; Teresa Schafer, Pretrial Coordinator for Pre Trial Services, at \$30.40 per hour (306/3) effective 5/13/26; Kathi Zaddam, Pretrial Coordinator for Pre Trial Services, at \$30.40 per hour (306/3) effective 5/13/26; Awor Arop, Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$4,376.00 biweekly (313/4) effective 4/26/26.

Abatement Applications for Approval

Parcel 10277 Amended, Patricia Lacey Living Trust, 2025 Property Taxes, \$3,827.11; Parcel 69837, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$178.29; Parcel 89262, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,747.03; Parcel 91497, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2023 Property Taxes, \$346.65; Parcel 91497, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2024 Property Taxes, \$1,990.21; Parcel 91497, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$2,620.92.

Notices and Requests

401 Certification 15-Day Public Notice from the South Dakota Department of Natural Resources

Regular Business

Public Hearing for Zoning Text Amendment 26-07

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading on zoning text amendment 26-07 to amend the 1990 Revised Zoning for Minnehaha County to update Article 23.00 Building Permits. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment.

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 Bleyenberg, seconded by Kippley, to Approve Ordinance MC16-189-26, An Ordinance of Minnehaha County, SD, Amending the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County by Amending Article 23.00, Building Permits. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

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

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit 26-12

Kevin Hoekman, was present for the deferred public hearing on an appeal of a decision by the Minnehaha County Planning Commission to deny Conditional Use Permit 26-12 to allow a telecommunications tower on the property legally described as the SW1/4 (Ex. Schuster's Addition) Section 32-T102N-R47W Red Rock Township. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the conditional use permit.

Chair Karsky asked for the proponents and opponents to speak on the topic. The following proponents spoke: Blair Ransom, James Remington, and Lindsey Smith. The following opponents spoke: Brian Morford, Melanie Mordford, Donald Johnson, Rick Bonander, Josh Corbin, and Dale Hanson.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Enter into Executive Session Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 1-25-2 (2), (3), (4), and (6) at 9:39 a.m. 5 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 9:52 a.m.

MOTION by Kippley, to Approve the Conditional Use Permit with Six Conditions as Recommended by Staff. Motion died for lack of second.

MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Uphold the Decision by the Minnehaha County Planning Commission to Deny Conditional Use Permit 26-12 to Allow a Telecommunications Tower on the Property Legally Described as the SW1/4 (Ex. Schuster's Addition) Section 32-T102N-R47W Red Rock Township. By roll call vote: 2 ayes 3 nays - Beninga, Kippley, Karsky. Motion Failed.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Approve Conditional Use Permit 26-12 with Six Conditions as Recommended by Staff. By roll vote: 3 ayes; 2 nays-Bleyenberg, Heisey. Motion Passed.

Sioux Falls Family Visitation Center Presentation

Heidi Thomas, Program Manager, gave a presentation on the Sioux Falls Family Visitation Center. Discussion followed on the organization's purpose, service area, and the 2027 budget request.

Solace (Compass Center) Presentation

Patty Brooks, Executive Director, gave a presentation on-Solace formerly known as the Compass Center. Discussion followed on organizational name change and services provided by the organization.

Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety Presentation

Kate Feilmeier, Program Manager, gave a presentation on the Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety. Discussion followed on the history of the organization with the County, services provided, crisis intervention, shelter intakes, shelter days, shelter outcomes, impact of domestic violence on homelessness, length of stay, typical shelter stay, and county funding history.

SDSU Extension 4-H Presentation

Aubrey Anderson, 4-H Youth Educator, gave a presentation on South Dakota State University 4-H for Minnehaha County. Discussion followed on the 2026 Spring Programming, 2026 Summer Programming, and the 2027 budget request.

Commissioner Beninga left the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and returned at 10:55 a.m.

June 2nd Primary Election Briefing

Leah Anderson, Auditor, provided a briefing on the June 2nd Primary Election. Discussion followed on the Federal Voter Designation per SDCL 12-4-1.3 and other topics related to election.

First Reading of Zoning Text Amendment 26-08

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, gave the first reading and requested authorization for the Auditor to Publish a Notice of Hearing on June 16, 2026, to consider a text amendment to the 2001 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Dell Rapids to Update Article 23.00 Building Permits.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, 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 Dell Rapids to be held on June 16, 2026, at or after 9:00 a.m. at a Joint Meeting of the Minnehaha County Commission and Dell Rapids City Council. 5 ayes.

First Reading of Rezoning Request 26-05

Kevin Hoekman, Senior Planner, presented the first reading of rezoning #26-05, an amendment to the 2001 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the

City of Dells Rapids to rezoned from RR-5 Rural Residential District to C Commercial District on the properties legally described as Overvaag Tracts 10, 11, 12, and 13 SW1/4 Section 8 and N1/2 Section 17 all within T104N-R49W Dell Rapids.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Authorize the Auditor to Publish Notice of Public Hearing for Rezoning #26-5 to be held on June 16, 2026, at or after 9:00 a.m. at a Joint Meeting of the Minnehaha County Commission and Dell Rapids City Council. 5 ayes.

Lien Compromise

Sandy Kinder, Commission Assistant, gave a briefing on the application for compromise of lien DPNOs 87471 and 97408 in the amount of \$4,040.68, which represents legal assistance and poor relief. The petitioner has offered to pay \$2,000 towards the liens.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Release and Compromise the Lien DPNOs 87471 and 97408 with Payment of \$2,000 and Approve Resolution MC26-18. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Resolution MC 26-18

A RESOLUTION TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT OF COUNTY AID LIEN.

WHEREAS, a County Aid Lien in the amount of \$4,040.68, purports to exist in favor of Minnehaha County and against DPNO-87471 and 97408 as Lienee; and,

WHEREAS, said lienee has filed an application with the County Auditor stating such facts as provided 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 in full with payment of \$2,000.

Approved: May 26, 2026

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Auditor

Department Head Policies and Procedures Manual Update

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Approve Amendments to Section V, County Purchasing, of the Department Head Policies and Procedures Manual. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Jean White, Sioux Falls, spoke about election concerns and actions of the Commissioners.

Non-Action Commission Discussion

Sheriff Milstead provided an update on the number of parole holds in the county jail as well as the effects this has on the jail.

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 Bleyenbergh, to Enter into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 11:59 a.m. 5 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 12:20 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Adjourn at 12:21 p.m. 4 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder