

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

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 5:00 PM on May 26, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on May 26, 2026. Commissioners present were: Beninga, Bleyenbergh, Heisey, Karsky, and Kippley. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Maggie Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

City Council members present: Bayse, Brown, Merkouris, Sigette, and Thomason. Councilors Barranco, Soehl, and Spellerberg and Mayor TenHaken were absent.

Chair Karsky called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Business

Consider a Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Beninga, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes. The City Concurred.

Public Hearing on Zoning Text Amendment 26-09

Mason Steffen, Senior Planner, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading on Zoning Text Amendment 26-09 to amend the Revised Joint Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls to update Article 23.00 General Provisions. The Joint County and City Planning Commissions unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

Chair Karsky asked for the proponents and opponents to speak on the topic. Public comment was received from Chris Cooper.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Approve Ordinance MC30-58-26, An Ordinance of Minnehaha County, SD, Amending the Revised Zoning Joint Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the Sioux Falls by Amending Article 23.00 General Provisions. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The City Concurred.

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

Public Hearing on Ordinance Amendment 26-10

Scott Anderson, Planning Director, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading on ordinance amendment #26-10 to adopt the 2050 Shape Sioux Falls Plan. City of Sioux Falls planning staff provided a presentation on the 2050 Shape Sioux Falls Plan. The Joint County and City Planning Commissions voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed plan.

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 Beninga, to Approve Ordinance MC30-57-26, An Ordinance Amending the 2002 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls by Revising the Text Pertaining to the Title and Purpose. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The City Concurred.

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

Chris Cooper, Sioux Falls, spoke about the County Master Plan and the relocation of the administrative functions.

Chad Bishop, Sioux Falls, spoke about public health concerns around COVID-19.

Adjournment

MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Kippley, to Adjourn at 5:35 p.m. 5 ayes. The City Concurred.

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

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder