

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on July 7, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on June 30, 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 Heisey, to Approve the Agenda. 5 ayes

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley to Approve the Consent Agenda. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Approve the Minutes of June 30, 2026

Bills to be Paid \$1,519,126.94

2 GUYS ON THE MOVE Homeless Initiatives \$201.4, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$340.52, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$212.76, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Office Supplies \$36.95, AARON LEWIS Sign Deposits \$50, ABC RENTALS Fairgrounds \$400.8, AIRGAS USA LLC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$37.09, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$68.55, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$72.57, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$1542, ASH LAW OFFICE PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$1914.08, ASPHALT SURFACE TECH Contracted Construction \$857163.18, AVERA HEART HOSPITAL Safety & Rescue Equipment \$142.99, AVERA MCKENNAN Hospitals \$12182, BECK, JEFFREY R Attorney Fees \$223.6, BUILDERS SUPPLY COMP Building Repairs & Maintenance \$576, BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCT Contracted Construction \$281674.26, CANFIELD BUSINESS IN Furniture & Office Equipment \$9420.43, CENTRAL SPECIALTIES Contracted Construction \$121848.17, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$236.24, CENTURYLINK Data Communications \$1341.06, CHRISTJANS, JERRY Bd Exp Fees

(Yankton) \$56, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$167.18, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$39.99, CLAIMS ASSOCIATES IN Deductibles \$5000, COMPUTER FORENSIC RE Attorney Fees \$300, COOKS CORRECTIONAL Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$6314.75, CYNTOM PROPERTIES AN Welfare Rent \$1700, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$8550, DAKOTALAND AUTOGLASS Automotive/Small Equipment \$450, DAVID SORENSON Sign Deposits \$50, DEANS DISTRIBUTING Gas Oil & Diesel \$793.2, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$3731.2, DELL MARKETING LP Data Processing Equipment \$1498.22, DERHAGOPIAN LAW PROF Attorney Fees \$1586, DOCKENDORF EQUIPMENT Outside Repair \$4000, EICH LAW OFFICE LLC Attorney Fees \$7896.4, ERIN M JOHNSON PLLC Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$8247.2, ERIN M JOHNSON PLLC Crisis Intervention Program \$158.6, FASTENAL COMPANY Fairgrounds \$221.54, FASTENAL COMPANY Sign Supply Inventory \$28.23, FASTENAL COMPANY Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$90.32, FETTIG, SAMUEL Repair/Renovations \$126.5, FOX, DANIEL Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$329.25, G & R CONTROLS INC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$559.58, GIRTON ADAMS Road Maint & Material \$36, GLOBAL TEL LINK (GT Telephone \$3.84, GOLDEN WEST Telephone \$63.95, GP PSYCHIATRY CONSUL Professional Services \$4400, GRAINGER Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$135.63, GRIESE LAW FIRM Child Defense Attorney \$4302, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$240, HARTFORD'S BEST PAIN Automotive/Small Equipment \$11926.25, HEARTLAND CONTRACTIN Sign Deposits \$50, HIDDEN VALLEY Welfare Rent \$500, HURTGEN, PROPERTIES Welfare Rent \$392, HYVEE ACCOUNTS RECEI Jury Fees \$145.08, INTERSTATE ALL BATTE Automotive/Small Equipment \$186.95, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$978.18, IS RESTAURANT EQUIP Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$469.48, JARCHOW, MEREDITH Business Travel \$88.97, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$2740.4, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$4601.13, JD PROPERTY SOLUTION Welfare Rent \$1900, JOHNSON, RICHARD L Child Defense Attorney \$3934.95, KARL'S TV Outside Repair \$298.9, KATTERHAGEN, MARK Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$20, KIESLER POLICE SUPPL Uniform Allowance \$1066.9, KISTLER, DAN Business Travel \$34, KNECHT, ANDREW J Child Defense Attorney \$4302.8, KOCH, ELIZABETH J Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$2048, KURITA AMERICA HOLDI Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$98.29, LARSON, VALERIE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$76, LAUGHLIN LAW LLC Child Defense Attorney \$2155.8, LENCO ARMORED VEHICL Automotive/Small Equipment \$5094.39, LEWNO LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$510.96, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$245, MARSH & MCLENNAN LLC Notary Exp \$50, MCLEODS PRINTING & O Printing/Forms \$1290, MEDSTAR PARAMEDIC IN Ambulance Services \$22500, MICROFILM IMAGING SY Contract Services \$1228.69, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas \$1219.4, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Welfare Utilities \$500, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Subscriptions \$81.65, MIKE DENNING Sign Deposits \$50, MINNEHAHA COMMUNITY Water - Sewer \$70, MYRL & ROYS PAVING I Road Maint & Material \$18157.38, NOVAK Office Supplies \$29.55, NYBERGS ACE

HARDWARE Grounds & Parking Repair \$45.1, OLSON OIL CO. Automotive/Small Equipment \$33.03, ORDAL, LANCE Business Travel \$487.8, OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE S Automotive/Small Equipment \$211.7, OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE S Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$129.9, OVERHEAD DOOR COMPAN Hwy Shop Repairs & Maintenance \$193.88, PHOENIX SUPPLY LLC Inmate Supplies \$1425.44, POINT GUARD Welfare Rent \$699.48, PRECISION KIOSK TECH Testing Supplies \$4500, PRICE, THOMAS L Professional Services \$1200, RELIANCE TELEPHONE I Telephone \$2.97, RISTY, MAXINE J Court Reporters \$2219.7, SAFE HOME LTD PTNRSH Rent Subsidies \$10179, SAMP, ROLLYN H Attorney Fees \$1292, SANFORD CLINIC Lab Costs \$496, SD HUMAN SERVICES CE Clinics - Auxiliary Services \$8.2, SIOUX FALLS CITY Parking \$4297, SIOUX FALLS RUBBER S Other Supplies \$26.45, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram \$6041.69, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath \$1414.55, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Architects & Engineers \$386.35, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Data Communications \$200, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Notary Exp \$60, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Sign Supply Inventory \$330, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Telephone \$660, STEWART TITLE COMPAN Professional Services \$450, STRANGE FARRELL JOHN Attorney Fees \$4015.1, STRANGE FARRELL JOHN Child Defense Attorney \$8814.09, STREICHES INC Uniform Allowance \$1518, STUN CUFF Safety & Rescue Equipment \$850, TAFOLLA, MIRANDA RAE Court Reporters \$646.8, TERRONES, JARED Investigators Expenses \$7, THOMSON REUTERS - WE Legal Research \$1600.14, TRANE Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$20.15, TREASURER STATE OF I Record Requests \$13.5, TRENT DAWLEY Sign Deposits \$50, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$3580, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES I Maintenance Contracts \$17311.21, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Rent \$600, US FOODS INC Other Supplies \$36.72, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$1187.82, VERIZON CONNECT FLEE Subscriptions \$239.25, WALL LAKE SANITARY D Water - Sewer \$90, WERNKE, LAURIE Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$37.32, WEST POINTE LIMITED Welfare Rent \$1700, XCEL ENERGY Road Maint & Material \$18.27.

Reports

June 2026 Building Permit Report

Personnel Actions

New Hires: Reece Ayers, Jake Brandenburg, Wade Charlton, and Taylor Engebretson, Correctional Officers for the Jail, at \$27.57 per hour (306/1) effective 7/6/26.

Step Increases: Thomas Beck, Security Officer for Southeast Technical College, at \$32.72 per hour (306/5) effective 7/11/26; Joseph Flynn, Senior Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$5,328.80 biweekly (314/10) effective 6/6/26.

To recognize significant employee anniversaries for July 2026: 5 years -Brian Bahr, Melissa Brown, Becky Desens, Dequan Harvin, Dawson Kerzman, Aaron Wohlwend; 10 years -Lisa Capellupo, Daniel Fritz; 25 years -Molly Engquist, Kimberly Mayer; Adam Nyhaug.

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

Abatement Applications for Approval

Parcel 33963, James Rolfson, 2024 Property Taxes, \$496.16; Parcel 33963, James Rolfson, 2025 Property Taxes, \$493.45; Parcel 26659, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2023 Property Taxes, \$682.40; Parcel 26659, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2024 Property Taxes, \$1,965.62; Parcel 26659, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$2,602.73; Parcel 94756, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2023 Property Taxes, \$2,335.72; Parcel 94756, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2024 Property Taxes, \$2,213.18; Parcel 94756, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$2,922.26.

Regular Business

Opt Out Resolution

Susan Beaman, Finance & Budget Officer, presented a request to approve a \$2,378,000 Opt Out Resolution. The Financial Action Network (FAN) Committee recommended pursuing the passage of additional opt outs while currently authorized opt out funds were available. Minnehaha County's forecast indicates that need for new opt out funds to be levied in 2028. The General Fund budget and forecast continues to project increases in public safety and justice-related expenses in response to growing service needs and these budgeted expenses have increased by 53% since 2022. There is currently \$2,622,000 in General Fund opt out capacity that has not yet been levied and projections indicate potential opt out levy needs in 2028 and 2029 of approximately \$6,000,000.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Approve Resolution MC26-23 for \$2,378,000 Opt Out. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Resolution MC 26-23

Resolution for Opt Out

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF MINNEHAHA COUNTY do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statue. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$2.378 million starting with calendar year 2026

taxes payable in the calendar year 2027. This opt out will be for 25 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2051. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of the County and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

Signed: Dean Karsky, Chair

Jen Bleyenbergh, Vice Chair

Gerald Beninga, Commissioner

Cole Heisey, Commissioner

Joe Kippley, Commissioner

DATE: July 7, 2026

ATTEST: Leah Anderson, Auditor

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Auditor

Employee Handbook Updates

Upon the request of Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Approve Updates to the Employee Handbook Related to Equal Employment Opportunity Guidelines and Reporting; Payroll Deductions; Holidays; Workers' Compensation; and Standards of Conduct. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Juvenile Justice Center Change Orders

Upon the request of Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, MOTION by Bleyenbergh, seconded by Heisey, to Authorize the Chairperson to Sign Change Orders for updates to Technology Equipment for the Juvenile Justice Center which will result in an increase of \$5,336.15 for the Community Room and a credit of \$28.42 for the Courtroom. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

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 Kippley, to Enter Into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 9:24 a.m. 5 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 9:35 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Adjourn at 9:35 a.m. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder