

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 5:00 PM on August 25, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on August 25, 2026. Commissioners present were: Beninga, Bleyenberg, Heisey, and Kippley. Commissioner Karsky was absent. Also present was Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder.

City Council Member present: Basye, Merkouris, Okuwe, Oppenheimer, Pankonin, Sigette, Spellerberg, and Thomason. Mayor Erickson was absent.

Vice Chair Bleyenberg called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Business

Consider a Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Approve the Agenda. 4 ayes. The City concurred.

Joint Budget Hearing for Metro Communications

Aimee Chase, Metro Communications Manager, presented the Metro Communications 2027 budget of \$7,982,087. The proposed budget includes a 4.5% contribution increase from both the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County. MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the 2027 Metro Communications Budget as Presented. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. The City concurred.

Joint Budget Hearing for Siouxland Libraries

Alysia Boysen, Director of Siouxland Libraries, presented the Siouxland Libraries 2027 budget of \$12,928,653. The County's portion for the 2027 budget is \$1,725,000. The City's portion for the 2027 budget is \$11,203,653. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Heisey, to Approve the 2027 Siouxland Libraries Budget at Presented. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. The City concurred.

Joint Budget Hearing for Siouxland Heritage Museum

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented the Siouxland Heritage Museum 2027 budget of \$2,209,753. The County's portion for the 2027 budget is \$990,799. The City's portion for

the 2027 budget is \$967,499. The Revenue Fund portion for the 2027 budget is \$251,455. MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Kippley, to Approve the 2027 Siouxland Heritage Museum as Presented. By roll call vote: 4 ayes. The City concurred.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Troy Nusz, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about Flock cameras.

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Adjournment

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Beninga, to Adjourn at 5:57 p.m. 4 ayes. The City concurred.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder