

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on September 1, 2026, pursuant to adjournment on August 25, 2025. Commissioners present were: Beninga, Bleyenberg, Heisey, Karsky, and Kippely. 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 Heisey, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Amend the Proposed Agenda to Add an Item Setting a Date Certain for a Vote on a Resolution Directing Termination of the County's Flock Safety Agreement and Establishing an Indefinite Moratorium on County Automated License-Plate Readers. By roll call vote: 1 aye; 4 nays-Kippely, Beninga, Bleyenberg, Karsky. Motion Failed.

Motion by Beninga, seconded by Kippely, to Approve the Proposed Agenda. 4 ayes, 1 nay-Heisey.

Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Minutes of August 25, 2026

Approve the Joint Sioux Falls Minutes of August 25, 2026

Bills to be Paid \$845,352.18

A BAR K INC Parts Inventory \$48.6, A BAR K INC Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$28.5, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$441.75, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$317.69, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$248.38, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$60.67, ALISSA ZIGAN Business Travel \$107.1, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$2820.05, ANDERSON, JENNIFER Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha)

\$6060, ANDREW BERG Taxable Meal Allowances \$14, ASPHALT SURFACE TECH Contracted Construction \$149918.05, AVERA MCKENNAN Hospitals \$3492, AVERA MCKENNAN Other Medical Services \$230.38, AVERA MCKENNAN Professional Services \$37.61, BANKERS EQUIPMENT SV Maintenance Contracts \$566, BEN BAXA Taxable Meal Allowances \$14, BLACKBURN & STEVENS Attorney Fees \$171.62, BOUNDARY LLC Welfare Rent \$850, BURNS, JASON Investigators Expenses \$186.2, CAVE, JUSTIN Investigators Expenses \$47.6, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$213.64, CHAGOLLA, ALBERT Interpreters \$90, CHARLES DICKMANN Sign Deposits \$50, CHARMTEX INC Safety & Rescue Equipment \$237.8, CHEMDRY OF SIOUX FALLS Building Repairs & Maintenance \$373, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$307.89, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$87.42, COMPASS CONSULTING E Attorney Fees \$6070.43, CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$667.8, CONTROL INSTALLATION Outside Repair \$198.9, CRANBROOK, KATHERYN Professional Services \$7221.26, DACOTAH PAPER CO Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$474.68, DAKOTA EMBALMING & T Transportation \$3800, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP Hwy Shop Repairs & Maintenance \$10.44, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$1724, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP Plumbing & Welding \$101.08, DALSIN INC HHS Maintenance \$408.5, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$1061.4, DELL MARKETING LP Data Processing Equipment \$1467, DEN HERDER LAW Attorney Fees \$195.2, DERHAGOPIAN LAW PROF Attorney Fees \$1720.2, DERHAGOPIAN LAW PROF Child Defense Attorney \$4086, DICKINSON COUNTY SHE Return Of Service \$42, DIGITAL COMMUNITY HO Maintenance Contracts \$75, EAST VILLAGE Welfare Rent \$1500, ELECTION SYSTEMS & S Office Supplies \$4700, ERIN M JOHNSON PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$2222.84, FARO TECHNOLOGIES IN Homeland Security \$11816.8, FODS, RANDY Uniform Allowance \$144.99, FORCE AMERICA DISTRI Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$814.32, G & R CONTROLS INC Coliseum \$17.27, G & R CONTROLS INC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$236.84, G & R CONTROLS INC Hwy Shop Repairs & Maintenance \$19.74, G & R CONTROLS INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$1857.41, GIRTON ADAMS Road Maint & Material \$147, GLOBAL TEL LINK (GT Telephone \$4.8, GOEBEL PRINTING INC Office Supplies \$249.86, GP PSYCHIATRY CONSUL Professional Services \$15600, GRAINGER Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$15.25, GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COM HHS Maintenance \$204.97, GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COM Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$649.53, GRIESE LAW FIRM Attorney Fees \$2476.6, GRIESE LAW FIRM Child Defense Attorney \$2505, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$230, IMEG CORP Architects & Engineers \$21363.7, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$181.52, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$936, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$1850.6, JESSE BOYER Sign Deposits \$50, JH LARSON COMPANY Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$483.3, KNECHT, ANDREW J Attorney Fees \$3226.2, KNECHT, ANDREW J Child Defense Attorney \$2916.2, KNIFE RIVER Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$819.75, KOLBECK LAW

OFFICE L Attorney Fees \$10951.5, KURITA AMERICA HOLDI Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$6427.78, LAUGHLIN LAW LLC Attorney Fees \$6981, LEWIS DRUGS INC Pharmacies \$1352.94, LIGHT AND SIREN Automotive/Small Equipment \$11155, LINDA SPADE Sign Deposits \$50, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$120, LOVING, PHILIP Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$4650, MAC'S HARDWARE Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$44.55, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas \$1262.09, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$145.65, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Subscriptions \$81.65, MIDLAND INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$60.16, MIDWESTERN MECHANICA Outside Repair \$360.76, MILLER, FRANCES F Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$96, MINNEHAHA CNTY TREAS Miscellaneous Expense \$24, MYERS & BILLION LLP Attorney Fees \$1098, MYRL & ROYS PAVING I Road Maint & Material \$56507.95, NAPA AUTO PARTS Automotive/Small Equipment \$268.48, NAPA AUTO PARTS Parts Inventory \$142.94, NAPA AUTO PARTS Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$83.76, NOVAK Office Supplies \$29.55, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Parts Inventory \$110.09, NYBERGS ACE HARDWARE Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$77, OFFICE DEPOT INC Data Processing Supplies \$564.94, OLSON LAW FIRM PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$2182.3, OPAL CARLSON Postage \$41.18, OTTERPOHL, EMMA Business Travel \$157.92, OVERHEAD DOOR COMPAN Hwy Shop Repairs & Maintenance \$1224.49, PLEASURELAND Automotive/Small Equipment \$6513.2, PRECISE MRM LLC Software \$460, PRECISION KIOSK TECH Testing Supplies \$4500, PRICE, THOMAS L Professional Services \$1500, R&L SUPPLY LTD HHS Maintenance \$336.89, REYNOLDS HHS \$20306, RISTY, MAXINE J Court Reporters \$970.2, RUNGE ENTERPRISES IN Contracted Construction \$281594.01, SAFE HOME LTD PTNRSH Rent Subsidies \$7987, SAMP, ROLLYN H Attorney Fees \$3425.6, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Other Supplies \$124.86, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Professional Services \$187.67, SANFORD Other Medical Services \$2036.75, SANFORD Professional Services \$1023.64, SD HUMAN SERVICES CE Clinics - Auxiliary Services \$9.2, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA L Sign Supply Inventory \$1872.52, SIOUX FALLS CITY Clinics - Auxiliary Services \$1023.2, SIOUX FALLS CITY Professional Services \$384.33, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram \$2809.77, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath \$977.67, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Miscellaneous Expense \$96, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Board Of Prisoners-Meals \$41269.68, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$849.3, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Inmate Supplies \$319.35, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$1706.1, SUNSET LAW ENFORCEME Ammunition \$3600, TAFOLLA, MIRANDA RAE Court Reporters \$2837.1, TERRONES, JARED Investigators Expenses \$106.4, TESSMAN SEED COMP Grounds & Parking Repair \$162.64, THOMSON REUTERS - WE Legal Research \$3574.98, TIRES TIRES TIRES IN Gas Oil & Diesel \$55.77, TOMACELLI'S TOO Jury Fees \$166.24, TRANE Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$910.74, TRANE Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$24.45, TRI-STATE NURSING Professional Services \$7160, TRISTATE GARAGE DOOR HHS Maintenance \$3770.41, TSCHETTER & ADAMS LA Attorney

Fees \$2457.89, UNITED RENTALS INC Jail Repairs & Maintenance \$470, URBANDALE FORENSICS, Attorney Fees \$6000, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$1153.45, VERIZON COMM Investigators Expenses \$75, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$49909.96, XCEL ENERGY Road Maint & Material \$16.05, YANKTON COUNTY Attorney Fees \$732.15, YANKTON COUNTY Return Of Service \$50.

Personnel Actions

New Hires: Jacob Vogel, Highway Maintenance Team Member for the Highway, at \$25.53 per hour (305/1) effective 8/26/26; Spencer Promes, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$27.57 per hour (306/1) effective 8/27/26.

Step Increases: Dallas Davis and Ryan Gevens, Appraisers for Equalization, at \$36.21 per hour (307/6) effective 9/27/26; Kassandra DeHaai, Gail Foerster, Mark Richards, Matthew Satter, and Sara Zishka, Appraisers for Equalization, at \$35.33 per hour (307/5) effective 9/27/26; Beau Behrend, Building Facilities Maintenance Technician for Facilities, at \$33.53 per hour (306/6) effective 8/23/26; Daniel Bosavanh, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$32.72 per hour (306/5) effective 9/27/26; Tristin Atack, Juvenile Correctional Officer for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$31.92 per hour (306/4) effective 9/27/26; Joseph Zilla, Juvenile Correctional Officer for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$34.37 per hour (306/7) effective 8/26/26; Ben Devlin, Exhibits Assistant for the Museum, at \$32.62 per hour (305/8) effective 9/27/26; Margaret Dow, Museum Interpreter for the Museum, at \$24.13 per hour (303/3) effective 9/27/26; Adam Nyhaug, Museum Registrar for the Museum, at \$40.85 per hour (306/14) effective 9/27/26; Heidi Jerke, GIS Coordinator for Planning, at \$52.91 per hour (310/12) effective 9/27/26; Shanya Burt, Paralegal for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$36.21 per hour (307/6) effective 9/7/26; Rebecca Carpenter and Peggy Henley, Legal Administrative Specialists for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$34.27 per hour (305/10) effective 9/27/2; Skylar Dickey, Victim Witness Assistant for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$36.21 per hour (307/6) effective 9/27/2; Julia Labbe, Legal Administrative Specialist for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$28.15 per hour (305/3) effective 9/27/26; Sharrell Logue, Paralegal for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$34.47 per hour (307/4) effective 9/14/26; Thomas Nelson, Senior Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$5,461.60 bi-weekly (314/11) effective 9/27/26; Kamilla Pheifer, Victim Witness Assistant for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$35.33 per hour (307/5) effective 8/22/26.

Other: To begin Interpreter Specialty Pay for Oleg Savenok, Correctional Officer for the Jail, resulting in a rate of \$28.07 per hour effective 8/29/26; Johanna McCabe-Severson, Legal Administrative Specialist for the Public Advocate's Office, on leave without pay effective 8/17/26 through 8/26/26.

To recognize significant employee anniversaries for September 2026: 5 years - Martha Dargen, Jody Nitz; 20 years - CareyJo Deaver; 25 years - Adam Nelson.

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

Abatement Applications for Approval

Parcel 15943, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2022 Property Taxes, \$725.93; Parcel 15943, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2023 Property Taxes, \$1,719.78; Parcel 15943, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2024 Property Taxes, \$1,625.66; Parcel 15943, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$2,123.35; Parcel 13283, Veteran Exempt PT10-4-40, 2025 Property Taxes, \$1,597.42.

Notices and Requests

South Dakota Department of Health Notice of Disinterment Permit for the Remains of Brian Clauson

Regular Business

FY2027 Budget Hearing

Susan Beaman, Finance and Budget Officer, presented the Budget Hearing for the FY 2027 Minnehaha County Budget and adjustments to the Provisional Budget approved by the Commission on July 21, 2026. Since the provisional budget was approved, the Auditor's Office has received adjustments to the General Fund. The property tax revenue changes related to centrally accessed utility values for the General Fund, Building Fund, Fire Protection Fund, and Library Fund will be incorporated into the presentation for the September 22 Commission meeting. Key budget numbers with these are that the budget stands with total appropriations of \$147,040,375 with total cash applied of \$13,054,196. General Fund cash applied is \$10,344,994, which is a rate of 10.03%. The budget includes taxes levied at \$84,342,819. Discussion followed on the FY 2027 Budget Adjustments from Provisional Budget and updated means of finance.

Chair Karsky asked for any proponents and opponents to speak on the topic; there were no proponents and opponents to speak on the topic.

Special Event On-Sale Liquor License Public Hearing

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, was present for the public hearing to consider a Special Event On-Sale Liquor License for Tslat Inc on September 12, 2026, for This is the

Way Fundraiser for the property located at 26076 484th Ave in Valley Springs. 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 any proponents and opponents to speak on the topic; there were no proponents or opponents in attendance to speak on the topic.

MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Heisey, to Approve a Special Event On-Sale Liquor License for Tslat at 26076 484th Ave, Valley Springs, on September 12, 2026. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Special Event On Sale Liquor License for Tslat Inc Public Hearing

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, was present for the public hearing to consider a Special Event On-Sale Liquor License for Tslat Inc on October 3, 2026, for a wedding reception at the Big Red Barn located at 48148 258th St in Brandon. 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 the proponents and opponents to speak on the topic; there were no proponents or opponents in attendance to speak on the topic.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to Approve a Special Event On-Sale Liquor License for Tslat at 48148 258th St, Brandon, on October 3, 2026. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

2027 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement

Upon the request of Jason Gearman, Director of Emergency Management, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to Authorize the Chair to Sign the 2027 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement between Minnehaha County and the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

2026 LEMPG Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements

Upon the request of Jason Gearman, Director of Emergency Management, MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Kippley, to Authorize the Chair to Sign the 2026 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Federal Highway Administration Bridge Investment Program Grant Agreement for Fund Obligation

Upon the request of Jacob Maras, Highway Superintendent, MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to Authorize the Highway Department to Accept and Sign the Phase 1 Agreement of a 3 Phase Federal Bridge Investment Program Grant for a Phase 1 amount of \$281,560.00 out of a Total Award of \$3,133,863.00. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Anthony Mirzayants, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about Flock cameras.

Carter Gordon, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about Flock cameras.

Danielle Smith, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about Flock cameras.

Renee Randall, Sioux Falls, SD, spoke about Flock cameras.

Commissioner Liaison Reports

Commissioner Bleyenberg reported on the recent Drug Court Graduation and the upcoming Southeast District Meeting of the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Beninga reported on a recent tour of the Amazon warehouse.

Non-Action Commission Discussion

Commissioner Heisey spoke about Flock cameras and future conversations on the topic.

Commissioner Karsky asked about putting contact information on the public website.

Executive Session

Consider Motion to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purposes of South Dakota Codified Law 1-25-2(1), (3), (4), (6) and (7).

MOTION by Heisey, seconded by Bleyenberg, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), (6) and (7) at 9:50 a.m. 5 ayes.

Chair Karsky declared the executive session concluded at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Heisey, to Adjourn at 11:01 a.m. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Dean Karsky, Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder