

YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chairman John Marquardt at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Roll call was taken with the following Commissioners present: Dan Klimisch, Don Kettering, Ryan Heine and John Marquardt. Absent: Wanda Howey-Fox.

There were no conflicts of interest reported by Commissioners.

Action 25291C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Kettering to approve the meeting agenda with the following changes: Item 5 on the published agenda will be rescheduled and no executive session will be held. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

There were no public comments.

Troy Cowman appeared for approval of the bid for an ambulance remount and to increase ambulance rates. Arrow Mfg. Inc. was the lone bidder at \$174,663 plus \$14,000 for installation of a Stryker Power load for a total cost of \$188,663.

Action 25292C: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Heine to approve the remount with Arrow Mfg. Inc. Roll call vote was taken with Kettering, Heine and Marquardt voting aye; Klimisch voting nay; motion carried, 3-1.

Action 25293C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the increase in ambulance rates as presented. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 25294C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the East River Franchise Agreement. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Michelle Nielson, Yankton County 4-H Leaders President, appeared before the board to thank them for signing the MOU with SDSU Extension. Nielson said the liaison from SDSU, Tim Tanner, was transferred and has been replaced by Kyle Beach. Nielson said the 4-H year begins Oct. 1 and they would like feedback on the new budget and other expenses.

Action 25295Z: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Kettering to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Bob Law, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Tract H, Deer Ridge, NW1/4, SE1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4, Section 8 and plat of Tracts I, J and K, Deer Ridge, NE1/4, SE1/4 Section 8-93N-56W, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision, erosion and sediment control and same is hereby approved. County Auditor is

hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 25296Z: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Loann Kjeldseth, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Tract 2. Palu Addition. NW1/4, SW1/4, NE1/4, SW1/4 Lying West of the Turkey Creek, Section 24-95N-54W, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision, erosion and sediment control and same is hereby approved. County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 25297Z: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Heine to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Vavra/Dooley, owner of record, have caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Lots 1, 2 and 3 Forest Lake Subdivision, NW1/4, NE1/4, Section 13-93N-57W, County of Yankton, S.D., and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and Yankton County Commission for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to law and conforms to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision, erosion and sediment control and same is hereby approved. County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such the proper resolution and certify the same. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

The board discussed having a celebration at an upcoming commission meeting to commemorate the final payment for Safety Center/Jail/Courthouse Building.

Action 25298C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Kettering to approve the September 2, 2025 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 25299C: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Klimisch to approve the September 5, 2025 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 25300AUD: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Heine to approve the following claims: **Commission:** NFAA (Rentals) \$280.37; Intuvio Solutions (Prof Services) \$299.75; Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$450.52; **Elections:** Qualified Presort Service LLC (Supplies) \$82.50; **Court:** Blackburn & Stevens, Prof LLC (Prof Services) \$977.42; Certified Languages International (Prof Services) \$9.90; Dakota Embalming & Transport Service, Inc. (Embalming) \$1,100.00; Grand Jury (Fees) \$560.30; Kennedy Pier Loftus Reynolds & Brandt LLP (Prof Services) \$228.00; Koletzky Law Office, Prof LLC (Prof Services) \$1,704.00; Department of Health (Lab) \$1,485.00; Dean Schaefer (Prof Services) \$1,358.00; **Auditor:** Patty Hojem (Travel) \$328.10; Leaf (Rentals) \$183.35; Qualified Presort Service LLC (Supplies) \$235.80; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$123.20; Thomson Reuters-West (Prof Services) \$186.13; **Treasurer:** Leaf (Rentals) \$133.60; Qualified Presort

Service LLC (Supplies) \$162.59; **Data Processing:** First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$58.52; **States Attorney:** Culligan (Supplies) \$45.50; Southeast Public Transit (Diversion Expense) \$22.50; Supercom, Inc. (Diversion Expense) \$58.50; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$58.47; First Bankcard (Diversion Expense) \$242.89; Qualified Presort Service LLC (Prof Services) \$39.94; Thomson Reuters-West (Prof Services) \$300.01; **Government Center:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$1,869.26; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$576.13; Culligan (Supplies) \$237.69; Cintas (Maintenance) \$190.68; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$121.00; Menards (Supplies) \$719.54; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$512.14; **Director of Equalization:** Jeanne Drury (Travel) \$308.10; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$50.96; Microfilm Imaging Systems (Maintenance) \$120.00; Qualified Presort Service LLC (Supplies) \$27.49; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$133.38; **Register of Deeds:** Executive Management Finance (Supplies) \$58.00; Qualified Presort Service LLC (Supplies) \$50.10; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$82.98; **Veterans Service Office:** One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$12.43; **Safety Center Building:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$12.99; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$222.99; City of Yankton (Dumpster Fees) \$144.00; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$350.85; KONE, Inc. (Maintenance) \$13,936.90; Menards (Supplies) \$69.98; **Sheriff:** City of Yankton (Fuel) \$4,327.95; Rod Pieper (Travel) \$30.00; Lewis & Clark Veterinary Clinic (K-9 Expense) \$110.25; Qualified Presort Service LLC (Maintenance Contract) \$177.88; Lewis & Clark Ford Lincoln (Maintenance) \$79.56; **County Jail:** Buhl's Cleaners (Uniforms) \$20.00; Culligan (Food Services) \$46.00; Trinity Services Group (Food Services) \$11,385.34; Avera Medical Group-Radiology (Prof Services) \$13.28; Sapphire Health, LLC (Prof Services) \$550.00; Menards (Supplies) \$73.14; Siouxland Oral & Maxillofacial (Prof Services) \$1,229.55; Yankton Rexall Drug Co. (Prof Services) \$345.17; Yankton Medical Clinic (Prof Services) \$1,921.70; **Coroner:** Sanford Health (Prof Services) \$2,758.00; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** City of Yankton (Supplies) \$71.67; Truck Trailer Sales & Service (Maintenance) \$2,196.75; **Poor Relief:** Qualified Presort Service LLC (Supplies) \$318.06; **Contact Center:** 2nd Quarter Allotment (Misc.) \$15,000.00; **Ambulance:** Arrow Manufacturing (Maintenance) \$207.00; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$175.98; ESO Solutions, Inc. (Prof Services) \$12,346.47; Bound Tree Medical, LLC (Supplies) \$2,935.12; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$1,391.36; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$185.85; House of Brands (Supplies) \$1,620.00; Sacred Heart Health Services (Supplies) \$366.78; Global Test Supply (Supplies) \$129.43; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$198.26; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$30.25; Leaf (Rentals) \$85.43; Menards (Supplies) \$116.52; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$260.42; Northtown Automotive (Maintenance) \$79.90; Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$28.22; Security Shredding Services (Maintenance) \$40.00; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$1,019.58; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$41.83; **Mentally Handicapped:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$500.00; SD Achieve dba Lifescape (Misc.) \$120.00; **Mental Illness Board:** Blackburn & Stevens Prof LLC (Hearings) \$216.78; Val Larson (Hearings) \$40.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC (Hearings) \$194.50; Bill Schaeffer (Hearings) \$20.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus Reynolds & Brandt LLP (Hearings) \$768.00; Mark Katterhagen (Hearings) \$20.00; Lincoln County Treasurer (Hearings) \$1,971.16; Luci Lewno (Hearings) \$594.73; **Extension:** Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$355.53; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$75.00; WNAX Saga Communications (4H) \$255.00; **Weed:** ECHO Electric Supply (Maintenance) \$538.17; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$112.21; **Planning and Zoning:** First Bankcard

(Supplies) \$40.51; Microfilm Imaging Systems (Maintenance) \$70.00; Qualified Presort Service LLC (Supplies) \$36.03; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$23.61; **Highway:** Appeara (Supplies) \$160.04; Bomgaars (Supplies) \$475.93; B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$87.05; B-Y Water (Utilities) \$83.00; Butler Machinery Co. (Maintenance) \$68.71; Butler Machinery Co. (Supplies) \$13.00; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$160.18; Rockmount Research & Alloys (Supplies) \$777.12; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Maintenance) \$1,141.97; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Supplies) \$193.36; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$179.72; Titan Machinery-Yankton (Maintenance) \$411.54; White Cap (Supplies) \$910.00; New Century FS (Highway Fuel) \$2,040.80; Fischer Gravel (Gravel) \$35,068.00; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers (Supplies) \$73.48; I State Truck Center (Maintenance) \$1,313.29; Janssen's Garbage Service (Utilities) \$60.00; Leaf (Utilities) \$124.98; Menards (Supplies) \$16.48; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$26.04; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,014.70; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$100.00; Planning & Development District III (Gravel) \$3,000.00; Riverside Hydraulics & Labs (Maintenance) \$221.20; Spencer Quarries, Inc. (Gravel) \$14,622.15; Southeastern Electric Co. (Utilities) \$101.33; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$112.21; **E911:** CenturyLink (Utilities) \$184.47; Golden West Telecommunications (Utilities) \$147.21; **OEM:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$397.36; Boston Shoes to Boots (Supplies) \$154.99; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$31.82; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$53.34; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$31.95; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$171.05; Truck Trailer Sales & Services (Maintenance) \$3,467.88; Tabor Lumber Co. (Supplies) \$204.68; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$198.00; **Government Buildings:** First Bankcard (Misc.) \$694.90; Menards (Supplies) \$125.46; **24/7:** PharmChem Inc. (Prof Services) \$2,831.99; **M & PR Fund:** One Office Solution (Supplies) \$47.61; **County Law Library:** Thomson Reuters-West (Supplies) \$1,236.13; **Non-Departmental:** Yankton Rural Fire Premium (Refund) \$40,869.76; Lesterville Fire Premium (Refund) \$5,661.05; Gayville First Responders Fire Premium (Refund) \$3,880.55; Irene Fire Department Fire Premium (Refund) \$6,447.53; Menno Rural Fire Premium (Refund) \$1,947.30; Scotland Fire Department Fire Premium (Refund) \$406.90; Tabor Fire Department Fire Premium (Refund) \$1,801.99; Volin Fire District Fire Premium (Refund) \$3,319.13; Viborg Fire District Fire Premium (Refund) \$666.86; Yankton City Fire Department Fire Premium (Refund) \$89,893.89; Supercom, Inc. (Jail Tracking Monitors) \$325.00; Byron Nogelmeier (CAM Daily Fees) \$3,009.00; Byron Nogelmeier (Remote Breath) \$352.00; Byron Nogelmeier (State Participation Fees) \$157.00; South Dakota Department of Revenue (Motor Vehicle Fees) \$467,481.56; South Dakota Department of Revenue (Waste Fees) \$5,983.25; South Dakota Department of Revenue (ROD Fees) \$1,410.00; South Dakota Department of Revenue (HSC Services) \$3,646.52; South Dakota Department of Revenue (Redfield Services) \$120.00; SDACO (M & PR Fund) \$432.00. General Fund \$98,818.38; Road & Bridge \$62,556.28; Emergency Management \$4,711.07. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 25301AUD: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the Auditor's Monthly Settlement with the Treasurer and Pooled Cash Report as of August 31, 2025 showing Total Cash of \$9,481,670.64. The General Fund was \$6,662,031.31; Special Funds were \$1,035,726.92; and Fiduciary Funds were \$1,783,912.41 adding to a Grand Total

of General Ledger Cash and Investments of \$9,481,670.64. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Commissioner Howey-Fox joined the meeting.

Action 25302AUD: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to approve the budgeted cash transfer of \$2 million to the Highway Department. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The board discussed the 2026 annual budget for Yankton County. Klimisch suggested a \$2 million dollar cut to reduce the budget from \$15 million to \$13 million. Heine said costs have gone up and tax revenues have not increased at the same pace. Heine said commissioners must reduce spending on roads or pursue a road budget opt-out for additional highway funding. Marquardt said commissioners have already made a substantial cut to the highway budget. Marquardt submitted a proposal to cut the overall county budget 10 percent but preserve a 2.7 percent cost of living increase for employees. The County Auditor, Sheriff, Interim Ambulance Director and Register of Deeds commented on the budget proposal. There were no comments from the public during the discussion.

Action 25303AUD: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine (for discussion purposes) to approve a 10 percent across the board budget cut. More discussion followed. Roll call vote was taken with Fox, Klimisch and Kettering voting aye; Heine and Marquardt voting nay; Klimisch then changed his vote to nay; motion failed, 3-2.

Action 25304AUD: A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to approve a 10 percent budget cut to department operating expenses, which was estimated to be a cut of \$1.2 million. Roll call vote was taken with Heine, Fox, Klimisch, Kettering and Marquardt voting aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There was a public comment from Randy Freng. Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Commissioner updates: There was mention of the previous commission budget meeting on Sept. 5 and the state county convention held in Pierre, Sept. 8-9.

Action 252 C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6 p.m.

John Marquardt, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:
Patty Hojem, Yankton County Auditor