

**YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**February 17, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chairman John Marquardt at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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

There were no conflicts of interest reported by Commissioners.

**Action 2652C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve to move item 10 to the next commission meeting. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2653C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve the agenda as amended. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There were no public comments. Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Julie Jensen appeared before the board to request the possible forgiveness of penalty cost on delinquent property taxes. The board denied the request.

Highway Superintendent Mike Sedlacek appeared for approval of the Agri-Grant and to approve the annual highway bids.

**Action 2654HWY:** A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the Agri-Grant. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2655HWY:** A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the annual highway bids as presented by the Highway Superintendent. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Lori Cowman from Planning and Development District III presented the 2025 Performance Report.

Names were presented for two new county task forces for financial status review and strategic economic development planning. The following people agreed to serve on the committees. For Strategic Planning: Don Kettering, Dan Klimisch, Jerry Oster, Ethan Powell, Sam Hummel, Nancy Wenande, Kelly Kneifl and Jim Petrik. For Financial Review: Catherine Crandall, Doug Ekeren, Joleen Smith, Jean Hunhoff, Kathy Quinlivian, Sue Zavadil, Patty Hojem, Patty Vavra, Paul Scherschligt, Ryan Heine, John Marquardt and Tom Stengrim. The first financial review meeting is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>.

The board discussed options for the tax deed property at 1215 Whiting Street. Michelle Nielson spoke during the discussion.

**Action 2656C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to publish a notice to accept sealed bids on the 1215 Whiting Street property. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The board discussed the lease agreement with Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for office space in the County Government Center. The board questioned the rent amount and the five-year term of the proposed agreement. The commission asked the States Attorney to change the rent amount to \$260.00 and change the option to terminate the agreement with 90-day notice. Michelle Nielson spoke during the discussion.

**Action 2657C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2658C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the following claims: **Commission:** Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$649.48; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$50.50; **Elections:** First Bankcard (Supplies) \$38.69; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply (Supplies) \$219.95; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$87.87; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$52.13; **Court:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Lab) \$1,938.00; Lutheran Social Services (Prof Services) \$130.00; Meierhenry Sargent, LLP (Prof Services) \$612.00; Grand Jury (Fees) \$443.40; Heidepriem Purtell Siegel Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP (Prof Services) \$917.15; Department of Health (Lab) \$2,220.00; Dean Schaefer (Prof Services) \$540.00; Thomson Reuters-West (Supplies) \$1,347.38; **Auditor:** First Bankcard (Supplies) \$38.70; Leaf (Rentals) \$183.35; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply (Supplies) \$219.95; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$218.28; SDACES (Travel) \$15.00; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$215.29; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$280.34; Thomson Reuters-West (Prof Services) \$195.44; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$121.00; **Treasurer:** Leaf (Rentals) \$153.61; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$8,048.78; SDACES (Travel) \$15.00; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$197.35; **Data Processing:** CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$6,376.00; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$44.78; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$852.14; **States Attorney:** Century Business Products (Rentals) \$314.85; Culligan (Supplies) \$72.00; Southeast Public Transit (Diversion Expense) \$30.00; First Bankcard (Travel) \$1.25; First Bankcard (Diversion Expense) \$250.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Prof Services) \$152.63; Security Shredding Services (Maintenance) \$80.00; Thomson Reuters-West (Prof Services) \$300.01; **Government Center:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$90.96; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$422.77; Clarks Rental, Inc. (Rentals) \$85.00; Culligan (Supplies) \$249.97; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$1,218.10; Menards (Supplies) \$10.99; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$263.75; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$25.25; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,439.80; **Director of Equalization:** First Bankcard (Supplies) \$5.71; Microfilm Imaging Systems (Maintenance) \$120.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$25.99; SDACES (Education) \$15.00; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$122.93; One Office Solution

(Supplies) \$68.80; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$193.50; **Register of Deeds:** Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$49.89; SDACES (Travel) \$15.00; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$55.90; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$171.61; **Veterans Service Office:** Leaf (Rentals) \$60.42; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$17.62; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$12.43; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$25.25; **Safety Center Building:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$38.99; City of Yankton (Dumpster Fees) \$144.00; City of Yankton-Landfill (Maintenance) \$88.80; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety Systems (Maintenance) \$331.50; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$3,924.20; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$75.00; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$222.99; **Sheriff:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$75.96; City of Yankton (Fuel) \$3,037.18; NIJO (Travel) \$2,460.00; Guardian Alliance Technologies (Maintenance Contract) \$250.00; Grafix Shoppe (Auto Equipment) \$1,800.00; Pennington County Jail (Travel) \$286.77; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Maintenance Contract) \$217.68; Ron's Auto Glass Repair (Maintenance) \$697.98; Lewis & Clark Ford (Maintenance) \$740.96; Stopstick, LTD. (Auto Equipment) \$574.00; Security Shredding Services (Maintenance) \$80.00; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$1,601.21; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$962.13; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Maintenance Contract) \$200.00; **County Jail:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$5,161.45; Buhl's Cleaners (Uniforms) \$20.00; Scott Family Dentistry, Inc. (Prof Services) \$327.94; AARMS (Prof Services) \$1,500.00; Charm-Tex (Supplies) \$312.31; Diamond Drugs (Prof Services) \$16,449.55; Trinity Services Group (Food Services) \$16,309.92; NIJO (Travel) \$425.00; Sapphire Health, LLC (Prof Services) \$566.50; Chestnut Ridge Foam, Inc. (Mattress Replacement) \$121.92; Willoughby Industries (Maintenance) \$137.25; Hansen Locksmithing, Inc. (Maintenance) \$79.00; JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$950.84; PharmChem, Inc. (Supplies) \$1,780.01; Correctional Risk Services (Inmate Insurance) \$3,533.07; Siouxland Oral Surgery (Prof Services) \$1,413.10; Yankton Rexall Drug Co. (Prof Services) \$426.62; Yankton Medical Clinic (Prof Services) \$1,996.75; **Coroner:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$404.99; **Juvenile Detention:** Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center (Rentals) \$9,788.30; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** City of Yankton (Supplies) \$34.48; **Poor Relief:** Robert R. Nelson (Hospital) \$19,397.92; Robert R. Nelson (Prof Services) \$525.54; Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home (Prof Services) \$1,250.00; **Ambulance:** A-OX Welding Supply Co. (Supplies) \$232.72; Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$127.43; Arrow Manufacturing (Maintenance) \$2,645.00; Arrow Manufacturing (Auto Equipment) \$17,663.00; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$1,437.77; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$300.21; House of Brands (Supplies) \$30.00; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$40.00; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$264.05; Investigative Services (Prof Services) \$153.50; Menards (Supplies) \$139.09; Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$91.72; **Mentally Handicapped:** SD Achieve dba Lifescape (Mentally Handicapped) \$120.00; **Mental Illness Board:** Blackburn & Steves Prof. LLC (Hearings) \$480.78; Val Larson (Hearings) \$48.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC (Hearings) \$133.75; Mark Katterhagen (Hearings) \$48.00; Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health (Hearings) \$1,125.00; Lincoln County Treasurer (Hearings) \$3,318.35; Luci Lewno (Hearings) \$900.21; **Extension:** Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$128.46; **Weed:** One Office Solution (Supplies) \$17.74; **Planning and Zoning:** First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$108.00; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$22.26; First Bankcard (Travel) \$13.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems (Maintenance) \$70.00; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$876.00; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$118.97; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$50.50; **Highway:** Avera Sacred Heart

Hospital (Prof Services) \$48.00; Avera Medical Group-Occupational Therapy (Prof Services) \$109.80; Bomgaars (Supplies) \$73.97; B-Y Water District (Utilities) \$83.00; Rockmount Research & Alloys (Supplies) \$917.56; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Maintenance) \$210.45; CenturyLink (Utilities) \$79.27; Blackstrap, Inc. (Supplies) \$1,622.87; Amazon Capital Services (Maintenance) \$484.22; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$151.98; New Century FS (Supplies) \$848.00; TLC Propane (Supplies) \$2,311.24; Bauer Built (Supplies) \$4,700.37; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$422.34; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$759.61; Southwest Sales & Service (Auto Equipment) \$76,400.00; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers (Maintenance) \$317.64; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers (Supplies) \$148.27; I State Truck Center (Maintenance) \$3,654.36; Janssen's Garbage Service (Utilities) \$65.00; Menards (Maintenance) \$10.29; Menards (Supplies) \$98.50; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,608.01; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,467.01; Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$17.92; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$100.00; Riverside Hydraulics & Labs (Maintenance) \$482.83; SD Federal Property Agency (Supplies) \$339.00; SD Department of Transportation (Bridges) \$12,177.12; Southeastern Electric Co. (Utilities) \$160.69; Truck Trailer Sales & Service (Maintenance) \$120.00; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$397.37; Town of Lesterville (Utilities) \$984.00; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$17.75; Bluepeak (Utilities) \$160.39; **E911:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$1,562.61; Golden West Telecommunications (Utilities) \$145.03; SD Department of Public Safety (Utilities) \$3,840.00; **OEM:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$201.09; B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$72.00; Dive Rescue International (Supplies) \$8.29; AT & T Mobility (Utilities) \$73.85; T-Mobile (Utilities) \$472.83; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$434.15; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$192.94; First Bankcard (LEPC Supplies) \$341.29; Leaf (Rentals) \$128.26; Midwest Card & ID Solutions (Prof Services) \$3,050.00; Tabor Lumber Co. (Supplies) \$194.43; **Government Buildings:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$94.94; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$375.80; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$36.88; Heiman Inc. (Maintenance) \$2,391.10; Menards (Supplies) \$162.93; **24/7:** Precision Kiosk Technologies (Prof Services) \$1,500.00; PharmChem, Inc. (Prof Services) \$4,057.65; Redwood Toxicology Laboratories (Supplies) \$538.50; **M & PR Fund:** One Office Solution (Supplies) \$57.89; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$241.49; **Non-Departmental:** Ambulance Refund (Fees) \$20.51; Sobriety Testing (Refund) \$50.00; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing Due to Clay Creek) \$7.00; CAM Daily Fees (Refund) \$15.00; SD Department of Revenue (Motor Vehicle Fees) \$418,004.46; SD Department of Revenue (Waste Fees) \$6,295.25; SD Department of Revenue (ROD Fees) \$2,190.00; SD Department of Revenue (HSC Services) \$4,796.33; SD Department of Revenue (Redfield Services) \$120.00; SDACO (M & PR Fund) \$390.00. General Fund \$168,751.35; Road & Bridge \$111,548.83; Emergency Management \$5,206.98. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2659AUD:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve the Auditor's Monthly Settlement with the Treasurer and Pooled Cash Report as of January 31 2026 showing Total Cash of \$8,542,313.71. The General Fund was \$4,745,299.78; Special Funds were \$1,759,860.28; and Fiduciary Funds were \$2,037,153.65 adding to a Grand Total of General Ledger Cash and Investments of \$8,542,313.71. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2660AUD:** A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter MI Report. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2661AUD:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to increase the mileage rate for employee travel to .70 per mile. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0

**Action 2662C:** A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the following abatements in the amounts of \$114.00, \$1,230.20, \$204.98, \$2,129.72, \$3,017.28, \$2,129.72, \$217.09, \$2,587.50, \$2,587.50, \$1,509.02 and \$2,587.00. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Commissioner updates: Legislative bills that would affect counties.

**Action 2663C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to recess the regular session at 7:20 p.m. and convene in executive session to discuss Poor Relief Issues Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 & 28-13, Personnel Issue Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and Legal Counsel 1-25-2.3. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 2664C:** A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to adjourn executive session at 7:45 p.m. and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

No action was taken following executive session.

**Action 2665C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

**John Marquardt**, Chairman  
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:  
**Patty Hojem**, Yankton County Auditor