

YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION
March 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, March 17, 2026.

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

There were no conflicts of interest reported by Commissioners.

Action 2685C: A motion was made by Fox seconded by Klimisch to approve the agenda with the following change: add personnel to executive session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

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

Yankton County Director of Equalization Michelle Goeken reported on 2026 property values and discussed dates for the local and consolidated boards of equalization. The board set April 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to open Board of Equalization and April 24, 2026 at 11:00 for the Consolidated Board of Equalization to hear appeals.

Action 2686C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the Board of Equalization report. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 2687C: A motion was made by Klimisch, seconded by Heine to approve pay for Jacob Miller, DOE Field Appraiser, at \$46,540.83. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Highway Superintendent Mike Sedlacek appeared for approval of bid for micro surfacing 7 miles on 309th St between 444 Ave and 451 Ave. The lowest of three bids was from ASTECH Corp. of St. Cloud, MN in the total bid amount of \$331,478.95.

Action 2688HWY: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the bid from ASTECH Corporation. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Emergency Management Director Paul Scherschligt appeared before the board for approval of the Burn Ban Resolution.

Action 2689OEM: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the Burn Ban Resolution as presented. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Sheriff Preston Crissey and Corporal Austin Schuller introduced Daisy, a K9 dog. Crissey said Daisy was purchased through a grant the county received from the Attorney General office from the Drug Forfeiture Fund.

Action 2690C: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Fox to approve the renewal of the County Liability Insurance with SDPAA (South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance). All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 2691C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to surplus property in Lot 34, and W1/4 of Lot 35, Dakota National Company Subdivision, City and County of Yankton. Motion was withdrawn.

Action 2692C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to surplus property located in Lot 5 Block 74 Todd's Addition, City and County of Yankton, SD. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 2693C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to surplus property located in Lot 16 Schwarz Addition a.k.a 2403 Timberland Drive, Yankton, SD. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The board discussed adding policies or changes to the county handbook. It was suggested to change 120 hours to three weeks in the paid parental leave policy. The board will investigate what other counties do before making a change. The States Attorney submitted the policy for Sexual Harassment with training provided to employees free of charge from the county's Liability Insurance Company SDPAA.

Action 2694C: A motion was made Fox and seconded by Heine to table the Parental Leave Policy to the April 7 commission meeting. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 2695C: A motion was made Fox and seconded by Heine to add the Sexual Harassment policy to the Employee Handbook. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 2696C: A motion was made Klimisch and seconded by Kettering to utilize the free Sexual Harassment Prevention training through SD Public Assurance Alliance. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Jeff Brown, Ambulance Administrator, and Troy Cowman, Deputy Administrator, appeared before the board to discuss ambulance service to the Irene nursing home.

Action 2697C: A motion was made Kettering to table the action; motion died for lack of a second.

Action 2698C: A motion was made Heine, seconded by Fox to allow the Ambulance Service, at their discretion and availability, to answer calls up to 5 miles beyond county borders.

Action 2699C: A substitute motion was made by Klimisch to draft an agreement with the City of Irene at the next meeting and vote on it as a board. Motion died for lack of second.

Roll call vote was taken on **Action 2698C**: Heine, Fox, Kettering and Marquardt voting aye; Klimisch voting nay; motion carried, 4-1.

There was no discussion on EMS financial update.

The board discussed wage resolution #4-26 for the Yankton County Sheriff, which would give the Sheriff a 15% raise to \$100,487 for 2026. Commissioner Fox felt Sheriff Crissey's wages should be \$89,846.81, which would be the same 3% cost of living raise other elected county officials received for 2026. Commissioner Klimisch said this was not the first time there have been issues with salaries and said it shows why the county needs Human Resources support.

Action 261009C: A motion was made by Fox to set the Yankton County Sheriff 2026 wage at \$89,846.81. Motion was seconded by Heine to continue the discussion. Chairman Marquardt called the motion.

Action 26101C: A substitute motion was made Klimisch and seconded by Kettering to approve resolution #4-26, giving the sheriff wages of \$100,487 in 2026. Klimisch, Kettering and Marquardt voted aye; Fox and Heine voted nay; motion carried, 3-2.

Action 26102C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve the March 3, 2026 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26103C: A motion was made by Klimisch, seconded by Heine to approve the following claims: **Commission**: Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$50.50; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$2,195.79; Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$342.05; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$4.57; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$115.64; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$625.66; **Elections**: McLeod's Printing & Office Supply (Supplies) \$2,250.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$106.64; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$16.50; **Court**: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Lab) \$1,328.00; Ivonne Bellew Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$74.00; Grand Jury (Fees) \$8,935.80; Union County Clerk of Courts (Other) \$13,904.00; Department of Health (Lab) \$870.00; Dean Schaefer (Prof Services) \$432.00; Creighton Thurman (Neglected) \$3,440.50; Thomson Reuters-West (Supplies) \$1,347.38; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Other) \$60.13; **Auditor**: Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$121.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$1,003.00; Patty Hojem (Travel) \$146.92; LEAF (Rentals) \$183.35; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$193.97; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$189.29; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$30.42; Thomson Reuters-West (Prof Services) \$195.44; **Treasurer**: Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$198.17; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$1,003.00; LEAF (Rentals) \$133.60; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$333.00; **Data Processing**: Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$865.51; CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$7,371.00; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$124.73; **States Attorney**: Culligan (Supplies) \$72.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$1,170.47; Southeast Public Transit (Diversion Expense) \$75.00; CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$100.00; First Bankcard (Travel) \$173.46; First Bankcard (Diversion Expense) \$335.88; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$12.00; Qualified

Presort Service, LLC (Prof Services) \$111.88; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$219.92; Thomson Reuters-West (Prof Services) \$315.01; **Government Center:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$41.49; Andersen Telecom, LLC (Maintenance) \$153.06; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$25.25; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$423.99; Culligan (Supplies) \$249.97; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$28,804.38; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$199.00; Johnson Controls, Inc. (Maintenance) \$6,786.82; Menards (Supplies) \$7.49; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,061.74; **Director of Equalization:** Clarity Telecom LLC (Utilities) \$193.50; SDAAO (Education) \$1,200.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$2,409.25; First Bankcard (Education) \$625.00; JJ Benji (Supplies) \$160.00; Marshall & Swift (Software & Licensing) \$438.77; Microfilm Imaging Systems (Maintenance) \$120.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$7,615.07; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$124.25; **Register of Deeds:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$171.58; Executive Management Finance (Supplies) \$60.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$1,003.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$42.68; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$93.64; **Veterans Service Office:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$25.25; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$440.66; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$12.43; **Safety Center Building:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$229.49; City of Yankton (Dumpster Fees) \$128.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$26,988.81; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety (Maintenance) \$331.50; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$146.32; Johnson Controls, Inc. (Maintenance) \$6,786.83; Menards (Maintenance) \$10.49; **Sheriff:** City of Yankton (Fuel) \$4,172.43; The Collision Center (Auto Equipment) \$199.13; AT & T Mobility (Maintenance Contract) \$3,140.86; Guardian Alliance Technology (Maintenance Contract) \$625.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$33,003.64; CSI, LLC (Computer Services) \$179.00; Pennington County Jail (Travel) \$304.62; Qualified Presort Service (Maintenance Contract) \$218.70; Stopstick, LTD (Law Enforcement Equipment) \$113.00; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$403.85; One Office Solution (Maintenance Contract) \$106.28; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Maintenance Contract) \$50.00; **County Jail:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$1,695.67; Scott Family Dentistry, Inc. (Prof Services) \$455.32; McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions (Supplies) \$203.89; Trinity Services Group (Food Services) \$5,633.71; Sapphire Health, LLC (Prof Services) \$566.50; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$22,510.88; Assusen Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$2,365.29; Jacks Uniforms & Equipment (Uniforms) \$272.34; JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$638.71; Phoenix Supply (Supplies) \$709.00; Correctional Risk Services (Inmate Insurance) \$2,897.72; Yankton Rexall Drug Co. (Prof Services) \$480.20; **Juvenile Detention:** Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center (Rentals) \$12,528.48; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** City of Yankton (Supplies) \$22.84; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$548.57; Advexure, LLC (Maintenance) \$898.70; MT & RC Smith Insurance (Insurance) \$8,285.41; **Nurse:** South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$167.47; **Ambulance:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$6.59; Teleflex Funding, LLC (Supplies) \$1,330.00; Bound Tree Medical, LLC (Supplies) \$6,242.56; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$1,957.50; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$80.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$4,256.61; CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$100.00; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$185.20; LEAF (Rentals) \$339.88; Menards (Supplies) \$36.21; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$113.39; MT & RC Smith Insurance (Insurance)

\$13,546.42; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$752.74; **Mentally Handicapped:** Avera McKennan Hospital (Prof Services) \$873.00; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$500.00; SD Achieve dba Lifescape (Mentally Handicapped) \$120.00; **Mental Illness Board:** Val Larson (Hearings); Bill Schaefer (Hearings) \$20.00; Mark Katterhagen (Hearings) \$20.00; Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health (Hearings) \$900.00; Lincoln County Treasurer (Hearings) \$3,143.57; Luci Lewno (Hearings) \$757.48; Minnehaha County Auditor (Hearings) \$110.00; **Extension:** South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$1,878.14; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$148.46; **Soil Conservation:** South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$195.14; **Weed:** South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$2,358.60; First Bankcard (Travel) \$176.56; The Lodge at Deadwood (Travel) \$315.00; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$17.75; **Drainage Commission:** Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (2026 Allotment) \$500.00; **Planning and Zoning:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$50.50; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$1,471.75; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$12.99; Microfilm Imaging Systems (Maintenance) \$70.00; **Highway:** Bomgaars (Maintenance) \$29.98; Bomgaars (Supplies) \$13.58; Bomgaars (Bridges) \$197.49; B-Y Water District (Utilities) \$77.25; Butler Machinery Co. (Maintenance) \$112.20; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$160.39; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Maintenance) \$423.95; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Supplies) \$90.23; CenturyLink (Utilities) \$79.27; Amazon Capital Services (Maintenance) \$55.04; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$84.07; Echo Electric Supply (Supplies) \$1,981.50; Ehresmann Engineering (Maintenance) \$28.38; City of Yankton-Landfill (Supplies) \$1,174.44; South Dakota Public Alliance Assurance (Insurance) \$62,093.66; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$1,844.22; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$214.81; James Steel (Supplies) \$1,615.00; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers (Maintenance) \$695.77; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers (Supplies) \$56.24; I State Truck Center (Maintenance) \$433.90; Janssen's Garbage Service (Utilities) \$65.00; Menards (Maintenance) \$28.69; Menards (Supplies) \$317.57; Midwest Radiator & Exhaust (Supplies) \$261.46; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$308.48; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,332.81; Northtown Automotive (Prof Services) \$629.93; Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$14.34; Riverside Hydraulics & Labs (Maintenance) \$237.21; Riverside Hydraulics & Labs (Supplies) \$14.08; Southeastern Electric Co. (Utilities) \$138.16; Truck Trailer Sales & Service (Maintenance) \$603.25; Team Laboratory Chemical Corp. (Supplies) \$346.50; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$17.75; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$72.53; Yankton Janitorial Supply (Supplies) \$378.20; **E911:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$1,562.61; Golden West Telecommunications (Utilities) \$142.82; **OEM:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$68.11; B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$68.00; AT & T Mobility (Utilities) \$127.67; First Bankcard (Supplies) \$213.91; First Bankcard (Prof Services) \$959.99; LEAF (Rentals) \$144.25; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$171.31; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$15.57; MT & RC Smith Insurance (Insurance) \$7,443.42; Tabor Lumber Coop. (Supplies) \$183.15; **Government Buildings:** Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$25.74; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$270.00; Menards (Supplies) \$39.10; **24/7:** CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$1,206.00; PharmChem, Inc. (Supplies) \$1,780.01; PharmChem, Inc. (Prof Services) \$4,249.35; **M & PR Fund:** One Office Solution (Supplies) \$44.48; **Non-Departmental:** Aetna (Ambulance Refund) \$87.96; Carri Crum (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Travis Mockler (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Dan Klimisch (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Gary Vetter (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Wanda

Howey-Fox (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$55.50; Ryan Henie (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$55.50; Geoffrey Gray-Lobe (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; David Thiesse (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Kevin Brady (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Glen Gilbertson (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Brent Hays (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Tim Dooley (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$25.00; Patty Hojem (Clay-Yankton Ditch Meeting) \$55.50; Yankton County Observer (Clay-Yankton Ditch Publishing) \$4.16; Supercom, Inc. (Jail Tracking Monitors) \$234.00; Byron Nogelmeier (CAM Daily Fees) \$2,255.00; Byron Nogelmeier (Remote Breath Fees) \$744.00; Yankton County Observer (Fire District Publishing) \$31.04; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Fire District Publishing) \$54.72; Byron Nogelmeier (State Participation Fees) \$187.00; Department of Revenue (Alcoholic Beverage Transfer) \$75.00; South Dakota Department of Revenue (Motor Vehicle Fees) \$440,660.98; South Dakota Department of Revenue (Waste Fees) \$6,418.25; South Dakota Department of Revenue (ROD Fees) \$1,790.00; South Dakota Department of Revenue (HSC Services) \$3,429.49; South Dakota Department of Revenue (Redfield Services) \$120.00; SDACO (M & PR Funds) \$550.00. General Fund \$288,172.59; Road & Bridge \$76,227.33; Emergency Management \$9,395.38. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26104AUD: 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 February 28, 2026 showing Total Cash of \$8,631,357.62. The General Fund was \$4,533,895.71; Special Funds were \$1,606,356.36; and Fiduciary Funds were \$2,491,105.55 adding to a Grand Total of General Ledger Cash and Investments of \$8,631,357.62. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There was a public comment from Bob Gleich.

There was a public comment from States Attorney Tyler Larsen, adding context to the sheriff salary issue.

Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Commissioner updates: \$50,000.00 grant from James River District to help with rip-rap costs for Stone Church Bridge, economic development task force meeting on March 19.

Action 26105C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to recess the regular session at 7:50 p.m. and convene in executive session to discuss Personnel Issue Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and Poor Relief Issues Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 & 28-13. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26106C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to adjourn executive session at 8:10 p.m. and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

No action was taken on personnel.

Action 26107C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded Heine to approve CW.BUR.26.01.004 for \$1,250.00. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26108C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded Fox to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

John Marquardt, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:

Patty Hojem, Yankton County Auditor