

YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION
August 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chairman John Marquardt at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

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

There were no conflicts of interest reported by the board.

Action 26261C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the agenda with the following changes: move Item 11 to Item 4A and cancel scheduled executive session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

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

Emergency Management Director Paul Scherschligt appeared before the board for approval of the Yankton County HazMat plan and surplus 1994 Jon Boat and 2003 Mercury motor. Scherschligt also requested approval of the Yankton County Safety Manual and By-Laws.

Action 26262EM: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the HazMat plan as presented. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26263EM: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Fox to approve the Yankton County Safety Manual as presented. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26264EM: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the By-Laws for the safety manual. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26265EM: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve to surplus the 1994 Allweld 24' Jon Boat and 2003 Mercury 150 HP 2 stroke outboard motor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Madison Melcher, Yankton County 4-H Youth Program Advisor, presented the first quarter update. Melcher reported several 4-H events that youths participated in, including Achievement Days, and also mentioned future events.

Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff presented a cost-benefit analysis of Senate Bill 96, a bill that was signed into law by Gov. Rhoden on March 30, 2026. The bill gives an option to Counties to add a gross receipts tax up to 0.5% on sales and services. The new revenue would lower property taxes on owner-occupied parcels. Counties must pass an ordinance or hold a public vote to implement this tax plan. Speaking on the bill were Jay Cutts and Gary Moore.

Action 26266C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to revoke the Swan Lake Wind CUP so the lawsuit can be dismissed. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26267D: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to recess the regular session and convene as Drainage Board. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There was a first reading of proposed ordinance change 26-ZN-03 to the Yankton County Zoning Ordinance. The second reading of the zoning changes will be at the next commission meeting on August 18, 2026.

Jay Cutts spoke on the ordinance change.

Action 26268C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to recess the Drainage Board and reconvene in Ditch Board. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0

Chairman Marquardt read two bids received for work to be done on the Clay Creek Ditch. Bids were received from Wieman Construction, LLC in the amount of \$121,700.00 and Ground Force Excavation LLC in the amount of \$36,000.00 and unit rates 1-5 @ \$850.00 and 6+ @ \$1,200.00.

Action 26269D: A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to approve the bid from Ground Force Excavation, LLC not to exceed \$50,000.00. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26270C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to recess the Ditch Board and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26271C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve the Union Negotiation Committee of Wanda Howey-Fox, Preston Crissey and Brian Hunhoff. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26272C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the June 21, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The board scheduled August 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. for 2027 budget discussion.

Action 26273C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the June 30, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26274C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the JULY, 2026 Gross Payroll: **Commissioners:** \$6,840.20; **Election:** \$2,459.64; **Auditor:** \$18,820.24; **Treasurer:** \$23,981.46; **States Attorney:** \$37,325.79; **Government Buildings:** \$6,413.99; **Director of Equalization:** \$23,875.74; **Register of Deeds:** \$20,297.83; **Veterans Service:** \$4,204.20; **Courthouse & Safety Center:** \$10,228.40;

Sheriff: \$94,745.22; **County Jail:** \$106,664.03; **Coroner:** \$1,550.00; **Juvenile:** \$0.00; **Ambulance:** \$77,489.78; **Weed:** \$9,939.20; **Planning & Zoning:** \$13,480.04; **Road & Bridge:** \$73,976.36; **OEM:** \$12,688.82; **24-7 Program:** \$3,685.89. First Dakota National Bank \$38,029.92 (FedWithholding), First Dakota National Bank \$65,856.70 (FICA) First Dakota National Bank \$15,401.96 (Medicare), South Dakota Retirement System \$31,782.72 (Other Employees), South Dakota Retirement System \$38,557.80 (Sheriff/Jail/EMS), South Dakota Retirement System (Spouse Opt) \$74.90, South Dakota Retirement System (Supplemental) \$5,111.33, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC) \$2,853.94, Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$69.44, Boston Mutual Life Insurance \$283.53, Colonial Life & Accident \$2,385.27, AVERA Health Insurance \$72,715.44, Delta Dental \$2,053.10, VSP Vision \$651.89, HealthEquity \$3,321.00. IBC TPA \$11,480.10, Reliance Life Insurance \$1,230.96, Reliance Dental \$339.76, MASA \$83.00, Aflac Dental \$1,433.88, Gross Payroll \$548,711.83 Net Payroll \$406,425.25 All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26275C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the following claims with claim for Boyce Law Firm for Sheriff (Prof Services): **Commissioners:** Health Equity (Group Insurance) \$47.25; **Elections:** Election Systems & Software (Supplies) \$1,951.08; One Office Solutions (Supplies) \$9.85; **Court:** Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$610.78; City of Yankton (Other) \$181.60; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$3,188.21; Fox Law Firm, PLLC (Prof Services) \$2,650.00; Ivonne Bellew Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$287.00; Jacob Bies (Prof Services) \$50.00; Horn Law Office (July Contract) \$21,361.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus & Reynolds, LLP (Prof Services) \$854.00; Lacroix Law Office (Prof Services) \$8,331.83; Grand Jury \$5,550.80; **States Attorney:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$48.97; **Government Center:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$3,300.91; Menards (Supplies) \$42.65; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$3,54,.67; **Director of Equalization:** Hanson Briggs Specialty (Supplies) \$426.90; Charles Richardson (Travel) \$53.38; **Safety Center Building:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$1,431.12; NAPA Auto Parts (Supplies) \$20.01; Menards (Supplies) \$4.99; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$10,835.35; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$296.13; **Sheriff:** Cardmember Services (Travel) \$541.74; Cardmember Services (Supplies) \$104.84; Rod Pieper (Travel) \$10.00; AT & T Mobility (Utilities) \$1,389.10; Wolfcom Enterprises (Auto Equipment) \$2,000.00; FEDEX (Prof Services) \$98.24; Boyce Law Firm, LLP (Prof Services) \$747.50; Jared Anderson (Travel) \$98.00; Qualified Presort Services (Maintenance) \$158.38; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$654.53; **County Jail:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Jail-Prof Services) \$10,466.30; Buhl's (Jail-Uniforms) \$10.00; Scott Family Dentistry (Jail-Prof Services) \$169.00; Cardmember Services (Other-Jail) \$66.36; Cardmember Services (Supplies) \$397.55; Trinity Services Group (Food Service) \$11,304.44; Precision Kiosk Technologies (Prof Services) \$3,000.00; NIJO (Travel) \$850.00; AT&T Mobility (Jail-Utilities) \$57.37; Avera Health (Supplies-Jail) \$950.00; Assusen Prof, LLC (Prof Services) \$3,300.00; JCL Solutions (Supplies-Jail) \$1,708.56; Menards (Supplies) \$205.39; Jacks Uniforms & Equipment (Uniforms) \$224.84; PharmChem, Inc. (Supplies) \$1,727.01; Yankton Medical Clinic (Prof Services) \$282.70; **Coroner:** Larry Nickles (Travel) \$21.00; Mark Nickles (Travel) \$22.40; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$69.98; Auto Mastery (Maintenance) \$576.30; **Ambulance:** Avera Heart Health Services (Prof Services)

\$1,500.00; Bound Tree Medical (Supplies) \$360.09; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$269.09; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$332.32; A-OX Welding supply (Supplies) \$162.88; Avera Health (Supplies) \$33.00; Penn Care, Inc. (Supplies) \$150.30; Menards (Supplies) \$99.79; MidAmerican (Utilities) \$21.50; Verizon (Utilities) \$335.38; **Mental Illness Board:** Val Larson (Hearings) \$36.00; Mark Katterhagen (Hearings) \$36.00; Luci Lewno (Hearings) \$805.52; Kennedy Pier Loftus Reynolds & Brandt, LLP (Prof Services) \$341.60; **County Extension:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$322.66; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$99.41; Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$7.59; Great America Financial (Rentals) \$328.23; Olson's Pest Technician (Supplies) \$75.00; **Weed:** Transwest (Supplies) \$255.00; Van Diest Supply Co. (Chemicals) \$6,691.50; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$100.16; Verizon (Utilities) \$10.02; **Highway:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$55.30; CHS, Inc. (Highway Fuel) \$7,002.755; Titan Machinery (Maintenance) \$85.64; TLC Propane (Supplies) \$1,991.80; Koletzky Implement Inc. (Maintenance) \$1,500.00; Kimball Midwest (Supplies) \$1,329.68; LEAF (Supplies) \$137.48; Olson's Pest Technician (Maintenance) \$100.00; Truenorth Steel (Supplies) \$23,212.80; Verizon (Utilities) \$10.02; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$100.15; **E911:** CenturyLink (Utilities) \$174.50; **Emergency Management:** Koletzky Implement Inc. (Maintenance) \$240.87; NAPA Auto Parts (Supplies) \$375.51; Generator Solution, Inc (Maintenance) \$365.00; Magnum Electronics, Inc. (Maintenance) \$113.73; Great America Financial (Rentals) \$182.64; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$181.31; Verizon (Utilities) \$385.70; MidAmerican (Utilities) \$11.29; Pheasantland Industries (Supplies) \$50.12; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$1,424.40; **Government Buildings:** Naturescaping Designs (Prof Services) \$14,376.90; General Fund \$116,275.29; Road & Bridge \$35,525.62; E911: 174.50; Emergency Management \$3,330.57. All present voted aye; Motion carried, 5-0. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

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

Action 26276C: 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 Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

John Marquardt, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:
Patty Hojem,
Yankton County Auditor