

YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chairman John Marquardt at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

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

Commissioner Fox will abstain from voting on the second set of claims from Harmelink & Fox Law Office. There were no conflicts from the rest of the board.

Action 2599C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to approve the meeting agenda with the following addition: authorization to advertise for Ambulance Administrator. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

There was one public comment from Wayne Hodge. Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Lori Cowman from Planning and Development District III presented the 2024 Performance Report.

Commissioner Heine joined the meeting on the telephone.

The board discussed advertising for the vacant Ambulance Administrator position. The board approved advertising for the position until filled and designating two commissioners and a representative from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital to serve on an interview committee.

Action 25100C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to recess the regular session and convene as Yankton County Ditch Board. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Chris Nelsen appeared to request additional funds in the amount of \$21,500.00 to complete work started on cleaning the Yankton-Clay Ditch. Substantial progress has been made on the drainage ditch but work still needs to be completed in and around 310th Street and BNSF rail crossing and Northern Plains gas lines near Gayville.

Action 25101C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Kettering to approve the ditch cleaning in the amount \$21,500.00. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 25102C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to adjourn as Ditch Board and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The commissioners presented a resolution to revise SDCL 43-4-21 to increase the real estate transfer fee currently imposed at the rate of fifty cents for each \$500 of value to three dollars per \$1,000 of value. If approved the resolution would be sent to the county association to be approved as a bill for the 2026 South Dakota Legislature. Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff and Garry Moore spoke on the resolution.

Action 25103C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the following resolution. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2025-4

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR REVISION OF REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in all South Dakota counties, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$80.7 million dollars at end of 2024 cycle, while many South Dakota counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to financially assist all South Dakota counties, Yankton County requests that the State of South Dakota revise SDCL 43-4-21 that has the real estate transfer fee imposed at the rate of fifty cents for each five hundred dollars of value or fraction thereof upon the privilege of transferring title to real property in the State of South Dakota for which fee shall be paid by the grantor, be increased to **“three dollars for each one thousand dollars of value or fraction thereof upon the privilege of transferring title to real property in the State of South Dakota, which fee shall be paid by the grantor;”** and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yankton County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the State of South Dakota revise real estate transfer fees as submitted and hereby approved.

Yankton County Chairman, John Marquardt /s/

ATTEST: Patty Hojem, Yankton County Auditor /s/

Planning Commission: Zoning Administrator Gary Vetter presented the names of six candidates for two open positions on the Planning Commission: Nick Huber, Michael Welch, Lauren Nelson, Chris Barkl, Martin Lawrensen and Tim O'Hara.

Action 25104Z: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to appoint Nick Huber and Tim O'Hara to three-year terms on the Planning Commission. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The board discussed interest rates for county bank accounts. Commissioner Fox suggested checking with the banks to increase the interest on county accounts. It was the consensus of the board to have commissioners Fox and Heine meet with the County Treasurer to discuss options.

Commissioners Heine presented a request for proposal for Information Technology (IT) Services.

Action 25105Z: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to advertise the RFP up to six weeks. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Commissioner Kettering gave a report on the Yankton County financial planning task force.

The board discussed property the county took a couple of years ago for tax deed. States Attorney Tyler Larsen, Commissioners Klimisch and Fox will meet to develop a plan.

Action 25106C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 25107C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve part one of the following claims: **Commission:** Health Equity (Group Insurance) \$110.25; **Elections:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$79.74; Verizon (Rentals) \$200.05; **Court:** Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$3,510.00; Dakota Psychological Services (Prof Services) \$3,502.25; Lutheran Social Services (Prof Services) \$81.25; Brandon Kirkland (Prof Services) \$55.00; Horn Law Office, LLC (Prof Services) \$20,500.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus & Reynolds, LLP (Prof Services) \$1,341.10; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC (Minor) \$498.50; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$4,066.00; LaCroix Law Office (Neglected) \$396.00; Dean Schaefer (Prof Services) \$558.00; **Auditor:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$182.87; **Treasurer:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$177.67; **Data:** SHI International Corp. (Maintenance) \$28,596.32; **States Attorney:** Century Business Products (Rentals) \$230.99; Century Business Products (Maintenance) \$93.16; Culligan (Supplies) \$64.50; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (Books) \$276.10; Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$47.95; Verizon (Utilities) \$85.86; **Government Center:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$1,931.35; Crescent Electric Supply (Supplies) \$22.99; Johnson Controls, Inc. (Maintenance) \$1,585.00; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$2,695.98; **Director of Equalization:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$31.67; **Register of Deeds:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$60.93; **Veterans Service Office:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$16.75; Verizon (Utilities) \$42.93; Verizon (Rentals) \$40.01; **Safety Center Building:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$728.25; Crescent Electric Supply (Maintenance) \$62.87; Sentry Security Fasteners (Maintenance) \$2,408.10; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$931.07; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$2,291.20; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$7,326.71; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$137.00; Yankton Winnelson Company (Supplies) \$199.90; **Sheriff:** Bomgaars (K-9 Expense) \$210.50; Stalker Radar Applied Co. (K-9 Expense)

\$3,193.00; Cardmember Services (Travel) \$2,463.72; Cardmember Services (Supplies) \$284.70; Cardmember Services (Fuel) \$45.00; Cardmember Services (K-9 Expense) \$88.94; Cardmember Services (Minor Equipment) \$1,558.84; AT & T Mobility (Maintenance Contract) \$1,050.92; Guardian Alliance Technologies (Maintenance Contract) \$330.00; GR-Emergency Vehicle Outfitters (Auto Equipment) \$9,733.00; GR-Emergency Vehicle Outfitters (K-9 Expense) \$23,445.99; Tedder Industries, LLC (Law Enforcement Equipment) \$183.80; FedEx (Prof Services) \$34.05; Intoximeters, Inc. (Law Enforcement Equipment) \$399.00; Intoximeters, Inc. (K-9 Expense) \$399.00; Interstate All Battery (Supplies) \$163.20; Interstate All Battery (Maintenance) \$66.24; Pennington County Jail (Travel) \$682.14; Qualified Presort Services (Maintenance Contract) \$184.45; Rons Auto Glass Repair (Maintenance) \$989.54; Tinting Pros (K-9 Expense) \$150.00; Yankton Fire & Safety (Law Enforcement Equipment) \$32.00; **County Jail:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$341.97; Culligan (Food Services) \$59.00; Cardmember Services (Maintenance) \$119.99; Cardmember Services (Supplies) \$65.95; Cardmember Services (Travel) \$540.00; Diamond Drugs (Prof Services) \$6,361.26; Trinity Services Group (Food Services) \$21,169.28; Avera Medical Group-Willcockson Eye Associates (Prof Services) \$513.15; AT & T Mobility (Maintenance Contract) \$402.65; Avera Medical Group-Radiology (Prof Services) \$52.01; Hy-Vee (Food Services) \$78.57; Hy-Vee (Prof Services) \$12.15; JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$1,146.63; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$155.00; Correctional Risk Services (Inmate Insurance) \$2,065.84; Yankton Medical Clinic (Prof Services) \$905.62; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** Bomgaars (Supplies) \$95.31; Stitchin' Corner & More (Supplies) \$1,722.50; **Poor Relief:** Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$96.33; **Ambulance:** Sacred Heart Health Services (Prof Services) \$1,500.00; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$146.66; Credit Collection Services (Prof Services) \$99.00; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$169.95; Waystar, Inc. (Prof Services) \$821.18; Avera Health (Supplies) \$550.00; Legacy Medical Supplies (Supplies) \$1,378.00; Investigative Services (Prof Services) \$143.50; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$595.46; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,391.88; Verizon (Utilities) \$1,047.40; **Mental Illness Board:** Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC (Hearings) \$460.00; **Extension:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$296.16; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$79.21; Hy-Vee (4H) \$23.14; Great America Financial (Rentals) \$336.11; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$132.67; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$95.00; **Weed:** Bomgaars (Supplies) \$30.98; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Supplies) \$8.99; Crossroads Hotel & Huron Event Center (Travel) \$600.00; Verizon (Utilities) \$25.70; **Planning and Zoning:** Pheasantland Industries (E911 Signs) \$14.00; Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$61.93; Verizon (Utilities) \$42.93; **Highway:** Automatic Building Controls (Prof Services) \$540.00; Appera (Supplies) \$159.24; Bomgaars (Supplies) \$92.97; American Truckboxes (Maintenance) \$1,405.00; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$72.15; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Maintenance) \$246.10; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Supplies) \$523.55; Dakotaland Autoglass, Inc. (Maintenance) \$33.90; CHS, Inc. (Supplies) \$1,885.50; Amazon Capital Services (Prof Services) \$129.00; Platinum Chemicals, Inc. (Supplies) \$447.00; TLC Propane (Supplies) \$46.06; Overhead Door Co. of Sioux City (Maintenance) \$8,402.90; Fastenal Industrial & Construction Supply (Supplies) \$25.68; Graham Tire-Yankton (Maintenance) \$35.94; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers (Maintenance) \$2,243.68; Auto Value (Maintenance) \$1,435.13; Auto Value (Supplies) \$29.88; I State Truck Center (Maintenance) \$989.64; LEAF (Supplies)

\$124.98; Menards (Maintenance) \$50.88; Menards (Supplies) \$89.49; Olson's Pest Technicians (Prof Services) \$100.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts (Maintenance) \$128.37; O'Reilly Auto Parts (Supplies) \$339.45; Power Source Electric (Prof Services) \$525.00; Power Source Electric (Maintenance) \$760.65; SD Department of Transportation (Bridges) \$6,264.89; Team Laboratory Chemicals (Supplies) \$365.00; Verizon (Utilities) \$60.05; Yankton Janitorial Supply (Supplies) \$248.00; **E911**: Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$1,548.31; CenturyLink (Utilities) \$101.41; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$10.00; **OEM**: Bomgaars (Supplies) \$184.88; ECHO Group (Prof Services) \$1,942.50; AT & T Mobility (Utilities) \$64.78; Great America Financial (Rentals) \$245.26; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$189.96; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$30.22; Two Way Solutions, Inc. (Supplies) \$502.60; Verizon (Utilities) \$630.51; **24/7**: Cardmember Services (Minor Equipment) \$158.00. General Fund \$177,291.49; Road & Bridge \$27,800.08; Emergency Management \$3,790.71. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action25108C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the following claims: **Court**: Harmelink & Fox (Prof Services) \$484.13 Voting aye: Marquardt, Heine, Klimisch and Kettering. Fox abstained; motion carried, 4-0.

Action25109C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve the **March 2025 Gross Payroll**: **Commissioners**: \$6,640.96; **Election**: \$0.00; **Auditor**: \$17,888.68; **Treasurer**: \$23,012.94; **States Attorney**: \$44,218.65; **Government Buildings**: \$5,945.18; **Director of Equalization**: \$26,890.59; **Register of Deeds**: \$18,452.06; **Veterans Service**: \$3,887.80; **Courthouse & Safety Center**: \$6,613.73; **Sheriff**: \$91,642.96; **County Jail**: \$97,571.04; **Coroner**: \$2,000.00; **Juvenile**: \$0.00; **Nurse**: \$3,717.13; **Ambulance**: \$93,212.09; **WIC**: \$705.60; **Extension**: \$4,492.32; **Soil Conservation**: \$0.00; **Weed**: \$623.96; **Planning & Zoning**: \$12,986.15; **Road & Bridge**: \$83,781.49; **OEM**: \$11,712.32; **24-7 Program**: \$4,489.69. First Dakota National Bank \$40,566.85 (Withholding), First Dakota National Bank \$67,049.42 (FICA) First Dakota National Bank \$15,680.86 (Medicare), South Dakota Retirement System \$33,414.18 (Other Employees), South Dakota Retirement System \$38,485.04 (Sheriff/Jail/EMS), South Dakota Retirement System (Spouse Opt) \$202.59, South Dakota Retirement System (Supplemental) \$5,240.00, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC) \$1,722.31, Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$69.44, Boston Mutual Life Insurance \$290.69, Colonial Life & Accident \$3,076.00, AVERA Health Insurance \$71,980.63, Delta Dental \$2,496.06, VSP Vision \$695.53, HealthEquity \$4,139.00. IBC TPA \$9,541.78, Reliance Life Insurance \$1,967.25. Reliance Dental \$1,307.57, Gross Payroll \$560,548.34, Net Payroll \$412,932.91 All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 25110C: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve a property tax abatement of \$1,987.44. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 25111C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to approve a property tax abatement of \$2,038.51. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There was one public comment from Rick Goodrich. Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Commissioner updates: Items mentioned were financial and budget taskforce, commissioner Kettering attended a GOED meeting. Homeowners tax relief proposal from Governor Rhoden, vitality meeting in Gayville SD and annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser was a success.

Action 25112C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to recess the regular session at 7:15 p.m. and convene in executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All present voted aye motion carried, 5-0.

Action 25113C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to adjourn executive session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

No action was taken on personnel issues.

Action 25114C: 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, April 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

John Marquardt, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:
Patty Hojem, Yankton County Auditor