

YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION
July 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chairman John Marquardt at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2026.

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

There were no conflicts of interest reported by the board.

Action 26239C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove Item 10 and add executive session for contractual. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There were public comments from Madison Melcher, Kristi Schultz, Chris Patton and Payton Terca. Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Highway Superintendent Mike Sedlacek appeared for approval of the two resolutions for speed limits on Dayton Lane and Ridgeview Drive and for 310th Street Between 429th Avenue and 430th Avenue. Sedlacek also presented the Local Federal Bridge Grant applications for approval.

Action 26240HWY: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve Resolution 26-5. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26241HWY: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve Resolution 26-6. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26242HWY: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the grant application for Bridge 68-186-070. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26243HWY: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Fox to approve the bridge grant application for Fleeg's Bridge. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Brian Hunhoff appeared before the board to present the Register of Deeds second quarter report for 2026. Hunhoff also presented a report comparing the county's full-time staff pre covid and post covid per the financial committee.

Action 26244ROD: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering approve the 2026 second quarter report from the Register of Deeds Office. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Troy Cowman presented the 2026 second quarter report for the Ambulance Department.

Action 26245AMB: A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Fox to accept the 2026 second quarter report from the Ambulance Department. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Greg Vavra, a field service manager with the South Dakota Local Transportation Assistance Program (SDLTAP), explained to the board that SDLTAP provides technical advice and training for counties on the road & bridge side. Vavra said the county has to lay out a plan for what it will be spending the levy dollars on and to be transparent with the voters.

Commissioners discussed a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications or issuing of permits for data centers. Speaking on the resolution were Chris Patton, Michael Sterom, Kate Swihart, Travis Schultz, Walker Hunhoff, Todd Christensen, John Kabeisman, Taylor Bear, Tom Brinkman, Kristy Schultz and Ava Haar. Nancy Wenande also made a comment on the discussion.

Action 26246C: A motion was made Fox to approve a Data Center Moratorium for six months; motion died for lack of a second.

Action 26247C: A motion was made by Heine to pass a Data Center Moratorium for twelve months; motion died for lack of a second.

Action 26248C: A motion was made Fox and seconded by Heine to pass a Data Center Moratorium for six months as set forth in the commission packet. Roll vote was taken with Fox, Heine, Klimisch, Kettering and Marquardt voting aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Yankton City Manager Amy Leon presented the city's annual requests for county funding of shared city-county operations. Leon requested \$44,572 county funding for the Senior Citizens Center. She requested 90% of the 911 surcharge revenue received from the state for the Dispatch Center. The City's funding request for the Yankton Community Library is \$24,000. Krissandra Thury spoke on behalf of The Center.

Preston Crissey, Yankton County Sheriff, presented his 2026 second quarter report and requested approval of the new hire for part-time transporter.

Action 26249S: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to accept the Sheriff's 2026 second quarter report. A detailed report is on file with the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26250C: A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Klimisch to approve new hire Nathanael VanGerpen (transporter) at the hourly rate of \$20.53. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Dustin Iiams appeared before the board to request a noise ordinance. Mr. Iiams said there is a particular residence in the county that has music on all night long. The board asked States Attorney, Sheriff and Zoning staff to look into the matter.

Action 26251Z: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Dumont Holdings, LLC, owners of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Lots 15, 16 & 17, Forest Lake Subdivision, NW1/4, NE1/4, of 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, 5-0.

Dan Johnson, representing Risty Benefits, appeared before the board to give a six-month review of medical benefits for county employees. Mr. Johnson said to estimate 10% to 11% increase in premiums for 2027.

Action 26252C: 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.

Action 26253C: 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 26254C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the following claims: **Commission:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$50.50; SD Association of Co Officials (Travel) \$500.00; SD Association of Co Officials (Travel) \$750.00; **Elections:** First Bank Card (Supplies) \$653.90; Qualified Presort Service (Supplies) \$117.00; Qualified Presort Service (Supplies) \$100.99; Security Shredding Service (Maintenance) \$240.00 **Court:** Blackburn & Stevens Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$524.60; John Billings; (Professional Services) \$4,087.00; Koletzky Law Office (Prof Services) \$3,920.41; Department of Health Prof Services; \$1,485.00; Dean Schaefer (Prof Services) \$978.00; **Auditor:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$121.00; Patty Hojem, (Travel) \$428.80; Leaf (Rentals) \$183.35; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$439.51; SD Association of Co. Officials (Travel) \$250.00; Thomson Reuters (Prof Services) \$195.44 **Treasurer:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$197.47; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$318.90; SD Association Co. Officials, (Travel); \$250.00; Security Shredding Service (Maintenance) \$40.00; **Data Processing:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$886.50; CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$1,615.20; First Bankcard (Maintenance) \$44.78; **States Attorney:** Century Business Products (Rentals) \$399.21; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Prof Services) \$37.34; Culligan, (Supplies) \$53.50, First Bank Card, (Supplies) \$358.52; Security Shredding Service, (Maintenance) \$80.00; Yankton Daily P&D (Supplies) \$254.49; **Government Center:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$8.99; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$25.25; City of Yankton (Supplies) \$403.90; First Bank Card (Supplies) \$1,743.84;

SVL Service Corporation (Maintenance) \$3,261.00; Janssen's Garbage (Maintenance) \$345.00; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$430.07; **CLERP:** 3rd QTR Allotment; **Director of Equalization:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$193.50; SDAAO (Education Expense) \$1,800.00; First Bank Card (Supplies) \$104.15; Great American Financial (Maintenance) \$86.42; Miroflm Imaging System (Maintenance) \$120.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$117.58; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$23.74; One Office Solution (Maintenance) \$36.81; **Register of Deeds:** Clarity Telecom (Utilities) \$172.30; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$49.70; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$36.36; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$59.99; **Veterans Service Office:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$25.25; Hampton INN (Travel) \$772.00; LEAF (Rentals) \$60.42; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$20.75; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$16.57; **Safety Center Building:** Clarity (Utilities) \$229.49; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$160.00; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety (Maintenance) First Bank Card (Supplies) \$248.00; Johnson Controls, Inc. (Maintenance) \$274.18; Kone Inc (Maintenance) \$414.48; Menards (Supplies) \$19.96; Menards (Other) \$137.97; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$171.31; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$951.56; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,109.57; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$7,680.56; Uline (Supplies) \$1,692.89; **Sheriff:** City of Yankton (Fuel) \$3,237.42; Wolfcom Enterprises (Auto Equipment) \$94.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$193.05; Security Shredding Service (Maintenance) \$60.00; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$2,237.23; One Office Solution (Supplies) \$141.26; **County Jail:** Avera Sacred Heart Hosp (Prof Services) \$74.17; ITS (Security Maintenance) \$3,236.72; Buhl's Cleaners (Unitforms) \$20.00; Charm-Tex (Supplies) \$6,870.13; Culligan (Supplies) \$34.00; Diamond Drugs (Prof Services) \$8,298.89; Trinity Services Group (Food Services) \$7,223.01; Sapphire Health, LLC (Prof Services) \$566.50; Jacks Uniforms & Equipment (Supplies) \$99.94; JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$908.56; Phoenix Supply (Supplies) \$813.50; Correctional Risk Service (Inmate Insurance) 3,486.00; Strachan Sales, Inc (Maintenance) \$262.96; Yankton Rexall (Prof Services) \$543.99; Yankton Medical Clinic (Prof Services) \$841.23; **Coroner:** First Bank Card (Supplies) \$87.21; **Juvenile Detention** (Rentals) **\$31,984.60**; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** City of Yankton (Supplies) \$58.39; **Care of Poor** Wintz & Ray Funeral Home (Prof Services) \$1,250.00; **Ambulance:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$43.94; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$114.49; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$1,400.98; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$344.36; Waystar, Inc. (Prof. Services) \$731.06; Avera Health (Supplies) \$867.99; First Bank Card (Prof Services) \$17.54; First Bank Card (Supplies) \$56.52; Penn Care, Inc. (Supplies) \$355.88; Janssen's Garbage (Maintenance) \$420.00; LEAF (Rentals) \$154.47; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$140.69; Tire Muffler Alignment (Maintenance) \$1,060.29; Verizon (Utilities) \$597.45; **Mentally Health Centers:** Ability Building Services (Prof Services) \$11,192.50; **Mental Illness Board:** Lewis & Clark Behavioral (Hearings) \$1,200.00; Luci Lewno (Hearings) \$348.00; The Center (2nd Quarter) \$9,140.28; **Extension:** Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$159.69; Union County (4-H) \$367.07; Yankton Fire & Safety (Maintenance) \$35.00; **Weed:** Amazon (Supplies) \$24.72; One Office Solutions (Supplies) \$22.94; **Planning and Zoning:** Clarity (Utilities) \$50.50; First Bank Card (Supplies) Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$34.27; SD Asso of Co. Officials (Travel) \$250.00

Highway: Appeara (Supplies) \$166.26; B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$92.67; B-Y Water District (Utilities) \$90.50; Barco Municipal Products (Supplies) \$2,222.80; Butler Machinery Co. (Maintenance) \$4,208.44; Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$160.54; Gary Guthmiller (Rentals) \$270.00 Knife River (Supplies) \$79.56; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$3,051.99; Century Link (Utilities) \$78.30; Precision Power Service (Maintenance) \$1,030.00; First Bank Card (Supplies) \$14.58; Francotyp-Postalia, Inc. (Supplies) \$71.85; Transwest (Supplies) \$510.00; Janssen's Garbage (Utilities) \$65.00; Menards (Supplies) \$10.99; Midamerican Energy (Utilities) \$26.80; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$923.54; SD Association of Co Officials (Travel) \$250.00; Spencer Quarries Inc. (Secondary Roads) \$5,189.06; Southeastern Electric Co. (Utilities) \$132.53; One Office Solutions (Supplies) \$22.91; **E911** City of Yankton (2nd Quarter) \$95,375.00; CenturyLink (Utilities) \$159.12; Golden West (Utilities) \$147.27; **OEM:** Auto Mastery (Maintenance) \$282.75; Precision Power Service (Maintenance) \$1,400.00; First Bank Card (Supplies) \$315.54; First Bank Card (Prof Services) \$39.74; First Bank Card (Maintenance) \$73.20; First Bank Card (Travel) \$85.34; Qualified Presort Services (Supplies) \$8.03; Tabor Lumber (Supplies) \$332.79. General Fund \$146,311.97; Road & Bridge \$18,668.32; E911 \$95,681.39; Emergency Management \$2,537.39. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Action 26255AUD: A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to surplus a 2005 Chevy Pickup as presented by the County Auditor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

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

Action 26256C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to recess the regular session at 8:30 p.m. and convene in executive session to discuss Poor Relief Issues Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 & 28-13, and the added contractual item. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 26257C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to adjourn executive session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

No action was taken on executive issues.

Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

Action 26258C: A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

John Marquardt, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:

Patty Hojem,
Yankton County Auditor