

**YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**May 5, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chairman John Marquardt at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

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

There were no conflicts of interest reported by the board.

**Action 26144C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the agenda. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

There was a public comment made by Bob Gleich.

Chairman Marquardt closed public comment.

**Action 26145AUD:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the following Malt Beverage License Renewal applications: Captain Norm's, Lewis & Clark Marina, Marina Bar & Grill, Pump N Stuff, Joe's Substation, Gerstner Oil Co, Double T Truck Stop, Flatlanders, Mayfield Bar & Grill, TJ's Mini Mart, Cottonwood, Kozy's Bar, Lewis & Clark Meat Lodge LLC, Lewis & Clark Resort, Riverside Roadhouse, Mazing Acres Pumpkin Patch, Sully's and Dollar General Store #31100. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Chairman Marquardt opened it up for public comment. There were no public comments.

Marquardt closed public comment.

**Action 26146WD:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to accept the Weed Spraying Joint Agreement with the State of South Dakota. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

**Action 26147C:** A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to approve items for surplus as presented by the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Dan Klimisch joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m. by phone.

**Action 26148EXT:** Madison Melcher gave quarterly updates for Extension and the 4-H program. A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to approve the Extension Quarterly update. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26149C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26150C:** A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to approve the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26151C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26152C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to approve the APRIL, 2026 Gross Payroll: **Commissioners:** \$6,840.20; **Election:** \$12.13; **Auditor:** \$18,878.58; **Treasurer:** \$24,421.46; **States Attorney:** \$44,239.53; **Government Buildings:** \$6,629.61; **Director of Equalization:** \$23,875.74; **Register of Deeds:** \$19,170.48; **Veterans Service:** \$4,404.40; **Courthouse & Safety Center:** \$10,718.08; **Sheriff:** \$97,685.59; **County Jail:** \$107,432.42; **Coroner:** \$1,850.00; **Juvenile:** \$0.00; **Ambulance:** \$82,610.18; **Weed:** \$621.20; **Planning & Zoning:** \$13,480.04; **Road & Bridge:** \$88,172.21; **OEM:** \$12,623.19; **24-7 Program:** \$3,607.81. First Dakota National Bank \$40,267.40 (Withholding), First Dakota National Bank \$68,317.24 (FICA) First Dakota National Bank \$15,977.46 (Medicare), South Dakota Retirement System \$33,673.18 (Other Employees), South Dakota Retirement System \$38,771.00 (Sheriff/Jail/EMS), South Dakota Retirement System (Spouse Opt) \$168.69, South Dakota Retirement System (Supplemental) \$5,301.33, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC) \$2,845.87, Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$69.44, Boston Mutual Life Insurance \$290.69, Colonial Life & Accident \$2,385.27, AVERA Health Insurance \$70,127.50, Delta Dental \$1,946.34, VSP Vision \$643.22, HealthEquity \$3,321.00. IBC TPA \$11,315.38, Reliance Life Insurance \$1,241.71, Reliance Dental \$339.76, MASA \$83.00, Aflac Dental \$1,539.31, Gross Payroll \$567,320.85, Net Payroll \$422,403.35 All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

Taskforce updates: Doug Ekern provided the update on the financial advisory committee taskforce - his taskforce has met four times. Ekern and the taskforce are focusing on three areas; revising financial reporting, looking at policies and procedures on how to do business as a county, and comparing Yankton County to other similar South Dakota counties in regards to revenues, expenditures, etc... Don Kettering provided the update on the economic development task force – his taskforce has meet twice and they are working on economic development in the community and is wanting transparency and involvement within the community.

**Action 26153C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Kettering to approve the following claims with exception of the E911 disbursement to the City of Yankton and hold that particular claim for the next meeting; **Commission:** Alternative HR, LLC (Prof Services) \$660.00; Health Equity (Group Insurance) \$47.25; Yankton County Observer (Publishing) \$247.58; Yankton County Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$252.00; **Elections:** Election Systems & Software, Inc. (Supplies) \$771.86; Election Systems & Software, Inc. (Prof Services) \$54.27; McLeod's Print & Office Supplies (Supplies) \$52.17; Qualified Presort

Service, LLC (Supplies) \$140.52; Verizon (Rentals) \$200.05; **Court:** Avera McKennan Hospital (Lab) \$500.00; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$2,637.84; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$2,883.21; Great Plains Reporting (Prof Services) 262.25; Jacob Bies (Prof Services) \$230.00; Witnesses (Fees) \$56.80; Alvine Law Firm, LLP (Prof Services) \$2,454.06; Horn Law Office, LLC (Prof Services) \$21,361.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus Reynolds & Brandt, LLP (Prof Services) \$4,218.80; Stephanie Moen (Prof Services) \$622.30; Dean Schaefer (Prof Services) \$336.00; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Other) \$39.68; **Auditor:** Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$90.24; **Treasurer:** Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$157.48; **Data Processing:** CSI, LLC (Maintenance) \$1,537.75; Tyler Technologies (Maintenance) \$2,575.93; **States Attorney:** CSI, LLC (Minor Equipment) \$1,923.80; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Prof Services) \$105.97; SD Special Pay Plan (Salary) \$14,380.26; SD Special Pay Plan (Retirement) \$45.00; **CLEP:** SDACC (2<sup>nd</sup> Allotment) \$9,268.00; **Government Center:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$2,249.92; Zimo Supply Co. (Supplies) \$78.00; Johnson Controls, Inc. (Maintenance) \$7,592.26; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$2,922.54; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$84.00; **Director of Equalization:** Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$38.10; Steinley Real Estate Appraisals (Education Expenses) \$200.00; **Register of Deeds:** Executive Management Finance (Supplies) \$60.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$50.32; **Veterans Service Office:** Verizon (Rentals) \$40.01; **Safety Center Building:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$1,167.22; Clarks Rental, Inc. (Rentals) \$77.00; Amazon Capital Services (Maintenance) \$86.38; Zimco Supply Co. (Supplies) \$78.00; Johnson Controls, LLC (Maintenance) \$6,990.83; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$8,194.03; **Sheriff:** Cardmember Services (Maintenance Contract) \$75.00; Cardmember Services (Travel) \$659.04; Cardmember Services (Uniforms) \$231.99; Cardmember Services (Ballistiv Vests) \$1,141.20; Cardmember Services (Supplies) \$96.73; The Collision Center (Maintenance Contract) \$1,107.50; AT & T Mobility (Maintenance Contract) \$1,387.37; Intoximeters, Inc. (Equipment Grant) \$898.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Maintenance Contract) \$156.17; **County Jail:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Prof Services) \$5,123.67; Scott Family Dentistry, Inc. (Prof Services) \$979.71; Cardmember Services (Uniforms) \$77.25; Cardmember Services (Other) \$341.50; Cardmember Services (Supplies) \$1,070.48; Cardmember Services (Travel) \$438.81; IDEMIA Identity & Security USA, LLC (Maintenance Contract) \$2,728.00; Trinity Services Group (Food Services) \$10,747.44; AT & T Mobility (Maintenance Contract) \$39.37; Assusen Prof. LLC (Prof Services) \$3,825.00; Hy-Vee (Prof Services) \$4.61; JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$689.48; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$155.00; Siouxland Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (Prof Services) \$2,066.25; **Ambulance:** Sacred Heart Health Services (Prof Services) \$1,500.00; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$224.42; Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$93.98; Sacred Heart Health Services (Supplies) \$791.58; Menards (Supplies) \$137.78; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$249.93; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,125.15; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$119.00; Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$108.31; Jean Scherschligt (Supplies) \$94.07; Verizon (Utilities) \$338.24; **Mental Illness Board:** Birmingham & Cwach Law Office, Prof. LLC (Hearings) \$240.58; Val Larson (Hearings) \$32.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC (Hearings) \$559.75; Mark Katterhagen (Hearings) \$32.00; Luci Lewno (Hearings) \$204.00; **Senior Citizens:** City of Yankton (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Allotment) \$4,202.59; **Extension:** Clarity Telecom, LLC (Utilities) \$322.66; City of Yankton

(Utilities) \$85.52; Madison Melcher (Travel) \$656.99; Great America Financial (Retals) \$328.23; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$73.93; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$75.00; **Weed:** Verizon (Utilities) \$10.02; **Planning and Zoning:** Qualified Presort Service, LLC (Supplies) \$42.82; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan (Publishing) \$82.13; **Highway:** Bomgaars (Supplies) \$388.36; Barco Municipal Products (Supplies) \$1,317.42; Butler Machinery Co. (Maintenance) \$17.46; City of Yankton (Annual Projects) \$84.14; NAPA Auto Parts of Yankton (Maintenance) \$25.23; CHI, Inc. (Highway Fuel) \$25,762.17; City of Yankton-Landfill (Supplies) \$91.08; UST Testing, Inc. (Maintenance) \$2,370.00; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (Insurance) \$3,745.06; I State Truck Center (Maintenance) \$836.09; Olson's Pest Technicians (Maintenance) \$100.00; Riverside Hydraulics & Labs (Maintenance) \$392.00; Verizon (Utilities) \$10.02; **Diversion:** Tred-Mark Communications (Utilities) \$237.50; **OEM:** B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$68.00; AT & T Mobility (Utilities) \$52.15; T-Mobile (Utilities) \$2,068.52; CSI, LLC (Minor Equipment) \$1,923.80; Great America Financial (Rentals) \$212.95; Midcontinent Communications (Utilities) \$181.31; MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$20.71; Verizon (Utilities) \$379.57; **Government Buildings:** Amazon Capital Services (Supplies) \$368.22; Zimco Supply Co. (Supplies) \$79.00; Menards (Supplies) \$276.77; **Non-Departmental:** South Dakota Department of Revenue (Alcoholic Beverage Licenses) \$2,850.00. General Fund \$146,910.93; Road & Bridge \$35,139.03; Emergency Management \$4,907.01. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26154C:** A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox to approve the salary increase for the sheriff's employee going from part-time to full-time. All in favor aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26155C:** A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Klimisch to table the new hire salary increase for the sheriff's employee to get an explanation of the steps and grade. All in favor aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Commissioner Updates:** Marquardt - they are making great headway on Stone Church Bridge and are ahead of schedule. Klimisch - VFW hosted a Loyalty Day where law enforcement was honored.

**Action 26156C:** A motion by Heine and seconded by Klimisch to move into Board of Adjustment at 6:30 p.m. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Variance Public Hearing:** This was the time and place for a public hearing for a Variance application from St. Agnes Church. Applicant is requesting a minimum lot size in an Agriculture District per Article 18 Section 1807 and Article 19 Section 1907. Said property is legally described as Beginning at a point on NE1/4, of S23-T93N-R56W, 22 Rod West from the NE1/4 thence running with 20 rods, thence 40 rods, 20 rods to the North line of NE1/4, thence East along said last mentioned one to the place of beginning, containing 5 acres, Yankton, South Dakota.

Chairman Marquardt opened it up for public comment. Tony Sees, Bob DeJong, and Father Bob Lacey spoke during public comment.

Marquardt closed public comment.

**Action 26157Z:** A motion was made by Heine and seconded by Fox, to approve Variance for St. Agnes Church. All in favor aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**CUP Public Hearing:** This was the time and place for a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit application from Paul & Jodi Smith. Applicants are requesting a Conditional Use Permit to have an open storage area in a Moderate Density Residential District per Article 7 Section 709, Article 18 Section 1805, and Article 19 Section 1905. Said property is legally Lot 1 Block 1 Missouri Valley Acres in S16-T93N-R55W West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Yankton County, South Dakota. E911 address is 3912 Buck St., E911 address is 901 East Side Dr., Yankton.

Chairman Marquardt opened it up for public comment. There were no public comments.

Marquardt closed public comment.

**Action 26158Z:** A motion was made by Kettering and seconded by Heine, to approve Conditional Use Permit for Paul & Jodi Smith. All in favor aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26159C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to recess Board of Adjustment at 6:44 p.m. and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26160Z:** A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears Kevin Kirschenman, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Tract 1 and Tract 2 of St. Agnes Addition, SE1/4, SE1/4 of Section 14 and in North 12 Rods of the East 67 Rods, NE1/4, NE1/4, S23-95N-56W, 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.

There were no public comments.

Marquardt closed public comment.

**Action 26161C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to move into executive session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss Poor Relief Issues Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 & 28-13 and 28-13-1.3, Personnel 1-25-2(1). All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

**Action 26162C:** A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Heine to adjourn executive session at 7:39 p.m. and reconvene in regular session. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There was no action taken in executive session.

**Action 26163C:** 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, May 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

**John Marquardt**, Chairman  
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:  
**Kasi Foss**, Deputy County Auditor