

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 18, 2026**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on August 18, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the commission meeting room at the Lake County Courthouse. Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair, called the meeting to order. Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor, called roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke (via Zoom), Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: COUNTY COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION, OR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Greg Fritz, representing himself, addressed the Board regarding a plat dispute. He provided the Board with a purchase agreement between the Edith St. Clair Trust and himself.

AGENDA APPROVED:

Auditor Barrick told the Board that the Hannemann's Addition Plat will need to be removed from the agenda. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for August 18, 2026, with the removal. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the unapproved minutes of August 3, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of August 4, 2026. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve payroll #17 dated August 21, 2026 and directed the Auditor to email the payroll report upon its completion. Motion carried. Comm: \$2,849.25; Auditor: \$6,604.86; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,377.10; Gov't Bldg: \$6,209.64; DOE: \$8,139.52; ROD: \$4,419.02; VSO: \$430.77; Sheriff: \$20,595.09; Jail: \$15,919.25; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$858.81; Zoning: \$1,939.12; Rd-Br: \$9,083.25; 911: \$12,802.81; EMA: \$2,261.35; 24/7: \$635.45.

Grand Total: \$108,428.32

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$1,400,766.04. Motion carried.

2026.07 AP - General: Hauge Associates, Garnish/Emp #2565, \$300.31, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$21,184.37, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,523.50, **911:** AAA Collections, Garnish/Emp # 3470, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,559.93, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$622.31, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$151.25. **Total: \$27,677.51**

2026.08.10 AP - General: SD DOR, Child Trust, \$880.00, SD DOR, MV, \$327,547.63, SDACO, Fees, \$464.00, **St Atty:** Bankwest, Flags, \$13.99, **Bldg:** Bankwest, Toner, \$125.99, **Jail:** First Bank, Supplies, \$727.49, Gordon Flesch, Lease, \$351.80, **EMA:** Bankwest, Repairs, \$842.08, Verizon, Util, \$79.74, **911:** AT&T, Cradlepoint Router, \$803.54, Lumen, Util, \$12.01, Triotel, Util, \$167.53, Verizon, Util, \$39.73, **Rd & Br:** Bankwest, Battery, \$579.04, MidAmerican, Util, \$11.95, Verizon, Util, \$40.01, Xcel, Util, \$34.59, **Extension:** Bankwest, Smore, \$99.00, State 4-H Office, Parking Pass/Admission (2), \$170.00, **Zoning:** Bankwest, Cert Mail, \$11.02. **Total: \$333,001.14**

2026.08.11 AP - Commissioner: Hamlin County Treasurer, Wollmann, Kelli/Reg, \$14.00, **Treasurer:** Hamlin County Treasurer, Walburg, Deb/Reg, \$14.00, **DOE:** Hamlin County Treasurer, Kaufmann, Cori/Reg, \$14.00, **ROD:** Hamlin County Treasurer, Ebsen, Shirley/Reg, \$14.00. **Total: \$56.00**

2026.08.18 AP - Commission: Column, Notices, \$811.69, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$76.45, Quadient, Postage, \$10.86, **Election:** Column, Notices, \$60.11, DSU, Rent, \$550.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$211.42, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$6,819.80, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$4,867.80, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$503.70, LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$393.80, Witness/Juror/ Appear, \$21.40, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.03, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$44.16, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$170.79, Quadient, Postage, \$123.10, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.03, A&B Business,

Maint, \$161.53, Quadient, Postage, \$129.96, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.03, Quadient, Postage, \$0.78, Relx, Serv, \$277.00, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$1,975.39, Dakota Shred, Serv, \$125.72, Grainger, Wall Plate, \$9.58, Runnings, Weed Killer, \$250.45, Seam, Peripherals, Imaging, Devices, Mixed Electronics, \$745.22, Tire Motive, Tire Repair, \$23.54, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.03, SDAAO, Regs, \$800.00, Quadient, Postage, \$146.72, **ROD:** Miner County Pioneer, Envelopes, \$77.00, Office Peeps, Ribbon, \$42.69, Quadient, Postage, \$53.71, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.03, Quadient, Postage, \$3.30, **Sheriff:** Axis, Test, \$570.00, Classic Corner, Fuel/Command Trailer, \$48.33, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$87.34, Madison Reg Health, Tests, \$312.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$13.30, Quadient, Postage, \$31.52, Rustand, Ember, Safety Grant, \$40.00, Steves Tire, Oil Change, \$510.55, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, City Of Madison, Util, \$2,269.19, Lewis Drug, July Meds, \$890.46, Rising Hope, Serv, \$650.00, Sunshine, Meals, \$8,126.67, We Care Dental, Med Care, \$401.00, **24/7:** Pharmchem, Sweat Patch, \$607.05, Supercom, GPS Monitoring, \$120.25, **Coroner:** Death Investigation Training, Membership, \$330.00, **EMA:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$53.17, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$770.38, **911:** CenturyLink, Util, \$191.76, Home Service, Serv, \$33.80, Interlakes Wireless, Serv, \$63.00, **Rd & Br:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, Knife River, UPM, \$3,204.02, Lake County Intl, Repairs, \$444.62, MidAmerican, Util, \$11.95, O'Connor & Son Trucking, Rock Chips, \$17,737.54, Quadient, Postage, \$3.72, Runnings, Supplies, \$45.68, Spencer Quarries, Chips, \$33,315.84, Sturdevant's, \$189.99, Teamlab, Base One-Cr17, \$150,500.00, The Road Guy Const, Chip Seal, \$786,205.00, Tran-Source, Broom Core, \$884.77, **Poor:** Office Peeps, Supplies, \$44.26, Quadient, Postage, \$1.98, **MI:** Avera McKennan Hospital, Serv, \$4,150.00, **Extension:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$44.16, Lewis Drug, Supplies, \$32.02, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$134.62, Quadient, Postage, \$10.14, Runnings, Fans/Shavings, \$825.71, **Zoning:** Column, Notices, \$47.49, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$51.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$44.27, Quadient, Postage, \$23.21, **LEPC:** Vehicle Response Training, Training, \$6,362.00. **Total \$1,040,031.39**

PERSONNEL: None

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Auditor Barrick told the Board that she had received five travel requests. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the five travel requests. Motion carried. The requests will be on file in the Auditor's Office.

SUBRECIPIENT CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOREIGN NATIONAL VETTING REQUIREMENTS:

John Anderson, EM, submitted a Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements he had received from the SD Office of Emergency Management. This agreement stipulates that Lake County certifies compliance with the foreign national vetting requirements. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RAFFLE NOTIFICATION:

Auditor Barrick told the Board that an application to hold a local bingo/raffle/lottery was received from the Prairie Village/Junius School organization. The start of the event will be August 19, 2026. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to acknowledge the Prairie Village/Junius School organization's request to hold a local bingo/raffle/lottery event. Motion carried.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Reinicke attended National Night Out. Commissioner Wollmann attended National Night Out and the Sioux Valley Commissioners' Association meeting.

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Auditor Barrick presented Means of Finance spreadsheets to the Board illustrating five scenarios showing the impact on General Fund cash applied allocations for highway overlay costs and employee wage increases. The scenarios included: (1) allocating \$2 million for Highway Department overlay projects with a 3% wage increase, (2) allocating \$2 million for Highway Department overlay projects with a 4% wage increase, (3) allocating \$2.5 million for Highway Department overlay projects with a 3% wage increase, (4) allocating \$2.5 million for Highway Department overlay projects with a 4% wage increase, and (5) allocating \$2 million for Highway Department overlay projects and funding

all employee wage increases requested by department heads. The Board directed Auditor Barrick to publish the provisional budget in the Madison Daily Leader, reflecting an allocation of \$2 million for Highway Department overlay projects and a 4% employee wage increase. Commissioner Slaughter submitted an email he received from Eric Kunzweiler, Director of Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership, regarding federal and state funding shortfalls that may affect the organization's programs and services.

A short break was held before the next appointment.

RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION-CONVENE AS A JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to recess as a County Commission and convene jointly as a Planning/County Commission. Motion carried.

JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the Joint Planning/County Commission agenda and acknowledge no public comments were received. Motion carried.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RELATIONSHIP(S) TO APPLICANT(S); OR EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSIDERATION/PRESENTATION ON PLAT:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, gave a report on the following plat.

Plat of Tract 1 of G&S Farms Addition in the SW1/4 of section 26, T108N, R51W, of the 5th P.M., Summit Township, Lake County, SD (parcel #04000-10851-23610). The owner, G&S Farms, Inc., would like a replat of existing parcels.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to recommend approval of the Plat. Motion carried.

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to recommend approval of the Plat of Tract 1 of G&S Farms Addition to the County Commission. Motion carried.

ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Reinicke, to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the plat of Tract 1 of G&S Farms Addition in the SW1/4 of Section 26, Summit Township, as it meets subdivision ordinances and taxes and fees have been paid in full. Motion carried.

ADJOURN AS A JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS A COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to adjourn as a Joint Planning/County Commission and reconvene as a County Commission. Motion carried.

RECESS AS A COUNTY COMMISSION/CONVENE AS A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to recess as a County Commission and convene as a Board of Adjustment. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the Board of Adjustment agenda and acknowledge no public comments were received. Motion carried.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RELATIONSHIP(S) TO APPLICANT(S); OR EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL USE #26-03:

#26-03 Conditional Use request of Jennifer & Tate Hayford, DBA Diamond Bright Detailing, 45442 231st St, LeRoy Township, Madison, SD (parcel #07000-10752-30315). The applicants are seeking a Conditional Use Permit for an Extended Home Occupation. Both applicants appeared via Zoom. Schiernbeck recommended approval. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the applicants' Conditional Use Request #26-03 and adopt the findings and specific conditions outlined in the staff report. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL USE #26-04:

#26-04 Conditional Use request of Jeff & Rhonda Erickson, 26 Golf Dr., Wentworth Township, Wentworth, SD (parcel #02004-00200-03000). The applicants are seeking a Conditional Use Permit for Recreation Sales. The Ericksons signed a waiver of appearance. Schiernbeck recommended approval. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the applicants' Conditional Use Request #26-04 and adopt the findings and specific conditions outlined in the staff report. Motion carried.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD:

Commissioner Slaughter stated the decision of the Board of Adjustment for Conditional Use #26-03 & Conditional Use #26-04 will be filed today in the Planning and Zoning Office, which serves as the county office of the Board of Adjustment for filing purposes. The decision will also be filed in the Auditor's Office.

ADJOURN AS A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND RECONVENE AS A COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and reconvene as a County Commission. Motion carried.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

July 2026 fees collected: Zoning - \$2,770; Register of Deeds - \$27,647.10

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be on September 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

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Lake County Commission Chair