

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 7, 2025**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on October 7, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the commission meeting room at the Lake County Courthouse. Chair Adam Leighton called the meeting to order. Auditor Paula Barrick called roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke, Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. Absent: Commissioner Deb Reinicke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: COUNTY COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION, OR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: None

AGENDA APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the agenda for October 7, 2025. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Johnke, second by Wollmann, to approve the unapproved minutes of September 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of September 23, 2025. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve payroll #20-October 3, 2025. Motion carried.

Comm: \$7,449.25; Auditor: \$6,454.85; Treasurer: \$6,034.12; States Atty: \$9,404.01; Govt Bldg: \$6,254.28; DOE: \$8,125.05; ROD: \$5,190.30; VSO: \$765.27; Sheriff: \$23,242.33; Jail: \$17,434.73; Poor: \$84.67; Ext: \$875.62; Zoning: \$2,182.63; Rd-Br: \$7,290.65; 911: \$12,091.92; EMA: \$2,141.58; 24/7: \$398.61 Grand Total: 115,419.87

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Johnke, second by Wollmann, to approve the accounts payable in the amount \$265,027.99. Motion carried.

2025.09.19 AP - General: Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$18,526.21, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$1,519.87, **911:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,801.79, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$480.02, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$79.82 **Total: \$23,407.71**

2025.09.25 AP - General: Aflac, Ded, \$2,166.58, Delta Dental, Ded, \$852.60, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$20,010.50, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$3,061.00, Unum, Prem, \$225.12, VSP, Prem, \$567.41, Wellmark, Prem, \$23,697.29, **Commission:** Midco, Util, \$22.08, **Auditor:** Midco, Util, \$26.12, **Treasurer:** Midco, Util, \$6.75, **St Atty:** Midco, Util, \$28.83, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$125.93, Grainger, Supplies, \$66.57, Lake County Intl, Transmission, \$149.71, Midco, Util, \$7.21, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, **DOE:** Midco, Util, \$33.33, **ROD:** Midco, Util, \$14.41, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$7.21, **Sheriff:** AT&T, Util, \$378.36, Midco, Util, \$67.10, **Jail:** Northwestern, Util, \$62.63, Midco, Util, \$53.60, **EMA:** Aflac, Ded, \$124.45, City Of Madison, Util, \$404.00, Delta Dental, Ded, \$49.01, Midco, Util, \$7.21, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$513.98, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$24.26, Sioux Valley, Util, \$676.85, Unum, Prem, \$5.65, VSP, Prem, \$16.54, Wellmark, Prem, \$932.14, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$694.22, Delta Dental, Ded, \$151.50, Midco, Util, \$9.91, Quill, Supplies, \$192.43, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$3,095.16, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$105.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$96.71, Tractor Supply, Oil, \$21.23, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$123.25, Wellmark, Prem, \$7,498.63, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$149.05, City Of Madison, Util, \$446.05, Delta Dental, Ded, \$102.49, Midco, Util, \$143.19, Northwestern, Util, \$15.34, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$1,921.18, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$138.24, Sioux Valley, Util, \$166.50, Unum, Prem, \$0.35, VSP, Prem, \$61.84, Wellmark, Prem, \$988.64, Xcel, Util, \$26.71, **Poor:** Midco, Util, \$7.21, **MI:** Yankton Co Sheriff's, Serv, \$50.00, **Extension:** Midco, Util, \$113.19, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, **Weed:** Midco, Util, \$4.96, **Zoning:** Midco, Util, \$7.21 **Total: \$70,785.00**

2025.10.07 AP - Commission: Dept Of Legislative Audit, 2022-2023 Audit, \$59,359.60, Infotech, Serv, \$46.00, Quadient, Lease, \$2.26, Wollmann, Kelli, Mlg, \$237.18, **Elections:** Infotech, Serv, \$99.00, Quadient, Lease, \$189.92, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$3,087.25, De Castro, Manuel J, CAA, \$4,128.00, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$286.70, Lookup, Serv, \$26.62, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$4,026.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law Office, CAA, \$2,896.80, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$2,063.99,

SDACC-Clerp, 4th Qtr Assessment, \$7,606.00, Witness/Juror/Appear, \$117.62, **Auditor:** First Bank, Bank Fees, \$29.00, GFC, Lease, \$155.29, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$144.00, Quadient, Lease, \$122.98, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, \$221.49, Infotech, Serv, \$177.00, Quadient, Lease, \$350.46, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$70.89, Infotech, Serv, \$453.98, Quadient, Lease, \$5.90, **Bldg:** Classic Corner, Gas, \$13.22, G & R Controls, Maint, \$6,111.24, Grainger, Supplies, \$168.58, Hillyard, Supplies, \$91.72, Infotech, Serv, \$159.00, Runnings, Supplies, \$582.75, Talk The Tee, Decals, \$85.00, Timmer's, Supplies, \$77.31, **DOE:** Century Business, Maint, \$40.50, Infotech, Serv, \$300.00, Quadient, Lease, \$147.75, Unemployment, Remit, \$44.88, **ROD:** Century Business, Maint, \$48.37, Ebsen, Shirley, Mlg, \$241.20, Holiday Inn Express, Lodging, \$112.00, Infotech, Serv, \$266.00, Quadient, Lease, \$47.48, Unemployment, Remit, \$54.76, **VSO:** Anderson, John, Mlg, \$262.64, Infotech, Serv, \$60.95, Quadient, Lease, \$1.77, Unemployment, Remit, \$4.82, **IT:** Infotech, Serv, \$983.00, **Sheriff:** A & B Business, Maint, \$59.31, Charm-Tex, Supplies, \$146.70, Fed Ex, Shipping, \$20.55, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$61.00, Infotech, Serv, \$781.68, Madison Reg Health, BL Tests, \$520.00, McLeods, Traffic Tickets, \$139.17, Quadient, Lease, \$50.72, Redwood Toxicology, BL Test, \$312.00, Streicher's, Ammunition, \$967.99, **Jail:** Charm-Tex, Supplies, \$174.70, Infotech, Serv, \$781.68, Madison Reg Health, Serv, \$143.06, Unemployment, Remit, \$90.23, **24/7:** Unemployment, Remit, \$12.85, **EMA:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$48.00, Quadient, Lease, \$0.60, Ramona Fire Dept, Radios, \$5,000.00, **911:** Active 911, Serv, \$2,229.40, AT&T, Util, \$116.27, Infotech, Serv, \$265.00, Lumen, Util, \$14.94, Quadient, Lease, \$0.88, Quill, Supplies, \$166.09, SD Dept Of Public Safety, TTY Serv, \$5,400.00, Trittech Software, Maint, \$3,069.74, **Rd & Br:** Avera, Test, \$37.70, Bowes Const, Asphalt, \$14,763.92, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$192.00, Liston, Kevin, Reimburse, \$43.00, Northeast, Replace Doors, \$10,837.12, Quadient, Lease, \$2.95, Unemployment, Remit, \$79.11, **Poor:** Infotech, Serv, \$39.00, Lake Co Food Pantry, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$797.00, Quadient, Lease, \$1.47, **Care Of Aged:** Interlakes Comm Action, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$4,466.25, **Domestic Abuse:** Domestic Violence, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$870.00, **Developmentally Disabled:** Valiant Living, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$1,250.00, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, \$360.00, Lewis & Clark, Serv, \$225.00, Oftedal, Abby, Serv, \$360.00, Rising Hope Counseling, Serv, \$465.00, **Public Library:** Madison Public Library, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$3,000.00, **Historical Museum:** Lake County Museum, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$375.00, **Extension:** City Of Madison, Util, \$1,258.39, GFC, Lease, \$175.18, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$190.00, Quadient, Lease, \$8.16, Unemployment, Remit, \$25.38, **Conservation District:** Lake County Cons District, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$6,687.50, **Zoning:** First District Assn, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$6,041.83, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$51.00, Infotech, Serv, \$81.00, Quadient, Lease, \$23.89, **Economic Dev/Tourism:** Lake Area Improvement, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$1,250.00, Prairie Historical Society, 3rd Qtr Allotment, \$375.00 **Total: \$170,835.28**

PERSONNEL - JAIL & EQUALIZATION:

Auditor Barrick told the board she had received two personnel matters. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to ratify the hire of Erynn Fink, full-time correctional officer, at a rate of \$22/hr effective September 25, 2025. Motion carried. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to accept the resignation from Rick Becker, Director of Equalization Director, effective October 1, 2025. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Auditor Barrick informed the board she had received two travel requests since the last meeting. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the two travel requests. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-16/4-H WEEK DECLARATION:

Aedan, Ainslie, and Clayton Klawonn appeared before the board to give an update on what 4-H has been doing in the community. Chair Leighton read Resolution 2025-16. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve Resolution 2025-16 declaring October 5-11, 2025 as National 4-H Week throughout Lake County and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-16

Lake County 4-H Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year's National 4-H Week theme, "Beyond Ready," reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equips young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today;

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, 4-H programs are delivered by the Cooperative Extension System – a community of more than 100 public land-grant colleges and universities across the Nation – that provides experiences for young people to learn by doing;

WHEREAS, 4-H is in every city and county in the United States and helps 6 million youth become engaged, successful and independent; and

WHEREAS, 4-H connects young people and adults to their communities, preparing them for work and life through experiential and inquiry-based learning while providing emerging research for positive youth development; and

WHEREAS, expanding from its strong agricultural roots, 4-H helps young people explore the world around them and grow into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, supporting future leaders in science, agriculture and community leadership is an important imperative for U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair, do hereby proclaim October 5 –11 2025 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Lake County, SD, and encourage all our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands on this date October 7, 2025.

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

OPIOID SETTLEMENT:

Auditor Barrick told the board that another Opioid Settlement Plan to participating counties had been received. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve participating in the Opioid Settlement plan against the following manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-14/5-YEAR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Chair Leighton read Resolution 2025-14. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve Resolution 2025-14, A Resolution Adopting the Lake County Five Year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-14

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Lake County held a public meeting on September 23, 2025 to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE LAKE COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR LAKE COUNTY.

Dated at Madison, South Dakota this 7th day of October, 2025.

Voting aye: Johnke, Leighton, Slaughter, and Wollmann

Absent: Reinicke

Voting nay: None

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

RESOLUTION 2025-15/SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS:

Chair Leighton read Resolution 2025-15. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Resolution 2025-15 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-15

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Lake County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lake County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Lake County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Lake County hereby declares November 4-11, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Lake County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4-11, 2025.

Dated this 7th day of October 2025, at Madison, Lake County, South Dakota

LAKECOUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

COUNTY PHONE SYSTEM:

Dave Hare, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, and Cori Kaufmann, DOE, appeared before the board representing the IT Committee. The IT Committee has been looking at vendors to replace the current phone system. Gordon Flesch is no longer providing maintenance on the phone system. The IT Committee is recommending Midcontinent Communications. Midco provides local tech service and an installation fee of \$371.70. The monthly service for each phone will be approximately \$39.20/month. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Midcontinent Communications as the county phone system and allow the IT Committee to proceed with the change. Motion carried.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Johnke attended the 5-year Highway Plan meeting. Commissioner Slaughter attended the 5-year Highway Plan meeting, special 911 meeting, three potential employee interviews, and viewed via Zoom the county update. Commissioner Leighton attended the 5-year Highway Plan meeting. Commissioner Wollmann attended the 5-year Highway Plan meeting, special 911 meeting, SD 911 Coordination meeting, and participated in the Madison Public Library puzzle competition. A short break was held.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

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

APPROVE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA AND ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RELATIONSHIP(S) TO APPLICANT(S); OR EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None**PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF CU#25-17:**

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on CU#25-17.

#25-17 Conditional Use application of Paul & Cindy Garbers-6380 Harbor Way, Lot 1A Tract B McCarthy's 3rd Add, Lakeview Twp (parcel #06935-10652-11010). Paul Garbers, was present to discuss this application. The applicants are requesting a conditional use permit to build a garage with dimensions larger than ordinance allows. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Johnke, second by Slaughter, to approve the applicant's Conditional Use Request #25-17 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 #25-17 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/CONVENE AS A COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and convene as a County Commission. Motion carried.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

September 2025 collections: Zoning - \$6,123.00, Register of Deeds - \$15,591.10

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Johnke, second by Wollmann, at 10:08 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on October 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair