

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 21, 2025**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on October 21, 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 Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Darwin Wollmann, representing himself, addressed the county commission on a dog at large matter. A neighbor's dog has been coming to his house for the last four years at all hours of the day and night. Wollmann has spoken with the dog's owners which resulted in no remedy to the situation. He has also spoken to the Sheriff's Department who have talked with the owners. Wollmann would like the board to consider implementing a dog at large ordinance to help with this situation.

AGENDA APPROVED:

Auditor Barrick told the board that the 4th quarter LEMPG was received from Kody Keefer yesterday and would need to be added to today's agenda for approval. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the agenda for October 21, 2025 with the addition. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the unapproved minutes of October 7, 2025. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve payroll #21-October 17, 2025. Motion carried.
Comm: \$3,849.25; Auditor: \$6,154.86; Treasurer: \$6,034.12; States Atty: \$9,104.01; Govt Bldg: \$5,654.28; DOE: \$29,046.85; ROD: \$4,290.30; VSO: \$730.49; Sheriff: \$17,869.62; Jail: \$15,443.99; Ext: \$829.30; Zoning: \$1,981.72; Rd-Br: \$6,845.33; 911: \$12,122.61; EMA: \$2,007.74; 24/7: \$309.61
Grand Total: 122,274.08

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the accounts payable in the amount \$455,906.36. Motion carried.

2025.10.10 AP - General: SD DOR, Vital Records, \$960.00, SD DOR, MV Collections, \$254,761.06, SDACO, Fees, \$390.00, **Commission:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.61, **Elections:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.61, **Auditor:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.61, **Treasurer:** Column, Notice, \$135.52, Quadient, Lease, \$3.22, **St Atty:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.61, **Bldg:** Dakota Data Shred, Serv, \$66.69, Runnings, Supplies, \$220.05, **DOE:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, SDRS Special Pay, Emp #500, \$45.00, **ROD:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, **VSO:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, **Predatory Animal:** SD DOR, Pymt, \$1,158.92, **Sheriff:** First Bank, Supplies, \$1,610.97, Quadient, Lease, \$1.61, Runnings, Supplies, \$52.97, Streicher's, Supplies, \$564.99, **Jail:** First Bank, Supplies, \$249.47, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$28.98, **EMA:** Bankwest, Lodging, \$133.73, Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, Verizon, Util, \$59.72, **911:** First Bank, Regs, \$221.23, Verizon, Util, \$29.75, Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, **Rd & Br:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, Runnings, Supplies, \$249.00, Verizon, Util, \$69.99, Xcel, Util, \$28.57, **Poor:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, **Develop Disabled:** SD DOR, Serv, \$749.74, **Extension:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.62, **Zoning:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$20.98, Quadient, Lease, \$1.62. **Total: \$261,833.18**

2025.10.17 AP - General: Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$17,763.10, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$1,558.45, **911:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,436.03, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$450.02, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$47.36. **Total: \$22,254.96**

2025.10.21 AP - General: Delta Dental, Ded, \$852.60, Unum, Prem, \$232.74, VSP, Prem, \$567.41, Wellmark, Prem, \$23,697.29, **Commission:** Column, Notice, \$547.00, Infotech, Serv, \$46.00, **Election:** Infotech, Serv, \$99.00, Quadient, Postage, \$213.22, **Judicial:** All Nations, Interpret, \$480.50, Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$2,394.00, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$249.20, LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62,

Miller, Cody, CAA, \$738.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, \$3,364.55, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$921.32, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$828.00, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$7.99, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, First Bank, Fees, \$7.88, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$144.00, McLeods, Supplies, \$229.90, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$41.02, Quadient, Postage, \$293.37, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, \$7.99, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Infotech, Serv, \$177.00, Quadient, Postage, \$409.84, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$7.99, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Infotech, Serv, \$274.00, Quadient, Postage, \$21.14, Relx, Subscription, \$263.00, **Bldg:** 1000bulbs, Supplies, \$43.05, Bud's CleanUp, Serv, \$209.49, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, City Of Madison, Util, \$1,790.17, Cole's, Fuel, \$528.92, Farmers Ag, Weed Spray, \$166.00, G & R Controls, Maint, \$2,920.00, Hillyard, Supplies, \$578.51, Home Service, Salt, \$22.50, Infotech, Serv, \$84.00, Kone, Elev Maint, \$1,850.16, Northwestern, Util, \$2.12, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$19.62, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$7.98, Becker, Rick, Meals, \$46.11, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Cole's, Fuel, \$113.65, Infotech, Serv, \$300.00, Quadient, Postage, \$71.76, SDRS Special Pay, Emp #500, \$20,828.40, **ROD:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, First Bank, Supplies, \$125.43, Government Forms, Supplies, \$585.09, Infotech, Serv, \$266.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$15.99, Quadient, Postage, \$64.00, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$7.99, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Infotech, Serv, \$60.95, **IT:** Infotech, Serv, \$983.00, **Sheriff:** Cole's, Fuel, \$2,045.01, Fed Ex, Shipping, \$19.06, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$796.68, Lake County Treasurer, Postage, \$20.40, Madison Reg Health, BL Tests, \$208.00, Quadient, Postage, \$97.05, Ruan, Vehicle Lease, \$15,377.12, SD Dept Of Health, BL Test, \$50.00, Steve's Tire, Serv, \$244.73, **Jail:** A & B Business, Maint, \$59.31, Allegiant, Serv, \$7.99, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, City Of Madison, Util, \$2,283.32, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$796.68, Lewis Drug, Sept Meds, \$294.99, Northwestern, Util, \$18.87, Sunshine Foods, Prisoner Meals, \$11,205.21, **EMA:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Cole's, Fuel, \$113.65, Delta Dental, Ded, \$48.92, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$48.00, Steve's Tire, Serv, \$63.17, Unum, Prem, \$6.00, VSP, Prem, \$16.50, Wellmark, Prem, \$930.37, **911:** CenturyLink, Util, \$196.00, Delta Dental, Ded, \$151.50, Denholm, April, Mlg, \$454.56, Infotech, Serv, \$265.00, Two Way, Maint, \$1,449.99, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$123.25, Wellmark, Prem, \$7,498.63, **Rd & Br:** Butler, Serv Call, \$380.00, Carquest, Supplies, \$200.98, Cole's, Fuel, \$2,660.28, Column, Notice, \$14.62, Delta Dental, Ded, \$102.58, F & M, Fuel, \$274.40, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$192.00, Lake County Intl, Track Loader, \$46,472.14, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$8.99, Northwestern, Util, \$1.49, Puthoff Sales, Supplies, \$308.04, SD Dept Of Transportation, Bridge Inspection, \$514.97, Unum, Prem, \$18.00, VSP, Prem, \$61.88, Wellmark, Prem, \$2,911.19, **Poor:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Ellsworth Funeral Home, Serv, \$1,900.00, Infotech, Serv, \$39.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$96.87, **MI:** Lincoln County Auditor, Serv, \$546.50, Dean Schaefer, Serv, \$57.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law Office, Serv, \$450.00, **Extension:** American Income Life, Ins, \$20.00, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Infotech, Serv, \$190.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$72.66, Quadient, Postage, \$14.84, **Zoning:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Infotech, Serv, \$81.00, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$77.25, Quadient, Postage, \$14.78, **24/7:** Supercom, GPS Monitoring, \$195.00. **Total: \$171,818.22**

PERSONNEL – SHERIFF & ROAD & BRIDGE:

Auditor Barrick told the board she had received three personnel matters. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the hire of Brody Erickson, deputy sheriff, at a rate of \$22.50/hr effective November 1, 2025. Motion carried. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the hire of Reilley O'Regan, full-time heavy equipment operator, at a rate of \$24/hr effective November 3, 2025. Motion carried. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the hire of Cara Barnhart, highway department office manager, at a rate of \$21.25/hr effective November 3, 2025. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Auditor Barrick informed the board she had received one travel request since the last meeting. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the lone travel request. Motion carried.

2026 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS:

Auditor Barrick presented the following 2026 liquor license renewal applications: Broadwater 2014 Inc., RL-6186, retail on-sale liquor and lottery; Madison Country Club Inc., RL-5731, retail on-sale liquor, Anderson Group, Inc/Lakes Bar & Grill, RL-6313, retail on-sale liquor and lottery; The Point Bar & Grill, LLC, RL-5232, retail on-sale liquor; Hef's Bar & Grill, Inc, PL-4498, package off sale liquor

and lottery, Silver Creek Events, retail (on-off sale) wine & cider, RW-30346, and Prairie Shores, LLC, retail (on-sale) liquor, RL-29270 & retail (on-off sale) wine and cider, RW-29389. Barrick told the board one business has not submitted their applications or fees. The sheriff has no concerns with these establishments. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the 2026 liquor license renewals contingent upon receiving the applications and renewal fees and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

UTILITY OCCUPANCY APPLICATION/PERMIT #2025-10:

East River has submitted a utility occupancy application to make improvements on five Lake County roads. Hwy Supt. Tolley has reviewed and recommended approval. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve application #2025-10 Utility Occupancy of East River Electric and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

SHIINE AGREEMENT W/EXTENSION OFFICE:

Abby Oftedal, CAO, presented an agreement between Lake County and the Northeast Region (SHIINE). This agreement allows a Shiine worker to utilize an office at the Extension building. This individual helps those that need new or renew their Medicare coverage. Dave Hare, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, informed the board that he will install a keyless lock that can be utilized by the worker. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the agreement between Lake County and the Northeast Region (SHIINE) for use of the Extension building and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

911 SERVICE TO MINER COUNTY:

April Denholm, 911 Supervisor, informed the board that October 7th Miner County voted to transition 911 services to Lake County. Denholm is looking for confirmation from the board that they still would like to take over Miner County services. She told the board that Lake County will receive Miner county's PSAP yearly surcharge in the approximate amount of \$42,000. Non-emergency dispatch services are estimated at \$11,500/year, which Lake County will receive. State grants to support consolidation should cover all or most of Lake County's costs. Miner County would like to appoint an individual to the current 911 Board and the contract between the City of Madison and Lake County will need to be updated. Denholm anticipates that the complete transition will be finalized by mid-2026. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to permit Denholm to continue the transition of dispatch services from Miner County and draft the necessary contractual agreement. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL/EQUALIZATION:

Cori Kaufmann, DOR, gave the board an update on the Equalization's work calendar. Kaufmann told the board that she would like to move Alex Lewis to the appraiser position and advertise for a clerical employee. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve advertising for a clerical position in the Equalization office. Motion carried. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to allow Alex Lewis to transition to the position of appraiser and increase his rate to \$18.60/hr effective immediately and once he receives his CAA increase his rate to \$19/hr. Motion carried.

LEMPG/4TH QUARTER:

Kody Keefer, EM, gave a review of his 4th quarter LEMPG to the board. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the 4th quarter LEMPG and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried. This report will be on file in the Auditor's Office.

WELFARE/COUNTY BURIAL 25-04:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Welfare Director, reported on a county poor relief application she had received. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to ratify the cremation cost of \$1,900 for the deceased (25-04). Approval based upon SDCL 28-17-2. Whenever any person who is destitute and has no estate, and has no one legally bound for funeral expenses, and where there is no other source to pay the cost of burial expense, the funeral expense shall then be borne by the County of which the deceased was a resident at the time of death. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Reinicke, second 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, second by Slaughter, to approve the Joint Planning and 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.

Vacate Plat of Lot 1R Coomes Addition in the E1/2NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 105N, Range 54W of the 5th P.M., Clarno Township, Lake County, SD (parcel #13125-10554-23210). The owners, Gary & Joan Coomes Trust would like to vacate an existing plat.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to recommend to the County Commission approval to vacate Plat 1R Coomes Addition. Motion carried.

ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION:

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

Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the vacation of Plat Lot 1R Coomes Addition in the E1/2NW1/4, Township 105N, Range 54W of the 5th P.M., Lake County, SD, as it meets the county ordinance Article 5 Section 502 and meets SD Codified Law Chapter 11-3. Motion carried.

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

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA/ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, 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

PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF CU#25-18:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on CU#25-18.

#25-18 Conditional Use application of James & Kellie Borth-314 Sandpiper Lane, Lot 9 Block 5 Smith's Cove Addition, Chester Twp (parcel #01050-00500-09010). Robert Smithback, contractor, was present to discuss this application. The applicants would like to build an attached garage with dimensions larger than ordinance allows. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the applicant's Conditional Use Request #25-18 and adopt the findings and specific conditions outlined in the staff report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF CU#25-19:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on CU#25-19.

#25-19 Conditional Use application of Proehl Farms, LLC – 44849 225th St, Ramona, SD, NE1/4 Exc J&I Casanova 1st Add located in the NE1/4 of Section 31, Badus Township (parcel #12000-10853-31110). Woody Krog, representing The Towers, LLC, was present to discuss this application. The applicants would like to build a new wireless telecommunications tower facility per ordinance Section 1213 Wireless Telecommunications Towers and Facilities and Section 1101 "A" Agricultural District. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the applicant's Conditional Use Request #25-19 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 #25-18 and Conditional Use #25-19 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-12(1)/personnel. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to return to regular session. Motion carried. Chair Leighton reported that six personnel issues had been discussed.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Slaughter attended an East Dakota Transit meeting, courthouse security, and Deputy Sheriff Erickson swearing in. Commissioner Leighton attended Deputy Sheriff Erickson swearing in. Commissioner Reinicke attended a Strategic Planning Meeting for city & county, 5-year Road & Bridge Plan, SD Counties via Zoom, Greater Madison Chamber meeting, & DVN special prep meeting for Tour Of Tables. Commissioner Wollmann attended Deputy Sheriff Erickson swearing in, 911 board meeting, and a LEPC meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Auditor Barrick told the board she had received an email via SDACC from Governor Rhoden stating that the State offices will be observing the Friday after Thanksgiving, December 24th and 26th as holidays. Lake County follows State observed holiday schedules.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

September 2025 collections: Sheriff - \$10,790.18

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 11:51 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on November 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair