

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
December 16, 2025**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on December 16, 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: None

AGENDA APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the agenda for December 16, 2025. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the unapproved minutes of December 2, 2025. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve payroll #25-December 12, 2025. Motion carried. Comm: \$7,449.25; Auditor: \$6,454.85; Treasurer: \$6,034.12; States Atty: \$9,404.00 ;Govt Bldg: \$6,254.28; DOE: \$6,522.46; ROD: \$5,190.30; VSO: \$1,460.97; Sheriff: \$25,052.57; Jail: \$20,227.47; Poor: \$84.67; Ext: \$873.52; Zoning: \$2,182.63; Rd-Br: \$13,758.78; 911: \$17,054.01; EMA: \$1,753.42; 24/7: \$779.60. Grand Total: 130,536.90

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the accounts payable in the amount \$367,741.42. Motion carried.

2025.12.11 - AP: General: SD DOR, Vital Records, \$370.00, SD DOR, MV, \$217,329.94, SDACO, Fees, \$268.00, **Commission:** First Bank, Subscription, \$159.90, **Elections:** Bankwest, Meals \$123.70, First Bank, Postcard Stamps, \$122.00, **Judicial:** LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, **St Atty:** First Bank, Subscription, \$254.75, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$1,868.28, First Bank, Supplies, \$189.94, **Sheriff:** First Bank, Supplies, \$188.80, **Jail:** First Bank, Supplies, \$336.41, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$17.00, **EMA:** Verizon, Util, \$79.74, **911:** Verizon, Util, \$39.73, **Rd & Br:** Bankwest, Parts, \$1,411.95, Verizon, Util, \$40.01, Xcel, Util, \$26.11, **MI:** SD DOR, Serv, \$591.90, **Extension:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$172.24. **Total: \$223,617.02**

2025.12.12 - AP: General: Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$22,518.45, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$3,397.42, **911:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$3,740.41, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$393.00, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$119.30. **Total: \$30,168.58**

2025.12.16 - AP: General: Haacke, Jarrod, Tax Deed Surplus, \$5,332.87, **Commission:** Column, Notices, \$482.46, **Elections:** Election Sys & Software, Firmware/Warranty Express Vote, \$1,236.18, Election Sys & Software, Firmware/Warranty DS450, \$3,771.02, Quadient, Postage, \$143.45, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$1,230.00, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$13,729.00, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$287.33, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, First Bank, ACH Fees, \$8.68, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$11.32, Quadient, Postage, \$163.94, Software Services, Access Line, \$100.00, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Column, Notice, \$127.82, Office Peeps, Ink, \$110.81, Quadient, Postage, \$528.78, Emp #4545, Ded Reimburse, \$303.82, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Centurylink, Util, \$0.12, East River Psychological, Serv, \$2,500.00, Emp #0026, Ded Reimburse, \$800.00, Quadient, Postage, \$17.76, Relx, Subscription, \$263.00, Thomson Reuters, Books, \$237.96, **Bldg:** Bud's Cleanup, Serv, \$418.98, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Complete Septic Service, Serv, \$400.00, Dakota Data Shred, Serv, \$66.69, Grainger, Heater, \$184.48, Hillyard, Supplies, \$646.97, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$121.49, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$67.65, Runnings, Oil, \$17.99, Timmer Supply, Supplies, \$269.27, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Kaufmann Cori, Reimburse, \$1,458.74, Quadient, Postage, \$8.88, **ROD:** Office Peeps, Supplies, \$106.32, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Emp #10042, Ded

Reimburse, \$800.00, Quadient, Postage, \$52.26, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Quadient, Postage, \$2.06, Tyler Technologies, Vetraspec/Renewal, \$475.94, **Sheriff:** Classic Corner, Fuel, \$17.64, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$61.00, Independence Upfitters, Uplift, \$13,446.06, OCV, Software, \$9,984.00, Quadient, Postage, \$49.63, Radar Shop, Recertified Radars, \$640.00, Redwood Toxicology, Test, \$472.00, Steve's Tire, Serv, \$2,146.53, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, City Of Madison, Util, \$1,819.02, Lewis Drug, Meds, \$68.90, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$32.72, Pharmchem, Sweat Patch, \$113.85, Redwood Toxicology, Test Cups, \$1,158.70, Safe-N-Secure, Replacement PC, \$495.27, Sunshine, Prisoner Meals, \$9,352.38, Supercom, GPS Monitoring, \$58.50, **EMA:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Quadient, Postage, \$2.91, **911:** CenturyLink, Util, \$196.00, Quill, Supplies, \$784.98, On-The-Go Alerting, License, \$1,000.00, Interlakes Wireless, Serv, \$63.00, Triotel, Util, \$167.53, Quadient, Postage, \$1.90, **Rd & Br:** Carquest, Supplies, \$467.77, Dakota Fluid, Supplies, \$91.80, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Gracevale Excavation, Blade Road, \$640.00, Helfrich, Todd, Clothing Expense, \$233.59, Michael Johnson, Sand, \$2,164.58, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$15.15, Quadient, Postage, \$19.05, SD Dept Of Trans, Brdg Inspection, \$1,712.13, **Poor:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Lake Co Food Pantry, Allotment, \$797.00, Skroch Funeral Home, Cremation, \$1,200.00, **Care Of Aged:** East Dakota Transit, Allotment, \$3,062.50, Interlakes Comm Action, Allotment, \$4,466.25, **Developmentally Disabled:** Valiant Living, Allotment, \$1,250.00, **MI:** Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$300.00, **Public Library:** Madison Public Library, Allotment, \$3,000.00, **Museum:** Lake County Museum, Allotment, \$375.00, **Recreation.** Johnson Bros Excavation, Sand, \$1,009.81, **Extension:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$30.50, Quadient, Postage, \$2.72, **Conservation District:** Lake County Cons, Allotment, \$6,687.50, **Zoning:** CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, First District, Allotment, \$6,041.82, Quadient, Postage, \$6.66, **Economic Dev:** Lake Area Improvement, Allotment, \$1,250.00, Prairie Historical Society, Allotment, \$375.00.
Total: \$113,955.82

PERSONNEL: None

UTILITY OCCUPANCY:

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, informed the board she had received a utility occupancy application from Sioux Valley Energy to bury an existing overhead tap to be located 685' S off 220th St and under 465th Ave. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve work order 36716 for Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2026 JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER HOUSING:

Abby Oftedal, CAO, told the board she had received the contract with Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center. The cost at JDC for juvenile housing in a secure and non-secure section will be \$522.02/day which is an increase of \$24.22 from the 2025 rate of \$497.80/day. The cost for the non-secure section at Lutheran Social Services will be \$308.00/day which is an increase of \$11.86 from the 2025 rate of \$296.14/day. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Minnehaha County Regional Juvenile Detention Center agreement for 2026 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

2026 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Representative Tim Walburg and Senator Casey Crabtree were present to give an update on the 2026 legislative session. Walburg spoke of county sales tax and emergency/ambulance services. He encouraged individuals seeking information or would like to visit about legislative issues to contact him or Senator Crabtree via email at Tim.Walburg@sdlegislature.gov or casey.crabtree@sdlegislature.gov. In the subject line, include 'District 8'. Crabtree provided updates on the state budget, sales tax vs. property tax reduction, tax increment financing (TIF), and strategies to strengthen local economies.

OPIOID FUNDING/MADISON REGIONAL HEALTH AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Tim Walburg, EMS representative for Madison Regional Health Ambulance Service, presented his request to receive opioid settlement funds to purchase the Handtevy App, which digitizes critical medical information to improve emergency response and enhance medical care efficiency. Walburg also requested to purchase a LUCAS device. A LUCAS device provides automated CPR, allowing EMTs to perform other critical medical tasks simultaneously. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to authorize Tim Walburg, EMS, to purchase one LUCAS device and the Handtevy App

using opioid settlement funds in the amount \$24,825.82 (\$15,824.44-Lucas device, \$9,776.25-Handtevy app). Motion carried. Walburg was encouraged to apply for opioid funds through the State of South Dakota Opioid grant application process. If the grant is denied, he may return to the board to request approval for an additional LUCAS device.

WELFARE/INDIGENT #25-05:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Welfare Director, presented the application of Indigent #25-05 for county cremation. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to ratify the cremation cost of \$1,200 for the deceased (25-05). 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. Commissioner Reinicke voted nay, but the motion carried.

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION:

Chair Leighton, on behalf of the entire board, presented certificates of recognition to the employees in appreciation of their years of service to Lake County: 5 years – Jennifer Hahn & Carrie Schiernbeck; 10 years – Megan Houser & Shannon Hoffman; 15 years – Brian Gilman & Deb Stamm-Gartner; 20 years – April Denholm; 25 years – Jennie Thompson; 35 years – Shirley Ebsen & Deb Reinicke.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Reinicke gave a report to the Chamber of Commerce and attended a DVN Board meeting.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

November 2025 receipts: Register of Deeds - \$11,959.90

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, at 10:17 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on December 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. for year-end business only.

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Following the commission meeting, the board enjoyed a Christmas dinner with the employees 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair