

**UNAPPROVED  
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
March 3, 2026**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 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 Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. Commissioner Corey Johnke attended via Zoom, but due to technical difficulties he was unable to vote. 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 Wollmann, to approve the agenda for March 3, 2026. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Abby Oftedal, CAO, recommended changing the verbiage for the motion in the Cyber Protection section of the February 17<sup>th</sup> minutes to read "Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Huntress Managed Identity Threat Detection at \$3 per email/month for Lake County departments and to review additional cyber security options at a later date". Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the unapproved minutes of February 17, 2026 with the motion correction. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve payroll #5-March 6, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$7,479.25; Auditor: \$6,639.50; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,677.10; Govt Bldg: \$6,423.57; DOE: \$7,288.71; ROD: \$5,319.02; VSO: \$1,290.06; Sheriff: \$23,777.64; Jail: \$17,402.31; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$834.28; Zoning: \$2,239.12; Rd-Br: \$10,687.50; 911: \$13,975.32; EMA: \$2,205.82; 24/7: \$795.18. Grand Total: \$122,337.41

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$194,534.33. Motion carried.

**2026.02.20 AP - General:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$17,177.50, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,379.86, **911:** AAA Collections, Emp #3470, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,578.90, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$491.42, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$81.69. **Total: \$23,045.21**

**2026.02.24 AP - General:** Aflac, Ded, \$2,088.82, Delta Dental, Ded, \$881.40, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$19,899.24, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$3,768.50, Unum, Prem, \$220.74, VSP, Prem, \$533.33, Wellmark, Prem, \$22,825.89, **Judicial:** LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$28.84, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, **Jail:** Northwestern, Util, \$945.80, **Extension:** Northwestern, Util, \$421.38, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$265.80, City Of Madison, Util, \$650.54, Delta Dental, Ded, \$158.05, Northwestern, Util, \$621.20, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$2,346.80, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$200.69, Unum, Prem, \$24.33, VSP, Prem, \$78.85, Wellmark, Prem, \$4,650.61, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$636.26, CenturyLink, Util, \$195.40, Delta Dental, Ded, \$104.40, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$3,248.92, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$105.00, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$106.21, Wellmark, Prem, \$6,538.24, **EMA:** Aflac, Ded, \$124.66, City Of Madison, Util, \$407.29, Delta Dental, Ded, \$50.75, Northwestern, Util, \$171.92, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$532.30, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$24.31, Unum, Prem, \$5.67, VSP, Prem, \$16.57, Wellmark, Prem, \$933.75, **24/7:** SD Retirement, Withholding, \$28.80. **Total: \$73,914.26**

**2026.03.03 AP - Commission:** Infotech, Serv, \$1,385.25, Midco, Util, \$54.35, **Elections:** Infotech, Serv, \$99.00, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$1,715.00, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$1,530.20, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$251.85, Witness/Juror/ Appear, \$66.20, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$11,018.40, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, \$1,761.40, SDACC-Clerp, 1st Qtr Allotment, \$5,624.00, **Auditor:** Infotech, Serv, \$144.00, Midco, Util, \$65.10, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, \$181.18, Infotech, Serv, \$177.00,

Midco, Util, \$78.31, Emp #4545, Reimburse, \$800.00, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$59.31, Infotech, Serv, \$274.00, Midco, Util, \$63.05, SD States Atty Assn, Dues, \$1,036.64, **Bldg:** Infotech, Serv, \$84.00, Menards, Supplies, \$133.47, Midco, Util, \$652.36, **DOE:** Century Business, Maint, \$174.45, Infotech, Serv, \$336.99, McLeods, Notices, \$560.00, Midco, Util, \$81.11, **ROD:** Century Business, Maint, \$62.00, Infotech, Serv, \$266.00, Midco, Util, \$48.04, Miner County Pioneer, Supplies, \$260.30, **VSO:** Infotech, Serv, \$100.94, Midco, Util, \$23.03, **IT:** Infotech, Serv/Upgrade, \$5,265.99, **Sheriff:** Axon, License, \$11,527.21, Gall's, Pants, \$77.07, Axis Forensic, Test, \$1,090.00, Infotech, Serv, \$766.68, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$936.00, Madison Reg Health, Lucas Device, \$15,049.57, Handtevy, \$9,559.00, **Jail:** A&B Business, Maint, \$68.21, Axon, License, \$5,014.55, Charm-Tex, Supplies, \$244.70, Gall's, Badges, \$677.62, Infotech, Serv, \$766.68, Midco, Util, \$228.75, Pennington County, Transport, \$143.51, Pharmchem, Supplies, \$639.57, Rising Hope Counseling, Serv, \$155.00, Supercom, GPS Monitoring, \$133.25, **EMA:** Infotech, Serv, \$48.00, Midco, Util, \$23.03, Ramona Fire Depart, Radios, \$848.00, SD Fed Property Agency, Tools, \$103.00, Sioux Valley, Util \$ 688.39, Tri-State EMA, Dues, \$20.00, **911:** Infotech, Serv, \$232.00, Scholl, Kayla, Mlg, \$56.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$157.24, **Rd & Br:** Avera, Test, \$37.70, Guardrail, Supplies, \$6,980.93, Infotech, Serv, \$192.00, Menards, Stakes, \$38.97, Midco, Util, \$251.09, Sioux Valley, Util 191.25, **Poor:** Infotech, Serv, \$39.00, Midco, Util, \$12.92, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, \$180.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$183.00, Oftedal, Abby, Serv, \$244.00, Yankton Co Sheriff, Serv, \$50.00, **Extension:** Infotech, Serv, \$190.00, Mathieu, Kim, Reimburse, \$26.04, Midco, Util, \$178.09, **LEPC:** Trailer, \$ 5,000.00, **Zoning:** Infotech, Serv, \$81.00, Midco, Util, \$12.92. **Total: \$97,574.86**

**PERSONNEL:**

Chair Leighton told the board that Hanna Reinicke has received a promotion from sheriff's deputy to deputy jail sergeant. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to ratify the promotion of Hanna Reinicke to deputy jail sergeant at \$27/hr effective March 2, 2026. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

Auditor Barrick informed the board that two travel requests had been received. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the two travel requests. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER EMA MATRIX:**

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter EMA Matrix. Motion carried.

**APPROVE LEMPG AGREEMENT ARTICLES:**

The board reviewed the LEMPG Agreement Articles. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the LEMPG Agreement Articles and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET/OPIOID FUNDS:**

Auditor Barrick informed the board that she had received notification and invoices from Tim Walburg, representing Madison EMS, confirming the purchase of the Handtevy and LUCAS device that was approved at the December 16, 2025, meeting. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve automatic budget supplemental transfer from the Opioid Fund to the Sheriff's general ledger line 10100-211-4357 in the amount of \$24,608.57 to reimburse Madison Regional Health's purchase of a Handtevy and a LUCAS device. Motion carried.

**UTILITY OCCUPANCY 2026-05/SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented Utility Occupancy 2026-05 for Sioux Valley Energy. Sioux Valley would like to install new underground primary cable in the south right of way along 229<sup>th</sup> St. & 453<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-05 for Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER:**

Auditor Barrick provided the January 2026 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for the board's review. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to acknowledge the January 2026 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026 - First Bank & Trust	\$66,634.83
Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026 - BankWest	\$307,741.29
Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026-BankWest/Sweep Acct	\$14,368,075.56

Deposits in Transit	\$60,682.42
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$4,447.21
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	-\$1,661.97
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	-\$90,198.74
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest	-\$7,741.29
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest/Sweep Acct	-\$34,494.29
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
Delta Dental/diff between bank withdraws & Incode drafts	\$111.15
<b>TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,676,746.17</b>
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 1.31.2026	\$14,659,741.56
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>\$17,004.61</b>

**LAKE COUNTY & SDSU/EXTENSION BUILDING OFFICE SPACE:**

CAO Oftedal presented an agreement between Lake County and SD State University for office space for the State 4-H Livestock Program Manager at the Extension building. Oftedal told the board that there is office space available at the Extension building for this individual, and the State will pay \$50/month to rent that space. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the rental agreement between Lake County and SDSU for rental space at the Extension Building with the State paying \$50/month. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENTS 2026-03 & 2026-04:**

Deb Walburg, Treasurer, met with the board to discuss two abatements where the applicants missed the deadline for the elderly tax freeze. The city of Madison has approved both abatements. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve Abatement 2026-03 in the amount of \$777.74. Motion carried. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Abatement 2026-04 in the amount of \$640.24. Motion carried.

**MADISON/MINER COUNTY/LAKE COUNTY CONTRACT FOR 911 SERVICES:**

April Denholm, 911 Supervisor, and Jennifer Hahn, Deputy 911 Supervisor, presented a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Madison to provide 911 services for the residents of Madison City. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Madison and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

Denholm also presented a Contract for PSAP Services to provide Public Safety Answering Point services to the citizens of Miner County. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Contract for PSAP Services with Miner County and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Commissioner Slaughter participated in two legislative updates via Zoom, attended an East Dakota Transit meeting, and a Madison Area Development Corp meeting. Commissioner Reinicke participated in two legislative updates via Zoom and DVN Laughs & Linguini. Commissioner Wollmann attended a Madison Public Library meeting and a Safety meeting, and participated in a legislative update via Zoom.

A short break was held.

Commissioner Johnke joins the meeting with audio after technical issues were resolved.

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

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to recess as a County Commission and convene jointly as a Planning/County Commission for the purpose of public hearing regarding Ordinance 26-02. Motion carried.

**JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chair Leighton opened the public hearing. Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented an overview of Ordinance 26-02. Leighton then called for public comments; hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

**CONSIDER MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to recommend approval of Ordinance 26-02 to the Lake County Commission. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN AS JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION-RECONVENE AS COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to adjourn as a Joint Planning/County Commission and reconvene as a County Commission. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Ordinance 26-02. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING/ORDINANCE 26-02:**

Chair Leighton read title of Ordinance 26-02.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 26-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 06-44, AS AMENDED, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, PURSUANT TO SDCL 11-2, 1967 AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR REGULATION IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to set the second reading of Ordinance 26-02 as March 17, 2026. Motion carried. Chair Leighton noted that the second reading of Ordinance 26-02 has been set for March 17, 2026.

A short break was held.

**RECESS AS A COUNTY COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Motion by Reinicke second by Slaughter, 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 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:** Commissioner Wollmann recused herself from the following conditional use application.

**CONSIDERATION OF CU#26-01:**

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on CU#26-01.

**#26-01 Conditional Use application of James Goeman**-Lot A Mundhenke's Tract 1 in the NE1/4 of Section 22, Lakeview Twp (parcel #06890-10652-02010). James Goeman, owner, was present to discuss his application. The applicant would like to build an oversized accessory building. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve CU#26-01 and adopt the findings and specific conditions outlined in the staff report. Motion carried.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:**

Commissioner Slaughter noted that the decision of the Board of Adjustment for Conditional Use #26-01 will be filed today in the Planning & 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 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/RECONVENE AS COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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

Commissioner Wollmann returns to the meeting.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

February 2026 fees collected: Zoning - \$2,843.00

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 10:24 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on March 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick  
PAULA BARRICK  
Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton  
ADAM LEIGHTON  
Lake County Commission Chair