

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
March 17, 2026**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on March 17, 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, 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:

Auditor Barrick informed the board that travel requests and the 2026 abatement could be removed. Discussion items were updated to include the Sioux Valley District Meeting and the County Board of Equalization dates. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for March 17, 2026 with the changes. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of March 3, 2026. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve payroll #6-March 20, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$3,879.25; Auditor: \$6,339.49; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,377.10; Govt Bldg: \$5,823.56; DOE: \$6,833.22; ROD: \$4,419.02; VSO: \$1,290.06; Sheriff: \$17,066.72; Jail: \$17,503.61; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$804.83; Zoning: \$1,939.11; Rd-Br: \$11,949.22; 911: \$12,685.15; EMA: \$2,205.82; 24/7: \$621.51. Grand Total: 109,040.70

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$546,683.37. Motion carried.

2026.02.06 AP - General: Claims Associates, Serv, \$5,000.00, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$21,170.71, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,410.56, **911:** AAA, Garnishment, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,908.77, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$491.42, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$141.84. **Total: \$32,459.14**

2026.03.16 AP - General: SDACO, Fees, \$254.00, SD DOR, Fees, \$360.00, SD DOR, MV, \$248,887.16, **Judicial:** Bankwest, Headset, \$166.71, **Auditor:** Bankwest, Postage, \$39.18, **St Atty:** Bankwest, Flash Drive, \$56.55, **Bldg:** Bankwest, Motors, \$1,361.00, City Of Madison, Util, \$2,854.26, First Bank, Supplies, \$121.40, **ROD:** Bankwest, Credit For Drop Box, -\$40.00, **Sheriff:** AT&T, Util, \$382.86, Bankwest, Returns, -\$477.09, First Bank, Supplies, \$358.53, **Jail:** City Of Madison, Util, \$1,861.95, First Bank, Supplies, \$316.85, **Coroner:** First Bank, Supplies, \$521.87, **EMA:** Verizon, Util, \$79.74, **911:** AT&T, Util, \$40.54, Lumen, Util, \$10.64, Triotel, Util, \$169.53, Verizon, Util, \$39.73, **Rd & Br:** Bankwest, Returns, -\$787.45, MidAmerican, Util, \$194.53, Verizon, Util, \$40.01, Xcel, Util, \$34.42, **MI:** SD DOR, Serv, \$797.30, **Extension:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$1,155.40, City Of Madison, Util, \$826.77, **Zoning:** Bankwest, SD Planners Reg, \$50.00. **Total: \$259,676.39**

2026.03.17 AP - Commission: Column, Notice, \$552.12, Quadient, Postage, \$6.56, **Election:** Election Sys, DS450 Scanner, \$59,955.00, Quadient, Postage, \$96.20, **Judicial:** Daniel P Feldhaus, Transcript, \$382.95, Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$8,114.00, Deya Thorin, Serv, \$251.85, LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$3,203.80, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.16, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$371.67, One Office, Supplies, \$266.00, Quadient, Postage, \$178.46, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$3.98, One Office, Supplies, \$532.00, Quadient, Postage, \$189.76, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Quadient, Postage, \$2.96, Relx, Serv, \$263.00, **Bldg:** Bud's CleanUp, Util, \$218.92, Cole's, Fuel, \$323.40, Dakota Data Shred, Serv, \$79.96, Heiman, Maint, \$423.00, Home Service, Salt, \$35.25, Lake Co Treasurer, Maint Fee, \$137.50, Madison Ace, Stihl Rz Mower, \$15,423.95, Menards, Supplies, \$375.77, Runnings,

Supplies, \$149.54, Timmer's, Supplies, \$125.36, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, McLeods, Supplies, \$152.45, Pictometry, Flight Ev Cloud, \$26,100.00, Quadient, Postage, \$3,794.81, Schneider Geospatial, Parcel Maint, \$817.00, **ROD:** One Office, Supplies, \$76.00, Quadient, Postage, \$39.56, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Quadient, Postage, \$2.51, **Sheriff:** Applied Concepts, Maint Radars, \$3,523.00, Axis, BL Test, \$325.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$2,412.35, Gordon Flesch, Toner, \$262.69, Lake County Treasurer, Tags, \$28.70, McLeods, Supplies, \$281.91, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$48.30, One Office, Supplies, \$190.00, Prostrollo's, 2026 Ford, \$51,377.00, Quadient, Postage, \$88.87, Steve's Tire, Serv, \$93.61, Trittech, Maint, \$8,638.73, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.00, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$17.00, Goth Electric, Augured Sewer, \$637.76, Intoximeters, Supplies, \$1,156.75, Lewis Drug, Meds, \$35.92, Madison Reg Health, Med Care, \$1,698.75, Pennington County Jail, Transport, \$143.51, Pharmchem, Sweat Patch, \$63.90, Sunshine, Prisoner Meals, \$7,981.24, Trittech, Maint, \$8,638.74, **Coroner:** Sanford Health, Autopsy, \$2,100.00, **EMA:** Cole's, Fuel, \$36.04, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, One Office, Supplies, \$38.00, Sturdevant's, Supplies, \$3.99, **911:** Interlakes Wireless, Serv, \$63.00, One Office, Supplies, \$76.00, Propio, Interpret, \$25.81, Quill, Supplies, \$185.95, **Rd & Br:** Banner, Eng Serv, \$442.00, Carquest, Oil, \$136.93, Cole's, Fuel, \$3,699.30, Column, Notice, \$73.70, F&M, Tires/Mount, \$1,620.00, Fleetpride, Repairs, \$1,717.65, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, Gracevale Excavation, Blade Road, \$1,040.00, Knife River, Asphalt, \$1,770.62, Lake Co Treasurer, Street Maint Fee, \$137.50, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$25.00, Quadient, Postage, \$4.56, Runnings, Supplies, \$35.80, **Poor:** Lake Co Food Pantry, Allotment, \$821.00, **Care Of Aged:** East Dakota Transit, Allotment, \$3,062.50, Interlakes Comm Action, Allotment, \$4,703.50, **Domestic Abuse:** Domestic Violence, Allotment, \$885.00, **Dev Disabled:** Aspire, Allotment, \$180.00, Valiant Living, Allotment, \$1,250.00, **MI:** Lewis & Clark BHS, Serv, \$450.00, Lincoln County Auditor, Serv, \$256.47, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$305.00, Yankton County Treasurer, Serv, \$295.30, **Public Library:** Madison Public Library, Allotment, \$3,000.00, **Museum:** Lake County Museum, Allotment, \$375.00, **Extension:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.16, Lake Co Treasurer, Maint Fee, \$137.50, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$46.40, Quadient, Postage, \$90.73, Sunshine, Supplies, \$16.93, **Conservation District:** Lake County Cons District, Allotment, \$6,687.50, **Weed:** Column, Notice, \$51.59, **Zoning:** Column, Notice, \$136.12, First District Assn, Allotment, \$6,223.08, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$51.00, One Office, Supplies, \$152.00, Quadient, Postage, \$10.02, **Economic Dev/Tourism:** Madison Area Development Corp, Allotment, \$1,250.00, Prairie Historical Society, Allotment, \$375.00. **Total: \$254,547.84**

PERSONNEL/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Commissioner Slaughter told the board that Mike O'Connell had resigned after 23 years of seasonal employment with the Highway Department. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to ratify with deep regret, the resignation of Mike O'Connell effective March 9, 2029. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE 2025 ANNUAL WEED REPORT:

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented the 2025 Weed report. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the 2025 Weed report. Motion carried. Barnhart informed the board that there will be a Weed meeting March 31st at 4:30 p.m. at the Highway Department.

UTILITY OCCUPANCY 2026-06/SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY:

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented Utility Occupancy 2026-06 for Sioux Valley Energy. Sioux Valley would like to install single-phase underground power under 241st St and 451st Ave for a new tile pump service. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-06 for Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

BNSF RAILWAY UPGRADE/464TH AVE-NORTH OF CHESTER:

Abby Oftedal, CAO, informed the board that she had received a revised agreement with the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway Company to upgrade the one track highway-rail grade crossing on 464th Ave north of Chester. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve this agreement with Lake County paying 10% of the cost which will be approximately \$34,509. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT 2026-06:

Deb Walburg, Treasurer, met with the board to discuss an abatement where the applicant missed the deadline for the elderly tax freeze. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Abatement 2026-06 in the amount of \$3,017.22. Motion carried.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT:

Auditor Barrick presented the 2025 Annual Report. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the 2025 Annual Report. Motion carried.

CDF GRANT/BY-PASS:

Chair Leighton informed the board that LAIC and the City of Madison had approached Lake County to request partnership in submitting a CDF grant application to assist with by-pass improvements. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to approve CAO Oftedal to work with the City of Madison and LAIC to proceed with the grant process. Motion carried.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #26-02: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #06-44: ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SD:

Chair Leighton told those in attendance and on Zoom that the Planning/County Commission held a public hearing and the 1st reading of Ordinance #26-02 was on March 3, 2026. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the County Commission to approve Ordinance #26-02 as the amendment to #26-01 to correct dates and grammatical errors that were discovered. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to recommend approval and proceed with the 2nd reading of Ordinance #26-02. Motion carried. Chair Leighton then read the title of Ordinance #26-02.

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

Chair Leighton then informed the audience that the Notices of Adoption will be published March 19th & 26th, with full adoption and amending Ordinance #26-02 on April 9, 2026.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Johnke attended a by-pass meeting. Commissioner Slaughter viewed a legislative update via Zoom and participated in a CR464 meeting also via Zoom. Commissioner Leighton attended a by-pass meeting. Commissioner Reinicke viewed a legislative update via Zoom and attended a DVN board meeting. Commissioner Wollmann viewed a legislative update via Zoom and attended an interview for a position in the Equalization Office.

DISCUSSION ITEM/COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & SV DISTRICT MTG:

The board agreed that April 14, 2026, starting at 9 a.m. will be the date and time for the county board of equalization. The board also gave Auditor Barrick a head count of those that will be attending the Sioux Valley District meeting in DeSmet, SD on April 8th.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

February 2026 fees collected: Register of Deeds - \$12,165.20, Sheriff - \$15,876.66

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 9:46 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick
PAULA BARRICK
Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton
ADAM LEIGHTON
Lake County Commission Chair