UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
September 1, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on September 1, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

None

AGENDA APPROVED:

Auditor Barrick told the Board that the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer can be removed. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for September 1, 2026, with the removal. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Johnke, to approve the unapproved minutes of August 18, 2026. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve payroll #18 dated September 4, 2026 and directed the Auditor to email the payroll report upon its completion. Motion carried.
Comm: $6,449.25; Auditor: $6,935.90; Treasurer: $6,215.82; States Atty: $9,727.10; Govt Bldg: $6,716.60; DOE: $8,165.38; ROD: $5,369.03; VSO: $570.77; Sheriff: $23,357.22; Jail: $18,661.02; Poor: $87.21; Ext: $814.65; Zoning: $2,289.11; Rd-Br: $10,403.10; 911: $12,712.03; EMA: $2,471.35; 24/7: $775.20. **Grand Total: $121,720.74**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of $324,988.34. Motion carried.

2026.08.21 AP - General: Hauge Associates, Garnish, $300.31, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, $18,367.06, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, $2,131.02, **911:** AAA Collections, Garnish, $335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, $2,598.85, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, $600.76, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, $150.36. **Total: $24,484.20**

2026.08.25 AP - General: Aflac, Ded, $2,562.34, Delta Dental, Ded, $956.70, Health Equity, Allotment, $254.50, SD Retirement, Withholdings, $20,853.50, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, $3,836.21, Unum, Prem, $232.74, VSP, Prem, $543.55, Wellmark, Prem, $23,964.45, **Commission:** Midco, Util, $78.39, **Auditor:** Midco, Util, $91.22, **Treasurer:** Midco, Util, $117.19, **St Atty:** Midco, Util, $96.98, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, $177.90, Midco, Util, $166.04, Northwestern, Util, $12.00, **DOE:** Midco, Util, $120.56, **ROD:** Midco, Util, $66.59, **VSO:** Midco, Util, $32.29, **Sheriff:** Midco, Util, $351.62, **Jail:** Northwestern, Util, $93.40, **EMA:** Midco, Util, $32.29, Northwestern, Util, $12.00, SD Retirement, Withholdings, $542.72, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, $19.79, Sioux Valley, Util, $648.41, Unum, Prem, $6.00, **911:** Aflac, Ded, $877.58, Delta Dental, Ded, $179.70, SD Retirement, Withholdings, $3,059.58, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, $105.00, Sioux Valley, Util, $95.75, Unum, Prem, $34.38, VSP, Prem, $106.21, Wellmark, Prem, $6,954.65, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, $320.82, City Of Madison, Util, $505.94, Delta Dental, Ded, $52.20, Health Equity, Allotment, $29.50, Midco, Util, $230.66, Northwestern, Util, $12.00, SD Retirement, Withholdings, $2,371.82, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, $200.00, Sioux Valley, Util, $191.25, Unum, Prem, $30.00, VSP, Prem, $72.13, Wellmark, Prem, $2,935.55, **Poor:** Midco, Util, $17.57, **Extension:** Midco, Util, $145.95, Northwestern, Util, $12.00, **Zoning:** Midco, Util, $17.57. **Total: $74,427.19**

2026.09.01 AP - General: 2026 Fire Distribution: Madison Volunteer Fire Department, $78,046.99, Chester Fire Department, $10,037.09, Ramona Fire Department, $4,538.46, Nunda Fire Department, $5,515.37, Wentworth Fire Department, $11,907.17, Oldham Fire Department, $1,602.13, **Comm:** Infotech, Serv, $46.00, SDACC, Reg/2, $500.00, **Election:** Infotech, Serv, $99.00, McLeods,

Supplies, $240.00, **Judicial:** Daniel P Feldhaus, Transcript, $136.00, Dawson, Jacob, CAA, $2,769.40, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, $2,519.70, Deya Thorin, Interpret, $251.85, Miller, Cody, CAA, $6,795.40, Witness/Juror/Appear, $461.60, **Auditor:** Infotech, Serv, $144.00, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, $162.70, Infotech, Serv, $177.00, Walburg, Debra, Mlg, $81.20, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, $77.52, Infotech, Serv, $259.00, **Bldg:** Bud's Clean Up, Serv, $218.92, Infotech, Serv, $84.00, **DOE:** Century Business, Maint, $142.86, Infotech, Serv, $342.00, **ROD:** Century Business, Maint, $66.67, Ebsen, Shirley, Mlg, $197.40, Infotech, Serv, $266.00, **VSO:** Infotech, Serv, $60.95, **IT:** Infotech, Serv, $1,008.00, **Sheriff:** Fed Ex, Shipping, $19.50, GFC, Lease, $87.95, Infotech, Serv, $833.43, Vantek, Program, Radios, $500.00, **Jail:** Infotech, Serv, $833.43, Madison Reg Health, Med Care, $9,325.40, **EMA:** Infotech, Serv, $48.00, City Of Madison, Util, $246.07, **911:** Great Western States, Supplies, $1,162.79, Infotech, Serv, $166.00, Propio, Interpret, $3.56, Quill, Supplies, $147.92, **Rd & Br:** Bowes Construction, Asphalt, $912.02, F & M, Tire Repair, $35.00, Gracevale Excavation, Serv, $480.00, Infotech, Serv, $192.00, Madison Reg Health, Test, $262.00, Sir Lines-A-Lot, Striping, $75,319.40, **Poor:** Ellsworth Funeral Home, Burial, $2,685.00, Infotech, Serv, $39.00, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, $2,340.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, $366.00, **Extension:** Bud's Clean Up, Serv, $120.00, City Of Madison, Util, $767.10, Infotech, Serv, $190.00, Madison Booster Club, 4-H Ad, $120.00, **Zoning:** Hofman, Micah, BOA Meeting, $40.00, Infotech, Serv, $81.00. **Total: $226,076.95**

PERSONNEL:

Auditor Barrick told the board that she had received a resignation from Ben Lester, Deputy Sheriff. Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Reinicke, to ratify the resignation of Ben Lester as a deputy sheriff effective 8/18/2026. Motion carried.

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, told the board that Dustin Jung has been rehired as a heavy equipment operator. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the rehire of Dustin Jung as heavy equipment operator at a rate of $29/hr effective 9/14/2026. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Auditor Barrick informed the Board that she had received one travel request. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the travel request. Motion carried. The request will be on file in the Auditor's Office.

LEMPG GRANT:

John Anderson, EM, presented the Sub-Recipient Agreement between the State of South Dakota Office of Emergency Management and Lake County. The only change to this agreement is the addition of the certification of compliance with foreign national vetting requirements, as approved by the Lake County Commission at its August 18, 2026, meeting. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the LEMPG Grant for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. Motion carried.

2025 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT UPDATES:

Emergency Manager Anderson informed the Board that a 2025 Homeland Security Grant had been approved by the State of South Dakota; however, the items specified in the grant were never purchased. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve Anderson following through with the 2025 Homeland Security Grant. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PUBLIC DISPLAY PERMIT:

Auditor Barrick told the Board that an application for a Fireworks Public Display had been received from Epic Sky Displays. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the Fireworks Public Display permit for Epic Sky Displays for a fireworks display September 6, 2026, at Silver Creek Events, 45081 SD Hwy 34, Madison. Motion carried.

2027 PROVISIONAL BUDGET:

Auditor Barrick presented a revised 2027 Provisional Budget for the Board's review. The revisions were made following publication of the 2027 Provisional Budget in the official newspaper. The revised budget includes a 4% wage increase for all employees, a $2,000,000 overlay for the Highway Department budget, and additional wage adjustments for certain employees. Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the published 2027 Provisional Budget with the addition to additional wage adjustments for certain employees. Motion carried.

RAFFLE NOTIFICATION:
Commissioner Slaughter told the board that a Notice of Bingo/Raffle/Lottery Event had been received by the Sisterhood in Service Organization. The start date for this event is October 13, 2026. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to acknowledge the Notice of Bingo/Raffle/Lottery Event from the Sisterhood in Service Organization. Motion carried.

RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION-CONVENE AS A JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION:
Motion by Reinicke, seconded 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, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the Joint Planning/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 PLATS:
Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, gave a report on the following plats.

Plat of Lots 1 & 2, Hannemann Addition, in the SE1/4 of Section 20, T108N, R54W of the 5th p.m., Wayne Township, Lake County, SD (parcel #16000-10854-20410). The owners, Hannemann Sisters LLC, would like a replat of existing parcels.

Plat of Lots 11B & 11C in Block 8 of Lakes Community Addition, in the NE1/4 of Section 32, T106N, R51W of the 5th p.m., Wentworth Township, Lake County, SD (parcels #02004-00800-11010 and #02004-00800-11050). The owners, Dale & Jill Nelson and Richard Bothwell, would like a replat of existing parcels.

Plat of Tracts 1A, 2A, & 3 of Trapp Addition, an addition in the N1/2 of the E1/2 of the E1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 19, T105N, R51W of the 5th p.m., Chester Township, Lake County, SD (parcels #01000-10551-01901 and #01000-10551-01902). The owner, Rick Trapp, would like a replat of existing parcels.

Plat of Lots 1 & 2 Haskins Addition, in the SW1/4 of Section 9, T107N, R51W of the 5th p.m., Rutland Township, Lake County, SD (parcels #03030-10751-09320, #03030-10751-09330, and #03030-10751-09331). The owners, Gail & Dave Haskins, would like a replat of existing parcels.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATIONS:
Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to recommend approval of the plats to the County Commission. Motion carried.

ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION:
Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the Plat of Lots 1, 2, and 3 Hannemann Addition in the SE1/4 of Section 20, Wayne Township, as it meets subdivision requirements and taxes and fees have been paid. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the Plat of Lots 11B & 11C of Block 8 of Lakes Community Addition in the NE1/4 of Section 32, Wentworth Township, as it meets subdivision requirements contingent upon taxes and fees being paid. Motion carried.

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve Plat of Tracts 1A, 2A, & 3 of Trapp Addition in the NE1/4 of Chester Township as it meets subdivision requirements and taxes and fees are paid in full. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the Plat of Lots 1 & 2 of Haskins Addition in the SW1/4 of Section 8 in Rutland Township as it meets subdivision requirements and taxes and fees are paid in full. Motion carried.

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

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

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Slaughter reported attending meetings of the Lake Madison Recreation Trail Committee, Madison Area Development Association, and East Dakota Transit. He also attended a pre-construction road meeting, participated in a South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) meeting via Zoom, and attended a farewell reception for Brooke Rollag. Commissioner Leighton attended a pre-construction road meeting. Commissioner Reinicke attended a farewell reception for Brooke Rollag. Commissioner Wollmann reported attending a Public Safety Building Committee meeting and a Madison Library Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1)/personnel. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to return to regular session. Motion carried. Chair Leighton reported that one personnel matter had been discussed.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

July 2026 fees collected: Sheriff - $17,969.26

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. Motion carried. Due to the SDACO County Convention, the next regular meeting will be on September 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick	/s/Adam Leighton
PAULA BARRICK	ADAM LEIGHTON
Lake County Auditor	Lake County Commission Chair