

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 6, 2026**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 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:

Ainslie, Hallie, and Clayton Klawonn addressed the Board regarding planned 4-H activities and expressed their appreciation for the Board's continued support. Ainslie Klawonn also shared the Lake County 4-H Week schedule of events (October 4-10), the Lake County 4-H 2026 Impact Snapshot, and invited the Board to the 2026 4-H Recognition Event.

AGENDA APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for October 6, 2026. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Auditor Barrick told the board that the grand total for the accounts payable will need to be updated to \$439,952.77. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Johnke, to approve the unapproved minutes of September 22, 2026 with the correction. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve payroll #20 dated October 2, 2026. Motion carried. Comm: \$6,449.25; Auditor: \$7,841.19; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$10,049.64; Govt Bldg: \$6,523.56; DOE: \$6,925.06; ROD: \$5,369.02; VSO: \$1,216.92; Sheriff: \$21,644.23; Jail: \$17,278.83; Coroner: \$2,250.00; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$893.17; Zoning: \$2,289.11; Rd-Br: \$12,951.20; 911: \$12,859.47; EMA: \$1,825.38; 24/7: \$731.62. **Grand Total: \$123,400.68**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$601,238.54. Motion carried.

2026.09.22 - AP: BEER LICENSE FUND: DOR, Chester 1st Stop/Alcohol License Transfer, \$75.00. **Total: \$75.00**

2026.09.25 – AP: General: Aflac, Ded, \$2,837.92, Delta Dental, Ded, \$1,008.90, Health Equity, Allotment, \$1,154.50, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$20,795.20, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$3,717.35, Unum, Prem, \$233.87, VSP, Prem, \$543.55, Wellmark, Prem, \$23,964.45, **Comm:** 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, \$79.17, Midco, Util, \$166.04, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, **DOE:** Midco, Util, \$157.78, Unemployment, Remit, \$66.20, **ROD:** Midco, Util, \$66.59, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$32.29, Unemployment, Remit, \$0.57, **Sheriff:** GFC, Lease, \$87.95, Midco, Util, \$351.62, **Jail:** Northwestern, Util, \$89.39, Unemployment, Remit, \$45.39, **EMA:** Midco, Util, \$32.29, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$567.94, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$178.50, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$10.15, Sioux Valley, Util, \$687.48, Unum, Prem, \$4.87, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$877.58, Delta Dental, Ded, \$179.70, Health Equity, Fee, \$2.25, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$3,153.24, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$105.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$104.72, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$106.21, Wellmark, Prem, \$6,954.65, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$401.20, Delta Dental, Ded, \$52.20, Health Equity, Allotment, \$477.25, Midco, Util, \$230.66, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$2,481.02, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$200.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$191.25, Unemployment, Remit, \$55.14, Unum, Prem, \$24.00, VSP, Prem, \$72.13, Wellmark, Prem, \$2,935.55, **Poor:** Midco, Util, \$17.57, **Domestic Abuse:** Domestic Violence Network, Allotment, \$970.00, **Extension:** Midco, Util, \$145.95, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, Unemployment, Remit, \$25.37, **Zoning:** Midco, Util, \$17.57, **24/7:** Unemployment, Remit, \$23.85. **Total: \$77,150.18**

2026.10.06 - AP: General: Hauge Associates, Emp #2565, \$300.31, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$21,649.07, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,819.74, **911:** AAA Collections, Emp #3470, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,599.70, **EMA,** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$502.35, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$150.37. **Total: \$28,357.38**

2026.10.06 - AP: Due To Advance Tax, Tax Payment, \$3,466.08, **General - Comm:** Quadient, Lease, \$2.36, **Election:** Election Sys & Software, Media/Ev Ballots, \$216.75, Quadient, Lease, \$66.45, **Judicial:** Daniel P Feldhaus, Transcript, \$46.75, Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$1,427.40, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$251.85, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$2,432.80, Witness/Juror/Appeal, \$352.20, **Auditor:** Quadient, Lease, \$154.83, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, \$160.00, Quadient, Lease, \$415.03, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$78.89, Quadient, Lease, \$6.98, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$29.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$696.74, Emp #2345, 2026 Ded Reimburse, \$800.00, Hillyard, Supplies, \$136.40, Lake County Intl, Supplies, \$448.03, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$308.67, Menards, Supplies, \$324.92, Prostrullo's, Serv, \$1,263.85, Safety Benefits, Reg, \$75.00, **DOE:** Century Business, Maint, \$143.96, Cole's, Fuel, \$85.50, Lewis, Alex, Meals, \$190.19, Quadient, Lease, \$163.18, Torrent, Gryphon, Fuel, \$201.55, **ROD:** Ebsen, Shirley, Meals/Mlg, \$131.60, Quadient, Lease, \$58.60, **VSO:** Quadient, Lease, \$2.85, **Sheriff:** Axis Forensic, Test, \$195.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$3,531.20, Fed Ex, Shipping, \$20.76, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$81.87, Emp #3875, 2026 Ded Reimburse, \$800.00, Quadient, Lease, \$63.21, Tire Motive, Repairs, \$85.32, Wrage, Tucker, Hwy Safety Grant, \$40.00, **Jail:** AT&T Mobility, Util, \$391.86, Lewis Drug, Meds, \$612.41, Pharmchem, Patch Kits, \$575.67, **EMA:** City Of Madison, Util, \$243.01, Quadient, Lease, \$0.79, **911:** Active 911, Active Alert, \$3,670.60, AT&T, Util, \$63.62, Quadient, Lease, \$1.28, Quill, Supplies, \$101.97, Talkpoint, Batteries, \$97.95, **Rd & Br:** Bowes Const, Asphalt, \$798.67, Butler, Parts, \$224.30, City Of Madison, Util, \$538.28, Cole's, Fuel, \$10,441.17, Commercial Asphalt, Paving, \$456,909.30, Helfrich, Todd, Reimburse, \$250.00, Lake County Intl, Supplies, \$262.50, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$7.98, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$50.00, Quadient, Lease, \$4.72, Tire Motive, Serv, \$188.00, **Poor:** Quadient, Lease, \$1.57, **MI:** Oftedal, Abby, Serv, \$244.00, **Extension:** American Income Life, Ins Coverage, \$39.60, City Of Madison, Util, \$939.77, Quadient, Lease, \$12.88, **Zoning:** Quadient, Lease, \$28.31. **Total: \$495,655.98**

PERSONNEL:

Auditor Barrick informed the board that she had received the resignation of Victim/Legal Assistant April Lund. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Johnke, to ratify with sadness the resignation of April Lund as Victim/Legal Assistant effective September 25, 2026. Motion carried. Barrick also told the Board that Jared Riedel has accepted the position of Deputy Auditor. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the hire of Jared Riedel as Deputy Auditor at a rate of \$26.00 an hour effective October 19, 2026, with no 4% wage increase in 2027. Motion carried. Commissioner Slaughter told the board that two positions have been filled at the Highway Department. Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Reinicke, to ratify the hire of Riki Hansen, full-time heavy equipment operator, at a rate of \$29.00 an hour effective October 5, 2026. Motion carried. Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Johnke, to approve the hire of Braxon Bjorklund, full-time heavy equipment operator, at a rate of \$26.00 an hour effective October 12, 2026. Motion carried.

APPROVE TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Auditor Barrick told the board she had received six travel requests. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the six travel requests received and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-15/ESTABLISHING FEES FOR DATA FILES:

Cori Kaufmann, DOE, presented Resolution 2026-15 and the Request for Comprehensive Public Record Files to the Board for their review. Chair Leighton read the resolution. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Johnke, to approve Resolution 2026-15/A Resolution Establishing Fees To Be Paid For Comprehensive Data File Requests From County Offices. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-15

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE PAID FOR COMPREHENSIVE DATA FILE REQUESTS FROM COUNTY OFFICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Fees will be charged for comprehensive data files requests at a rate of

- a) \$30 an hour with a minimum of one hour to be paid
- b) \$1,000 flat rate per request

The Commission grants authority to the department head from which the request is made to determine which fee is appropriate.

Requests will be made formally in writing by completing a user agreement form.

Adopted this 6th day of October 2026.

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-16/ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY 5-YEAR HIGHWAY & BRIDGE PLAN:

The Board reviewed Resolution 2026-16/Adopting the Lake County 5-Year Highway & Bridge Plan.

Chair Leighton read the resolution. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to approve

Resolution 2026-16 and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution and the certification form. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-16

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that in order to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Lake County held a public meeting on September 16, 2026, to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE LAKE COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR LAKE COUNTY.

Dated at Madison, South Dakota this 6th day of October 2026.

Voting aye: Johnke, Leighton, Reinicke, Slaughter, and Wollmann

Voting nay: None

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER/MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST:

Auditor Barrick presented the May, June, July, and August Auditor's Account with the Treasurer.

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to acknowledge the Auditor's Accounts with the Treasurer. Motion carried.

MAY 2026 AUDITOR'S ACCT W/TREAS

JUNE 2026 AUDITOR'S ACCT W/TREAS

Bank Balance as of 05.29.2026 - First Bank & Trust	\$67,742.47
Bank Balance as of 05.29.2026 - BankWest/Checking	\$121,969.52
Bank Balance as of 05.29.2026 - BankWest/Sweep	\$17,946,688.36
Deposits in Transit	\$134,540.71
Deposits in Transit - Direct Deposits	
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$2,442.43
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	(\$1,631.87)
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	(\$28,807.40)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - First Bank	(\$235.07)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest/Sweep & Checking	(\$70,403.18)
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS	\$18,175,455.97
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 05.29.2026	\$18,177,848.17
VARIANCE	(\$2,392.20)
Difference is NSF check from May 12th	

Bank Balance as of 06.30.2026 - First Bank & Trust	\$100,316.39
Bank Balance as of 06.30.2026 - BankWest/Checking	\$123,641.09
Bank Balance as of 06.30.2026 - BankWest/Sweep	\$17,924,896.95
Deposits in Transit	\$29,250.08
Deposits in Transit - Direct Deposits	\$32,342.00
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$25,603.47
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	(\$1,631.87)
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	(\$215,912.53)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - First Bank	(\$231.92)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest/Sweep & Checking	(\$53,178.91)
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS	\$17,968,244.75
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 06.30.2026	\$17,956,156.54
VARIANCE	\$12,088.21

JULY 2026 AUDITOR'S ACCT W/TREAS

Bank Balance as of 07.31.2026 - First Bank & Trust	\$67,974.39
Bank Balance as of 07.31.2026 - BankWest/Checking	\$112,055.56
Bank Balance as of 07.31.2026 - BankWest/Sweep	\$17,525,114.12
Deposits in Transit	\$37,377.24
Deposits in Transit - Direct Deposits	\$0.00
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$3,811.98
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	(\$1,602.87)
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	(\$45,093.10)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - First Bank	
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest/Sweep & Checking	(\$53,476.84)
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS	\$17,649,310.48
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 07.31.2026	\$17,649,310.48
VARIANCE	(\$0.00)

AUGUST 2026 AUDITOR'S ACCT W/TREAS

Bank Balance as of 08.31.2026 - First Bank & Trust	\$68,448.61
Bank Balance as of 08.31.2026 - BankWest/Checking	\$100,354.64
Bank Balance as of 08.31.2026 - BankWest/Sweep	\$16,161,699.86
Deposits in Transit	\$159,102.85
Deposits in Transit - Direct Deposits	
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$2,475.57
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	(\$1,602.87)
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	(\$19,655.48)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - First Bank	(\$222.25)
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest/Sweep & Checking	(\$81,110.80)
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS	\$16,392,640.13
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 08.31.2026	\$16,392,640.13
VARIANCE	(\$0.00)

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 PLAT:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, gave a report on the following plat.

Plat of Lot 13B of Nordstrom's Addition, in Gov't Lot 3 and the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 25; and in Gov't Lot 1 and the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 36; all in T106N, R52W of the 5th P.M., Lakeview Township, Lake County, SD (parcel #06030-00000-01310). The owner, Jay Shank, would like to replat an existing parcel.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to recommend approval of the plat 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 recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Johnke, to approve the Plat of Lot 13B of Norstrom's Addition in Section 25 and in the NW1/4 of Section 36 all in Lakeview Township, all taxes and fees have been paid in full and the replat meets subdivision requirements. Motion carried.

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

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

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Slaughter attended the interviews for the Deputy Auditor and Heavy Equipment Operator positions. Commissioner Leighton attended the Deputy Auditor interview. Commissioner Reinicke participated in the SD County's monthly Zoom meeting. Commissioner Wollmann participated in the SD County's monthly Zoom meeting and SD 911 Coordination.

RECESS AS A COUNTY COMMISSION/CONVENE AS A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA APPROVED/ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded 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: None

PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCE #26-05:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on Variance #26-05.

#26-05 Variance application of Mark Dott & Jean Reding-216 Best Point Dr, Lot 54 & 54A Hilde's Addition, Lakeview Twp (parcel #06950-10652-54010). Mark Dott and Jean Reding, owners, & Dennis Dietterle, Contractor, were present to discuss this application. The applicants would like a variance for a roadside setback in the LP-1 District. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the applicant's Variance Request #26-05 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 Variance #26-05 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.

ADJOURN AS A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/RECONVENE AS A COUNTY COMMISSION:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to return to regular session. Motion carried. Chair Leighton reported that two personnel matters had been discussed.

PERSONNEL/EQUALIZATION OFFICE:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to ratify the termination of Gryphon Torrent from the position of Field Appraiser, effective September 29, 2026. Motion carried.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

September 2026 fees collected: Register of Deeds - \$24,717.10, and Zoning - \$5,488.00.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be on October 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair