UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
November 17, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on November 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, conducted roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke, Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were 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 John Anderson, Emergency Manager, will need to be approved to serve as a Trustee for the Chester Fire District and the Wentworth Fire District due to matters related to the Estate of Viola Sorenson. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the agenda for November 17, 2026 with the addition. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the October 20, 2026, minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Johnke, to approve the November 5, 2026, minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the November 6, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve payroll #23 dated November 13, 2026. The report will be emailed to the Board upon completion. Motion carried. Comm: $6,449.25; Auditor: $7,422.08; Treasurer: $6,215.82; States Atty: $9,219.25; Govt Bldgs: $6,523.57; DOE: $6,912.24; ROD: $5,369.02; VSO: $1,216.92; Sheriff: $20,842.73; Jail: $17,094.94; Poor: $87.21; Ext: $942.24; Zoning: $2,289.11; Rd-Br: $17,441.23; 911: $13,498.83; EMA: $1,825.38; 24/7: $757.00. **Grand Total: $124,106.82**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Johnke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of $425,198.65. Motion carried.

2026.11.12 AP - General: SD DOR, MV Fees, $244,390.38, SD DOR, Vital Records**,** $1,090.00**,** SDACO, Fees, $416.00, **Auditor:** Bankwest, Supplies, $136.00, **St Atty:** Bankwest, Supplies, $15.80, **Bldg:** First Bank, Supplies, $36.85, **Predatory Animal:** SD DOR, Damage Animal, $1,158.92, **Sheriff:** First Bank, Supplies, $157.63, **Jail:** First Bank, Supplies, $243.30, **EMA:** Verizon, Serv, $79.76, **911:** Triotel, Util, $167.53, Verizon, Util, $39.75, Bankwest, Supplies, $179.91, CenturyLink, Util, $387.12, **Rd & Br:** Verizon, Serv, $40.01, Xcel, Util, $26.27, **Extension:** First Bank, Supplies, $192.43. **Total: $248,757.66**

2026.11.13 AP - General: Hauge Associates, Garnish, $300.31, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, $19,522.78, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, $3,852.77, **911:** AAA Collections, Garnish, $335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, $2,719.58, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, $502.35, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, $165.38. **Total: $27,399.01**

2026.11.17 AP – Elections: Breuer, Sandy, Gen Elec/Post Audit, $150.00, DSU, Gen Elect/Rent, $550.00, Eichmann, Effie, Gen Elec/Post Audit, $150.00, Election Sys & Software, Supplies, $1,086.19, Lingle, Jeryl, Gen Elec/Post Audit, $150.00, Office Peeps, Election Stamps, $524.32, Quadient, Postage, $101.38, **Judicial:** De Castro, Manuel, CAA, $4,367.60, Deya Thorin, Interpret, $251.85, Helsper, McCarty, & Rasmussen Law, CAA, $12,793.90, LoopUp, Serv, $26.62, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, $847.90, Teesdale Law, CAA, $1,522.60, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, $8.06, Gordon Flesch, Maint, $53.16, Office Peeps, Supplies, $28.97, Quadient, Postage, $120.89, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, $8.07, Quadient, Postage, $116.49, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, $8.07, Quadient, Postage, $0.78, **Bldg:** Avera Heart Hospital, AED'S, $6,180.00, City Of Madison, Util, $1,799.20, Dakota Data Shred, Serv, $93.03, Ramkota, Lodging, $131.00 Runnings, Supplies,

$78.51 **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, $8.06, Quadient, Postage, $43.68, **ROD:** Office Peeps, Supplies, $24.49, Quadient, Postage, $49.33, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, $8.07, Quadient, Postage, $0.78, **Sheriff:** Dale's A-1, Repairs, $806.03, Gall's, Supplies, $186.97, Gordon Flesch, Maint, $99.64, MRHS, Serv, $58.34, Emp #3140, Ded Reimburse, $800.00, McLeods, Traffic Tickets, $113.09, Quadient, Postage, $51.79, Steve's Tire, Serv, $903.33, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, $8.07, City Of Madison, Util, $2,042.07, Sunshine, Prisoner Meals, $7,753.77, **24/7:** Pharmchem, Sweat Patch, $383.40, Supercom, GPS Monitoring, $100.75, **Coroner:** Ramkota, Lodging, $131.00, Rustand-Weiland Funeral, Test, $50.00, **EMA:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, $35.17, Quadient, Postage, $0.78, **911:** Emp #2350, Ded Reimburse, $800.00, Interlakes Wireless, Serv, $63.00, **Rd & Br:** Banner, Hwy 34 Bypass, $27,049.12, Bickett & Sons, Tree Removal, $3,700.00, DCI, Background Check, $30.00, F&M, DEF, $316.66, Fleetpride, Repairs, $162.98, Gordon Flesch, Maint, $35.17, Gracevale Excavation, Blade Road 238th, $1,200.00, Lake County Intl, Supplies, $18.40, Northern Truck, Blades, $418.48, Quadient, Postage, $1.98, Reinicke, Deb, E911 Address Refund, $120.00, Sturdevant's, Supplies, $4.98, T&H Welding, Repairs, $271.00, **Poor:** Quadient, Postage, $1.56, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, $1,620.00, Lincoln County Auditor, Serv, $2,362.95, Minnehaha County Auditor, Serv, $212.67, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, $305.00, Oftedal, Abby, Serv, $427.00, **Recreation:** Jones Dock Service, Dock Removal, $300.00, **Extension:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, $35.16, Lewis Drug, Supplies, $32.96, Office Peeps, Supplies, $58.65, SDAE4-HP, Hayford, Jen/Reg, $220.00, **Weed:** Ditch Weed, Weed Spray, $64,062.50, **Zoning:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, $96.00, Quadient, Serv, $10.56, Deb Reinicke, Building Permit Refund, $298.00. **Total: $149,041.98**

PERSONNEL: None

APPROVE TRAVEL REQUEST: None

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION/TRANSPORT VAN HOUSING:

John Anderson, Veterans Service Officer, readdressed housing for the VA transport van. Anderson reported that the Veterans Affairs Office is agreeable to parking the van on the south side of the Annex Building. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the VA transport van being housed on the south side of the Annex Building. Motion carried.

FIRE DISTRICTS/SORENSON TRUST:

John Anderson, EM Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the Viola Sorenson Trust, which bequeathed funds to the Wentworth Fire District and the Chester Fire District. Anderson explained that the trust stipulates the Lake County Emergency Manager shall manage and administer the funds on behalf of the fire districts. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to authorize John Anderson, EM Director, to serve as Trustee and manage the Viola Sorenson Trust for the Wentworth and Chester Fire Districts and to authorize the Chair to sign the necessary documents. Motion carried.

DITCH WEED BILLING:

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, was present to discuss the invoice received from Ditch Weed, LLC. During preparation of the 2026 budget, the Board approved $60,000 for weed spraying services. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve an additional $4,062.50, for a total payment of $64,062.50 to Ditch Weed, LLC for the 2026 weed spraying project. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE/HEF'S BAR & GRILL:

The Board reviewed the Temporary Special On-Sale Liquor License application submitted by Douglas Thompson on behalf of Hef's Bar & Grill. The application was for the Village Creek Days tree lighting event to be held on December 5, 2026. Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the Temporary Special On-Sale Liquor License for Hef's Bar & Grill for the Village Creek Days tree lighting event. Motion carried.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Slaughter attended a Transportation Alternative Grant meeting, joint meeting with Minnehaha County and Lake County, and a Courthouse Security meeting. Commissioner Leighton attended a Weed Board meeting. Commissioner Reinicke attended a DVN Board meeting and the Veterans' Day Program.

A short break was held before the next appointment.

RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION/CONVENE JOINTLY AS PLANNING-COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to recess as a County Commission and convene jointly as a Planning and County Commission. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the Joint Planning/County Commission agenda and acknowledge no public comments. Motion carried.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RELATIONSHIP(S) TO APPLICANT OR EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS:

Board members acknowledged that they had received correspondence and emails from parties involved in the matter. The Board recognized that receiving information outside of the public hearing process would not affect their ability to remain impartial.

CONSIDERATION OF PLAT:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, gave an overview of the preliminary plat and development plan for Zimmerman Landing.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Johnke, to recommend approval of the plat to the County Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Johnke, to recommend approval of the Zimmerman Landing Preliminary Plat and Development Plan to the County Commission. Motion carried.

ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnke, seconded by Reinicke, to approve the Preliminary Plat and Development Plan for Zimmermann Landing to the County Commission. Motion carried.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

REGULAR SESSION:

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

FY 2027 WAGE ADJUSTMENTS/STATES ATTORNEY & SHERIFF DEPUTIES:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve an additional $1.50 per hour wage increase for Jennie Thompson, effective in 2027, in addition to the 4% wage increase previously approved for 2027. Motion carried. Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Reinicke, to approve an additional $1.00 per hour wage increase for all Sheriff Deputies, effective in 2027, in addition to the previously approved 4% wage increase and $1.00 per hour increase for 2027. Motion carried.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

October fees collected: Register of Deeds - $19,039.50 and Sheriff - $11,783.59

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Johnke, to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting with be on December 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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