

UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 3, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in special session on August 3, 2026, at 8:30 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:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for August 3, 2026. Motion carried.

2026 PRIMARY GOVERNOR RUNOFF ELECTION CANVASS:

Auditor Barrick provided an overview of the July 28, 2026, Primary Governor Runoff Election. A total of 1,661 voters participated, representing 37% Republican voter turnout. Of these, 509 voters cast absentee ballots in the election office, and 1,152 voters cast ballots at the polls on Election Day. Barrick reported that Election Day staffing consisted of 34 precinct workers, while Election Night staffing included 6 ballot counters. The board proceeded with the canvass. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the 2026 Primary Governor Runoff Election Canvass results with no changes. Motion carried.

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Board reviewed the following budgets: Commission, Contingency, Operating Transfer, Auditor, Election, Judicial, Treasurer, States Attorney, Equalization, Register of Deeds, M&P, EMA, VSO, Dive Team, Predatory Animal, Information Technology, Zoning, Poor, Board of Health, Comm Serv Worker, Elderly Transport, Develop Disabled, Alcohol & Drug, Mental Health Center, MI Board, Museum, Public Library, Soil Conservation, Tourism, Extension, and Domestic Abuse.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Johnke attended Lake County Achievement days. Commissioner Slaughter attended an ICAP Board meeting and the ICAP groundbreaking. Commissioner Reinicke was a 4-H cupcake judge during the Lake County Achievement days. Commissioner Wollmann was a 4-H hobby judge during the Lake County Achievement days, attended Madison Public Library meeting, 911 meeting, and SD Fit meeting in Ft Pierre.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be on August 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair

**UNAPPROVED
LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 4, 2026**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on August 4, 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. Absent: Commissioner Corey Johnke. 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 there was an error on the agenda regarding minutes approved. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the agenda for August 4, 2026, removing August 3, 2026, and adding July 21, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the unapproved minutes of July 21, 2026. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve payroll #16 dated August 7, 2026 and directed the Auditor to email the payroll report upon its completion. Motion carried. Comm: \$6,449.25; Auditor: \$7,360.56; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,727.10; Govt Bldg: \$6,909.64; DOE: \$6,606.73; ROD: \$5,369.02; VSO: \$1,146.72; Sheriff: \$23,049.40; Jail: \$17,644.27; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$1,747.07; Zoning: \$2,289.11; Rd-Br: \$10,681.77; 911: \$12,693.77; EMA: \$1,895.40; 24/7: \$666.91. **Grand Total: 120,539.75**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Wollmann, seconded by Slaughter, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$352,657.09. Motion carried.

2026.07.27 AP - General: Aflac, Ded, \$2,562.34, Delta Dental, Ded, \$956.70, Health Equity, Allotment, \$250.00, Lake County Treasurer, Withholding, \$18,087.09, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$22,255.26, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$3,841.87, Unum, Prem, \$226.74, VSP, Prem, \$526.51, Wellmark, Prem, \$22,956.89, **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, \$197.31, Midco, Util, \$166.04, Northwestern, Util, \$40.36, **DOE:** Midco, Util, \$127.36, **ROD:** Midco, Util, \$70.06, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$32.29, **Jail:** Midco, Util, \$351.62, Northwestern, Util, \$97.84, **24/7:** Lake County, Withholding, \$136.27, **EMA:** City Of Madison, Util, \$303.25, Lake County Treasurer, Withholding, \$444.49, Midco, Util, \$32.29, Northwestern, Util, \$46.14, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$387.66, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$14.13, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$877.58, Delta Dental, Ded, \$179.70, Lake County Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,664.17, Motorola Solutions, Programming, \$786.22, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$3,376.10, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$105.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$104.59, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$106.21, Wellmark, Prem, \$6,954.65, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$320.82, City Of Madison, Util, \$522.23, Delta Dental, Ded, \$52.20, Gracevale Excavation, Blade Road 238th, \$1,040.00, Health Equity, Allotment, \$25.00, Lake County Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,070.93, Midco, Util, \$230.66, Northwestern, Util, \$28.47, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$1,950.24, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$150.00, Unum, Prem, \$18.00, VSP, Prem, \$10.22, Wellmark, Prem, \$2,935.55, **Poor:** Midco, Util, \$17.57, **Extension:** City Of Madison, Util, \$667.61, Midco, Util, \$145.95, Northwestern, Util, \$148.98, **Zoning:** Midco, Util, \$17.57. Total: **\$100,034.89**

2026.08.04 AP – General: Lester, Ben, Refund, \$25.92, Lewis, Alex, Refund, \$25.92, Health Equity, Allotment, \$4.50, **Commission:** Jordahl, Megan, Cyber Security Training/Mileage, \$60.62, **Election:** 2026 Governor Runoff Election Workers/Rent: Baartman, Dianna, \$180.00, Belatti, Ann, \$180.00, Brende, Susan, \$180.00, Breuer, Sandy, \$151.40, Bruns, Ardana, \$243.00, Chester Twp, \$50.00, Doering, Carolyn, \$180.00, Dragseth, Joyce, \$180.00, Eichmann, Cheryle, \$180.00, Falor, Nancy, \$180.00, Feistner, Debra, \$205.00, Fjerestad, Denise, \$243.00, Frisby-Griffin, Connie, \$150.00, Fritz,

Belinda, \$180.00, Goehring, Teresa, \$252.20, Hageman, Susan, \$180.00, Hansen, Lori A, \$243.00, Harmdierks, Takenric., \$152.10, Jatton, Virginia, \$180.00, Jordahl, Megan, \$151.40, Lingle, Jeryl, \$155.60, Nighbert, Linda, \$180.00, Norby, Lori, \$154.20, Nunda Fire Dept, \$50.00, Pederson, Susan, \$259.20, Poncelet, Beth, \$243.00, Reinicke, Erin, \$153.50, Rensch, Nancy, 180.00, Roberts, Nancy, \$263.40, Schoenrock, Donna, \$180.00, Smith, Joyce, \$180.00, Spielmann, Douglas, \$180.00, Spielmann, Marcella R, \$243.00, St Williams Church, \$50.00, Stewart, Linda, \$180.00, Sudenga, Carla, \$243.00, Sunde, Janet A, \$243.00, Vlasman, Janet, \$180.00, Wall, Connie, \$180.00, Walters, Victoria, \$180.00, Weerheim, Arleen, \$180.00, Wentworth Fire Dept, \$50.00, Wittenhagen, Dianna, \$205.00, Wosje, Garnet, \$264.10, McLeods, Poll Books, \$112.17, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$3,538.00, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$251.85, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, \$4,465.20, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$2,866.86, Witness Juror/Appeal, \$572.20, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$55.31, **Bldg:** 1000bulbs, Lights, \$292.13 Avera Heart Hospital, 2 AED's, \$3,080.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$594.14, Grainger, Supplies, \$222.68, Hillyard, Supplies, \$434.72, Iron Twin Pest Control, Weed Spray, \$375.00, Madison Ace, Mowing Head, \$181.51, Timmer Supply, Supplies, \$501.90, **DOE:** Cole's, Fuel, \$41.40, **IT:** Tyler Tech, 7/1/26-6/30/27 Contract, \$50,900.00, **Sheriff:** AT&T Mobility, Util, \$382.86, Axis Forensic, Test, \$350.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$3,206.99, Tire Motive, Serv, \$2,788.58, **Jail:** Avera Heart Hospital, 1 AED, \$1,555.00, Madison Reg Health, Med Care, \$511.86, Redwood Toxicology, Supplies, \$1,352.23, Rising Hope, Serv, \$1,280.00, **EMA:** Sioux Valley, Util, \$684.81, **Rd & Br:** Bowes Construction, Asphalt, \$10,581.30, Cole's, Fuel, \$11,273.55, DCI, Background Check, \$30.00, Health Equity, Allotment, \$2.25, John Deere Financial, Grader Lease, \$86,756.79 & Loader Lease \$51,859.78, Lyle Signs, Address Signs, \$1,249.57, Sioux Valley, Util, \$191.25, **911:** Health Equity, Allotment, \$2.25, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, \$540.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$427.00, Oftedal, Abby, Serv, \$976.00. Total: **\$252,622.20**

PERSONNEL:

Commissioner Reinicke told the Board that the Director of Equalization has hired a field appraiser. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to ratify the hire of Gryphon Torrent, full-time field appraiser, at a rate of \$19.16/hr effective August 3, 2026. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT TAXES-REPAYMENT PLAN/PARCEL #21110-04300-03010:

Kathy Janke submitted a revised payment plan to the Board for their review for her delinquent real estate taxes. This agreement requires an initial lump-sum payment of \$3,000 to be received within five (5) days of the date of this agreement. Beginning September 1, 2026, monthly payments of \$1,200 shall be due on the first day of each month through May 1, 2027, inclusive. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the submitted repayment agreement between Lake County and Kathy Janke, stipulating that if a payment due date falls on a weekend, the payment shall be due on the preceding business day. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #26-07:

Chair Leighton read Ordinance #26-07/ An Ordinance Amending The Official Zoning Map of Lake County By Rezoning Certain Property. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #26-07 and authorize the chair to sign. Chair Leighton called for a roll call vote. Votes were as follows: Leighton, aye; Reinicke, aye; Wollmann, aye; Slaughter, aye. Motion carried. The ordinance will be published in the Madison Daily Leader on August 6, 2026, and will become effective on September 5, 2026.

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Board reviewed budgets from the Highway & Bridge Fund, Weed, Rural Access, General Building, Buildings Fund, and Recreation.

A short break was held.

Commissioner Reinicke noted for the record that Planning & Zoning Alternate Micah Hofman had joined the meeting.

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

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, 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 Reinicke stated that she had spoken to Dan Stapleton, the neighbor to the applicant.

CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCE #26-04:

#26-04 Variance request of Dan & Stacey Dougherty, 6473 Christiansen Lane, Wentworth, SD. The applicants are requesting a variance from the minimum side yard setback. Dan Dougherty appeared via Zoom. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Slaughter, in accordance with the Lake County Zoning Ordinance, to deny the applicant's Variance Request #26-04 and adopt the findings and specific conditions outlined in the staff report. Chair Leighton called for a roll call vote. Votes were as follows: Leighton, aye; Reinicke, aye; Wollmann, aye; Slaughter, aye; Hofman, aye. Motion carried.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD:

Commissioner Slaughter stated the decision of the Board of Adjustment for Variance #26-04 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 AND RECONVENE AS A COUNTY COMMISSION:

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

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Board reviewed the 911 Communications budget for 2027.

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 three personnel matters had been discussed.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, seconded by Wollmann, to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be on August 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair