

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 6, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on January 6, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the commission meeting room at the Lake County Courthouse. Auditor Paula Barrick called the meeting to order and called roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke, Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. Absent: Commissioner Dennis Slaughter. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2026 REORGANIZATION:

LAKE COUNTY CHAIR: Auditor Barrick called for nominations for Chair of the Lake County Commission for 2026. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to nominate Commissioner Leighton for Chair of the Lake County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Adam Leighton as 2026 Lake County Chair. Motion carried.

LAKE COUNTY VICE-CHAIR: Auditor Barrick called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Lake County Commission for 2026. Motion by Leighton, second by Johnke, to nominate Commissioner Reinicke for Vice-Chair of the Lake County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried. Motion by Wollmann, second by Leighton, for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Deb Reinicke as 2026 Lake County Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for January 6, 2026. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: COUNTY COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION, OR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: None

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Johnke, second by Wollmann, to approve the unapproved minutes of December 30, 2025. Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve payroll #1-January 9, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$7,479.25; **Auditor:** \$6,695.19; **Treasurer:** \$6,215.82; **States Atty:** \$9,677.10; **Govt Bldg:** \$6,423.57; **DOE:** \$15,482.25; **ROD:** \$5,319.02; **VSO:** \$1,146.72; **Sheriff:** \$30,165.53; **Jail:** \$24,034.07; **Coroner:** 2,625.00; **Poor:** \$87.21; **Ext:** \$461.31; **Zoning:** \$2,239.12; **Rd-Br:** \$8,838.32; **911:** \$19,544.59; **EMA:** \$2,067.96; **24/7:** \$300.72. **Grand Total:** 148,802.75

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$111,791.54. Motion carried.

2026.01.06 AP - Commission: Column, Notices, \$490.63, SDACC, Dues, \$3,633.00, SDML, Renewal, \$170.21, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$1,326.00, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$624.00, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$1,873.83, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, SDACO, Dues, \$457.18, SDML, Renewal, \$285.04, **Treasurer:** A&B Business, Maint, \$142.29, Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, SDACO, Dues, \$457.17, SDML, Renewal, \$312.76, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Century Business, Maint, \$77.49, SDML, Renewal, \$471.14, **Bldg:** A&B Pest, Pest Control, \$1,120.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$39.88, Jerry's Chevrolet, 2017 Dodge Ram, \$30,000.00, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$63.05, SDML, Renewal, \$3,951.63, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, SDML, Renewal, \$407.78, **ROD:** SDACO, Dues, \$457.18, SDML, Renewal, \$245.44, Tyler Tech, Doc Pro, \$6,483.99, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, SDML, Renewal, \$43.50, **Sheriff:** Armscor, Ammunition, \$1,110.00, AT&T, Util, \$382.86, Cole's, Fuel, \$402.59, Intoximeters, Supplies, \$1,796.00, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$15.99, Redwood Toxicology, BL Test, \$348.00, SDML, Renewal, \$9,681.17, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.02, Gall's, Clothing, \$281.40, Goth Elec, Repairs, \$306.12, Lewis Drug, Nov & Dec Meds, \$87.66, SDML, Renewal, \$6,984.68, Sunshine, Prisoner Meals, \$10,075.60, **24/7:** SDML, Renewal, \$534.49, Supercom, GPS Monitoring, \$58.50, **Coroner:** SDML, Renewal, \$59.34, **EMA:** SDML, Renewal, \$150.41, **911:** AT&T, Util, \$40.54, SDML, Renewal,

\$708.71, **Dive**: SDML, Renewal, \$8.91, **Rd & Br**: Cole's, Fuel, \$8,023.27, SDML, Renewal, \$15,371.10, Tire Motive, Tires, \$370.00, **Poor**: SDML, Renewal, \$3.90, **MI**: Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$660.00, **Extension**: Bud's, Util, \$154.26, City Of Madison, Util, \$719.31, SDML, Renewal, \$94.98, **Zoning**: Column, Notices, \$69.66, SDML, Renewal, \$110.81. **Total: \$111,791.54**

2026 COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the 2026 Commission dates and times; 9 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, with the exception of a meeting on Thursday, June 4th due to the Primary Election, on Tuesday, September 22nd due to the SDACC Convention, and on Thursday, November 5th due to the General Election. The year-end meeting will be Wednesday, December 30th at 4 p.m. Motion carried.

COUNTY DEPOSITORIES:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve the county depositories of First Bank & Trust and BankWest for 2026. Motion carried.

LAKE COUNTY ANNUAL SALARY LISTING FOR 2026:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve and publish the rates/salaries for fiscal year 2026 in compliance with SDCL 6-1-10. Motion carried.

Oftedal, Abby - \$24,720.00, Anderson, John - \$23.89, Aus, Adam - \$29.87/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Barrick, Paula - 72,468, Barnhart, Caralyn - \$21.25, Becker, Desirae - \$21.69, Blanchette, Chance - \$21.15, Denholm, April - \$29.72, DeVries, Kaylee - \$21.69, Driscoll, Christopher - \$19.93, Ebsen, Shirley - \$69,904, Erickson, Brody - \$23.18/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Fink, Erynn - \$22.66, Gerry, Joseph - \$24.98/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Gilman, Brian - \$24.51, Hahn, Jennifer- \$24.74, Hare, Ashley - \$21.69, Hare, Dave - \$28.97, Harmdierks, TK - \$22.12, Heiden, Hannah - \$23.05, Helfrich, Todd - \$26.01, Hoffman, Shannon - \$23.94, Hofman, Micah - \$27.85, Houser, Megan - \$25.42, Johnson, Samuel - \$24.72, Johnson, Tina - \$22.12, Jordahl, Megan - \$21.63, Johnke, Corey - \$14,576, Kaufmann, Corissa - \$29.71, Keefer, Kody - \$27.57, Lester, Benjamin - \$24.42/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Lewis, Alex - \$19.16, Leighton, Adam - \$15,776, Lund, April - \$23.57, Mallett, Thomas - \$24.42/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Mathieu, Kimberly - \$19.63, McGowan, Aaron - \$128,241.18, Menor, Vicki - \$24.13, O'Connell, Mike - \$25.86, Olson, Jill - \$22.28, Olson, Tammy - \$18.54, Oostra, Jason - \$21.70, O'Regan, Reilley - \$24.72, Reinicke, Deb - \$14,576, Reinicke, Erin - \$23.90, Reinicke, Hanna - \$24.97/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Rowe, Steve - \$29.79/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Rustand, Ashlyn - \$19.93, Ryan, Stephanie - \$23.33, Schiernbeck, Carrie/Zoning - \$25.51, Scholl, Kayla - \$21.69, Seppala, Thomas - \$21.69, Slaughter, Dennis - \$14,576, Stamm-Gartner, Deb - \$28.63, Talich, Sarina - \$74,852/Coroner \$1,500 yr, Thompson, Jennie - \$31.98, Tolley, Timothy - \$36.38, Tyburec, Adam - \$22.95, Walburg, Debra - \$65,890, Williams, Abigail - \$22.93, Williams, Tristan - \$20.53, Wollmann, Kelli - \$14,576. Longevity Pay: The rate/salary amount does not include longevity pay that may be due to some employes.

RESOLUTION 2026-01/ELECTIONS:

Chair Leighton read Resolution 2026-01. Motion by Johnke, second by Reinicke, to approve Resolution 2026-01 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-01

WHEREAS SDCL 12-15-11 states that each precinct superintendent and precinct deputy shall receive a fee to be established annually by resolution of the board of county commissioners at its first regular meeting each year. The person delivering the poll books and ballot boxes to the proper authority at the county seat shall receive the county rate for mileage established pursuant to SDCL 7-7-24, for miles necessarily traveled in going to and returning from making the delivery.

WHEREAS SDCL 12-15-7 states that election officials be allowed a fixed fee for attendance at a meeting called by the County Auditor for instruction on election laws and the duties of the judges and clerks of election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following rates will be paid to election workers:

Attendance at election schools	\$25.00
ExpressVote Training	\$25.00
Election Superintendents	\$216/day
Election Deputies	\$180/day

Information Table Official(s)	\$180/day
Resolution Board Members	\$150/day
ExpressVote Assistant(s)	\$100/day
Absentee Precinct Officials	\$15.00/hr
Election Office Workers	\$15.00/hr
County-Wide Hand Count/Superintendent	\$200/day
County-Wide Hand Count/Deputies	\$175/day
Post Election Audit Board	\$20/hr

The State rate will be paid for applicable mileage, currently \$0.70/mile.

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

Voting nay: none

Approved this 6th day of January 2026.

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

RESOLUTION 2026-02/OFFICIAL TRAINING TRAVEL:

Chair Leighton read Resolution 2026-02. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve Resolution 2026-02 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-02

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-7-25 states that the Board of County Commissioners, by resolution, may authorize county officials to attend educational conferences, meetings, and conventions held and conducted within or without the state of South Dakota pertaining to the betterment and advancement of county government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the county commissioners, county highway superintendent, auditor, treasurer, register of deeds, state's attorney, sheriff, county assessing officer, and coroner be authorized to attend conferences, meetings, and conventions called for the purpose set forth in SDCL 7-7-25 and that the mileage and necessary expenses to attend such be allowed.

This resolution shall be in force for the year 2026.

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

Voting nay: none

Approved this 6th day of January 2026.

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

RESOLUTION 2026-03/CLAIMS:

Chair Leighton read Resolution 2026-03. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve Resolution 2026-03 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-03

WHEREAS certain entities require the payment of funds by the 15th of the month or payment by a deadline,

WHEREAS many of these claims are received after the Board of Commissioners meet,

WHEREAS interest or penalties may apply if these claims are not paid timely,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County Auditor is hereby given the authority to pay such claims without the Commissioners approval provided the claims are presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Voting nay: none

Approved this 6th day of January 2026.

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

2026 BOARD ASSIGNMENTS AND DEPARTMENT LIAISONS:

The board reviewed the 2026 board assignments and department liaisons assignments. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the 2026 board assignments and department liaisons assignments. Motion carried.

- 1) 911 Communications Board – Slaughter and Wollmann
- 2) 911 - Slaughter
- 3) SD 911 Coordination Board – Wollmann (appointed position)
- 4) Auditor - Leighton
- 5) Bypass Committee – Leighton and Johnke
- 6) Buildings and Grounds - Reinicke
- 7) Catastrophic County Poor Relief Program – Wollmann (appointed position)
- 8) Chamber of Commerce – Reinicke (Johnke alternate)
- 9) County Government Day – Wollmann and Reinicke (School Tours)
- 10) Courthouse Security Committee – Slaughter
- 11) Dive Team – Slaughter (Johnke alternate)
- 12) Domestic Violence Network - Reinicke
- 13) East Dakota Transit - Slaughter
- 14) East Dakota Water Development District – Reinicke
- 15) Emergency Management Agency – Leighton
- 16) Equalization - Wollmann
- 17) Extension and Extension Board – Johnke
- 18) First District Planning – Leighton
- 19) Highway – Slaughter (Reinicke alternate)
- 20) Human Resources - Leighton
- 21) Insurance - Johnke and Reinicke
- 22) Interlakes Community Action Board - Slaughter
- 23) IT Support/Website/Social Media - Leighton
- 24) Lake Area Improvement – Slaughter
- 25) Lake County Public Access /Scott Pedersen Memorial Park - Wollmann
- 26) Legislative Point of Contact – Wollmann (Reinicke alternate)
- 27) LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) – Wollmann and Leighton
- 28) Personnel Policy – Johnke, Reinicke and Auditor
- 29) Planning, Zoning, and Natural Resources - Leighton
- 30) Public Library Board - Wollmann
- 31) Register of Deeds - Johnke
- 32) Safety Committee – Wollmann
- 33) Sheriff / Jail – Leighton
- 34) South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust – Wollmann (appointed position)
- 35) State's Attorney - Reinicke
- 36) Task Force on Flood Prevention/Protection and FEMA Risk Map Project – Wollmann
- 37) Treasurer - Reinicke
- 38) Vermillion River Basin Watershed Development District – Johnke
- 39) Veterans Services – Reinicke (Slaughter alternate)
- 40) Wage Scale – Reinicke and Slaughter
- 41) Weed Department and Weed and Pest Board – Leighton (Reinicke alternate)
- 42) Welfare - Leighton

Other Appointments

- 1) 911 Communication Center Director: April Denholm
- 2) Board of Adjustment Alternates: *Vacant* (term ends 2026); *Vacant* (term ends 2026)

- 3) Commission Administrative Officer: Abby Oftedal (Interim Position)
- 4) Courthouse Security Committee – Commissioner Slaughter; Circuit Court Judge; Commission Administrative Officer; Deputy (Adam Aus); Buildings and Grounds Superintendent
- 5) Cyber Representative: *Vacant*
- 6) Director of Equalization: Corissa Kaufmann
- 7) Dive Team Advisory Board – Commissioner Wollmann, Sheriff, Emergency Management Director, Chief Diver
- 8) Emergency Management: Kody Keefer
- 9) First District at-large representative: Brooke Rollag
- 10) Health Board: Robert Summerer, D.O.; Madison City Atty; Lake County State's Atty; Madison City Police Chief; and Sheriff
- 11) Highway Superintendent: Tim Tolley
- 12) Legal Newspaper: Madison Daily Leader
- 13) LEPC: Representatives of government (state, county, city); Tier II Facilities (owners or managers); Fire Departments; Law Enforcement Agencies; Environmental; Hospitals or Clinics; Transportation; Media; Community Groups; Emergency Management Office; 2 Commissioners (Wollmann and Leighton)
- 14) Mental Health Board: *Vacant* (Term 2023-2025), *Vacant* (Term 2024-2026), Attorneys Richard Ericsson and Abby Oftedal and John Nelson
- 15) Planning Commission Subcommittee – Commissioner Leighton, First District Representative, Commission Administrative Officer, Planning and Zoning Officer
- 16) Planning, Zoning, and Natural Resources: Carrie Schiernbeck
- 17) Safety Committee: Hwy Supt, CAO/HRS, Bldgs and Grounds Supt, Sheriff, Emergency Manager, State's Attorney, Highway Dept Employee (Rotating), Courthouse Employee (Corissa Kaufmann), 4-H Center Employee (Kim Mathieu), Public Safety Building Employee (Adam Aus), and Commissioner Wollmann
- 18) Sale of Property location: Courthouse 1st floor lobby
- 19) Solid Waste – (Planning and Zoning Officer)
- 20) Veterans Service Officer: John Anderson
- 21) Weed & Pest Board: **Mike McGillivray/TBD (term ends 2024)**, *Vacant* (term ends 2026), *Vacant* (term ends 2026), James Hildebrandt (term ends 2025), **Roger Abraham/TBD (term ends 2024)**, and Pat Schut (term ends 2025), and Commissioner Leighton (Commissioner Reinicke alternate)
- 22) Welfare Director: Carrie Schiernbeck

PERSONNEL:

Auditor Barrick informed the board that two personnel matters had been received. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to ratify the hire of Gabrielle Grindeland, part-time correctional officer, at a rate of \$20/hr effective January 4, 2026. Motion carried. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to ratify the hire of Teagan Hanson, part-time correctional officer, at a rate of \$20/hr effective January 4, 2026. Motion carried.

UTILITY OCCUPANCY 2026-01/SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY:

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, via Zoom, presented Utility Occupancy #2026-01 to the board for their review. Sioux Valley Energy will be installing new underground power cables along and under 448th Ave starting at 234th St and ending south of Hwy 34. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-01 Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

December 2025 fees collected: Zoning - \$618.00

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, at 9:33 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on January 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick
PAULA BARRICK

/s/Adam Leighton
ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Auditor

Lake County Commission Chair

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 20, 2026

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

Dave Daniel, representing himself, addressed the county commission asking that the speed limit on 238th St be increased. The section of concern for Daniel is the area that is south of Colton Park and north of the Smith Cove development. Glenn Eggebraaten, representing himself, chose to wait on speaking of his concern on the Summit bridge during the time that has been designated "Consider Summit Bridge Status" later in the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the agenda for January 20, 2026. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the unapproved minutes of January 6, 2026.

Motion carried.

PAYROLL APPROVED:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve payroll #2-January 23, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email. Comm: \$3,879.25; Auditor: \$6,356.20; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,377.09; Govt Bldg: \$5,823.56; DOE: \$5,392.26; ROD: \$4,424.43; VSO: \$573.36; Sheriff: \$19,010.08; Jail: \$14,815.95; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$851.94; Zoning: \$1,939.11; Rd-Br: \$9,292.71; 911: \$15,331.06; EMA: \$2,040.38; 24/7: \$565.21. Grand Total: 105,975.62

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Motion by Johnke, second by Slaughter, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$272,778.35. Motion carried.

2026.01.09 AP: General: Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$25,939.54, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,087.99, **911:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$4,458.78, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$460.71, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding \$51.60. **Total: \$32,998.62**

2025.01.12 AP: General: SD DOR, Fees, \$730.00, SD DOR, MV, \$171,935.61, SDACO, Rod Fees, \$372.00, **Commission:** Bankwest, Rd Map, \$37.49, **St Atty:** Bankwest, Chair, \$318.94, **Bldg:** Bankwest, Sweeper, \$798.98, City Of Madison, Util, \$1,934.51, Dakota Data, Serv, \$66.69, First Bank, Mirrors, \$129.99, **DOE:** Bankwest, Training, \$625.00, **ROD:** Bankwest, Drop Box, \$533.48, **VSO:** Bankwest, PDF Pro, \$78.00, **Sheriff:** First Bank, Floor Jack, \$597.34, Prostrollo's, Supplies, \$11.70, **Jail:** First Bank, Supplies, \$364.40, City Of Madison, Util, \$1,592.98, **EMA:** Verizon, Util, \$79.74, **911:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$52.15, Lumen, Util, \$10.33, Verizon, Util, \$39.73, **Rd & Br:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$1,469.27, Xcel, Util, \$3.60, **Rural Access:** Verizon, Util, \$40.01, **MI:** SD DOR, Serv, \$611.63, **Extension:** Bankwest, Subscription, \$120.00. **Total: \$182,553.57**

2026.01.13 AP: General: SD DOR, Sales Tax, \$202.17, **Commissioner:** Midco, Util, \$45.30, Quadient, Lease, \$2.36, **Elections:** Quadient, Lease, \$66.45, **Auditor:** Midco, Util, \$53.07, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$565.83, Quadient, Lease, \$154.83, **Treasurer:** Midco, Util, \$13.74, Quadient, Lease, \$415.03, **St Atty:** Midco, Util, \$58.80, Quadient, Lease, \$6.98, **Bldg:** Midco, Util, \$14.69, **DOE:** Midco, Util, \$67.80, Quadient, Lease, \$163.18, **Rod:** Midco, Util, \$29.39, Quadient, Lease, \$58.60, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$14.69, Quadient, Lease, \$2.85, **Sheriff:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$416.29, Midco, Util, \$136.71, Quadient, Lease, \$63.21, **Jail:** Midco, Util, \$109.71, **EMA:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$653.49, Midco, Util, \$14.69, Quadient, Lease, \$0.79, **911:** Midco, Util, \$20.38, Quadient, Lease, \$1.28, **Rd & Brdg:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$55.46, Midco, Util, \$5.60, Quadient, Lease, \$4.72, Runnings, Grease, \$27.80, **Poor:** Midco, Util, \$14.69, Quadient, Lease, \$1.57, **Extension:** Gordon

Flesch, Maint, \$209.57, Midco, Util, \$5.60, Quadient, Lease, \$12.88, **Weed**: Midco, Util, \$10.19, **Zoning**: Midco, Util, \$14.69, Quadient, Lease, \$28.31. **Total: \$3,743.39**
2026.01.20 AP: Judicial: Computer Forensic, Crt Ord Serv, \$3,950.00, Daniel P Feldhaus, Transcript, \$89.25, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$249.20, LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$450.00, Witness/Juror/Appear, \$549.20, **Auditor**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Quadient, Postage, \$148.19, **Treasurer**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Quadient, Postage, \$232.53, **St Atty**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Lake County Treasurer, Reimburse, \$10.45, Quadient, Postage, \$8.14, Relx, Subscription, \$263.00, **Bldg**: Automatic Bldg Ctrls, Supplies, \$212.86, Bud's, Util, \$209.49, CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Kone, Maint, \$1,974.12, Northern Truck, Brackets, \$343.00, Timmer Supply, Pipe, \$28.02, **Bldg Fund**: Northland Securities, 2025 Annual Disclosure, \$550.00, **DOE**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Office Peeps, Deck, \$379.64, Schneider Geospatial, Beacon, \$11,579.40, SD Retirement, Spec Pay Out, \$8,484.18, SDAAO, Dues/Kaufmann, Blanchette, Lewis, \$225.00, Unemployment, Remit, \$21.78, **ROD**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Quadient, Postage, \$47.06, Unemployment, Remit, \$14.80, **M/P Fund**: Microfilm, Lease, \$3,155.00, **VSO**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Quadient, Postage, \$3.18, **Sheriff**: Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$24.88, Quadient, Postage, \$50.58, Steves Tire, Serv, \$2,796.76, Streicher's, Supplies, \$1,525.00, Sturdevant's, Water Pump, \$212.74, Unemployment, Remit, \$7.93, **Jail**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.12, Rising Hope Counseling, Serv, \$585.00, Unemployment, Remit, \$199.11, **24/7**: Pharmchem, Sweet Patch, \$95.85, Unemployment, Remit, \$17.73, **Coroner**: Dakota Embalming, Transport, \$260.00, **EMA**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Quadient, Postage, \$2.72, **911**: CenturyLink, Util, \$195.56, Propio, Interpret, \$11.57, Quill, Printer/Supplies, \$839.91, Text My Gov, Maint, \$4,500.00, Triotel, Util, \$167.53, Two Way Solutions, Maint, \$4,382.99, Unemployment, Remit, \$32.98, **Rd & Brdg**: Carquest, Plug, \$13.66, Johnson Feed, Salt, \$3,158.10, SDACHS, Dues/Tolley, Tim, \$600.00, Tran-Source, Supplies, \$152.01, Unemployment, Remit, \$111.09, **Poor**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Menards, Supplies, \$29.96, Quadient, Postage, \$4.07, **Extension**: Sunshine, Treats, \$144.23, **Weed**: SD Assn Weed/Pest Boards, Dues/Barnhart, Cara, \$75.00, **Zoning**: CenturyLink, Util, \$0.06, Grainger, Measuring Wheel, \$77.21, Quadient, Postage, \$3.53. **Total: \$53,482.77**

PERSONNEL:

Commissioner Slaughter informed the board that Chris Kelley has accepted an offer as a heavy equipment operator at the Highway Department. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the hire of Chris Kelley, full-time heavy equipment operator, at a rate of \$23/hr effective February 2, 2026. Motion carried. Cori Kaufmann, Director of Equalization, asked the board to approve the rehire of Deb Blanchette, part-time field appraiser. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the rehire of Deb Blanchette, part-time field appraiser, at a rate of \$25.84/hr effective February 9, 2026. Motion carried.

INMATE HOUSING AGREEMENT/SANBORN COUNTY:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the Inmate Housing/Jail Contract between Lake County and Sanborn County for 2026 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

UNASSIGN GENERAL FUND:

Auditor Barrick asked the board to unassign the deputy wages and employee wages lines in the general fund. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to unassign \$158,209.22 from the fund balance assigned for deputy wages and \$2,000,000 from the fund balance assigned for employees' wages lines moving the funds to general fund unassigned. Motion carried.

WEED BOARD MEMBERS:

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, informed the board that Mike McGillivray, James Hildebrandt, Roger Abraham, and Pat Schut have stated that they will continue as members of the Weed Board. There are still two vacant positions. Barnhart stated that a meeting in the spring is being planned.

COMPUTER SERVER/INFOTECH:

Doug Iverson, Infotech representative, presented three options for updating the county's computer server, which is nearing end of life. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve quote #6413 for a Windows server in the amount \$4,282.99, and quote #6407 for configuration & installation in the amount \$2,500. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS 2026-01 & 2026-02:

Cori Kaufmann, DOE, presented abatements 2026-01 & 2026-02. The 2026-01 abatement reflects a bin that had been destroyed but not reported to the DOE. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve Abatement 2026-01 in the amount of \$24.36 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried. The 2026-02 abatement reflects the City of Madison street maintenance that had not been removed. Madison City has approved this abatement. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve Abatement 2026-02 in the amount of \$18.70 and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

BEACON SCHNEIDER CONTRACT AMENDED:

Director Kaufmann told the board she would like to make additions/deletions to the current Beacon Schneider contract. She would like to discontinue the comparable parcel search and add sales search, parcel maintenance setup, and tax estimator features. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to agree with Kaufmann's request and approve the 2026 Beacon Schneider contract in the amount of \$18,576. Motion carried.

EQUALIZATION/OVERTIME:

Director Kaufmann told the board that with assessment notices due March 1st, there will likely be a need for overtime to get everything completed on time. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to authorize up to 40 hrs. overtime through March 1st. Motion carried.

CONSIDER SUMMIT BRIDGE STATUS:

Glenn Eggebraaten, representing himself, spoke about the potential impacts that removing the Summit Township bridge may have on his property. Mark Junker, representing Banner Associates, spoke via Zoom, gave his opinion that removing the bridge would be the best interest for Lake County. Junker said that removal of the bridge would reduce the flow of water, which is a concern for Eggebraaten. After removal, the banks will be shaved to reflect the natural flow of Battle Creek. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to follow through with removing bridge 40-220-058 and authorize the chair to sign all required documents. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE:

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, informed the board that Micah Hofman, who applied to be an alternate on the Board of Adjustment, is also working part-time for the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Having Hofman participate on the Board Of Adjustment and work as a Sheriff's deputy would constitute a conflict of interest. He has withdrawn his application.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Commissioner Slaughter attended an East Dakota Transit meeting. Commissioner Wollmann attended a SD 911 Coordination meeting via Zoom.

A short break was held.

RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION/CONVENE AS PLANNING COMMISSION:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to recess as a County Commission and convene as a Planning Commission for the purpose of public hearing regarding Ordinances 26-01 and 26-02. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES 26-01 AND 26-02:

This being the date and time per public notice for a public hearing on proposed Ordinances 26-01 and 26-02, Todd Kays, First District Association of Local Governments Executive Director, provided an overview of the articles in the ordinance. Chair Leighton called for public comment. Jeff Heinemeyer, representing himself, told the board that he is a strong proponent of the ordinance updates. He did have a concern with Section 1103.03.1 with the removal of private parks and campgrounds in LP1. Kays told Heinemeyer that that section has been modified and moved to LP2. Chair Leighton called for any comments from those on Zoom. Aaron Johnson, representing himself, spoke of implementing a carbon dioxide ordinance in this update. Kays said that the county did not institute a carbon dioxide pipeline section as there is no eminent domain proceedings currently in the legislature. Kays also gave Johnson and those in attendance a timeline for the implementation of the ordinance. Leighton called for any comments two more times in the audience and on Zoom. Leighton called for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 26-01 AND DISMISSAL OF ORDINANCE 26-02 TO COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to recommend that the County Commission amend proposed Ordinance 26-01 and dismiss Ordinance 26-02 as the Planning Commission has incorporated the language of 26-02 into proposed ordinance 26-01. Motion carried.

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS COUNTY COMMISSION:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to adjourn as a Planning Commission and reconvene as a County Commission. Motion carried.

ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON ORDINANCE 26-01:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission for Ordinance 26-01, as amended. Motion carried.

1ST READING ORDINANCE 26-01:

Director Kays read the title of Ordinance 26-01, as amended.

ORDINANCE 26-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, PURSUANT TO SDCL 11-2, 1967 AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR REGUATION IN CONFLICT HEREIN

ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON ORDINANCE 26-02:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to dismiss Ordinance 26-02. Motion carried.

2ND READING/ORDINANCE 26-01:

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to set Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 10 a.m. for the 2nd reading on Ordinance 26-01. Motion carried.

FIRST DISTRICT UPDATE:

Todd Kays, First District Association of Local Governments Executive Director, provided handouts to the board and gave an update on what the district has done in the preceding year and what services the district provides.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

December 2025 fees collected: Register of Deeds - \$17,660.80

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, at 11:31 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on February 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick
PAULA BARRICK
Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton
ADAM LEIGHTON
Lake County Commission Chair