

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, with the exception of a meeting on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> due to the Primary Election, on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the SDACC Convention, and on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> due to the General Election. The year-end meeting will be Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 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 employees.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 448<sup>th</sup> Ave starting at 234<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 238<sup>th</sup> 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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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 REGULATION 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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING/ORDINANCE 26-01:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to set Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 10 a.m. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 3, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on February 3, 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. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

None

### **AGENDA APPROVED:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the agenda for February 3, 2026. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES APPROVED:**

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of January 20, 2026. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve payroll #3-February 6, 2026. Motion carried.

The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$7,479.25; Auditor: \$6,656.21; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,677.10; Govt Bldg: \$6,423.57; DOE: \$5,667.12; ROD: \$5,319.02; VSO: \$1,194.50; Sheriff: \$23,565.26; Jail: \$17,164.88; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$865.29; Zoning: \$2,239.12; Rd-Br: \$9,080.68; 911: \$14,321.97; EMA: \$2,229.95; 24/7: \$580.53. Grand Total: 118,767.48

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$123,440.83. Motion carried.

**2026.01.23 AP - General:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$16,904.24, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$2,179.12, **911:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$3,173.62, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$454.56, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholding, \$122.37. **Total: \$22,833.91**

**2026.01.27 AP - General,** Aflac, Ded, \$2,088.82, Delta Dental, Ded, \$881.40, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$21,829.68, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$3,431.00, Unum, Prem, \$220.74, VSP, Prem, \$533.33, Wellmark, Prem, \$23,811.41, **Comm:** Midco, Util, \$22.77, **Auditor,** Midco, Util, \$26.64, **Treasurer:** Midco, Util, \$6.75, **St Atty:** Midco, Util, \$29.52, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$28.84, Northwestern, Util, \$14.12, Midco, Util, \$7.38, **DOE:** Midco, Util, \$34.02, **ROD:** Midco, Util, \$14.76, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$7.39, **Sheriff:** Midco, Util, \$68.67, **Jail:** Northwestern, Util, \$562.57, Midco, Util, \$55.17, **EMA:** Aflac, Ded, \$119.41, City Of Madison, Util, \$381.21, Delta Dental, Ded, \$48.61, Midco, Util, \$7.38, Northwestern, Util, \$119.69, Office Peeps, Batteries, \$22.88, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$493.00, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$23.38, Sioux Valley, Util, \$677.76, Unum, Prem, \$5.63, VSP, Prem, \$15.87, Wellmark, Prem, \$894.37, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$694.22, Delta Dental, Ded, \$156.60, Interlakes Wireless, Serv, \$63.00, Midco, Util, \$10.26, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$4,004.16, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$130.00, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$123.25, Wellmark, Prem, \$7,498.63, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$271.05, City Of Madison, Util, \$675.76, Delta Dental, Ded, \$158.49, Midco, Util, \$140.99, Northwestern, Util, \$683.75, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$2,175.74, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$176.72, Unum, Prem, \$24.37, VSP, Prem, \$62.51, Wellmark, Prem, \$3,818.59, **Poor:** Midco, Util, \$7.38, **Extension:** Northwestern, Util, \$361.21, Daily Leader, Subscription, \$225.80, Midco, Util, \$111.00, **Weed:** Midco, Util, \$5.13, **Zoning:** Midco, Util, \$7.38. **Total: \$78,104.54**

**2026.02.03 AP - Commissioner:** Infotech, Serv, \$46.00, **Elections:** Infotech, Serv, \$99.00, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$3,787.70, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$890.80, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$249.20, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$924.50, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, \$880.50, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$1,697.40, **Auditor:** Infotech, Serv, \$144.00, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, \$173.32, Infotech, Serv, \$177.00, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$64.93, Infotech, Serv, \$274.00, **Bldg:** Infotech,

Serv, \$84.00, Kolorworks, Stain, \$20.99, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$7.99, **DOE:** Infotech, Serv, \$312.00, **ROD:** Century Business, Maint, \$46.06, Infotech, Serv, \$266.00, Jordahl, Megan, Mileage/USB Cord, \$69.20, **VSO:** Infotech, Serv, \$60.95, **IT:** Infotech, Serv, \$1,005.50, **Sheriff:** AT&T, Util, \$382.86, Infotech, Serv, \$766.68, MRHS, BL Test, \$624.00, **Jail:** A & B Business, Maint, \$68.21, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$26.32, Infotech, Serv, \$766.68, MRHS, Serv, \$339.31, Rising Hope, Serv, \$155.00, **Coroner:** Ellsworth Funeral Home, Transport, \$120.00, **EMA:** Infotech, Serv, \$48.00, SDEMA, Dues, \$50.00, **911:** Active 911, Licenses, \$116.70, Infotech, Serv, \$232.00, Quill, Supplies, \$565.45, Sioux Valley, Util, \$114.15, **Rd & Br:** EKOS, Software, \$2,148.00, Infotech, Serv, \$192.00, I-State Truck, Repairs, \$184.77, MidAmerican, Util, \$247.44, SD Dept Of Trans, 2025 Bridge Inspections, \$321.02, Sioux Valley, Util, \$166.50, Xcel, Util, \$42.24, **Poor:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$303.93, Infotech, Serv, \$39.00, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, \$2,170.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$244.00, Yankton Co Sheriff's, Serv, \$50.00, **Extension:** Infotech, Serv, \$190.00, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$31.16, SDAE4-HP, Dues, \$80.00, **Zoning,** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$354.92, Infotech, Serv, \$81.00. **Total: \$22,502.38**

**PERSONNEL:**

Auditor Barrick told the board she had received one personnel action. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the status change of Teagan Hanson, from part-time correctional officer to full-time correctional officer, at a rate of \$20/hr effective February 16, 2026. Motion carried.

**2026 ANNUAL FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL:**

Dave Hare, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, informed the board he has received the annual fire alarm maintenance proposal from Automatic Building Controls, Inc. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the proposal from Automatic Building Controls for 2026 services at the Courthouse in the amount of \$409 and at the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$483. Motion carried.

**4-H CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT/SD FARMERS UNION:**

Superintendent Hare told the board he had received a rental agreement from the SD Farmers Union to rent the 4-H Center on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for a youth day camp. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to request further information from Farmers Union, noting that the proposed date may conflict with the driver's exam and 4-H activities. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER:**

Jill Olson, Deputy Auditor, presented the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer report as of December 31, 2025. She told the board that she and Tina Johnson, Deputy Auditor, have been working with David Weidler, Legislative Auditor, to reconcile the bank accounts and the general ledger. The variance since the middle of October has stayed at \$17,004.61. Legislative Audits will be coming back to Lake County to adjust the general ledger to balance with the bank. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to accept the December 31, 2025, Auditor's Account with the Treasurer. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER**

Bank Balance as of 12.31.2025 - First Bank & Trust	\$66,703.59
Bank Balance as of 12.31.2025 - BankWest	\$14,680,331.78
Deposits in Transit	\$15,354.85
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$970.33
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	-\$1,730.73
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	-\$138,958.17
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
Delta Dental/diff between bank withdraws & Incode drafts	\$111.15
<b>TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,625,932.80</b>
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 12.31.2025	\$14,608,928.19
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>\$17,004.61</b>

**911 GRANT:**

April Denholm, 911 Supervisor, and Jennifer Hahn, 911 Deputy Supervisor, appeared before the board to present information regarding a grant the 911 Board wishes to pursue. The proposed grant, totaling \$226,264.82, would assist in the consolidation of 911 services with Miner County and provide funding for a necessary full upgrade of the computer system. Miner County is also submitting a grant application. Commissioner Wollmann recused herself from consideration of this item. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve authorizing Denholm and Hahn to apply for the state grant to support the consolidation effort with Miner County. Motion carried.

**JAIL/INTERNAL POSITION:**

Sarina Talich, Sheriff, met with the board to request the creation of an internal position within the jail department for a jail sergeant. She explained that the position would be filled internally and would assist with jail operations, personnel oversight and completing required paperwork. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve the establishment of the jail sergeant position and the status change of a current employee to this position. Motion carried.

**UTILITY OCCUPANCY/2026-02 & 2026-03:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, presented two utility occupancy applications from Sioux Valley Energy. Application 2026-02 proposes burying the northbound overhead conductor under 223<sup>rd</sup> St and 463<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollman, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-02/Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried. Application 2026-03 proposes installing new underground primary cable along 451<sup>st</sup> Ave and across 241<sup>st</sup> St. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-03/Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-04/BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, presented Resolution 2026-04/Bridge Reinspection Program. She noted that Banner Associates will perform inspections on all county bridges in Lake County. Chair Leighton read Resolution 2026-04. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve Resolution 2026-04/Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution For Use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-04  
BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION  
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Lake County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Banner Associates, Inc. (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026, at Madison, South Dakota.

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

**MADISON AREA DEVELOPMENT CORP (MADC) UPDATE:**

Brooke Rollag, Executive Director, presented an update on the Madison Area Development Corp. Items included: the Industrial Park has been completed, the early learning center is near completion, the English language learning program was successful, and the low-income funding for businesses has been depleted. She further notified that the name of the Lake Area Improvement Corporation has been changed to the Madison Area Development Corporation (MADC).

**STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EMPLOYEE 4-H CENTER OFFICE SPACE:**

Jen Hayford, 4-H Educator, and Rosemarie Nold, South Dakota 4-H Interim Director, via Zoom, spoke to the board of the potential use of an office at the 4-H Center for the 4-H Livestock employee. This employee would share the Shiine Office and use the office two days a week. The board discussed what expenses the State may provide or assume responsibility for and if this individual should have their own office. Kelsey VanderWal, 4-H Livestock Program Manager, informed the board, via Zoom, that any distractions sharing the Shiine office that may arise at the 4-H Center, would not be a problem for her. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to authorize Abby Oftedal to work with Rosemarie Nold to develop a lease agreement for the 4-H Livestock employee's office space. Motion carried.

A short break was held.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE #26-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #06-44 ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SD:**

Chair Leighton read the following prepared statement: "The Planning Commission and County Commission held a public hearing and the first reading on Ordinance #26-01 and #26-02 at 10:30 a.m. on January 20, 2026. At that meeting the Planning Commission and County Commission took public comments. The public hearing was closed, and the Planning Commission made a recommendation to the County Commission to approve #26-01 with an amendment to incorporate the language included in the proposed Ordinance #26-02 into #26-01. Being that the required noticed public hearing has taken place, today we will not be receiving any additional public comment. Today, we will be having board discussion on the proposed zoning ordinance that was amended on the 20<sup>th</sup>. In that discussion, if there are any additional amendments to #26-01 as amended, we will then have to suspend action on the ordinance and start over with a public hearing on the amendment after another 10-day public hearing notice." Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve Ordinance #26-01 with the January 20<sup>th</sup> amendment. Motion carried. Chair Leighton read the title: ORDINANCE #26-01/AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 26-44, AS AMENDED, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SD, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, PURSUANT TO SDCL 11-2, 1967 AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR REGULATION IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. Chair Leighton stated that a notice of adoption will be published in the February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> editions of the Madison Daily Leader and will become effective on March 11, 2026.

**ACKNOWLEDGE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER LEMPG PERFORMANCE GRANT:**

Kody Keefer, EM, was present to discuss his 1<sup>ST</sup> quarter LEMPG Performance Grant. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter LEMPG Performance Grant. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2026-05/ESTABLISHING DESIGNEES FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES:**

Chair Leighton read Resolution #2026-05/Establishing Designees Authorized to Request Firefighting Resources on Behalf of the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Establishing a County Rural Fire Coordinator. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Resolution #2026-05/Establishing Designees Authorized to Request Firefighting Resources on Behalf of the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Establishing a County Rural Fire Coordinator and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-05**

**ESTABLISHING DESIGNEES AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ESTABLISHING A COUNTY RURAL FIRE COORDINATOR**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the list of individuals set forth below, are hereby authorized to request rangeland fire assistance, on behalf of the County of Lake as specified in SDCL 41-20A-11. The authority to request assistance shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of Lake Board of Commissioners.

County Fire Assistance Authorization List

Effective Date: 2/1/2026

Name of Individual	Position	Daytime Phone	Emergency (Cell of PSAP)
Adam Leighton	County Commissioner	605-270-0490	605-256-7620
Kody Keefer	Emergency Manager	605-256-7611	605-256-7620
Sarina Talich	Sheriff	605-256-7615	605-256-7620
Randy Minnaert	Madison Fire Dept Chief	605-256-7523	605-256-7620
Dan Hansen	Nunda Fire Dept Chief	605-586-4180	605-256-7620
Steven Heyn	Chester Fire Dept Chief	605-489-2241	605-256-7620
Brady Christiansen	Ramona Fire Dept Chief	605-270-0231	605-256-7620
Terry Reck	Wentworth Fire Dept Chief	605-270-6262	605-256-7620

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kody Keefer, Emergency Manager, is appointed County Rural Fire Coordinator for the County of Lake. The County Rural Fire Coordinator is hereby authorized to act as a single point of contact, on behalf of the County of Lake, in dealing with administrative matters such as burn bans, billings, or questions about the Rangeland Fire Agreement specific to the County. This authority shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of Lake Board of Commissioners.

Voting aye: Johnke, Leighton, Reinicke, Slaughter, Wollmann Voted nay: none

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at Madison, South Dakota.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

/s/Adam Leighton

Adam Leighton, Lake County Commission Chair

/s/Paula Barrick

Paula Barrick, Lake County Auditor

**4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR SCANNER:**

Shirley Ebsen, Register of Deeds, and Kody Keefer, EM, were present to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> floor scanner. Ebsen would like to use the M&P funds to update the scanner as it is currently on Windows 8. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to move forward with updating the 4<sup>th</sup> floor scanner with M&P funds. Motion carried.

**2026 OPEN MEETINGS LAW REVIEW:**

CAO Oftedal, in accordance with SDCL 1-25-13, reviewed with the board the Guide to South Dakota Open Meetings Laws, which was prepared by the SD Attorney General's Office.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Commissioner Slaughter attended two legislative updates, MADC planning meeting, 911 board meeting, and met with a representative from Banner Associates. Commissioner Leighton met with a representative from Banner Associates. Commissioner Reinicke viewed via Zoom the SD Counties Legislative updates. Commissioner Wollmann viewed, via Zoom, the SD legislative update, SD FIT, Capital Watch, attended a 911 board meeting, and participated in a puzzle competition at the Madison Public Library.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to enter into executive session. Motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

December 2025 fees collected: Sheriff - \$11,005.30. January 2026 fees collected: Zoning - \$914.00.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, at 12:13 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on February 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 17, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on February 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, called roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke, Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Commissioner Reinicke, representing herself, presented a South Dakota flag to the Buildings & Grounds department to be flown on the courthouse flagpole. The flag commemorates the state's 250-year anniversary.

### **AGENDA APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for February 17, 2026. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES APPROVED:**

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of February 3, 2026. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve payroll #4-February 20, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$3,879.25; Auditor: \$6,339.50; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,377.09; Govt Bldg: \$5,823.57; DOE: \$6,038.35; ROD: \$4,429.84; VSO: \$1,242.28; Sheriff: \$18,350.55; Jail: \$14,871.64; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$829.37; Zoning: \$1,939.12; Rd-Br: \$10,593.05; 911: \$12,752.60; EMA: \$2,205.82; 24/7: \$518.21. Grand Total: \$105,493.27

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$370,581.30. Motion carried.

**2026.02.06 AP - General:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$20,640.99, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,132.81, **911:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$3,006.67, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$503.09, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$94.04. **Total: \$26,377.60**

**2026.02.10 AP - General:** SD DOR, Fees, \$850.00, SD DOR, MV, \$267,665.68, SDACO, Fees, \$266.00, **Commission:** Bankwest, Zoom, \$159.90, Midco, Util, \$77.95, **Auditor:** Midco, Util, \$90.67, **Treasurer:** First Bank, Busy Lights, \$71.97, Midco, Util, \$98.66, **St Atty:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$153.56, Midco, Util, \$77.60, **Bldg:** First Bank, Webcam, \$28.48, **DOE:** Midco, Util, \$99.72, **ROD:** Midco, Util, \$66.17, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$32.07, **Sheriff:** First Bank, Dues, \$1,024.55, **Jail:** First Bank, Supplies, \$293.42, Midco, Util, \$260.61, **Coroner:** First Bank, Dues, \$350.46, **EMA:** Midco, Util, \$32.07, Verizon, Util, \$79.74, **911:** AT&T, Util, \$40.54, Interlakes Wireless, Serv, \$63.00, Lumen, Util, \$8.54, Triotel, Util, \$169.53, Verizon, Util, \$39.73, **Rd & Br:** Butler, Battery, \$579.04, Verizon, Util, \$40.01, **Poor:** First Bank, Busy Light, \$12.00, Midco, Util, \$17.44, **MI:** SD DOR, Serv, \$1,211.63, **Extension:** Bankwest, Dues, \$124.94, **Zoning:** First Bank, Busy Light, \$11.99, Midco, Util, \$17.45. **Total: \$274,115.12**

**2026.02.17 AP - Commission:** Chamber Of Commerce, Dues, \$200.00 Column, Notice, \$489.34, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$6.88, **Election:** Column, Notice, \$72.38, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$59.38, Quadient, Postage, \$32.85, **Judicial:** Computer Forensic, Serv, \$1,950.00, Daniel P Feldhaus, Transcript, \$72.25, Ribstein & Hogan Law, CAA, \$5,553.00, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.16, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$131.82, Quadient, Postage, \$277.49, SDACES, Dues, \$15.00, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$26.34, Quadient, Postage, \$477.47, SDACES, Dues, \$15.00, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Quadient, Postage, \$0.74, Relx, Serv, \$263.00, **Bldg:** Bud's Cleanup, Serv, \$218.92, City Of Madison, Util, \$2,435.55, Dakota Data

Shred, Serv, \$79.96, Hillyard, Supplies, \$601.44, Lake County Treasurer, 2017 Ram 2500 License, \$17.00, Menards, Supplies, \$110.17, Runnings, Supplies, \$205.74, Safe-N-Secure, Maint, \$2,208.00, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Quadient, Postage, \$1.48, **ROD:** Office Peeps, Supplies, \$128.01, Quadient, Postage, \$47.03, SDACES, Dues, \$15.00, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.00, **Sheriff:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$70.34, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$27.03, Quadient, Postage, \$122.86, Steve's Tire, Serv, \$2,036.16, Sturdevant's, Battery, \$11.00, Talich, Sarina, Fuel Reimburse, \$40.50, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, City Of Madison, Util, \$1,870.54, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$17.00, Lewis Drug, Jan Meds, \$207.53, Rising Hope, Serv, \$375.00, Sunshine, Meals, \$7,930.24, **EMA:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, Sturdevant's, Fee, \$4.88, **911:** First District, Map Maint, \$4,000.00, SD Dept Of Public Safety, TTY Serv, \$5,400.00, **Dive:** Runnings, Supplies, \$253.95, **Rd & Br:** Avera Occupational, Annual Fee, \$109.80, Carquest, Oil, \$753.82, Dakota Fluid, Repair, \$321.93, DCI, Background Check, \$30.00, F & M, Oil, \$1,100.00, First Bank, CM, -928.24, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, Johnson Feed, Salt, \$3,137.80, Knife River, Asphalt, \$1,824.32, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$37.85, Quadient, Postage, \$34.75, Tire Motive, Repair, \$23.54, **MI:** Oftedal, Abby, Serv, \$305.00, Fox Law Firm, Serv, \$109.75, Katterhagen, Mark, Serv, \$36.00, Larson, Val, Serv, \$36.00, Lewno, Lucy, Serv, \$249.48, Lohr, Tyler, CAA, \$362.96, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$244.00, **Extension:** City Of Madison, Util, \$770.64, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.16, Hayford, Jennifer, Mlg, \$36.40, Office Peeps, Paper, \$54.80, SDSU Extension, Hayford, Jen/Mlg, \$40.48, SDSU Extension, 2026 Salary, \$23,050.00, Sunshine, Supplies, \$24.19, **Zoning:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$51.00, Quadient, Postage, \$5.33. **Total: \$ \$70,088.58**

#### **PERSONNEL:**

None

#### **SDDOT 464<sup>TH</sup> AVE AGREEMENT W/MINNEHAHA COUNTY AND SDDOT:**

Abby Oftedal, CAO, informed the board she had received a revised joint powers agreement between Lake County, Minnehaha County, and the SDDOT. Section 4 of the agreement, Counties Responsibilities, was updated. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the joint powers agreement between Lake County, Minnehaha County, and the SDDOT regarding the Chester Township curve on 464<sup>th</sup> Ave and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

#### **SDPAA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT UPDATE:**

CAO Oftedal told the board that South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance has submitted an intergovernmental agreement update which adds language to clarify that no member shall have more than one representative serving on the board at one time and in Article IX, moving the notice rescinding paragraph to the top of the section. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the SDPAA Intergovernmental Agreement Update and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

#### **REVISIT 4-H CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SD FARMERS UNION:**

Dave Hare, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, submitted a revised rental application from SD Farmers Union for a youth educational camp for ages 6-12. The date for this event has been changed to June 1, 2026. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the SD Farmers Union application to rent the 4-H Center, June 1, 2026, for a youth educational camp contingent upon fees paid and proof of insurance. Motion carried.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEMPG GRANT ADDITIONAL ARTICLES:**

The board reviewed the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement articles certification. The commission agreed that more information was needed before approval. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to postpone the possible approval of the LEMPG agreement articles until the March 3, 2026, commission meeting. Motion carried.

#### **BINGO RAFFLE NOTICE:**

Auditor Barrick told the board that she had received a notice from VFW Post 2638 to host bingo events in 2026. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the VFW bingo events. Motion carried.

#### **CYBER PROTECTION:**

Abby Oftedal, CAO, reported that she has had conversations with representatives from Infotech regarding Lake County's cyber security. There was discussion on the number of emails that were budgeted for in 2026. Also discussed was subscribing to either the Huntress Managed Identity

Threat Detection and/or Response (ITDR). Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Huntress Managed Identity Threat Detection at \$3 per email/month for Lake County departments and to review additional cyber security options at a later date. Motion carried.

**ACHIEVEMENT DAYS CAMPING:**

Jen Hayford, 4-H Educator, and Kim Mathieu, Extension Office Manager, were present to discuss the 2026 4-H Achievement Days camping. CAO Oftedal stated that the agreement to camp on the 4-H grounds is the same as 2025 except the dates have been updated. Hayford informed the board that the deadline for applications to camp during Achievement Days will be June 30<sup>th</sup> and the applications will be presented to the commission on July 7<sup>th</sup> for their review. All board members agreed to use the updated application.

**UTILITY OCCUPANCY 2026-04/SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented Utility Occupancy 2026-04 for Sioux Valley Energy. Sioux Valley would like to convert an existing single phase overhead line to single phase primary underground distribution cable. The location for this update is 454<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 234<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-04 for Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY OFFICE SOFTWARE UPDATE:**

Highway Operations Manager Barnhart discussed with the board the highway office software known as PubWorks. Barnhart has been informed that PubWorks will no longer be supported, and that the replacement software offered by the company will be significantly more expensive. The board requested confirmation of the current contract's expiration date before proceeding with any changes.

**2026 LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY REHABILITATION ENGINEERING PROPOSAL:**

Commissioner Slaughter presented the Banner Associates proposal for engineering services for Lake County highways. Slaughter stated that Banner will perform engineering services including: the proposed reconstruction of 0.25 miles of Lake County Highway 20 approximately 0.50 miles east of Ramona between 450<sup>th</sup> & 451<sup>st</sup> Ave; the rehabilitation of Lake County Highway 17 between 223<sup>rd</sup> & 234<sup>th</sup> St.; provide a hydraulic study for a culvert replacement crossing County Highway 17; and the development of a highway rehabilitation plan and budget estimates for future planning and sequencing of highway improvements. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to partner with Banner Associates for engineering services for highway rehabilitation not to exceed \$134,000. Motion carried.

**RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION-CONVENE AS A JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second 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, second 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 Tract 1 of Pitts Addition** in the NE1/4 of Section 13, T107N, R54W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (15000-10754-13110 & 15000-10754-13115), Concord Township, Lake County, SD. The owners, Gary & Shelly Pitts Living Trust would like to replat existing parcels.

**Plat of James W Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition** in the SE1/4 of Section 11, T106N, R52W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (06000-10652-11410), Lakeview Township, Lake County, SD. The owner, Lori Hansen Living Trust, would like to subdivide an existing parcel.

**Plat of Lot 1A and Lot 1B of Schmidt's Addition** in the NW1/4 of Section 21, T105N, R52W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (05137-10552-21210), Franklin Township, Lake County, SD. The owners, Danial & Joyce Meehan and Nolan & Misty Ahrendt, would like to replat an existing parcel.

**Plat of Tracts 4A and 5 of Mergen's Addition** in Section 16, T106N, R51W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (02000-10651-16310, 02000-10651-16130, 02000-10651-16410, & 02000-10651-16420), Wentworth Township, Lake County, SD. The owners, Mark & Kyle Mergen and Jerry Amundson, would like to replat existing parcels.

**Plat of Tract 6 of Mergen's Addition** in the SW1/4 of Section 16, T106N, R51W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (02000-10651-16310), Wentworth Township, Lake County, SD. The owners, Mark & Kyle Mergen, would like to replat an existing parcel.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to recommend to the County Commission approval of all plats. Motion carried.

**ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Johnke, second by Reinicke, to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Plat of Tract 1 of Pitts Addition in the NE1/4 of Section 13, T107N, R54W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (15000-10754-13110 & 15000-10754-13115), Concord Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets all county regulations and taxes and fees have been paid in full. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the Plat of James W Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition in the SE1/4 of Section 11, T106N, R52W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (06000-10652-11410), Lakeview Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county requirements and fees have been paid and contingent upon payment of taxes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Plat of Lot 1A and Lot 1B of Schmidt's Addition in the NW1/4 of Section 21, T105N, R52W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (05137-10552-21210), Franklin Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county requirements and taxes and fees have been paid in full. Motion carried.

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Plat of Tracts 4A and 5 of Mergen's Addition in Section 16, T106N, R51W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (02000-10651-16310, 02000-10651-16130, 02000-10651-16410, & 02000-10651-16420), Wentworth Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county requirements and fees have been paid and contingent upon payment of taxes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the Plat of Tract 6 of Mergen's Addition in the SW1/4 of Section 16, T106N, R51W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. (02000-10651-16310), Wentworth Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county requirements and fees have been paid and contingent upon payment of taxes. Motion carried.

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

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

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

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

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA/ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Motion by Johnke, second by Reinicke, 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 Wollmann recused herself from the following conditional use application.

**PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF CU#26-01:**

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on CU#26-01.

**#26-01 Conditional Use application of James Goeman-Lot A Mundhenke's Tract 1** in the NE1/4 of Section 22, Lakeview Twp (parcel #06890-10652-02010). James Goeman, owner, was present to discuss his application. The applicant would like to build an oversized accessory building. Chair Leighton called for any proponents in the audience and on Zoom. Chair Leighton called for any opponents in the audience or on Zoom. Rod Goeman, spoke as an opponent, presented a letter and

pictures of the property in question. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to postpone action on CU#26-01 until more information can be received regarding the lot lines. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wollmann returns to the meeting.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Commissioner Slaughter attended a LMDA meeting, legislative update, and an ICAP caucus.

Commissioner Leighton attended a LMDA meeting. Commissioner Reinicke attended a DVN board meeting, legislative update, and flag raising at Prostrollo's and Sunshine Foods. Commissioner Wollmann attended legislative update and capital watch.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

January 2026 fees collected: Sheriff - \$12,560.07; Register of Deeds - \$18,954.80

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 10:28 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on March 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 3, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 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. Commissioner Corey Johnke attended via Zoom, but due to technical difficulties he was unable to vote. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also 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 March 3, 2026. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Abby Oftedal, CAO, recommended changing the verbiage for the motion in the Cyber Protection section of the February 17<sup>th</sup> minutes to read "Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Huntress Managed Identity Threat Detection at \$3 per email/month for Lake County departments and to review additional cyber security options at a later date". Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the unapproved minutes of February 17, 2026 with the motion correction. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve payroll #5-March 6, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$7,479.25; Auditor: \$6,639.50; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,677.10; Govt Bldg: \$6,423.57; DOE: \$7,288.71; ROD: \$5,319.02; VSO: \$1,290.06; Sheriff: \$23,777.64; Jail: \$17,402.31; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$834.28; Zoning: \$2,239.12; Rd-Br: \$10,687.50; 911: \$13,975.32; EMA: \$2,205.82; 24/7: \$795.18. Grand Total: \$122,337.41

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$194,534.33. Motion carried.

**2026.02.20 AP - General:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$17,177.50, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,379.86, **911:** AAA Collections, Emp #3470, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,578.90, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$491.42, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$81.69. **Total: \$23,045.21**

**2026.02.24 AP - General:** Aflac, Ded, \$2,088.82, Delta Dental, Ded, \$881.40, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$19,899.24, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$3,768.50, Unum, Prem, \$220.74, VSP, Prem, \$533.33, Wellmark, Prem, \$22,825.89, **Judicial:** LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$28.84, Northwestern, Util, \$12.00, **Jail:** Northwestern, Util, \$945.80, **Extension:** Northwestern, Util, \$421.38, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$265.80, City Of Madison, Util, \$650.54, Delta Dental, Ded, \$158.05, Northwestern, Util, \$621.20, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$2,346.80, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$200.69, Unum, Prem, \$24.33, VSP, Prem, \$78.85, Wellmark, Prem, \$4,650.61, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$636.26, CenturyLink, Util, \$195.40, Delta Dental, Ded, \$104.40, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$3,248.92, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$105.00, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$106.21, Wellmark, Prem, \$6,538.24, **EMA:** Aflac, Ded, \$124.66, City Of Madison, Util, \$407.29, Delta Dental, Ded, \$50.75, Northwestern, Util, \$171.92, SD Retirement, Withholding, \$532.30, SD Supp Retirement, Withholding, \$24.31, Unum, Prem, \$5.67, VSP, Prem, \$16.57, Wellmark, Prem, \$933.75, **24/7:** SD Retirement, Withholding, \$28.80. **Total: \$73,914.26**

**2026.03.03 AP - Commission:** Infotech, Serv, \$1,385.25, Midco, Util, \$54.35, **Elections:** Infotech, Serv, \$99.00, **Judicial:** Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$1,715.00, De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$1,530.20, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$251.85, Witness/Juror/ Appear, \$66.20, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$11,018.40, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, \$1,761.40, SDACC-Clerp, 1st Qtr Allotment, \$5,624.00, **Auditor:** Infotech, Serv, \$144.00, Midco, Util, \$65.10, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, \$181.18, Infotech, Serv, \$177.00,

Midco, Util, \$78.31, Emp #4545, Reimburse, \$800.00, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$59.31, Infotech, Serv, \$274.00, Midco, Util, \$63.05, SD States Atty Assn, Dues, \$1,036.64, **Bldg:** Infotech, Serv, \$84.00, Menards, Supplies, \$133.47, Midco, Util, \$652.36, **DOE:** Century Business, Maint, \$174.45, Infotech, Serv, \$336.99, McLeods, Notices, \$560.00, Midco, Util, \$81.11, **ROD:** Century Business, Maint, \$62.00, Infotech, Serv, \$266.00, Midco, Util, \$48.04, Miner County Pioneer, Supplies, \$260.30, **VSO:** Infotech, Serv, \$100.94, Midco, Util, \$23.03, **IT:** Infotech, Serv/Upgrade, \$5,265.99, **Sheriff:** Axon, License, \$11,527.21, Gall's, Pants, \$77.07, Axis Forensic, Test, \$1,090.00, Infotech, Serv, \$766.68, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$936.00, Madison Reg Health, Lucas Device, \$15,049.57, Handtevy, \$9,559.00, **Jail:** A&B Business, Maint, \$68.21, Axon, License, \$5,014.55, Charm-Tex, Supplies, \$244.70, Gall's, Badges, \$677.62, Infotech, Serv, \$766.68, Midco, Util, \$228.75, Pennington County, Transport, \$143.51, Pharmchem, Supplies, \$639.57, Rising Hope Counseling, Serv, \$155.00, Supercom, GPS Monitoring, \$133.25, **EMA:** Infotech, Serv, \$48.00, Midco, Util, \$23.03, Ramona Fire Depart, Radios, \$848.00, SD Fed Property Agency, Tools, \$103.00, Sioux Valley, Util \$ 688.39, Tri-State EMA, Dues, \$20.00, **911:** Infotech, Serv, \$232.00, Scholl, Kayla, Mlg, \$56.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$157.24, **Rd & Br:** Avera, Test, \$37.70, Guardrail, Supplies, \$6,980.93, Infotech, Serv, \$192.00, Menards, Stakes, \$38.97, Midco, Util, \$251.09, Sioux Valley, Util 191.25, **Poor:** Infotech, Serv, \$39.00, Midco, Util, \$12.92, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, \$180.00, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$183.00, Oftedal, Abby, Serv, \$244.00, Yankton Co Sheriff, Serv, \$50.00, **Extension:** Infotech, Serv, \$190.00, Mathieu, Kim, Reimburse, \$26.04, Midco, Util, \$178.09, **LEPC:** Trailer, \$ 5,000.00, **Zoning:** Infotech, Serv, \$81.00, Midco, Util, \$12.92. **Total: \$97,574.86**

**PERSONNEL:**

Chair Leighton told the board that Hanna Reinicke has received a promotion from sheriff's deputy to deputy jail sergeant. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to ratify the promotion of Hanna Reinicke to deputy jail sergeant at \$27/hr effective March 2, 2026. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

Auditor Barrick informed the board that two travel requests had been received. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the two travel requests. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER EMA MATRIX:**

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter EMA Matrix. Motion carried.

**APPROVE LEMPG AGREEMENT ARTICLES:**

The board reviewed the LEMPG Agreement Articles. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the LEMPG Agreement Articles and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET/OPIOID FUNDS:**

Auditor Barrick informed the board that she had received notification and invoices from Tim Walburg, representing Madison EMS, confirming the purchase of the Handtevy and LUCAS device that was approved at the December 16, 2025, meeting. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve automatic budget supplemental transfer from the Opioid Fund to the Sheriff's general ledger line 10100-211-4357 in the amount of \$24,608.57 to reimburse Madison Regional Health's purchase of a Handtevy and a LUCAS device. Motion carried.

**UTILITY OCCUPANCY 2026-05/SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented Utility Occupancy 2026-05 for Sioux Valley Energy. Sioux Valley would like to install new underground primary cable in the south right of way along 229<sup>th</sup> St. & 453<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-05 for Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER:**

Auditor Barrick provided the January 2026 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for the board's review. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to acknowledge the January 2026 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026 - First Bank & Trust	\$66,634.83
Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026 - BankWest	\$307,741.29
Bank Balance as of 1.31.2026-BankWest/Sweep Acct	\$14,368,075.56

Deposits in Transit	\$60,682.42
Auto Credit Card Deposits	\$4,447.21
Less Outstanding checks - First Bank & Trust	-\$1,661.97
Less Outstanding checks - BankWest	-\$90,198.74
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest	-\$7,741.29
Less Interest Credited to Acct - BankWest/Sweep Acct	-\$34,494.29
Treasurers Cash	\$1,635.45
Non-Sufficient Funds	\$1,364.55
Register of Deeds Cash	\$50.00
Sheriff Cash	\$100.00
Delta Dental/diff between bank withdraws & Incode drafts	\$111.15
<b>TOTAL RECONCILED CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,676,746.17</b>
Pooled Cash report off Incode as of 1.31.2026	\$14,659,741.56
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>\$17,004.61</b>

**LAKE COUNTY & SDSU/EXTENSION BUILDING OFFICE SPACE:**

CAO Oftedal presented an agreement between Lake County and SD State University for office space for the State 4-H Livestock Program Manager at the Extension building. Oftedal told the board that there is office space available at the Extension building for this individual, and the State will pay \$50/month to rent that space. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the rental agreement between Lake County and SDSU for rental space at the Extension Building with the State paying \$50/month. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENTS 2026-03 & 2026-04:**

Deb Walburg, Treasurer, met with the board to discuss two abatements where the applicants missed the deadline for the elderly tax freeze. The city of Madison has approved both abatements. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve Abatement 2026-03 in the amount of \$777.74. Motion carried. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Abatement 2026-04 in the amount of \$640.24. Motion carried.

**MADISON/MINER COUNTY/LAKE COUNTY CONTRACT FOR 911 SERVICES:**

April Denholm, 911 Supervisor, and Jennifer Hahn, Deputy 911 Supervisor, presented a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Madison to provide 911 services for the residents of Madison City. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Madison and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

Denholm also presented a Contract for PSAP Services to provide Public Safety Answering Point services to the citizens of Miner County. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the Contract for PSAP Services with Miner County and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Commissioner Slaughter participated in two legislative updates via Zoom, attended an East Dakota Transit meeting, and a Madison Area Development Corp meeting. Commissioner Reinicke participated in two legislative updates via Zoom and DVN Laughs & Linguini. Commissioner Wollmann attended a Madison Public Library meeting and a Safety meeting, and participated in a legislative update via Zoom.

A short break was held.

Commissioner Johnke joins the meeting with audio after technical issues were resolved.

**RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION-CONVENE AS A JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to recess as a County Commission and convene jointly as a Planning/County Commission for the purpose of public hearing regarding Ordinance 26-02. Motion carried.

**JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chair Leighton opened the public hearing. Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented an overview of Ordinance 26-02. Leighton then called for public comments; hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

**CONSIDER MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to recommend approval of Ordinance 26-02 to the Lake County Commission. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN AS JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION-RECONVENE AS COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to adjourn as a Joint Planning/County Commission and reconvene as a County Commission. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Ordinance 26-02. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING/ORDINANCE 26-02:**

Chair Leighton read title of Ordinance 26-02.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 26-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 06-44, AS AMENDED, 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 REGULATION IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to set the second reading of Ordinance 26-02 as March 17, 2026. Motion carried. Chair Leighton noted that the second reading of Ordinance 26-02 has been set for March 17, 2026.

A short break was held.

**RECESS AS A COUNTY COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

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

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA/ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Motion by Reinicke, second 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:** Commissioner Wollmann recused herself from the following conditional use application.

**CONSIDERATION OF CU#26-01:**

Carrie Schiernbeck, Zoning Officer, presented a report on CU#26-01.

**#26-01 Conditional Use application of James Goeman**-Lot A Mundhenke's Tract 1 in the NE1/4 of Section 22, Lakeview Twp (parcel #06890-10652-02010). James Goeman, owner, was present to discuss his application. The applicant would like to build an oversized accessory building. Chair Leighton called for any proponents or opponents in the audience and on Zoom. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve CU#26-01 and adopt the findings and specific conditions outlined in the staff report. Motion carried.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:**

Commissioner Slaughter noted that the decision of the Board of Adjustment for Conditional Use #26-01 will be filed today in the Planning & 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 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/RECONVENE AS COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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

Commissioner Wollmann returns to the meeting.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

February 2026 fees collected: Zoning - \$2,843.00

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 10:24 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on March 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick  
PAULA BARRICK  
Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton  
ADAM LEIGHTON  
Lake County Commission Chair

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 17, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on March 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, called roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke, Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, Commissioner Dennis Slaughter, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann were all present. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also 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 travel requests and the 2026 abatement could be removed. Discussion items were updated to include the Sioux Valley District Meeting and the County Board of Equalization dates. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for March 17, 2026 with the changes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of March 3, 2026. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve payroll #6-March 20, 2026. Motion carried. The completed payroll report will be sent to the board via email.

Comm: \$3,879.25; Auditor: \$6,339.49; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,377.10; Govt Bldg: \$5,823.56; DOE: \$6,833.22; ROD: \$4,419.02; VSO: \$1,290.06; Sheriff: \$17,066.72; Jail: \$17,503.61; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$804.83; Zoning: \$1,939.11; Rd-Br: \$11,949.22; 911: \$12,685.15; EMA: \$2,205.82; 24/7: \$621.51. Grand Total: 109,040.70

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$546,683.37. Motion carried.

**2026.02.06 AP - General:** Claims Associates, Serv, \$5,000.00, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$21,170.71, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,410.56, **911:** AAA, Garnishment, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,908.77, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$491.42, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$141.84. **Total: \$32,459.14**

**2026.03.16 AP - General:** SDACO, Fees, \$254.00, SD DOR, Fees, \$360.00, SD DOR, MV, \$248,887.16, **Judicial:** Bankwest, Headset, \$166.71, **Auditor:** Bankwest, Postage, \$39.18, **St Atty:** Bankwest, Flash Drive, \$56.55, **Bldg:** Bankwest, Motors, \$1,361.00, City Of Madison, Util, \$2,854.26, First Bank, Supplies, \$121.40, **ROD:** Bankwest, Credit For Drop Box, -\$40.00, **Sheriff:** AT&T, Util, \$382.86, Bankwest, Returns, -\$477.09, First Bank, Supplies, \$358.53, **Jail:** City Of Madison, Util, \$1,861.95, First Bank, Supplies, \$316.85, **Coroner:** First Bank, Supplies, \$521.87, **EMA:** Verizon, Util, \$79.74, **911:** AT&T, Util, \$40.54, Lumen, Util, \$10.64, Triotel, Util, \$169.53, Verizon, Util, \$39.73, **Rd & Br:** Bankwest, Returns, -\$787.45, MidAmerican, Util, \$194.53, Verizon, Util, \$40.01, Xcel, Util, \$34.42, **MI:** SD DOR, Serv, \$797.30, **Extension:** Bankwest, Supplies, \$1,155.40, City Of Madison, Util, \$826.77, **Zoning:** Bankwest, SD Planners Reg, \$50.00. **Total: \$259,676.39**

**2026.03.17 AP - Commission:** Column, Notice, \$552.12, Quadient, Postage, \$6.56, **Election:** Election Sys, DS450 Scanner, \$59,955.00, Quadient, Postage, \$96.20, **Judicial:** Daniel P Feldhaus, Transcript, \$382.95, Dawson, Jacob, CAA, \$8,114.00, Deya Thorin, Serv, \$251.85, LoopUp, Serv, \$26.62, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$3,203.80, **Auditor:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.16, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$371.67, One Office, Supplies, \$266.00, Quadient, Postage, \$178.46, **Treasurer:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$3.98, One Office, Supplies, \$532.00, Quadient, Postage, \$189.76, **St Atty:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Quadient, Postage, \$2.96, Relx, Serv, \$263.00, **Bldg:** Bud's CleanUp, Util, \$218.92, Cole's, Fuel, \$323.40, Dakota Data Shred, Serv, \$79.96, Heiman, Maint, \$423.00, Home Service, Salt, \$35.25, Lake Co Treasurer, Maint Fee, \$137.50, Madison Ace, Stihl Rz Mower, \$15,423.95, Menards, Supplies, \$375.77, Runnings,

Supplies, \$149.54, Timmer's, Supplies, \$125.36, **DOE:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, McLeods, Supplies, \$152.45, Pictometry, Flight Ev Cloud, \$26,100.00, Quadient, Postage, \$3,794.81, Schneider Geospatial, Parcel Maint, \$817.00, **ROD:** One Office, Supplies, \$76.00, Quadient, Postage, \$39.56, **VSO:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.01, Quadient, Postage, \$2.51, **Sheriff:** Applied Concepts, Maint Radars, \$3,523.00, Axis, BL Test, \$325.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$2,412.35, Gordon Flesch, Toner, \$262.69, Lake County Treasurer, Tags, \$28.70, McLeods, Supplies, \$281.91, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$48.30, One Office, Supplies, \$190.00, Prostrollo's, 2026 Ford, \$51,377.00, Quadient, Postage, \$88.87, Steve's Tire, Serv, \$93.61, Trittech, Maint, \$8,638.73, **Jail:** Allegiant, Serv, \$8.00, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$17.00, Goth Electric, Augured Sewer, \$637.76, Intoximeters, Supplies, \$1,156.75, Lewis Drug, Meds, \$35.92, Madison Reg Health, Med Care, \$1,698.75, Pennington County Jail, Transport, \$143.51, Pharmchem, Sweat Patch, \$63.90, Sunshine, Prisoner Meals, \$7,981.24, Trittech, Maint, \$8,638.74, **Coroner:** Sanford Health, Autopsy, \$2,100.00, **EMA:** Cole's, Fuel, \$36.04, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, One Office, Supplies, \$38.00, Sturdevant's, Supplies, \$3.99, **911:** Interlakes Wireless, Serv, \$63.00, One Office, Supplies, \$76.00, Propio, Interpret, \$25.81, Quill, Supplies, \$185.95, **Rd & Br:** Banner, Eng Serv, \$442.00, Carquest, Oil, \$136.93, Cole's, Fuel, \$3,699.30, Column, Notice, \$73.70, F&M, Tires/Mount, \$1,620.00, Fleetpride, Repairs, \$1,717.65, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.17, Gracevale Excavation, Blade Road, \$1,040.00, Knife River, Asphalt, \$1,770.62, Lake Co Treasurer, Street Maint Fee, \$137.50, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$25.00, Quadient, Postage, \$4.56, Runnings, Supplies, \$35.80, **Poor:** Lake Co Food Pantry, Allotment, \$821.00, **Care Of Aged:** East Dakota Transit, Allotment, \$3,062.50, Interlakes Comm Action, Allotment, \$4,703.50, **Domestic Abuse:** Domestic Violence, Allotment, \$885.00, **Dev Disabled:** Aspire, Allotment, \$180.00, Valiant Living, Allotment, \$1,250.00, **MI:** Lewis & Clark BHS, Serv, \$450.00, Lincoln County Auditor, Serv, \$256.47, Nelson & Ericsson Law, Serv, \$305.00, Yankton County Treasurer, Serv, \$295.30, **Public Library:** Madison Public Library, Allotment, \$3,000.00, **Museum:** Lake County Museum, Allotment, \$375.00, **Extension:** Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$35.16, Lake Co Treasurer, Maint Fee, \$137.50, Office Peeps, Supplies, \$46.40, Quadient, Postage, \$90.73, Sunshine, Supplies, \$16.93, **Conservation District:** Lake County Cons District, Allotment, \$6,687.50, **Weed:** Column, Notice, \$51.59, **Zoning:** Column, Notice, \$136.12, First District Assn, Allotment, \$6,223.08, Gordon Flesch, Maint, \$51.00, One Office, Supplies, \$152.00, Quadient, Postage, \$10.02, **Economic Dev/Tourism:** Madison Area Development Corp, Allotment, \$1,250.00, Prairie Historical Society, Allotment, \$375.00. **Total: \$254,547.84**

#### **PERSONNEL/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Commissioner Slaughter told the board that Mike O'Connell had resigned after 23 years of seasonal employment with the Highway Department. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to ratify with deep regret, the resignation of Mike O'Connell effective March 9, 2029. Motion carried.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGE 2025 ANNUAL WEED REPORT:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented the 2025 Weed report. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the 2025 Weed report. Motion carried. Barnhart informed the board that there will be a Weed meeting March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the Highway Department.

#### **UTILITY OCCUPANCY 2026-06/SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Operations Manager, presented Utility Occupancy 2026-06 for Sioux Valley Energy. Sioux Valley would like to install single-phase underground power under 241<sup>st</sup> St and 451<sup>st</sup> Ave for a new tile pump service. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve Utility Occupancy 2026-06 for Sioux Valley Energy and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

#### **BNSF RAILWAY UPGRADE/464<sup>TH</sup> AVE-NORTH OF CHESTER:**

Abby Oftedal, CAO, informed the board that she had received a revised agreement with the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway Company to upgrade the one track highway-rail grade crossing on 464<sup>th</sup> Ave north of Chester. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve this agreement with Lake County paying 10% of the cost which will be approximately \$34,509. Motion carried.

#### **ABATEMENT 2026-06:**

Deb Walburg, Treasurer, met with the board to discuss an abatement where the applicant missed the deadline for the elderly tax freeze. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Abatement 2026-06 in the amount of \$3,017.22. Motion carried.

**2025 ANNUAL REPORT:**

Auditor Barrick presented the 2025 Annual Report. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the 2025 Annual Report. Motion carried.

**CDF GRANT/BY-PASS:**

Chair Leighton informed the board that LAIC and the City of Madison had approached Lake County to request partnership in submitting a CDF grant application to assist with by-pass improvements. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to approve CAO Oftedal to work with the City of Madison and LAIC to proceed with the grant process. Motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #26-02: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #06-44: ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SD:**

Chair Leighton told those in attendance and on Zoom that the Planning/County Commission held a public hearing and the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #26-02 was on March 3, 2026. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the County Commission to approve Ordinance #26-02 as the amendment to #26-01 to correct dates and grammatical errors that were discovered. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to recommend approval and proceed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #26-02. Motion carried. Chair Leighton then read the title of Ordinance #26-02.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #06-44; ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEROF, PURSUANT TO SDCL 11-2 AND THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR REGULATION IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Chair Leighton then informed the audience that the Notices of Adoption will be published March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, with full adoption and amending Ordinance #26-02 on April 9, 2026.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Commissioner Johnke attended a by-pass meeting. Commissioner Slaughter viewed a legislative update via Zoom and participated in a CR464 meeting also via Zoom. Commissioner Leighton attended a by-pass meeting. Commissioner Reinicke viewed a legislative update via Zoom and attended a DVN board meeting. Commissioner Wollmann viewed a legislative update via Zoom and attended an interview for a position in the Equalization Office.

**DISCUSSION ITEM/COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & SV DISTRICT MTG:**

The board agreed that April 14, 2026, starting at 9 a.m. will be the date and time for the county board of equalization. The board also gave Auditor Barrick a head count of those that will be attending the Sioux Valley District meeting in DeSmet, SD on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

February 2026 fees collected: Register of Deeds - \$12,165.20, Sheriff - \$15,876.66

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 9:46 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick  
PAULA BARRICK  
Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton  
ADAM LEIGHTON  
Lake County Commission Chair

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 7, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on April 7, 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. Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, was also 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 Light The Night for Fallen Fighters can be removed from the agenda as that will be addressed at a later meeting. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda for April 7, 2026 with the change. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the unapproved minutes of March 17, 2026. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL APPROVED:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve payroll #7-April 3, 2026. Motion carried. Comm: \$7,479.25; Auditor: \$6,639.49; Treasurer: \$6,215.82; States Atty: \$9,677.10; Govt Bldg: \$6,423.56; DOE: \$6,245.34; ROD: \$5,319.02; VSO: \$1,290.06; Sheriff: \$21,613.73; Jail: \$16,661.92; Coroner: 2,625.00; Poor: \$87.21; Ext: \$819.55; Zoning: \$2,239.11; Rd-Br: \$10,986.61; 911: \$14,040.48; EMA: \$2,081.74; 24/7: \$706.65. Grand Total: \$121,151.64

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$201,948.29. Motion carried.

**2026.03.20 AP - General:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$17,666.60, **Rd & Br:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,732.38, **911:** AAA Collections, Emp #3470, \$335.84, Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$2,555.16, **EMA:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$491.42, **24/7:** Lake Co Treasurer, Withholdings, \$100.48. **Total: \$23,881.88**

**2026.03.27 AP - General:** Aflac, Ded, \$2,086.51, Delta Dental, Ded, \$880.78, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$20,494.06, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$3,805.10, Unum, Prem, \$220.59, VSP, Prem, \$533.12, Wellmark, Prem, \$22,814.36, **Commission:** Midco, Util, \$54.35, **Auditor:** Midco, Util, \$65.10, **Treasurer:** Midco, Util, \$96.14, **St Atty:** Midco, Util, \$81.84, **Bldg:** City Of Madison, Util, \$28.84, Midco, Util, \$168.15, Northwestern Energy, Util, \$12.00, **DOE:** Century Business, Maint, \$412.73, Midco, Util, \$108.01, **ROD:** Midco, Util, \$48.04, **VSO:** Midco, Util, \$23.03, **Sheriff:** Midco, Util, \$146.03, **Jail:** Midco, Util, \$146.03, Northwestern Energy, Util, \$632.90, **EMA:** Aflac, Ded, \$128.22, City Of Madison, Util, \$405.59, Delta Dental, Ded, \$52.20, Midco, Util, \$23.03, Northwestern Energy, Util, \$97.94, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$529.40, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$25.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$679.80, Unum, Prem, \$6.00, VSP, Prem, \$17.04, Wellmark, Prem, \$960.39, **911:** Aflac, Ded, \$636.26, CenturyLink, Util, \$195.40, Delta Dental, Ded, \$104.40, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$3,199.22, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$105.00, Sioux Valley, Util, \$131.75, Unum, Prem, \$34.38, VSP, Prem, \$106.21, Wellmark, Prem, \$6,538.24, **Rd & Br:** Aflac, Ded, \$262.24, City Of Madison, Util, \$636.93, Delta Dental, Ded, \$156.60, Midco, Util, \$230.44, Northwestern Energy, Util, \$552.93, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$2,703.06, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$225.00, Unum, Prem, \$30.00, VSP, Prem, \$78.38, Wellmark, Prem, \$4,623.97, **Poor:** Midco, Util, \$12.92, **Extension:** City Of Madison, Util, \$929.49, Midco, Util, \$333.80, Northwestern Energy, Util, \$299.12, **Zoning:** Midco, Util, \$12.92, **24/7:** Aflac, Ded, \$2.31, Delta Dental, Ded, \$0.62, SD Retirement, Withholdings, \$18.52, SD Supp Retirement, Withholdings, \$0.90, Unum, Prem, \$0.15, VSP, Prem, \$0.21, Wellmark, Prem, \$11.53. **Total: \$77,955.22**

**2026.04.07 AP - Commission:** Infotech, Serv, \$46.00, Kingsbury County Auditor, Regs/Wollmann, Reinicke, Slaughter, \$42.00, Quadient, Lease, \$2.36, **Elections:** Infotech, Serv, \$99.00, Quadient,

Lease, \$66.45, **Judicial:** De Castro, Manuel, CAA, \$2,202.20, Deya Thorin, Interpret, \$251.85, Lopez, Anahi Perez, Interpret, \$150.00, Miller, Cody, CAA, \$683.20, Nelson & Ericsson Law, CAA, \$854.00, Nelson, Jennifer, CAA, \$2,507.79, Ribstein & Hogan Law, CAA, \$3,140.90, Witness/Juror/ Appear, \$420.60, **Auditor:** First Madison Ins, Olson, Jill/Notary, \$56.82, Infotech, Serv, \$144.00, Miner County Pioneer, Supplies, \$225.00, Quadient, Lease, \$154.83, Kingsbury County Auditor, Reg/Barrick, \$14.00, **Treasurer:** A & B Business, Maint, \$331.23, Infotech, Serv, \$177.00, Infotech, Computers, \$2,599.98, Kingsbury County Auditor, Regs, \$14.00, Quadient, Lease, \$415.03, Qualified Presort, Serv, \$5,944.70, **St Atty:** Century Business, Maint, \$72.14, Infotech, Serv, \$274.00, Quadient, Lease, \$6.98, **Bldg:** Basepoint, Supplies, \$32.64, Cole's, Fuel, \$321.50, Hillyard, Supplies, \$791.00, Infotech, Serv, \$84.00, Kolorworks, Supplies, \$207.21, Menards, Supplies, \$217.00, **DOE:** First Madison Ins, Olson, Tammy/Notary, \$75.97, Infotech, Serv, \$551.99, Infotech, Computer, \$1,149.99, Kingsbury County Auditor, Reg/Kaufmann, \$14.00, Quadient, Lease, \$163.18, Schneider Geospatial, Beacon, \$18,576.00, SDAAO, Kaufmann, Cori/Reg, \$500.00, **ROD:** Century Business, Maint, \$66.67, First Madison Ins, Jordahl, Megan/Notary, \$57.03, Government Forms, Supplies, \$545.97, Infotech, Serv, \$266.00, Kingsbury County Auditor, Ebsen/Reg, \$14.00, Miner County Pioneer, Supplies, \$77.00, Quadient, Lease, \$58.60, **VSO:** Infotech, \$60.95, Serv, Quadient, Lease, \$2.85, **IT:** Infotech, Serv, \$983.00, **Sheriff:** Applied Concepts, Supplies, \$276.00, AT&T, Util, \$382.86, Axis Forensic, Test, \$585.00, Cole's, Fuel, \$3,322.20, Infotech, Serv, \$774.18, Madison Reg Health, Test, \$832.00, Quadient, Lease, \$63.21, Emp #4550, Reimburse, \$800.00, Ruan, Lease, \$181.00, Tire Motive, Repairs, \$23.54, **Jail:** Charm-Tex, Supplies, \$317.60, Goth Electric, Serv, \$538.98, Grainger, Supplies, \$637.32, Infotech, Serv, \$774.18, Lewis Drug, March Meds, \$40.15, Rising Hope, Serv, \$405.00, **Coroner:** Axis Forensic, Test, \$195.00, **EMA:** Cedar Shore Resort, Keefer, Kody/Lodging, \$273.56, Infotech, Serv, \$48.00, Quadient, Lease, \$0.79, **911:** Infotech, Serv, \$1,371.96, Lumen, Util, \$8.36, Menards, Boards, \$217.00, Quadient, Lease, \$1.28, Quill, Supplies, \$83.17, **Dive:** M&T Fire & Safety, Ice Suits, \$2,839.60, **Rd & Br:** Cole's, Fuel, \$1,960.04, Connoisseur, Notices, \$200.00, Equipment Blades, Blades, \$11,072.00, Fleetpride, Repairs, \$930.23, Gracevale Excavation, Serv, \$560.00, Hyland Machining, Repairs, \$40.00, Infotech, Serv, \$192.00, Krug, Repairs, \$187.70, Lake County Intl, Supplies, \$559.06, Madison Ace, Supplies, \$313.72, Michael Johnson Const, Rock, \$19,119.05, MidAmerican, Util, \$135.69, Quadient, Lease, \$4.72, Riddle's Glass, Repair Window, \$241.80, Sign Solutions, Supplies, \$187.42, Sioux Valley, Util, \$191.25, Xcel Energy, Util, \$34.94, **Poor:** George Boom Funeral Home, Cremation, \$2,250.00, Infotech, Serv, \$39.00, Quadient, Lease, \$1.57, Riddle's Glass, Install Glass, \$107.13, **MI:** Community Counseling, Serv, \$660.00, **Extension:** Infotech, Serv, \$190.00, Quadient, Lease, \$12.88, **Zoning:** Infotech, Serv, \$81.00, Quadient, Lease, \$28.31, Riddle's Glass, Install Glass, \$107.13. **Total:** \$100,111.19

#### **PERSONNEL/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Cara Barnhart, Highway Office Manager, told the board that Paul Glanzer has accepted a heavy equipment operator position. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the hire of Paul Glanzer, full-time heavy equipment operator, at a rate of \$20/hr effective April 13, 2026. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVE TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to approve the submitted travel requests. Motion carried.

#### **COMBINED PRIMARY AND OLDHAM/RAMONA/RUTLAND ELECTION APPROVED:**

Auditor Barrick informed the board that she and Interim CAO Abby Oftedal had prepared an agreement with the Oldham/Ramona/Rutland School District to combine their election with Lake County's June 2<sup>nd</sup> election. The ORR board approved this agreement at their March 25, 2026, meeting. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agreement with the Oldham/Ramona/Rutland School District to combine their election with Lake County's June 2, 2026, Primary Election. Motion carried.

#### **4-H SHOW RING SHELTER LEAN-TO ADDITION:**

Ryan Kappenman, 4-H Livestock Committee member, was present to discuss a proposed addition to the show ring shelter. This 16'X72' addition would be a roof on each side of the current show ring. The addition would be paid by the Lake County Livestock Committee. One quote has been received

from Advanced Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$29,336.79. Kappenman and Dave Hare, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, will be working together on this project. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve the 4-H show ring shelter lean-to project. Motion carried.

**2026 SEASONAL HIGHWAY BID LETTING:**

Per advertisement, the Lake County Highway material annual bid opening was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Tim Tolley, Highway Superintendent, and Cara Barnhart, Office Manager, were present to discuss the 2026 bids that had been received. The following bids were received.

**Liquid Asphalt**

Vendor	Product	Price
Jebro	CRS 2P	\$710.99/TN
	CSS 1H	\$670.99/TN
Flint Hills	CRS 2P	\$807/TN Delivered
	CSS 1H	\$749/TN Delivered

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the bid of Jebro for liquid asphalt. Motion carried.

**Asphalt Patching Material**

Vendor	Product	Price
Bowe's	E2	\$66.50/TN
Commercial Asphalt	All	\$73.00/tn (Mitchell), \$70.00/tn (Spencer when running)
Knife River	All	\$70.00/tn
Myrl & Roy's	G1	\$72.00/tn
	G2	\$74.00/tn

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve all asphalt patching material vendors and utilize at the Highway Superintendent's discretion. Motion carried.

**Red Crushed Quartzite Chips**

Vendor	Product	Price
L.G. Everest	1/2"	\$27.45/tn
	3/8"	\$29.05/tn
Spencer Quarries	3/8"	\$16.00/tn

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the bid from Spencer Quarries for red crushed quartzite chips. Motion carried.

**Chipseal Project**

Vendor	Project	Price
The Road Guy	A - 10 Miles	\$23,000.00/per lane mile
	B - 8 Miles	\$23,875.00/per lane mile
	C - 7 Miles	\$23,875.00/per lane mile
	D - 8 Miles	\$24,760.00/per lane mile

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the lone bid from The Road Guy for projects A, B, C, & D for chipseal. Motion carried.

**Rip-Rap/Class B Red Rock or Class C Field Stone**

Vendor	Product	Price
L.G. Everist	Class B	\$31.80/tn
Spencer	Class B	\$19.75/tn

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the bid from Spencer Quarries for rip-rap/class B red rock or class C field stone. Motion carried.

**Polypropylene Culverts**

Vendor	Size	Price
Core & Main	12HP	\$12.20/ft

15HP	\$17.86/ft
18HP	\$22.24/ft
24HP	\$33.45/ft

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the lone bid from Core & Main for polypropylene culverts. Motion carried.

**Steel Culverts**

Vendor	Size	Price
TrueNorth Steel	Multiple	

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the lone bid from TrueNorth Steel for steel culverts. Motion carried.

**Gravel Crushing**

Vendor	Price
Bowe's	\$2.59/tn
First Rate Excavate	\$3.00/tn
Rechnagel Construction	\$3.65/tn
Brownlee Aggregates	\$4.10/tn

Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to approve the bid from Bowe's for gravel crushing. Motion carried.

**Equipment Rental**

Vendor	Equipment	Price
Stallion Trucking/Site Services	Bulldozer	\$200.00/hr
	Excavator	\$170.00/hr
	Loader (GT RT165 Track Loader)	\$130.00/hr
	Loader (Caterpillar 966F)	\$150.00/hr
	Tractor-Trailer	\$150.00/hr

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the lone bid from Stallion Trucking for equipment rental. Motion carried.

**Weed Spraying**

Vendor	Price
DeAngelo Contracting	\$29,497.50 (\$102.60 Per Centerline)
Ditch Weed	\$29,500.00

Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to approve the bid from Ditch Weed for weed spraying. Motion carried.

**LOADER/MOTOR GRADER LEASE:**

Hwy Supt. Tolley and Ofc Manager Barnhart discussed the loader and grader leases, which are set to expire in May 2026 and July 2026, respectively. The board asked Tolley and Barnhart to obtain information from the leasing company regarding the buyout or re-lease amounts for the loader and grader when the leases expire.

**WEED BOARD COMPENSATION:**

Tolley and Barnhart also addressed the board regarding compensation for the Weed Board. CAO Oftedal stated that per SDCL, Lake County is required to have four Weed Board meetings a year. Discussion was held regarding the compensation amount received by Weed Board members for each meeting. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve compensation for appointed Weed Board members in the amount of \$40 per meeting plus mileage. Motion carried.

**HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT/SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:**

Sarina Talich, Sheriff, was present to discuss a homeland security grant that she had applied for in the amount of \$61,980.93 to replace seven special response vests. This grant is 100% reimbursed to the county. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to ratify the homeland security grant to purchase special response vests. Motion carried.

**2026 PRISONER MEAL BIDS:**

Sheriff Talich told the board that she had received one bid for prisoner meals. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the lone bid from Sunshine Foods for prisoner meals in the amount of \$8.49 per meal, with an additional \$1.00 for special meals. Motion carried.

**JUVENILE REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED:**

Sheriff Talich informed the board that the county had received \$538 from the Juvenile Reimbursement Fund from the State of South Dakota.

**ABATEMENT 2026-07:**

Deb Walburg, Treasurer, was present to discuss an elderly tax freeze application that she had received after the deadline. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve Abatement 2026-07 in the amount of \$1,097.69. Motion carried.

**HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Kody Keefer, EM, was present to discuss a homeland security grant application he had submitted in the amount of \$150,544.40 to replace the county's fire department and ambulance radios and pagers. Homeland Security grants are 100% reimbursable to the county. Motion by Reinicke, second by Johnke, to ratify the homeland security grant for the purchase of radios and pagers for Lake County's fire departments and ambulance services. Motion carried.

**COUNTY BURIAL 2026-01:**

Carrie Schiernbeck, Welfare Director, presented county burial 2026-01 to the board. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to ratify the funeral/burial expense for the deceased 26-01 in the amount of \$2,250.00. This approval is based upon SDCL 28-17-2: Whenever any person who is destitute and has no estate, and has no one legally bound for funeral expenses, and where there is no other source to pay the cost of burial expense, the funeral expense shall then be borne by the County of which the deceased was a resident at the time of death. Motion carried.

**RECESS AS COUNTY COMMISSION/CONVENE AS A JOINT PLANNING/COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second 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, second by Johnke, 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 Tract 1 of Roling Addition** an addition in the NE1/4 of Section 25, T106N, Range 53W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Herman Township, Lake County, SD (10000-10653-25120). The owner, David Roling, would like to create a new parcel for future development.

**Plat of Tract 2 of Roling Addition** an addition in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 25, T106N, Range 53W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Herman Township, Lake County, SD (10000-10653-25430 & 10000-10653-25420). The owners, David Roling & Shyrlee Roling Testamentary Trust would like to replat an existing parcel to add additional acres.

**Plat of Tract 1 of Byre Addition** in Government Lot 6 in the NE1/4 of Section 10, T105N, Range 51W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Chester Township, Lake County, SD (01000-10551-10110). The owners, Elton Byre & James Luce, would like to plat an existing parcel.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to recommend to the County Commission approval of the following plats: Plat of Tract 1 of Roling Addition, Plat of Tract 2 of Roling Addition, and Plat of Tract 1 of Byre Addition. Motion carried.

**ACTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION:**

Motion by Johnke, second by Reinicke, to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to approve the Plat of Tract 1 of Roling Addition an addition in the NE1/4 of Section 25, T106N, Range 53W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Herman Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county regulations and all fees and taxes have been paid in full. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnke, second by Slaughter, to approve the Plat of Tract 2 of Roling Addition an addition in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 25, T106N, Range 53W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Herman Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county regulations and all fees and taxes have been paid in full. Motion carried.

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve Plat of Tract 1 of Byre Addition in Government Lot 6 in the NE1/4 of Section 10, T105N, Range 51W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Chester Township, Lake County, SD, as it meets county regulations and all fees and taxes have been paid in full. Motion carried.

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

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

**REAPPRAISAL PLAN/EQUALIZATION:**

Cori Kaufmann, DOE, presented a document detailing her proposed plan for countywide reappraisal. She indicated that her office plans to implement a six-year countywide reappraisal cycle. Kaufmann stated that a notice will be mailed to the landowner prior to the start of inspection.

**NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION:**

Chair Leighton read a proclamation for National County Government Month. Commissioner Wollmann reminded the board that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade school tours will be Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30. Madison Central and Oldham/Ramona/Rutland School Districts will be participating.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Commissioner Slaughter attended a two-day ICAP Strategic Planning session, LAIC, and 2 meetings at the Highway Department. Commissioner Leighton attended a meeting with Banner Associates at the Highway Department, Weed Board meeting, and attended the ribbon cutting at EmBe Education-Madison. Commissioner Reinicke attended the EmBe Education-Madison donor reception and a preconstruction meeting regarding 457<sup>th</sup> Ave. Commissioner Wollmann attended a Madison Public Library meeting and sang the National Anthem at the 2026 Madison American Legion Post 25 BB Gun Championship.

**REPORTS RECEIVED:**

March 2026 fees collected: Zoning - \$2,198.00

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, at 10:28 a.m. to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be the annual Board of Equalization meeting that will be on April 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick

PAULA BARRICK

Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton

ADAM LEIGHTON

Lake County Commission Chair

## LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

April 14, 2026

The Board of Lake County Commissioners met as a County Board of Equalization on April 14, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the commission meeting room at the Lake County Courthouse. Chair Leighton called the meeting to order. Auditor Paula Barrick called roll call: Commissioner Corey Johnke, Commissioner Adam Leighton, Commissioner Deb Reinicke, and Commissioner Kelli Wollmann all present. Absent: Commissioner Dennis Slaughter. Cori Kaufmann, Director of Equalization, and Abby Oftedal, Interim CAO, were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** None

### **AGENDA APPROVED:**

Cori Kaufmann, Director of Equalization, informed the board that the Fair Hills to Booth appeal can be removed from the agenda. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the agenda of April 14, 2026, with the removal. Motion carried.

### **OVERVIEW OF CURRENT ASSESSMENT YEAR:**

Cori Kaufmann, DOE, provided an overview of the current assessment year.

Ag Land Productivity Update:

- Crop 1% increase
- Non-Crop 7.44% decrease

County Wide Valuations:

- 2026 Preliminary \$2,532,516,940
- 2025 Value Before Equalization \$2,494,696,007
- Increase of \$63,329,619 or 2.54%

Commissioner Slaughter joins the meeting.

### **COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OATHS:**

The commissioners took their oaths of office.

### **DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION OATH:**

Cori Kaufmann, Director of Equalization, took her oath of office.

### **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

DOE Kaufmann gave the following report on applications received:

- 5 AG Adjustment applications received after the deadline

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the five AG Adjustment applications that were received after the deadline. Motion carried.

- 20 Owner Occupied applications received after the deadline

Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to approve the 20 Owner Occupied applications that were received after the deadline. Motion carried.

- 1 Owner Occupied status removed after the deadline

Motion by Johnke, second by Reinicke, to approve the one Owner Occupied status that was removed after the deadline. Motion carried.

- 2 Exempt Status changes

Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to approve the two Exempt Status changes. Motion carried.

- 38 Disabled Veteran applications

Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to approve the 38 Disabled Veteran applications. Motion carried.

- 4 Disabled Veteran applications received after the deadline

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the four Disabled Veteran applications that were received after the deadline. Motion carried.

- 90 Elderly & Disabled Assessment Freeze applications

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to approve the 90 Elderly & Disabled Assessment Freeze applications. Motion carried.

**APPEAL - PARCEL 06035-00100-39010/TRAVIS PETERSON:**

116 Linden Dr, Madison, SD - Lot 39, Blk 1 Woodland's 67<sup>th</sup> Addition, Lakeview Township, Lake County, SD. Travis Peterson, landowner, was present to discuss his appeal. Kaufmann reviewed her comparables with the commission. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to amend the land value by \$72,900, leaving the land value at \$100,000, and to leave the structure value at \$888,200. Motion carried.

**APPEAL – PARCEL 06068-10652-30700/CHARLES THORPE:**

6375 Fischer Lane, Wentworth, SD – Unit C-7 Fischer Resort Resident Owners Assoc #1893C-7, Lakeview Township, Lake County, SD. Charles Thorpe, landowner, submitted a letter and assessment appeal documentation for the board's review. Kaufmann reviewed her comparables with the commission. Motion by Johnke, second by Slaughter, to follow the Director's recommendation and leave the land value at \$167,207. Motion carried.

A short break was held before the next appointment.

**CLERICAL ERRORS:**

Director Kaufmann presented the following office corrections:

**Parcel 06048-10652-15420/Dale & Sharon Ellens:** Dale Ellens was present to discuss the error on his 2026 assessment. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the land value classification and assessment amount error and to amend the classifications and assessment amounts as follows:

- Change classification from NA Land to AG Land and adjust the assessed value from \$148,200 to \$31,537.
- Change classification from NA Structure to AG Structure and leave the value at \$263,900. Total assessment value change is a decrease of \$116,663.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 02685-00100-00010/Lake Madison RV Resort LLC:** DOE Kaufmann reported that an error occurred during the consolidation of all Lake Madison RV parcels into one parcel, resulting in an incorrect and inflated assessment value on the combined parcel. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Adjust the value of the NA Land from \$365,600 to \$99,900 and adjust the value of the NA Structure from \$248,509 to \$128,400. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$385,809.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 14000-10654-03210/William Klein:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that structures had been removed from this parcel, and the change wasn't reflected on the assessment. Motion by Slaughter, second by Reinicke, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$287,057 and adjust the AG Structure value from \$1,000 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$1,000.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 14000-10654-04410/William Klein:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that structures had been removed from this parcel, and the change wasn't reflected on the assessment. Motion by Slaughter, second by Johnke, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$468,755 and adjust the AG Structure value from \$93,499 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$93,499.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 11014-10753-31210/William Klein:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that structures had been removed from this parcel and the change wasn't reflected on the assessment. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$50,366 and AG Structure value at \$26,800 and adjust the NA Structure value from \$71,800 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$71,800.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 09000-10553-03210/McCool Family Living Trust:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that structures had been removed from this parcel and the change wasn't reflected on the assessment notice. Motion by Wollmann, second by Johnke, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$401,537 and adjust the AG Structure value from \$2,000 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$2,000.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 14000-10654-22315/Hodne Farms LLC:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that this parcel was on another tax receipt and should be deleted. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Adjust the NA Structure value from \$1,200 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$1,200.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 01460-00300-46010/James Ihnen:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that the mobile home that was on this parcel had been demolished and was no longer on the property. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the NA Land value at \$28,900 and adjust the NA Structure value from \$6,293 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$6,293.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 05000-10552-23210/Kevin & Lauri Minnaert:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that structures on this parcel had been incorrectly identified. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$426,382 and adjust the AG Structure value from \$437,859 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$437,859.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 05000-10552-22410/Ronald Walker:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that structures on this parcel had been incorrectly identified. Motion by Slaughter, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$404,314 and adjust the AG Structure value from \$59,805 to \$0.00. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$59,805.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 05000-10552-09410/Larry & Rose Mary Sterling:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that there were detail errors on the house and land. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Adjust the value on the OO Land from \$163,000 to \$155,920 and adjust the value on the OO Structure from \$257,500 to \$206,717. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$57,863.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 02010-10651-06010/Janet L Pearson:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that there were detail errors on the house and land. Motion by Wollmann, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Adjust the value on the OO Land from \$239,500 to \$227,365 and adjust the value on the OO Structure from \$291,500 to \$262,836. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$40,799.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 21100-01500-12010/Timothy K Schmidt:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that there were detail errors on the house and land. Motion by Johnke, second by Reinicke, to leave the OO Land value at \$18,938 and OO Structure value at \$80,927. Motion carried.

**Parcel 03051-10751-14310/Matthew & Abby Oftedal:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that errors were made on how the OO structures were entered in the computer. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the AG Land value at \$44,084, AG Structure value at \$23,800 and adjust value of OO Structure from \$694,500 to \$570,500. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$124,000.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 02004-00800-11010/Dale & Jill Nelson:** DOE Kaufmann told the board that due to the inequity of the neighborhood, she is requesting an adjustment to this parcel. Motion by Johnke, second by Slaughter, to follow the Director's recommendation and amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Leave the value of OO Land at \$45,000 and adjust the value of the OO Structure from \$632,931 to \$404,750. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$228,181.

Motion carried.

**Parcel 13000-10554-32110/Brad Olinger:** DOE Kaufmann informed the Board that errors occurred during the parcel split, resulting in incorrect information being assigned to the parcel. As a result, this parcel will need to be deleted. Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to acknowledge the clerical error and to amend the assessment amounts as follows:

- Remove the value on the AG Land at \$344,863. Total assessed value change is a decrease of \$344,863.

Motion carried.

**APPEAL - PARCEL 21700-00000-02010/CONRAD KRAHLING:**

720 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St, Madison, SD – Lot 2 Hannemans Add #2060M, Madison, Lake County, SD. Conrad Krahlung, landowner, submitted a letter and assessment appeal documentation for the board's review. Kaufmann reviewed her comparables with the commission. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to leave the OO Land value at \$19,281 and the OO Structure value at \$230,001. Motion carried.

**APPEAL - PARCEL 21090-00800-09010/SILAS KREUGER:**

816 NW 1<sup>st</sup> St, Madison, SD – E1/2 Lot 8 and All Lot 9 Blk 8 Waddells Add #918M, Madison, Lake County, SD. Silas Kreuger, landowner, submitted a letter for the board's review. Kaufmann reviewed her comparables with the commission. Motion by Reinicke, second by Slaughter, to agree with the Madison City Board of Equalization and adjust the Non-Ag Land value from \$27,800 to \$24,200 and the Non-Ag Structure value from \$68,800 to \$65,500. Motion carried.

**APPEAL – PARCEL 21060-00200-04010/SILAS KREUGER:**

111 N Liberty Ave, S1/2 Lot 3 & All Lot 4 Blk 2 Coburn & Van Doren #736M, Madison, Lake County, SD. Silas Kreuger, landowner, submitted a letter for the board's review. Kaufmann reviewed her comparables with the commission. Motion by Wollmann, second by Reinicke, to agree with the Madison City Board of Equalization and adjust the Non-Ag Land value from \$27,500 to \$23,900 and the Non-Ag Structure value from \$106,200 to \$101,100. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CONTINUES:**

The board set May 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. as the next Board of Equalization.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Reinicke, second by Wollmann, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 9 a.m.

/s/Paula Barrick  
Lake County Auditor

/s/Adam Leighton  
Chair, Lake County Commission