

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT The Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Members present were Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks and Jim Werkmeister. Auditor Phyllis Barker was also present. Jerod Star was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, and Callie Nichols, Assistant Highway Superintendent, met with the board to provide an update on their department with no action necessary.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to present a tax abatement. A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister to authorizing the auditor to complete an abatement of partial taxes on #2025-1365 (Parcel #1) in the amount of \$1,123.50, due to a clerical error. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Werkmeister and seconded by Koedam to enter executive session at 9:51 a.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken at this time.

SDSU EXTENSION/ 4-H

Hillary Kroupa, SDSU Extension, and Kim Klein, Douglas County 4-H Director, met with the Board to present the Annual Option Z Program Review. Klein informed the Board that she is working with the SD Pork Council to offer a Swine Project for the 4-H youth. Klein is looking for volunteers for housing the swine for this project. No action was taken at this time.

TREASURER

Carolyn Lau, Treasurer, met with the board to present the current interest rates for Certificates of Deposit. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister authorizing the Treasurer to deposit \$100,000.00 into a one-year Certificate of Deposit with Bankwest of Armour. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lau met with the Board to provide an update on her department. Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, was also present. Lau informed the Board that the white F150 patrol pickup will need transmission work done. The Board authorized the repair with no formal action needed. Barker presented information regarding the current E911 Contract with Charles Mix County. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

AUDITOR

Phyllis Barker, Auditor, met with the board to discuss various items pertaining to her office. A

motion was made my Maas and seconded by Werkmeister authorizing the pay out of Tucker Hawley's vacation and sick leave benefits with February payroll. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A quote from Microfilm Imaging Systems was reviewed by the board for the purpose of scanning four Commissioner Minute books for record retention purposes. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

DAKOTA TRAILS GOLF COURSE

A letter from the Dakota Trails Golf Course Board regarding the lease agreement renewal was read by the Commission. The Board asked that a representative for the golf course attend the next meeting to continue the discussion. No action was taken at this time.

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: January 2026

Checking Accounts	\$2001.04
Cash on Hand.....	\$500.00
Petty Cash.....	\$400.00
Un-deposited receipts.....	\$23,808.11
Preferred Checking (Savings)	\$2,901,845.00
Certificate of Deposits	\$300,000.00
Total	\$3,228,554.15

FUND BALANCE

General Fund	\$2,193,002.91
Special Revenue Funds	\$635,153.55
Tax Increment District Fund.....	\$0.00
Trust and Agency Funds	\$400,397.69
Total	\$3,228,554.15

CLAIMS

January Tax Apportionments were reviewed by the Board.

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

Ability Building Services 1000.00 allotment; Agland Coop 276.61 gas/repairs; City of Armour 147.00 utilities; Buhl's Dry Cleaners 153.50 supplies; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff's Office 1350.00 jail fees; Country Florist 47.50 sympathy gift; Darrington Water 32.00 supplies; Douglas Electric 93.50 utilities; Keith Goehring 1487.66 CAA fees; Legacy Building & Supply 8.99 supplies; Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services 6695.00 allotment; LifeQuest 1000.00 allotment; Marlin Maas 133.00 travel; McLeod's Office Supply 170.46 supplies; Office Products Center 76.24 supplies; Safe Place of Eastern SD 1000.00 allotment; State 4-H Office 10.00 prof fees; SD Dept of Public Safety 2340.00 radios; Two-Way Solutions 130.98 prof fees/supplies; Wilson Hardware 88.24 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Agland Coop 368.77 supplies; Avera Occupational Medicine 185.20 prof fees; City of Armour 134.00 utilities; Douglas Electric 90.04 utilities; Fleetpride Inc. 560.66 repairs; Fousek Truck Service 438.30 supplies; Graham Tire 1059.92 repairs; Legacy Building & Supply 236.89 supplies;

Northwestern Energy 18.52 utilities; RDO Equipment 19,516.54 repairs; Titan Machinery 547.27 supplies; Werk Weld Inc. 13.13 supplies; Wilson Hardware 96.79 supplies.

DOMESTIC ABUSE FUND

Safe Place of Eastern SD 675.00 2025 marriage/divorce fees.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Maas to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Lori Sparks, Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, Auditor