Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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, August 18, 2026. Members present were Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star and Jim Werkmeister. Auditor Melissa Bowers was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister to adopt the amended agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
The meeting temporarily moved to the Community Room for public comment. Sheriff Lau and Deputy Powers were also present. There were nine constituents present to express concerns regarding the Sheriff's office. Two additional county residents were available via phone. No action was taken.

PUBLIC CONCERN
Tim Goldhammer and Trevor Lau, County residents met with the board to rebut previously discussed topics concerning the Sheriff's Department. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Callie Nichols, Assistant Highway Superintendent, and Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent met with board to update them on their department. Ellwanger introduced Carson Kostal, new highway maintenance employee, to the board. Ellwanger discussed repairs and cost for Bridge 22-143-120 located 3.5 miles west of Armour. Discussion was held. No action taken at this time. Ellwanger also presented the board with a preliminary 5-year plan. The 5-year plan Public Meeting is scheduled for September 22nd meeting. No action was taken at this time.

HAZARD MITIGATION
John Clem, Planning and Development District III, met with board to discuss mitigation actions that could be implemented into the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Callie Nichols, Assistant Highway Superintendent, Red Sparks, County Resident, Gary Laib, County Resident, Daren Feenstra, City of Corsica, Ryan Murtha, McLaury Engineering, Darwin Delange, City of Corsica, Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, Craig Parkhurst, County Resident, Kevin Czymbor, St Peter Lutheran Church, Kari Bertram, City of Armour, Barb Dozark, City of Delmont, Lashell Menning, Corsica Ambulance, and Nicole Neugebauer, Armour Ambulance, were also present. The Commission and Pat Harrington will continue discussion about mitigation projects at the September 1st meeting. No action taken at this time.

AMBULANCE
Nicole Neugebauer and Shelly Menning, County Ambulance Directors, met with the Board to discuss their previous request for On-Call pay for EMTs, EMRs and Drivers. Discussion was held. The board requested more information before final decision is made. No action was taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 1102 a.m., a motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister to enter executive

session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 1130 a.m., Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Star and seconded by Werkmeister to approve the Plat of Boyle Tract 1, a Subdivision of the South ½ of the NE ¼ and the N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 30, T99N, R62W of the 5th P.M., Lincoln Township, Douglas County. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Pat Harrington met with the board to update them on his department. A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister authorizing Harrington to attend the Emergency Management Conference in Spearfish in September. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

4-H EXTENSION

Kim Klein 4H met with the board to provide an update. Klein informed the board that 4H Achievement Days went well. Motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas authorizing Kim Klein to travel to the SD State Fair as required by the SDSU Extension MOU. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Storage rental rates were discussed. A Motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Star to increase rental fees as follows: 29ft and under to $375.00 and 29ft 1in and above to $500.00. A monthly fee of $50.00 will be charged for each month the contract is extended. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

WEED AND PEST

Kim Klein, Weed and Pest Secretary, met with board to update them on the Weed and Pest Department. Michael Maas resigned as Weed and Pest Supervisor effective 8/17/26. Klein explained that Jefferson Grosz, current Assistant WP Superintendent, has agreed to be the Weed and Pest Supervisor. The Weed and Pest Board is recommending that the Commission increase Grosz's pay to reflect the new position. A Motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Star to increase Jefferson Grosz's wage to $30.00/hour effective with August payroll. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Klein also stated the Weed and Pest Board needs to purchase Surfactant at a rate of $8.53/gallon. A Motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Maas authorizing the purchase of 100 gallons of Surfactant from Nutrien Ag Solutions. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A Motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam authorizing the Chairperson to sign the Prisoner Housing Agreement with Charles Mix County for 2027 at a rate of $100.00 per prisoner, per day. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister to sign the Combined Election Agreement with Armour School District for the 2026 General Election. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: July 2026

Checking Accounts	$881.13
Cash on Hand	$500.00
Petty Cash	$400.00
Un-deposited receipts	$6498.20
Money Market Investments	$3,936,202.00
Certificate of Deposits	$400,000.00
Total	$4,344,481.33

FUND BALANCE

General Fund	$2,708,374.77
Special Revenue Funds	$1,408,055.96
Tax Increment District Fund	$0.00
Trust and Agency Funds	$228,050.60
Total	$4,344,481.33

CLAIMS

July Tax Apportionments were reviewed by the Board.
The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

Amazon 1497.71 supplies; Apparel Worx 85.92 uniform allowance; Armour Chronicle 1137.55 publishing; Buhl's Drycleaners 153.50 supplies; Cardmember Services 712.14 supplies; Charles Mix Sheriff Office 540.00 prof fee; Corsica Globe 1137.55 publishing; Darrington Water 24.00 supply; Department of Health 150.00 prof fee; Douglas Electric Coop 1123.24 utilities; ES&S 1160.07 election; Mark Fuoss 29.20 Mileage; Galls LLC 278.98 uniform allowance; Kim Huebner 61.32 mileage; Krull's Market 57.48 supplies; Legacy Building Supply 53.43 repairs; Mcleod's Office Supply 360.89 supplies; Nextraq 46.00 utilities; Office Products Center 22.01 supplies; Van Brothers 165.00 utilities; Williams Music and Office Equipment 670.00 repairs; Wilson Hardware 133.46 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Agland Coop 8413.75 Fuel; Brosz Engineering 22177.50 prof fees; C&B 241.10 supplies; Cardmember Services 1599.76 repairs; Commercial Asphalt 4175.73 repairs; Dean's Auto 22.50 supplies; Douglas Electric 87.18; Econo Signs 1365.80 repairs; Fousek Truck Service 223.37 repairs; Meyerink Farm Services 133.77 supplies; Nextraq 132.65 utilities; Northwestern Energy 402.44 utilities; Road Guy Construction 564,836.49 chip seal; Star Manufacturing 142.08 repair; True North Steel 51207.36 culverts; Titan Machinery 3802.65 repairs; Transource 161.64 supplies; Vogts Repair 387.20 repairs; Wilson Hardware 79.34 supplies.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 p.m. a motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister to adjourn until the next meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Lori Sparks-Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Bowers, Auditor