Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT The Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour SD at 9:00 a.m. on August 4, 2026. Members present were Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks and Jim Werkmeister. Auditor Melissa Bowers was also present. Jerod Star was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Maas to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Maas to approve the minutes from the July 7th, 17th and 30th meeting minutes. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

PUBLIC CONCERN
Red Sparks and Keith Vandenhoek, Douglas County residents, met with the board to address concerns regarding the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Lau was also present. Steve Cotton, Deputy States Attorney joined the meeting via phone. Discussion was held with no action taken.

PARK
Jon Sunvold, Dakota Playscapes of Sioux Falls met with the board to discuss playground equipment quotes for the Corsica Lake Campground. Discussion was held with no action taken.

HAZARD MITIGATION
John Clem, Planning and Development District III, met with the Board for the initial review of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Shannon Viereck, Planning & Development District III, Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, Daren Feenstra, City of Corsica, Darwin Delange, City of Corsica, Barb Dozark, City of Delmont, Travis Sparks, Mayor of Armour, Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, Callie Nichols, Assistant Highway Superintendent, Kevin Czymbar, St Peter Lutheran Church, and Melissa Bowers, Auditor were also present. A follow-up Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting is scheduled on August 18th at 10:00 a.m. No action taken at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, and Callie Nichols, Assistant Highway Superintendent, met with the board to update them on their department.
A motion was made by Werkmeister and seconded by Koedam to approve the approach permit submitted by Nya Goehring, Buhler Farms LLC, to widen an existing approach and install a culvert located SE4 27-98N-63W, Douglas County, South Dakota. All approach work will be at the expense of the landowner. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Ellwanger presented the board with tractor quotes. A 1990 Case IH 7110 for $64,900.00 from Assman Implement. A 2013 Challenger 525B for $32,000.00 and a 2013 Challenger 565D for $43,000.00 from John Vandenberge. Motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister to approve Ellwanger to purchase the 2013 Challenger for $43,000.00 from John Vandenberge. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Commercial Asphalt will be completing the Courthouse parking lot next week. Ellwanger discussed capping the concrete curb and will get a quote for the board to review at next meeting.
Haul road agreement was reviewed by the board. Discussion was held. No action taken.

Ellwanger presented the Board with an application for the Highway Maintenance position. The application was reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister to hire Carson Kostal, upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, at the rate of $22.50/hr. effective immediately, contingent upon his acceptance. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Werkmeister and seconded by Maas to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 1134 a.m. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 1227 p.m. with no action taken at this time.

AUDITOR
Melissa Bowers, Auditor, met with board to discuss her department. A motion was made by Werkmeister and seconded by Maas requesting Bankwest to close the current credit card and to remove Phyllis Barker as the authorizing officer from the current credit card. Also, requesting two new credit cards with Melissa Bowers as authorizing officer. Additionally, to remove Phyllis Barker from online banking access as well as the credit card portal. In addition to adding Melissa Bowers, Auditor and Yaquelin Hawley, Deputy Auditor access to online banking and credit card portal. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

CLAIMS
The following claims were approved for payment:
GENERAL FUND
July payroll: Commissioners 10643.48 Auditor 15778.58 Treasurer 12350.48 States Attorney 4590.45 Courthouse Janitor 8480.30 Equalization 6947.98 Register of Deeds 9670.44 Sheriff 26806.82 Welfare 50.08 Ambulance 4036.15 Parks 1420.62 Extension 3812.33 Weed & Pest 2314.76 Drainage 107.20 Planning & zoning 394.86 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 671.59; Agland Coop 700.38 gas/repairs; City of Armour 282.00 utilities; Marjo Baanhofman 310.00 election; Bob's Farm 100.00 supplies; Bures-Kronaizl

Insurance 2487.00 Insurance; Cert Languages International 57.75 Prof fees; City of Corsica 75.00 election; Susan Deboer 364.20 election; Jean Delange 310.00 election; Dodie Chada 335.00 election; Diane Feenstra 361.28 election; Theresa Fink 345.22 election; First Net 548.44 utilities; Goldenwest 623.96 utilities; Graham Tire 669.96 repairs; H&H Electric 128.70 repairs; Arlene Hinckley 60.00 election; Judene Irvine 335.00 election; Kim Klein 590.66 equip reimb; Karen Maas 364.20 election; Mcleod's 21.98 election; Microfilm Imaging 110.00 rental fees; Judy Moege 311.46 election; Northwestern 2124.59 utilities; Office Products 105.41 supplies; Pioneer Designs 635.00 Prof. fees; SDACC 1250.00 travel; SD Counties 200.00 travel; Roxanne Steburg 85.00 election; Tessiers 1442.06 repairs; Twotrees 1830.15; Tanya Urquieta 85.00 election; US Bank 2283.12 gas; Roxane Wentz 310.00 election; Wilson Hardware 71.91 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
July payroll: 35,969.05; Armour Chronicle 45.00 publishing; City of Armour 136.00 utilities; Chuck Greeneway 1300.00 rental; Commercial Asphalt 27761.25 road repair; Corsica Hardware 19.87 supplies; DCMH 50.00 prof fees; Dept of Ag 1000.00 pit dues; First Net 81.08 utilities; Fousek Truck Service 2481.71 Repairs; Goldenwest 222.74 utilities; Kimball Midwest 1364.91 supplies; Legacy Building Supply 10.99 supplies; Northwestern 151.83 utilities; Office Products 36.60 supplies; Titan Machinery 142.36 supplies; Transource 58.86 supplies ; Two Trees 275.76 prof fees; US Bank 604.36 gas;

RURAL ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
East Chouteau Twp 1343.85 East Choteau supplies; Vanderpol Construction 15306.15 East Choteau-supplies.

E911 FUND
July payroll: 28.32; Goldenwest 200.00 E911 services; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 services.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND
July payroll: 2528.20; First Net 32.48 utilities; Two Trees 150.69 prof fees.

MODERNIZATION AND PRESERVATION FUND
Microfilm Imaging Systems 237.50 rental fees.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Koedam to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on Tuesday August 18, 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: _____
Melissa Bowers, Auditor