Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT The Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour SD at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026. Members present were Jerod Star, Dan Koedam, Lori Sparks and Jim Werkmeister. Auditor Melissa Bowers was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were four county residents present to express concerns regarding the Sheriff's office. No action was taken.
Chairperson Sparks requested Vice-Chairman Werkmeister take control of the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

2027 PROVISIONAL BUDGET
As advertised, the Commissioners reviewed the 2027 Provisional Budget. No one from the public was present to contest. A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Koedam to approve the 2027 Provisional Budget as published. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Any necessary changes will be made before adoption of the Annual Budget at the September 22nd meeting.

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 Star and seconded by Koedam to publish the Invitation to Bid for the Construction of Douglas County CMP Installation on 271st and 402nd Ave. (3 sites) all members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m. on the September 22nd Commissioner meeting.
A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Koedam authorizing Ellwanger to attend the SD LTAP Conference October 19th-21st. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.
A Motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam to approve the Highway 5-year plan to be published. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, met with board to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Project Selections. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

E911
Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to discuss the need for a backup system for first responders in Douglas County and presented a quote from Iamresponding for an estimated cost of $2455.00 per year, based on call volume. A Motion was made by Koedam seconded by Sparks to purchase a one-year subscription for Iamresponding. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.
Commissioner Maas joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

EJS GRANT
Phillip Lane, Deputy Sheriff met with board to provide an update on a grant he is currently applying for to purchase and install safety equipment for the courthouse. Lane also discussed the need of fire extinguishers and smoke alarms on each floor of the courthouse. Discussion was held and no action was taken.

GAME FISH AND PARKS

Nick Donnelly, Game Fish and Parks Wildlife Specialist, met with the board to update them on the trapping he has been doing in Douglas County. Discussion was held with no action taken.

AUDITOR

Melissa Bowers, Auditor, had a request by a County Resident to look at Senate Bill 96. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

Twin Rivers Old Iron Association requested permission to block off two blocks of Main Street in Delmont during their celebration on September 12th. A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Star authorizing Twin Rivers Old Iron Association to close two blocks of Delmont's Main St. Voting 'aye': Star, Werkmeister, Maas and Sparks. Voting 'nay': Koedam. Motion carried.

FEES REPORT

Register of Deeds Fees (July 2026): $11431.00
Clerk of Courts Fees (July 2026): $6554.08

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

August Payroll: Commissioners 7199.12 Auditor 11794.40 Treasurer 12481.76 States Attorney 4590.45 Courthouse Janitor 8569.81 Equalization 6830.85 Register of Deeds 9646.02 Sheriff 31037.50 Welfare 52.55 Ambulance 3033.14 Parks 1420.62 Extension 4263.40 Weed & Pest 2695.22 Drainage 107.72 Planning & zoning 393.81 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 671.59; Agland Coop 76.67 repairs; Armour Chronicle 653.04 publishing; Axon Enterprise 341.51 supplies; Commercial Asphalt 21413.75 repairs; First Net 83.08 utilities; Goldenwest 325.97 utilities; Graham Tire 386.14 repairs; Elijah Kuhlman 154.80 uniform allowance; Mcleods 42.24 supplies; Minnehaha County 193.20 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 2478.60 utilities; Office Products 76.64 supplies; Randall Community Water 434.00 Utilities; State 4H Office 51.00 travel; Marshall & Swift/Boeckh LLC 1857.71 supplies; Tessiers 1387.50 repairs; Corporate Payment Systems 2169.43 gas; Vandenhoek Construction 2257.76 repairs; Wilson Hardware 120.90 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

August Payroll: 41641.52; Agland Coop 19.00 supplies; C&B Operations 229.58 supplies; Corsica Hardware 50.98 supplies; Goldenwest 135.48 utilities; Jon's Repair 43,000.00 equipment; Kimball Midwest 485.90 supplies; Meyerink Farm Service 126.03 supplies; SD LTAP 125.00 travel; Sir Lines-A-Lot 23954.00 road repair; Subsurface Inc 88405.00 culverts; Titan Machinery 160.25 supplies; Corporate Payment Systems 686.98 gas; Wilson Hardware 34.45 supplies.

E911 FUND

August Payroll: 28.12; First Net 33.48 utilities; Goldenwest 200.00 E911 system; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 System; Two-Way Solutions 31863.21 E911 System.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

August Payroll: 2528.19

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on Tuesday September 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Jim Werkmeister, Vice-Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Bowers, Auditor

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