

DAVISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reider called the meeting of the Davison County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 A.M. Members of the board present were Claggett, Kiner, Nebelsick, Blaalid, and Reider. Also present were Auditor Wingert and Deputy Auditor Lurken.

PLEDGE

Chairman Reider opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Nebelsick, second by Claggett to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Blaalid, second by Claggett to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Claggett talked about an upcoming meeting with Tech Solutions regarding whether to move the county's website to a .gov. He says .gov would be more secure. Details were discussed about the upcoming Southeast Central South Dakota District meeting. Claggett also mentioned SB 96 and how Meade County was the first to enact it. Commissioner Nebelsick talked about a railroad thistle issue and how the Weed Department has been working on it. Commissioner Blaalid shared an email he received from the daughter of a Davison County veteran praising Tim Storly of the Davison County VSO. Chairman Reider told the board the sheriff is moving forward with TEGRA for the new public safety building proposal. Auditor Wingert noted that Achievement Days in Davison County begin this weekend.

OPEN 2026 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION CANVASSING

At 9:13 AM, motion by Nebelsick, second by Kiner to open the canvass for the 2026 Primary Runoff Election held on July 28, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2026 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION CANVASS

Motion by Claggett, second by Nebelsick to approve the 2026 Primary Runoff Election canvass. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

DETERMINE PRECINCT FOR THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT

Chairman Reider, in front of the canvassing board, conducted the drawing for the precinct to be audited during the post-election audit that will be held on 8/4/26. Precinct 2 was drawn. The precinct has more than 100 ballots cast, so it meets the criteria for the audit.

CLOSE THE 2026 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION CANVASS

At 9:28 AM, motion by Nebelsick, second by Claggett to close the 2026 Primary Runoff Election canvass. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

LIFEQUEST – BRIAN LOKEN

Development Director Loken discussed with the board his 2027 budget request. No action taken - informational only.

CASA – JACKIE HORTON

Executive Director Horton discussed with the board her 2027 budget request. No action taken - informational only.

ROCS – ANDREA IRWIN

Transit Director Irwin discussed with the board her 2027 budget request. No action taken. Informational only.

SET TIME & DATE FOR PETITION TO VACATE JESSICA PLACE

Motion by Nebelsick, second by Claggett to set 8/18/26 at 9:15 AM as the time and date for the hearing for the petition to vacate Jessica Place. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR WINGERT – BUDGETS

Auditor Wingert presented the following 2027 budget requests to the board: 111 (Commissioners), 112 (Contingency Fund), 113 (Insurance), 120 (Election), 130 (Judicial System). No action taken – informational only.

SAFE PLACE – COLEEN HOFFMAN

Executive Director Hoffman discussed with the board her 2027 budget request. No action taken - informational only.

MITCHELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT

Johanna Allen presented the 2nd quarter report for 2027 which covered the Mitchell Area Chamber of Commerce, Mitchell Area Development Corporation, and Dakota Heartland Development Association. Informational only – no action taken.

DONALD & CHERYL MAESCHEN - ABATEMENT

Donald & Cheryl Maeschen own a house in Ethan but have not lived there for 1.5 years. They seek an abatement and would like the elderly property tax freeze imposed. However, they missed the application deadline. The Maeschens' daughter, Angela, joined the discussion telephonically. She said her parents have health issues, and the house is vacant. DOE Vissia said that state law requires a residence to be lived in for at least 200 days per year to qualify for the tax freeze. Commissioner Nebelsick asked why they haven't sold or demolished the house. Angela said they are trying to sell it, but the house has mold issues and damage. DOE Vissia said the value of the house will be dropped for next year to salvage value. She added that since there was no error made in valuation, an abatement cannot be done. Motion by Nebelsick, second by Claggett to approve the abatement/tax freeze. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Claggett, nay; Nebelsick, nay; Kiner, nay; Blaalid, nay; Reider, nay. Motion failed 0-5.

MITCHELL AREA CRIME STOPPERS

Detective Sergeant Dan Fechner and Doug Greenway discussed with the board their 2027 budget request. No action taken – informational only.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Motion by Nebelsick, second by Blaalid to formally include the Mitchell City Council in the discussion for the new public safety building. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE NORTH OFFICES POSITION

Director of Physical Plant Rang would like to advertise a position for a cleaner at the North Offices Building. The position would be part-time with work being done 2-3 days a week or whenever needed. He will look into whether hiring an individual or a cleaning service would be better for the county. Wage would depend on experience. Informational only – no action taken.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SHED

Commissioner Nebelsick told the board that he had talked to EM Director Bathke about the construction of a shed in which to put vehicles, trailers, and equipment. Nebelsick said EM has \$90,000 in unused funds in this year's budget that could go toward building the shed. The commissioners agreed that a shell building should be built minimally with additions made to the building later. Chairman Reider said as much county manpower should be used as possible in constructing the shed, as it is less expensive than outsourcing the job. Informational only.

APPROVE TIME SHEETS

Motion by Nebelsick, second by Kiner to approve department head time sheets. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Blaalid, second by Nebelsick to approve the following bills for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.

; **COMM:** Publishing/Column Software PBC192.30; Professional Fees/Tristar Benefits Admin552.00; Travel & Conf./Chris Nebelsick50.00; Recognition/FNBO17.35;;**INSURANCE:** ; **ELECT:** Supplies/Christine Norwick45.50; Kathy Wingert60.90; Donna Deinert169.91; Poll Workers/72079-72081-721005,270.30;; **JUD:** Prof Fees/East River Psychological2,500.00; Law Library/West Payment Center2,836.92;;**JURORS:** Mileage & Jury Fees/72072-72078414.40;; **AUD:** Supplies/FNBO99.31; Travel & Conf./Kathy Wingert92.40; Paylocity/Paylocity2,080.59;; **TREAS:** Passport Postage/FNBO153.12; Supplies/FNBO58.05; First Dakota National Bank60.00;; **ST ATTY:** Diversion Service & Fees/FNBO1,054.83; Helping With Horsepower300.00; Danica Miller750.00; Medical/Prof Fees/Avera Patient Fin Service2,603.00; Books/West Payment Center796.22;; **CRT APPTED ATTY:** Public Defender Contract/Alvine Weidenaar20,000.00; Douglas Papendick20,000.00;; **PUB SFTY BLDG:** Repairs/Menards32.74; Interstate Power Systems1,683.08;; **CRTHOUSE:** Minor Equipment/FNBO100.40;; **DOE:** Supplies/FNBO877.61;; **ROD:** Supplies/FNBO64.96; Minor Equipment/FNBO129.99;; **N. OFC:** Supplies/FNBO121.62;; **VSO:** Supplies/FNBO402.52; Equipment/FNBO189.99;; **CO COORD:** ; **HR:** Supplies/FNBO178.89; Minor Equipment/FNBO69.39;; **SHERIFF:** Gas-Patrol Car/FNBO180.32; Field Supplies/FNBO141.14; Training/National Sheriff's Assoc9,500.00;; **JAIL:** Office Supplies/FNBO436.26; Jail Supplies/Jones Supplies486.34; FNBO502.60; Kitchen Supplies/Jones Supplies257.85; Uniforms/Al's Engraving54.75; FNBO75.58; Prisoner Food/FNBO146.28; Minor Equipment/FNBO104.82;;**CORONER:** ;**JUVENILE DETEN:** Detention/Minnehaha Co Regional14,074.02;; **WELFARE:** ;**CADC:** Stepping Stones/Community Alcohol/Drug2,000.00;;**DAKOTA MENTAL HEALTH:** Dakota Counseling Institute/Dakota Cousenling2,250.00;**COMM HEALTH NURSE:** Hearings/Blackburn & Stevens268.40; Fox Law133.75; Mark Katterhagen8.00; Val Larson8.00; Dean Schaefer174.00; Yankton Sheriff's Office50.00; Commitals/Douglas Papendick732.00;;**EXHIBITION BLDG O & M:** ;**COUNTY EXTENSION:** Utilities/Northwestern Energy445.82;;**WEED CONTROL:** Postage/FNBO10.48; Supplies/FNBO198.63; Utilities/City of Mitchell604.48;;**SOIL CONSERVATION ;DRAINAGE BOARD ;PLANNING & ZONING:** Publishing/Column Software PBC40.19;;**HWY:** Supplies/Materials/Menards339.98; Vestis32.62; Repairs/Maintenance/Paulson Air306.12; Utilities/City of Mitchell173.41; Signage & Materials/Newman Signs43.73; Sign Solutions USA413.73;;**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Supplies/FNBO1,118.67; Menards1,201.21; Travel & Conf./SDEMA150.00; Utilities/City of Mitchell52.53; Northwestern Energy62.06;;**BID DEPOSITS & REFUNDS:** ;**HANDICAPPED:** ;**DUE TO M&P SD COUNTY ASSC:** ;**PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL:** ;24/7 ;911 ;**URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

AUDITOR WINGERT - BUDGETS

Auditor Wingert presented the following 2027 budget requests to the board: 153 (Indigent Defender Court Appointed Attorney), 169 (County Coordinator), and 172 (Human Resources). Informational only – no action taken.

PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Commissioner-\$9,225.28 Auditor-\$14,841.38, Treasurer-\$13,117.54, State's Attorney-\$40,530.49, Public Safety Building-\$8,342.28, Gen. Government Building-\$4,964.08, Director of Equalization-\$26,507.76, Register of Deeds-\$15,327.42, North Offices-\$6,426.46, Veterans' Services-\$13,167.36, HR-\$4,335.60, 24/7 Program-\$4,746.13, Sheriff-\$65,837.34, County Jail-\$142,017.74, Emergency Management-\$13,465.56, County Road & Bridge-\$66,783.41, Community Health Nurses-\$3,947.91 Fairgrounds-\$4,617.17, Extension-\$3,661.99.

ADJOURN

Chairman Reider adjourned the meeting and set the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting for 9 AM on August 11, 2026.

ATTEST:

Billy Lurken, Deputy Auditor

Randy Reider, Chairman

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