REGULAR MEETING OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 3, 2025

# The Board of Brule County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. at the Brule County Courthouse. Members present: DeBoer, Leiferman, Dozark, Mairose and Swanson . Also present: Janet Petrak, Central Dakota Times and Steve Meyer, Deputy States Attorney. No public comments or conflicts of interest were declared.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to approve the minutes of

6-19-2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to hire Corinna Samuel as Deputy Sheriff effective July 2, 2025, at $20.13/hour.  All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to hire Jerilyn McBride effective June 24, 2025 as a jailer at $20.13/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to hire Shiloh Olson as a Highway Worker effective June 30, 2025 at $19.96/hour. All members voted aye.

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to hire Dusty Rose as part time help in the 4H Office effective 6-20-2025 at $12.50/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

The 2nd reading of the amendment to the campground ordinance was held . No one appeared in opposition. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to adopt the following amendment to the ordinance:

**BRULE COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY BRULE COUNTY:

Notwithstanding any provision contained in Brule County Ordinance No. 2024-1, to avoid undue hardship, no person or entity shall be required to change plans or construction of residential structures planned or proposed to be built where the residential structure would be within a half mile of the exterior boundary of a campground in violation of Section 525 - 3 so long as all other legal requirements are otherwise met and complied with and the location of the residential structures were purchased as “ready-built” lots prior to the enactment of Brule County Ordinance No. 2024-1, whether or not actual construction has commenced prior to the adoption of said Ordinance.

Signed at Chamberlain, SD by Chairman Donn DeBoer. Attest: Pamela Petrak, Brule County Auditor. Ayes: 5, Nay 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGETS**

Sheriff Miller and Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman and Ira Schumacher attended the meeting to discuss their 2026 proposed budget.

**HIGHWAY FUNDS**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to place the pavement marking payment and the STP funds that Brule County received into the restricted cash for upcoming projects.

Pavement marking - $5312.26 and STP Funds $268,716.89. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUEST**

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to approve travel for the Emergency Manager to attend training in Pierre, July 16 & 17, 2025 for All Hazards Preparedness and Planning for Animals in Disasters. 2 Nights Motel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**POOR RELIEF**

Deputy States Attorney Steven Meyer advised the Commissioners that Avera Queen of Peace Hopsital had sent a letter with a settlement offer to settle past poor relief claims that the County denied. Attorney Robert Nelson for Avera Queen of Peace would release one hospital claim if the other one was paid. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded reject the settlement offer due to the age of the claims (2017). All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Myra Goetsch Duba sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners regarding water that is being drained upon her property from the north (City and State Properties) and creating an issue with water damage to her basement. Duba is trying to move some of the water away from her home into a dugout on her property to the east. The residence is within City limits and Brule County no longer has a drainage ordinance so the Deputy States Attorney was directed to write a letter regarding the County’s ability to assist.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to enter executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 10:45 am. Executive session declared over at 12:05 pm.

### AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASUER

The Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer showed as of 6-30-2025 a balance of $8,676,388.57 in all state, county, civil, school & trust funds.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS STATEMENT OF FEES

The Register of Deeds Statement of Fees showed a collection of $4,890.06 for June, 2025.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The following reports were received and placed on file in the County Auditor’s office: Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer, Register of Deeds Statement of Fees, Trial Balance Sheet.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to approve the following payroll and bills. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

# **GENERAL FUND**

***Salaries:*** Commissioners, 1551.90; Auditor, 2155.30; Treasurer, 3747.31; States Attorney, 6593.09; Assessor, 3487.61; Planning Commission, 231.81; Register of Deeds, 2155.30; Sheriff, 10,087.70; Jail, 13,649.64; Courthouse, 1376.46; Veteran Service, 906.50; Victim Witness Coordinator, 234.00; Weed/Pest, 712.88. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 3810.25. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 2890.64. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 3123.80. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 5658.24. Bomgaars Supply, 306.30; Brenden, Samantha, 311.72; C R Landscaping & Design, 1441.40; Credit Collections Bureau, 884.53; Department of Transportation, 160.58; First Dakota Bank, 457.71; Hefty Seed Company, 3484.80; Hein Law Office, 631.71; Hopkins Plumbing, Heating & Air, 76.53; Kimberly Kontz, 65.10; Lewis Drug, 508.98; Little Man Mowing, 368.00; Lulf, Rowan, 45.00; Mairose & Steele, 872.06; McLeod’s Printing, 172.54; Miller, Darrell, 3177.00; Myers Collision Center, LLC, 80.00; Northwestern, 3118.42; Office Products Center, 333.86; PRIA, 60.00; Reliance Telephone, 200.00; Sanford Health Network, 144.00; SDAAO, 900.00; Stekly Law Office, 288.52; Thomas, Tim, 89.76; Thomson Reuters – West Group, 337.57; Verizon Wireless, 171.06; Zylstra Investigations, 971.25.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

***Salaries:*** 12,884.94 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 1000.14. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 773.10. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 357.77. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 2459.74. CM Trucking, 14,483.49; Fleeetpride, 539.60; Houser’s Auto, 700.91; Northwestern, 193.55; RDO Equipment Company, 1874.20; Siouxland Trailer Sales Inc, 1088.37.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Salaries:*** 728.28 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 83.43. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 43.70. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 362.30

**24/7 SOBRIETY FUND**

***Salaries:*** 188.29. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 17.18. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 15.06. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 6.57. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 27.82. Micro Distributing II, 438.00.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to adjourn at 12:13 pm with the next meeting being held on 7-17-2025 at 9:00 am. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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