REGULAR MEETING OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 17, 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: Debi Kourt, 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

7-3-2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to terminate Corinna Samuel as Deputy Sheriff effective July 11, 202.  All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**WATER EASEMENT**

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to approve an easement to bore under a County road (intersection of 356 and 253 for the purpose of watering livestock. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUEST**

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to approve a travel request for Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman and Deputy Highway Superintendent Ira Schumacher to attend training in Pierre, August 13, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman advised that the quote he received from Ulteig Engineers regarding engineering services on a section of road was $3000.00. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to hire Ulteig Engineering at $3000.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE**

Register of Deed Glenda Andera met with the board regarding her budget and also to inform them that the Cash Register in her office is intermittently working. Andera does not have it budgeted in 2025 to replace, but did put it in the 2026 budget, but feels she needs to replace it sooner rather than later. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to replace the Cash Register in 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE**

At the July 3, 2025 Commissioner meeting the board was advised that the air conditioning units were not working properly. During the course of the day the repairman advised that only one of the compressors of the 4 needed to cool the building was working. Discussion was held regarding replacing just the compressors in the units or replacing the entire unit. One compressor alone was $7,000+ and an entire unit will run approximately $18,000 to $20,000. Chairman DeBoer made an executive decision and ordered a new unit to be ordered and put in place as soon as possible.

At the July 17, 2025 Commissioner meeting Chairman DeBoer advised that the new unit has been installed and that the news on the other unit is simply not good either. Only one compressor is running in that unit and due to the one compressor being burnt out the entire system has been compromised, and the repairman thought the best scenario is to order another whole unit instead of ordering two compressors and placing them in the current unit.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to purchase 2 new air conditioning units for the Courthouse. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**BUDGETS**

Work continued on budgets for 2026.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to enter executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 9:47 am. Executive session declared over at 11:34 am.

**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 Swanson 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, 3607.45; Treasurer, 3897.38; States Attorney, 6590.60; Assessor, 4046.02; Planning Commission, 231.81; Register of Deeds, 2155.30; Sheriff, 16,264.73; Jail, 15,371.51; Courthouse, 1375.56; Veteran Service, 906.50; Victim Witness Coordinator, 233.56; Weed/Pest, 1572.87. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 4653.01. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 3627.84. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 3479.89. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 5854.36. AT & T Mobility, 40.04; Avera Medical Group, 295.29; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, 589.48; Brooks Hardware, 2.98; Burke Oil Company, 2067.72; Byre Brothers, 167.00; Caba, Jared, 51.34; Central Dakota Times, 279.08; Central Electric Cooperative, 123.00; Chamberlain Ace Hardware, 341.54; Chamberlain Food Center, 154.34; City of Kimball, 69.25; Claussen, Stacy, 51.34; Cozine Electric, 659.74; Dakota Heating & Air, 900.58; Delange, Lucas, 78.14; Dozark, Gary, 696.80; Hein Law Office, 1760.75; Hickey Heating LLC, 6186.13; Hoing, Vicky, 99.58; Kaleb’s Service, 23.47; Mastercard, 3652.83; Maule, Theresa, 74.03; Microfilm Imaging Systems, 409.00; Midstate Communications, 1032.62; Nepodal, Christine, 100.92; Office Products Center, 161.43; Pazour, Melanie, 51.34; Petty Cash, 478.46 Pharmco, 67.50; Pukwana Town, 123.72; Reeves, Megan, 25.50; Renner, Nancy, 54.02; SD Association of County Commissioners, 3762.00; SD Department of Health, 320.00;SDSU Extension, 460.53; Schumacher Elevator, 237.74; Servall Uniform/Linen Company, 44.41; Sinkie Auto Repair, 106.00; Stekly Law Office, 4666.48; Team Laboratory Chemical, 572.50; Tech Solutions, 974.20; Thomson Reuters – West Group, 639.57; Titan Machinery, 188.76; Trimble, Robyn, 72.78 Verizon Connect, 100.63.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

***Salaries:*** 14,607.49 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 1119.09. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 876.46. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 325.14. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 2629.02. Aurora Brule Rural Water, 78.00; Brooks Hardware, 284.48; Burke Oil Company, 2317.95; C & B Operations, 295.86; Central Electric Cooperative, 88.00; Chamberlain Ace Hardware, 56.98; City of Kimball, 67.28; Kaleb’s Service, 26.52; Lyle Signs, 546.63; Midstate Communications, 169.26; R & J Gravel, 35,834.32; RDO Equipment, 390.09; Ringling Gravel & Construction, 45,925.44; SD Association of County Commissioners, 100.00; Tech Solutions, 10.00; Titan Machinery, 188.77; Willrodt Ford, 1159.21.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Salaries:*** 728.28 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 69.76. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 43.70. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 362.30 Make It mine Design, 35.05; Midstate Communications, 74.33; Tech Solutions, 38.30.

**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. Attorney General’s Office, 272.00; Mastercard, 577.61; Tech Solutions, 20.00.

**911 FUND**

Midstate Communications, 340.17.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION FUND**

Executive Management, Finance Office, 12.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems, 235.00; SD Association of County Commissioners, 132.00.

S**ALES & EXCISE TAX FUND**

SD State Treasurer, 23.06.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to adjourn at 12:29 pm with the next meeting being held on 8-7-2025 at 9:00 am. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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BRULE COUNTY AUDITOR BOARD OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS