REGULAR MEETING OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 7, 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

7-17-2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to hire Amarus Sims as Deputy Sheriff effective July 21, 2025 at $20.13/hour.  All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to ratify a telephonic motion to approve the sign-on bonus to Amarus Sims, immediately, a one time payment to assist in solidifying an apartment, with repayment if he leaves employment before a 6 month period. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner moved and Commissioner seconded to hire Melissa Terry as Deputy Auditor effective August 6, 2025 at $18.00/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman discussed Brule Bottom Road. Schlaffman advised that he had received two quotes to fix the road temporarily for access for residents and for landowners/renters to be able to access while working out details regarding building a new road. In order to build a new road several details still need to be ironed out with the landowners, vacating a section line, fencing options, etc

Discussion was held on High Street in Pukwana regarding what could be done regarding vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed through town. The County maintains the road but within City limits the County has no jurisdiction to regulate speed. Speed bumps were discussed but Schlaffman advised that it would be difficult to maintain the road with speed bumps installed. Discussion was held on signage, etc. No decisions were made at this time.

**HIGHWAY VEHICLE**

Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman advised he had received quotes from local car dealers for 3 different vehicles, Chevrolet, Ford and Dodge. As the Dodge was the cheapest option, Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to purchase the Dodge pickup at a cost of $44,903.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

The revised open meeting requirements were reviewed with the Board.

**BUDGETS**

Work continued on budgets for 2026.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to enter executive session to discuss preparation of contract negotiations at 11:09 am. Executive session declared over at 11:53 am.

### AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASUER

The Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer showed as of 7-31-2025 a balance of $8,391,729.58 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 $4,283.46 for July, 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 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, 3797.76; Treasurer, 3747.30; States Attorney, 6593.09; Assessor, 3591.92; Planning Commission, 231.81; Register of Deeds, 2155.30; Sheriff, 10,246.69; Jail, 13.464.80; Courthouse, 1296.90; Veteran Service, 906.50; Victim Witness Coordinator, 234.00; Weed/Pest, 1375.93; 4H Office, 500.00. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 4080.88. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 2973.89. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 3508.72. AT & T Mobility, 40.04; Access Health, 70.00; Alexander, Laura,300.00; Avera Occupational Medicine, 74.30; Bomgaars Supply, 28.97; Dakotabilities, 180.00; Hefty Seed Company, 91.75; Hein Law Office, 650.67; Independent Viking Glass, 134,384.94; Johnson Pochop Law Office, 1023.10; Lewis Drug, 770.57; Mairose & Steele, 3571.68; Mairose, Greg, 574.86; Maule, Theresa, 74.03; McLeod’s Printing, 132.54; Miller, Darrell, 3924.00; Northwestern, 4347.17; Office Products Center, 656.65; Petty Cash, 248.44; Pukwana Town, 114.72; ROCS Dining Service, 2493.00; Sanford Health Network, 540.00; Schaefer, Dean, 588.00; Servall Uniform/Linen Company, 46.50; Stekly Law Office, 155.03; Steve Smith Law Office, 1480.50; Tritech Software Systems, 15,388.42; Verizon Wireless, 213.79; Wex Health Inc 25.00.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

***Salaries:*** 14,991.51 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 1171.51. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 899.50. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 322.48. Bomgaars Supply, 64.36; C & S Truck Sales, 16,906.37; CM Trucking LLC, 11,939.43; DMC Wear Parts LLC, 319.50; Lloyd Priebe & Sons Construction, 5250.00; Northwestern, 207.56; Pheasantland Industries, 664.84; RDO Equipment Company, 4107.28; Titan Machinery, 440.60; Verizon Wireless, 42.73; WW Tire Service Inc, 15,482.24.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Salaries:*** 728.28 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 83.43. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 43.70. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 362.30 Ramkota Hotel – Pierre, 224.00.

**24/7 SOBRIETY FUND**

***Salaries:*** 188.29. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 17.18. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 15.05. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 36.23. Mergers Marketing Inc, 395.00.

**DOMESTIC ABUSE FUND**

Missouri Valley Crisis Center, 290.69.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND**

Chamberlain Fire Department, 20,792.63; Kimball Fire Department, 16,262.81; Pukwana Fire Department, 10,025.02; White Lake Fire Department, 586.65; Platte Fire Department, 1839.15.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to adjourn at 11:56 am with the next meeting being held on 8-21-2025 at 9:00 am. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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BRULE COUNTY AUDITOR BOARD OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS