

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen with John Paul Studeny, Randy Niles, Roger Hanten, and Travis Clark present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve the minutes of the September 2nd meeting.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on whether to implement a burn ban at this time. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the burn ban off and will address it again if the conditions worsen.

Highway Superintendent Doug Vissia and Secretary Nancy Beckman were present for the highway report.

The county's 5-year road plan was presented and discussed. It was noted that changes needed to be made before approving and signing the certification. The updated 5-year road plan will be considered at the next meeting on October 2nd.

Jamie VanZee from Brosz Engineering presented the Commission with a work order to provide hydraulic design services for structure #02-148-110 (non-NIBS) on 249th Street (County Road #18). Jamie reported that the bridge inspectors closed the bridge on the spot because the foundation was failing. Superintendent Vissia said the highway department did a little work on the bridge to temporarily open it back up. Van Zee stated the study on the bridge is scaled way down so it will not have to go through the State. If the work order is approved, a survey will be conducted and two or three options for replacement will be given for the county to consider, said Van Zee. Once the county decides on what option they want to pursue, Brosz Engineering will prepare a 404 permit. Jamie said the cost of the study will be \$10,400 and it will include a survey, study, options, and the 404 permit. Superintendent Vissia said the highway department can do the work themselves once the study is complete. Van Zee said he would like to get the bridge surveyed before it starts snowing and if we cannot get all the work done before the snow, then it will

have to wait until the spring to finish it. Chairman Dethlefsen asked Superintendent Vissia if we budgeted to do this. Vissia said no, but we always budget for culverts so there should be enough in the budget to cover it. We will have to see what the study shows on what we will need to do, said Vissia. Chairman Dethlefsen asked what the cost would be if we replaced the structure with three 6 ft. culverts. Vissia replied that it would cost approximately \$45,000 just for the culverts alone, but once the study is done we will know more on what we actually need. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to authorize the Chairman to sign the work order for the survey of structure #02-148-110 on County Road #18 (249th St). Motion carried all voting aye.

Hanten told Superintendent Vissia that Jeff Johnson is going to take some fence out and asked if he could take the delineators out as well. Vissia said he was ok with taking them out.

Discussion was held on installing a new tracking device on the new highway pickup. It was the consensus of the Commission to take the tracker off the 2021 Dodge pickup and put it on the 2026 Dodge pickup.

Chairman Dethlefsen told Superintendent Vissia that when the highway is working 10-hour days, we should not be pulling into the shops an hour early. They should be out on the road about 9 ½ hrs. said Dethlefsen, we have to answer to the taxpayers.

Changes were made to the proposed 2026 budget. The property tax amount decreased from \$1,862,061 to \$1,891,163 and the cash applied was increased from \$475,583 to \$476,481. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the 2026 Budget with the changes and sign the following resolution. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Niles, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

ANNUAL BDGET FOR AURORA COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2029

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR AURORA COUNTY, SD

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all materials therein set forth, shall be approved and adopted as the annual budget of the appropriation and expenditures for Aurora County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Aurora County, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 2025.

The annual budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor, Aurora County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Aurora County for the year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

s/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
s/s Randy Niles, Commissioner
s/s Roger Hanten, Commissioner
s/s John Paul Studeny, Commissioner
s/s Travis Clark, Commissioner

ATTEST: Susan Urban, County Auditor

COUNTY TAX LEVY

<u>COUNTY FUND</u>	<u>TAX DOLLARS</u>	<u>\$'s / 1,000</u>
General Fund	\$1,861,163	1.745

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve a Plat of Lot 1 of Klumb Addition in the SW ¼ of Section 31, T 103 N, R 63 W of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A letter was received from SD Dept of Revenue that Jessica Durrin has met all requirements necessary for designation as a certified appraiser assessor effective September 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for E-911 services between the City of Mitchell and Aurora County for 2026. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on getting a tracker for the Emergency Management vehicle. The Auditor will check on what the cost is for a new tracker.

4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer along with Marlene Johnson met with the Board to inquire about waiving the rental fee for a benefit. Marlene told the Commission that St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be holding a benefit for the Everson family. The church will be serving a breakfast from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the

4-H/Community Building on the 28th of September with all proceeds going to the family of Justin Everson and requested the rental fee be waived. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to waive the rental fee for the Everson family benefit. Motion carried all voting aye.

It was noted that 4-H Program Assistant Shroyer attended a 4-H Leaders meeting on Monday September 15th and she had contacted the Chairman prior to the meeting for approval of the extra hours that she would be working that day. Brandi also requested extra hours on Sunday October 5th to judge 4-H books and attend the Leaders' meeting and for extra hours on November 16th to attend the 4-H recognition banquet. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve the extra hours as requested. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn informed the Commission that he had updated the LEOP with the following amendments: a) emergency support functions, b) civil disturbance, c) winter storm, d) mass fatality, and e) pet & animal care. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the updated LEOP (Local Emergency Operating Plan). Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Kehn informed the Commission he received notice that the county was approved for the JAG grant to purchase radios & extenders for the sheriff's department. Kehn presented the commission with a quote from the SD State Contract #18731 for three mobile radios, extenders, and installation in the amount of \$23,689.37. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to authorize Kehn to proceed with ordering the radios and extenders once all the paperwork is finalized. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission addressed putting a tracker on the EM vehicle with Skyler. He said he has no problem with one installed on his pickup.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Emergency Manager to sign and submit a strategic planning for cyber hygiene through Secure SD. Motion carried all voting aye. There will be no cost to the county for this.

Emergency Manager Kehn updated the Commission that currently the county will not qualify for any funding for the Skunk Creek project due to not meeting the cost benefit analysis. He informed them that none of the homes in the Meadow Drive area in Plankinton were built yet, so if we can get the elevations done, we would then possibly qualify. He is also working with the City of Plankinton to get the dates on the flooded roads from when they were

closed to when they opened back up. The Skunk Creek project is to replace the culverts under Campbell Street and under the Railroad tracks to the east. Kehn said this project is not dead in the water yet, we just have some more legwork to do and hopefully we can get more information that will help us to qualify. The Commission thanked Skyler for the update and told him to keep working on it.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to enter into executive session at 11:15 AM as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Board out of executive session at 11:30 AM with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to file reports and pay bills as listed below. Motion carried all voting aye.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	20.54

		20.54 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
DAVA WERMERS	CAA	353.75
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (4)	548.00
SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	B/A - (3)	150.00

		1051.75 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	40.02
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2026 CALENDARS	27.14
P M B 0112	JULY USER & NETWORK FEES	64.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	72.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	129.84
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SUSAN'S COMPUTER & MONITORS	1734.15

		2067.40 *
TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	44.15
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	144.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	196.26

		384.41 *
COURTHOUSE		
J & D CONTRACTING LLC	MOWING - 8-23 TO 8-28/2025	450.00
J & D CONTRACTING LLC	MOWING - 9-5	225.00
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	90.00

RON'S MARKET INC	BAGS & TOLIET PAPER	319.42
SUSAN URBAN	FLAGS & LIGHTS FOR VETS MEM	301.22
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	113.10
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS	11.18

		1509.92 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	39.30
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	144.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	132.84

		316.14 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	29.60
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2026 CALENDARS	6.99
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	72.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	193.26

		301.85 *

VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	26.85
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2026 CALENDARS	6.99
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	174.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	66.42

		274.26 *

SHERIFF		
FEDEX	POSTAGE FOR EVIDENCE	20.07
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	65.67
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	20.28
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	WARNING TICKETS (500)	192.76
OVERWEG AUTO	RPR ENGINE HARNESS & NEW TIRES	1241.68
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	BATTERIES	7.99
PORTABLE COMPUTERS	UPGRADE 3 COMPUTERS	10929.30
ROADSIDE C - STORE	WINSHIELD WASHER	3.60
RON'S MARKET INC	BATTERIES	6.79
RON'S MARKET INC	SUPPLIES FOR GRADUATION	72.57
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	783.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	360.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	522.68
V I S A	POSTAGE	6.85
V I S A	BATTERIES	9.37
V I S A	MEAL	9.27
V I S A	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	99.62
VERIZON	AUGUST VERIZON FLEET	63.80
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE & HOTSPOT USAGE	318.84

		14734.89 *

JAIL

DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	AUGUST JAIL HOUSING	7770.00	

		7770.00	*
PUBLIC WELFARE			
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	72.00	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	3.00	

		75.00	*
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED			
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00	

		60.00	*
AG BUILDING			
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	51.55	
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	70.00	
RON'S MARKET INC	TOLIET PAPER & BAGS	121.90	

		243.45	*
COUNTY EXTENSION			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	61.61	
RON'S MARKET INC	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	67.58	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	126.84	

		256.03	*
WEED			
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDIFLL ELECTRICITY	65.00	
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	4.94	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	BUSHINGS & SUPPLIES FOR EXT	67.93	
SKYLER KEHN	CELL PHONE STIPHEND	20.00	
VERIZON	AUGUST VERIZON FLEET	25.90	

		183.77	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	PROPANE	228.00	
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	EXCAVATOR, TRAILER & GRADER RP	1292.76	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AUR CTR & STORLA	135.07	
DOUG VISSIA	CONVENTION SUPPER	20.00	
DOUG VISSIA	CELL PHONE STIPHEND	50.00	
DOUG VISSIA	PICKUP GAS	74.00	
FLEETPRIDE	TRUCK REPAIRS	196.62	
FLEETPRIDE	SQUEEGEE	30.58	
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	114.63	
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	TIRES	1058.10	
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA	33.00	
NAPA CENTRAL	PICKUP REPAIRS	34.89	
NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS	75.32	
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - STK & WL	77.23	
OVERWEG AUTO	P-UP & TRUCK, GRADER & FLEX RP	743.88	

PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	TRUCK, TRAILER REPAIRS	20.77
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	ZERKS	9.99
RON'S MARKET INC	TOLIET PAPER, ROLLS & WATER	211.57
RUNNINGS	TRIMMER LINE & TOOLS	211.96
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	61.81
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	TRUCK REPAIRS	22.49
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	776.19
TRANSOURCE	TRUCK REPAIRS	47.93
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERTS & BANDS	4925.09
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	144.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	132.84
VERIZON	AUGUST VERIZON FLEET	65.88
VERIZON BUSINESS	TABLET USAGE	20.02
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	17.01

		10831.63 *

E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 9-1 TO 9-30	200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 9-1 TO 9-30	357.44
MITCHELL DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 9-30	10788.84
MITCHELL DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TRAFFIC STOPS 7-1 TO 9-30	2368.33
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 9-1 TO 9-30-25	30.00

		13744.61 *

EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	25.04
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR VEHICLE	71.30
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	54.83
SKYLER KEHN	CELL PHONE STIPEND	30.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL MS365 & DEFENDER	174.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE	66.42
VERIZON BUSINESS	TABLET & HOTSPOT USAGE	60.03

		481.62 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	395.00

		395.00 *

Total Checks: 54,702.27 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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