REGULAR MEETING OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 2, 2025

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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to adopt the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to approve the minutes of 9-18-

2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman and Deputy Highway Superintendent Ira Schumacher presented the five-year plan to the Board, listing the upcoming road projects, estimated cost and projected revenue to complete the projects. The five-year plan is also submitted to the State to comply with regulations for application to State for assistance in Bridge Improvements. Steve Olson was in attendance.

**ORDINANCE**

The second reading of Ordinance # 2025-2 regarding regulation vicious animals was held. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to change 3.01 (B) to read as follows: The existing owner shall have seven (7) business days from the date the owner was provided proper notice to: eliminating verbal notice or the date the written notice was mailed or posted. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to accept and pass the ordinance with the above noted change. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to accept the termination of Amarus Sims, Deputy Sheriff effective September 23, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to accept the termination of Melissa Terry, Deputy Auditor effective September 30, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**TAX DEED**

The Brule County Treasurer advised that she had completed tax deed proceedings on the following property in Kimball, SD: Lots 3 Blk 1, Reynolds & Tidrick 1st Addition Kimball, Brule County, SD Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to accept the tax deed certificate. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to abate the taxes, penalties and special assessment of $11,755.14, for the years 2020 – 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**UNAPPROVED BURN**

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to table a decision on the unapproved burn until the next meeting on October 16, 2025.

**POOR RELIEF**

Deputy States Attorney Steve Meyer presented for the third time a settlement offer from Avera Heart Hospital for Brule County resident (GG) from a 2017 hospital bill. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to deny the settlement offer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to enter executive session at 9:40 am to discuss legal and personnel. Executive session over at 10:07 am.

### AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASUER

The Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer showed as of 9-30-2025 a balance of $7,876,715.39 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 $6,895.65 for September, 2025

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The following reports were received and placed on file in the County Auditor’s office: Auditors Account with the Treasurer, Trial Balance Sheet., Register of Deeds Statement of Fees, Auto Claim, Peterson Land & Auction Sale Information (highway pickup).

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

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

# **GENERAL FUND**

***Salaries:*** Commissioners, 1551.90; Auditor, 3662.76; Treasurer, 3751.25; States Attorney, 6850.48; Assessor, 3600.47; Planning Commission, 231.81; Register of Deeds, 2155.30; Sheriff, 10,615.69; Jail, 15,616.72; Courthouse, 1277.46; Veteran Service, 906.50. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 4046.27. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 3173.97. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 3119.27. ***Insurance:*** Allstate Insurance, 6572.85. A T & T Mobility, 40.04; Bomgaars Supply, 255.86; Brule County Treasurer, 422.97; C & B Operations, 687.70; C & S Truck Sales, 1524.05; Central Dakota Times, 19.78; Credit Collections Bureau, 234.38; Crossroads Hotel, Huron, 183.98; Department of Public Safety, 2340.00; Fox Law Firm, 171.51; Hickey Funeral Home, 3502.00; Katterhagen, Mark, 12.00; Kontz, Kim, 180.00; Larson, Val, 12.00; Lewis Drug, 161.01; Little Man Mowing, 267.00; Mairose & Steele, 2780.00; Miller, Darrell, 1719.00; Northwestern, 4219.13; Office Products Center, 38.84; Reliance Telephone Inc, 230.00; Sanford Health Network, 805.00; SD Association of County Commissioners, 4270.75; Servall Uniform/Linen Company, 46.50; Shields Embroidery & Design, 146.66; Sinkie Auto Repair, LLC, 6359.88; Tim Thomas, 875.25; Yankton County Sheriff’s Office, 50.00.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

***Salaries:*** 15,401.36 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 1181.74. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 901.0. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 362.30. ***Insurance:*** 2627.71. Bomgaars Supply, 358.91; C & B Operations, 1874.88; C & S Truck Sales, 255.01; DMC Wear Parts, 2373.00; Lyle Signs, 460.89; Northwestern, 414.85; Petty Cash, 10.00; R & J Gravel Inc, 9328.83; Two Way Solutions Inc, 251.95; Ulteig Engineering, 1350.00; WW Tire Service Inc, 304.80.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Salaries:*** 728.28 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 69.76. ***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 Reimbursement:*** 27.82. ***Insurance:*** Alllstate Insurance, 6.57. Attorney General’s Office, 360.00; Mergers Marketing Inc, 197.50.

**DOMESTIC ABUSE FUND**

Missouri Valley Crisis Center, 337.38.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to adjourn at 10:23 am with the next meeting being held on 10-16-2025 at 9:00 am. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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