

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen with John Paul Studeny, 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 Hanten to approve the agenda. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the January 8th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Board will hold interviews for Commissioner District 1 applicants on Thursday, February 5th during the regular Commission meeting.

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

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Hwy Superintendent Vissia to attend an asphalt conference in Mitchell on February 11th & 12th. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to authorize the highway employees to attend the Mine Safety & Health Act (MSHA) training on February 10th in Plankinton. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve an approach permit for Rod Reeves on County Rd #22 in the NW ¼ NE ¼ 32-104-65 for access at landowners' expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve a payment application in the amount of \$314,306.01 from Nolz Dragline & Construction for work done on the Jackrabbit Bridge (Structure # 02-097-056) for Project BRF 6119(00)25-2, PCN 0A6Y. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve two right of way permits from Aurora Brule Rural Water for pipe occupancy on Roads #30 and #12 on 252nd St. 7-103-64 and 383rd Ave. 7-103-64. Motion carried all voting aye. They will either cut or bore under the road said Vissia and they will be responsible for putting the roads back to their previous condition.

Discussion was held on how things were going with the highway department. Commissioner Clark noted that Nathan Wolbrink is doing a great job down in the Stickney area.

Since the County will be contracting for weed spraying and the highway department will not be doing it anymore, Hwy Secretary Beckman asked if the highway guys still need to keep up their weed spraying certifications. The Commission told her yes with Commission Dethlefsen stating that the County wants to make sure we have someone certified to spray in case something happens or plans change.

Commissioner Hanten asked Superintendent Vissia if he was checking into a new mower. Doug said he has done some checking, but nothing definite as of yet. Commissioner Hanten suggested contacting Terry Bennet from Avon to see what he has available.

Superintendent Vissia told the Commission he was planning to get more of the oversized rock from Overweg, but Gerrit was not available during the time when the weather was nice and now since it has turned cold they have held off on getting more of it hauled.

A hearing was held for a temporary/special liquor license for the Ranch Bar & Grill, LLC. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to approve the temporary/special on-sale alcoholic beverage license for the Ranch Bar & Grill, LLC for the date of January 31, 2026, at the location of Tract 5 in SW ¼ 11-103-66 (old White Lake School Building). Motion carried all voting aye.

State Regional Youth Educator Kyle Beach went over the results of a survey that was conducted on Aurora County's Program Assistant, Brandi Shroyer. He noted the survey showed no concerns.

Brandi updated the Commission on the upcoming projects that she is working on. She noted the County is projected to start a BB gun shooting sports program sometime next year. She also noted that she is planning on more woodworking projects, a cooking workshop, and a drone workshop.

It was noted that 4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer received prior approval from Chairman Dethlefsen to attend a 4-H Leaders meeting on Monday, January 20th.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to authorize Weed Supervisor Kehn and Weed Secretary Shroyer to attend the weed & pest conference in Deadwood on February 18th – 20th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Weed Supervisor Kehn noted that Austin Shroyer, who will be doing the contracted weed spraying, does not have an endorsement for air brakes and asked the Commission if it was ok to have him use one of the county's tractor trailers for the skills portion of the test. Kehn noted that it could be done on Fridays during the spring or summer months when the highway department goes to their four 10-hour workdays. The Commission approved the use of a tractor trailer for the skills portion.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 11:03 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 12:36 PM with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to pay bills as listed below. Motion carried all voting aye.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	48.91	

		48.91	*
ELECTIONS			
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	HANDICAP RAMPS FOR ELECTION	80.98	

		80.98	*
JUDICIAL SYSTEM			
CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIO	INTERPRETING SERVICES	66.00	
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (1)	137.00	
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A (1)	60.00	

		263.00	*
AUDITOR			
APRIL JOHNSON	ENVELOPES	29.76	
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	56.92	

		86.68	*
TREASURER			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	74.28	
MENARDS - MITCHELL	PLASTIC FOR WINDOWS	87.72	
P M B 0112	NOVEMBER 2025 NETWORK ACCESS	64.25	

		226.25	*
COURTHOUSE			

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	HAND SANITIZER & SOAP	156.15
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL	400.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	43.74
MENARDS - MITCHELL	TOOLS & BOARDS	73.28
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BLDG PEST CONTROL	90.00
RON'S MARKET INC	TOLIET PAPER	262.56
TK ELEVATOR CORP	ANNUAL MAINT CONTRACT - GOLD	2470.28

		3496.01 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	76.76

		76.76 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	66.09

		66.09 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAX & INTERNET	62.08

		62.08 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	101.89
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	52.69
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	RADIO'S	16061.46
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1556.90
STAPLES	PAPER	143.75
STREICHERS INC	NAME TAGS FOR VEST	11.99
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS INC	REPROGRAM PORTABLE RADIO'S	254.99
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS INC	INSTALL RADIO'S & PROGRAM	7019.95

		25203.62 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	WELFARE LENOVO THINKPAD	1048.02

		1048.02 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	1ST QTR SUPPORT 2026	762.50
DAVISON COUNTY TREASURER	MI - JUVENILE	180.67
DAVISON COUNTY TREASURER	MI	543.34
FOX LAW FIRM	MI ATTY - JUVENILE	207.57
LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL	MI - JUVENILE	225.00
MARK KATTERHAGEN	MI - JUVENILE	24.00
VAL LARSON	MI - JUVENILE	24.00
YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF	MI - JUVENILE	50.00

		2017.08 *

DRUG & ALCOHOL			
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	1ST QTR SUPPORT 2026		300.00

			300.00 *
AG BUILDING			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		105.19
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BLDG PEST CONTROL		70.00

			175.19 *
COUNTY EXTENSION			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		62.09

			62.09 *
WEED			
ASSN OF SD COUNTY WEED & PEST	2026 DUES		200.00
ASSN OF SD COUNTY WEED & PEST	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION		500.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET		4.94
SKYLER KEHN	CELL PHONE STIPEND		20.00

			724.94 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL & PROPANE		2021.20
DOUG VISSIA	CELL PHONE STIPHEND		50.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		127.68
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	TIRES		1467.00
NOLZ DRAGLINE & CONSTRUCTION	JACK RABBIT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	314306.01	
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE INSPECTIONS		2580.14
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - RIES		2061.38
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES		573.81
SDSU	ASPHALT CONFERENCE REG		125.00
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	GRADER & SNOW PLOW REPAIRS		46.24

			323358.46 *
EM&D			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		59.64
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES		34.00
SKYLER KEHN	CELL PHONE STIPEND		30.00

			123.64 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL		395.00
P M B 0112	MICROFILM STORAGE		61.64

			456.64 *

Total Checks: 357,876.44 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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