

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen with John Paul Studeny and Roger Hanten present. Those absent were Dan Bosworth and Travis Clark.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding operating transfer and 4-H bleachers. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 7th. Motion carried all voting aye.

The burn ban was discussed and it was the consensus of the Commission to leave the burn ban off at this time.

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

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a change order to extend the deadline for the Jackrabbit Bridge (Structure # 02-097-056) for Project BRF 6119(00)25-2, PCN0A6Y by two weeks at no extra charge. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to accept the contractor's application for payment from Nolz Dragline & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$99,769.14 for 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 Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve an approach permit for Joe Bosworth for a field approach, with culvert included, on Road #35 in the SE ¼ SW ¼ 3-102-64 with all expenses paid by the County. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to make an operating transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund into the Highway Fund. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on information given to the Commission from Welfare Director Susie Hanson regarding indigent funerals. The information given indicated that the welfare directors throughout the State of SD would like to

remove the burial option entirely for indigent funerals and allow cremations only. Commissioner Studeny noted that not all people want to be cremated. It was noted by Auditor Urban that some counties only pay for cremation for indigent burials while others give the option. The Commission did not support the change for cremations only and felt it should be left up to the individual counties on what they want their indigent policy to be.

Chairman Dethlefsen reported that he has received a complaint from the city about the 4-H bleachers that were placed near the Plankinton City dump by the trees and was told that someone is interested in them. Dethlefsen stated the bleachers have metal frames with wooden planks. The planks are in tough shape, said Dethlefsen, but the frame is good. It was the consensus of the Commission to fix them up so they can be used again rather than using the ones from the city. Once they are refurbished, they could be stored under the roof by the outbuildings near the arena to keep them protected from the weather. Dethlefsen stated that at the next 4-H Leaders' meeting they could be hauled out of the trees and start making plans to fix them up.

A hearing was held at 10:00 AM on the temporary/special liquor license for the Plank Inn for May 23, 2026. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the temporary/special liquor license for May 23rd for the Plank Inn as no one appeared for or against it. Motion carried all voting aye.

Sheriff Roman Briggs presented the Commission with information for a new patrol vehicle off the state bid. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize Sheriff Briggs to purchase a 2027 Ford F 150 4x4 truck off the state bid from Lamb Motors for \$49,141. The truck is responder pursuit rated. Motion carried all voting aye. The decision to surplus either the Tahoe or the pickup will be made at the next meeting.

The resignation from Emergency Manager/Weed Supervisor/Courthouse Maintenance Skyler Kehn was given to the Commission. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to accept Kehn's resignation with thanks and appreciation for his time with the County. His last day will be May 29th. Motion carried all voting aye. Skyler said he would be available to help train the new Emergency Manager once they are hired.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Auditor to advertise for the position that will be vacated by Skyler Kehn. Motion carried all voting aye.

Kehn said he has spoken with someone from the railroad about getting a meeting set up soon to discuss the Skunk Creek mitigation project with the County, City, and Railroad.

Kehn also noted that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 26th for the Firesteel Watershed project. Clyde noted that he should be available to attend.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to surplus the old phones from the offices in the courthouse and declare they have no value and to dispose of them. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

REPORTS: Wheel Tax -Townships \$945.54, Cities 1,393.24

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	48.59

		48.59 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
FIRST CIRCUIT CASA PROGRAM	2026 SUPPORT	2500.00
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY	EXPERT WITNESS INTERVIEWS	150.00
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A - (3)	423.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A (2)	100.00

		3173.00 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	183.90
RAMKOTA HOTEL	ROOM - SPRING WORKSHOP	70.50
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	HP M507 PRINTER	1170.00

		1424.40 *
TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	201.88
RAMKOTA HOTEL	ROOM - SPRING WORKSHOP	112.00

		313.88 *
COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	43.66
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	90.00

		133.66 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	160.59
RAMKOTA HOTEL	ROOM - USPAP CLASS	224.00

		384.59 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	110.78
RAMKOTA HOTEL	ROOM - SPRING WORKSHOP	70.50

		181.28 *
VA OFFICE		
APRIL JOHNSON	ENVELOPES FOR VET	15.80
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	72.77

		88.57 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	245.06
KYLE LEWIS	MEALS TRAINING - NARCOTICS	34.00
OVERWEG AUTO	TIRE REPAIR (2) - LEWIS	63.60
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1287.44

		1630.10 *
JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	APRIL JAIL HOUSING	6300.00

		6300.00 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
BLACKBURN & STEVENS	MI ATTY - JUVENILE	317.98
LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL	MI - JUVENILE	225.00
LIFE QUEST	2026 SUPPORT	2500.00
LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR	MI - JUVENILE	138.20
LUCY LEWNO	MI - JUVENILE	210.74
MARK KATTERHAGEN	MI - JUNVENILE	24.00
VAL LARSON	MI - JUVENILE	24.00

		3439.92 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	105.11
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	70.00

		175.11 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	187.74

		187.74 *
WEED		
C & R SUPPLY	TRACK CALIBRATION & MAINTANCE	716.08
C & R SUPPLY	NEW WEED TRAILER TANK & SUPPLI	4730.91
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	4.94
IVERSON	NEW WATER TRAILER	17715.00
OVERWEG AUTO	GRILL GUARD	589.36

SKYLER KEHN	CELL PHONE STIPEND	20.00

		23776.29 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL	16028.45
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	ENGINEERING - JACK RABBIT BRID	43995.00
DEREK KOCH	DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL	43.00
DOUG VISSIA	DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL	44.50
DOUG VISSIA	CELL PHONE STIPHEND	50.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	126.47
LARRY FALK	DRIVER LICENSE RENEWAL	43.00
NOLZ DRAGLINE & CONSTRUCTION	JACK RABBIT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	99769.14
OVERWEG AUTO	TRUCK BATTERY	212.29
RICK PRYOR	DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL	43.00
SCOTT GERMAN	DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL	44.50
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	799.52
TOTAL OIL	DEF	968.40
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERT BANDS	1044.29
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	17.01

		166428.57 *
E 911 SERVICE		
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	APRIL 911 FEES PER CONTRACT	3962.51
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-26	30.00

		3992.51 *
EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	76.49
OVERWEG AUTO	GRILL GUARD	884.04
RAMKOTA HOTEL	CLASS EM 101	112.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	214.27
SKYLER KEHN	CELL PHONE STIPEND	30.00

		1316.80 *

Total Checks: 212,995.01*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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