

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 4, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public input: None

A motion was made by Bosworth, 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 regular meeting for May 7th, 2026. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the burn ban. Due to the recent moisture the county received they decided to leave the ban off and discuss it again at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve a Plat of Lot 1 of Hohn's Addition in the S ½ of Section 23, T 104 N, R64 W of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Board reviewed the estimate given by Independent Viking Glass to remove caulk around the exterior of the courthouse windows and add new rod-stock and re-caulk all exterior windows for \$22,855 plus tax. After much discussion, the Commission rejected the estimate and will check into other options.

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

Highway Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission that there is leafy spurge in some of the ditches, so his department will do some spot spraying.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to authorize Superintendent Vissia to attend a meeting in Pierre on June 17th and 18th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Chairman Dethlefsen asked Superintendent Vissia if the highway department would be willing to haul water for the weed sprayer this fall if the County does not get anyone hired before then. Vissia stated he should be able to work something out.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to set a hearing for a special/temporary liquor license at 10:00 AM on June 18th for the Stickney Community Foundation. Motion carried all voting aye.

The votes from the June 2, 2026 Primary Election were canvassed. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to approve the canvass and results of the June 2nd Primary Election. Motion carried all voting aye.

PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 2, 2026 RESULTS

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 5	Precinct 7	TOTAL
UNITED STATES SENATOR						
Justin McNeal	31	24	39	12	24	130
Mike Rounds	93	44	87	40	69	333
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE						
Marty Jackley	90	40	72	40	69	311
James Bialota	34	25	52	11	22	144
GOVERNOR						
Larry Rhoden	25	16	23	10	18	92
Jon Hanson	52	34	47	13	19	165
Dusty Johnson	19	7	20	8	13	67
Toby Doeden	30	12	38	21	43	144
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 21						
Erin Tobin	52	19	73	34	61	239
Mykayla Voita	74	47	48	16	31	216
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 21						
Jim Halverson	50	20	49	28	41	188
Marty Overweg	103	59	93	31	62	348
Wyatt DeJong	14	6	12	7	9	48
John H. Harter	47	32	55	13	30	177
KIMBALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 7-2						
Kendra Olson	xx	xx	0	xx	xx	0
Kelly Konechne	xx	xx	0	xx	xx	0

Dan Ostrem from NRCS and Joe Schroeder with the City of Mitchell updated the Commission on the Firesteel Watershed Project. The purpose of this project was for watershed protection and flood control. Ostrem said we are now at the point to start the planning process on what we want to actually have done. We are going to need to know exactly what our needs are and what we want done so that when the Engineers are hired they can prepare a statement of work or plan for our area, said Ostrem. James River Water District stated they are in favor of the watershed

protection since it will help with flooding as well. Ostrem and Schroeder said if we plan on two separate purposes (watershed and flooding) the Engineers will be doing a lot of overlapping between the two. The cost can be cut way down if we do the watershed protection only because flood control will be included. After further discussion the Commission agreed to pursue the watershed protection since it will help with flooding as well.

Magdalena Popek-Hurst requested Aurora County to consider using a portion of its opioid settlement funds to support an event for First Responders as part of SD Safety Days. The event would be for the first responders and their families and would include a screening of the documentary PTSD 9-1-1 followed by a live panel discussion with the film's director. A meal would be provided for the first responders before the showing of the documentary. Magdalena noted that the screening addresses opioids at the beginning of the documentary and it also addresses the psychological toll of first responders when they respond to overdoses, trauma, and critical events day after day. It also addresses unhealthy coping patterns that are common with first responders when they try to deal with burnout, PTSD, and the stigma that keeps first responders from seeking help. Magdalena told the Commission the PTSD 9-1-1 screening fee, including the license, on-site appearance by the director, and post-film discussion is \$3,000. She also requested an additional \$2,000 for the meal. After discussing things further, the Commission was not sure about paying for the meal with the opioid funds. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the payment of \$3,000 for the screening fees out of the opioid settlement fund. Motion carried all voting aye.

States Attorney Mairose reviewed Senate Bill 96 with the Commission. This bill that was passed into law gives each county the option to impose a 0.5% sales tax to be able to reduce property taxes for owner occupied taxpayers. The option will become available after July 1, 2026. No action was taken at this time.

States Attorney Mairose presented the Commission with the 2027 request for the Victims Services Program in the amount of \$2,750. The program helps the States Attorney by offering service for Aurora County victims which requires court appearances and coordination with community partners, etc., and supports victims of abuse. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to appropriate \$2,750 in the 2027 budget for victim services. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to appoint Theresa Maule as Deputy States Attorney while Rachel is gone on maternity leave this summer at the rate of \$122/hour, which is the court appointed attorney rate. Motion carried all voting aye.

For the post-election audit, the Commission Chairman drew Precinct 1 and Precinct 2. The two races to be audited will be United States Representative and the Governor. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the selected precincts and races to be audited as per SDCL 12-17B-20 . The post-election audit will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 10:00 AM. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to pay vouchers as listed below. Motion carried with Dethlefsen, Bosworth, Hanten, and Clark voting aye. Studeny abstained from the vote.

Reports: May Payroll: Social Security 6,185.98; Medicare 1,446.78; Wellmark 28,698.82, Retirement 6,417.63; Kansas City Life 100.73; Commissioners 4,591.80; Auditor 8,079.59; Treasurer 7,424.08; States Attorney 5,641.29; Courthouse 686.24; Director of Equalization 5,698.98; Register of Deeds 5,255.50; Veteran’s Service Officer 841.15; Sheriff 21,489.36; Welfare 835.05; Extension 3,102.31; Weed 686.24; Zoning 869.81; Hwy 39,480.32; EM&D 2,161.32; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.45. Auditor’s Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 953.23; MMDA 1,725,909.00; CD’s 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 140.00; Birth/Death Certs 15.00; Preservation Fund 219.00; Driver’s License 576.00; Copies 88.00; Other 30.00; Recording Fees 1,725.00; Transfer Fees 8,054.50.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	570.91

		570.91 *

ELECTIONS		
#01 KIM GEPPERT	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#01 KIM GEPPERT	SCHOOL	40.00
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	MILEAGE	15.40
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	SCHOOL	40.00
#01 SHERYL SPAANS	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#01 SHERYL SPAANS	SCHOOL	40.00
#02 DAWN DONKER	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00

#02 DAWN DONKER	MILEAGE	16.80
#02 DAWN DONKER	SCHOOL	40.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	SCHOOL	40.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	SCHOOL	40.00
#03 CHANTEL KIRSCH	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#03 CHANTEL KIRSCH	SCHOOL	40.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	SCHOOL	40.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	MILEAGE	15.40
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	SCHOOL	40.00
#05 BECKY KOCH	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#05 BECKY KOCH	SCHOOL	40.00
#05 CINDY HOFFMAN	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#05 CINDY HOFFMAN	SCHOOL	40.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	MILEAGE	1.40
#05 KAMA BRUNS	SCHOOL	40.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	MILEAGE	1.40
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	SCHOOL	40.00
#07 CATHY ALBRECHT	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#07 CATHY ALBRECHT	SCHOOL	40.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	PRIMARY ELECTION	175.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	SCHOOL	40.00
COLLEEN ACKERMAN	TABULATOR - PRIMARY	40.00
JOAN SWANSON	RESOLUTION BOARD - PRIMARY	40.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	788.04
SHERRY STALLER	RESOLUTION BOARD - PRIMARY	40.00
SUSAN URBAN	ELECTION MILEAGE	35.70

		4219.14 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
THERESA MAULE ROSSOW	CAA	585.60

		585.60 *
AUDITOR		
P M B 0112	USER FEES & ACCESS FEES	66.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	124.28
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIRING SUSAN'S PRINTER	340.00

		530.53 *
TREASURER		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	LEDGER BOOKS	55.98
QUILL CORPORATION	BINDERS & TONER	266.82
QUILL CORPORATION	TONER	167.63
STAPLES	TONER FOR PRINTER - TAXES	164.88

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	187.92

		843.23 *
COURTHOUSE		
FINK PLUMBING	WATER SPICKET REPAIR	643.43
KONECHNE HEATING AND COOLING	FILTERS FOR THE COURTHOUSE	388.52
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	1599.99
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	184.46
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER TECH CARE	1286.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	61.00

		4163.40 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	57.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	127.28

		184.28 *
VA OFFICE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	63.64

		63.64 *
SHERIFF		
JAKE'S	FUEL FOR THE SIDE BY SIDE	23.97
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	560.76
V I S A	POSTAGE	12.90
V I S A	FUEL SHERIFF CONFERENCE	59.94
V I S A	FUEL FOR NARCOTICS CONFERENCE	50.32
VERIZON	PHONES & HOTSPOTS USAGE	318.92

		1026.81 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	3.00

		3.00 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF	MI - JUVENILE	50.00

		50.00 *
AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	360.83

		360.83 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE	124.28

			124.28 *
WEED			
AURORA COUNTY TREAS	TITLE & REGISTRATION TRAILER		28.70
C & R SUPPLY	WEED TRAILER REPAIRS		981.24
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	WEED WATER TRAILER		144.64

			1154.58 *
PLANNING & ZONING			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING		66.00

			66.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG TESTING		102.00
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL		4560.08
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AUR CTR & STORLA		184.64
FASTENAL COMPANY	SCREWS		22.50
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	TRAILER TIRES		1575.00
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER - STORLA		34.00
MIKE CARPENTIER	CDL TESTING		192.77
NAPA CENTRAL	CLEANER, TOWELS & FILTERS		237.47
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - STICKNEY & WL		91.88
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY		322.33
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	TREE PULLER REPAIRS		7.78
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	NIPPLE		3.99
RICH PETERS	CDL TESTING		43.00
RUNNINGS	REMOTE, AIR HOSE & BLOW GUN		122.97
STICKNEY WATER	WATER -STICKNEY		98.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE		127.28
VERIZON	TABLET USAGE		20.02
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS		17.01

			7763.47 *
E 911 SERVICE			
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 6-1 TO 6-30-26		200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 6-1 TO 6-30-26		357.44
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	MAY 911 FEE PER CONTRACT		4018.60

			4576.04 *
EM&D			
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE		63.64
VERIZON	HOTSPOTS & TABLET USAGE		60.03

			123.67 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EMAILS & CONNECT CARE		184.92

184.92 *

Total Checks: 26,594.33 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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