

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 18, 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.

There was no public input.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth 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 on June 4th. 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.

Secretary Nancy Beckman was present for the highway report.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 5-Year Road Plan Certification. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the highway department to purchase a Richo copy/scan colored printer from Dave Williams Office Equipment & Repair for \$1,460.00. Motion carried all voting aye.

Auditor Urban informed the Commission that the deadline to canvass the votes for the Runoff Election is August 3rd. The commission can either have an extra meeting after the July 28th Election or move their regular meeting for August from Thursday August 6th to Monday August 3rd. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to set the first meeting in August to Monday the 3rd at 9:00 AM and canvass the votes from the Runoff Election on the 3rd as well. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to approve the Post Election Audit for the Primary Election for Precincts 1 & 2 of the races for US Representative and Governor. The Post Election Audit showed that the tabulator counted 100% of the ballots correctly. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission reviewed the applications that were received for the vacancy of the Emergency Manager, Weed Supervisor and Courthouse Maintenance. The Commission will hold interviews on July 2nd.

A hearing was held on a temporary/special liquor license for the Stickney Community Foundation, LLC. No one appeared for or against it. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the special/temporary alcoholic beverage license for the Stickney Community Foundation, LLC for the date of Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the location of NE ¼ of SE ¼ 36-102-64. Motion carried all voting aye.

4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer, Carrie Belkham, and Chris Fink were present to discuss the use of the horse arena at the fairgrounds. Chairman Dethlefsen said he has received complaints about someone using the arena to pen their horses up and living out there. The locals are unable to use the arena since it is being occupied. Belkham stated that she moved from the Aurora Center area down to Arizona several years ago because she cannot handle the cold and comes up to South Dakota for a few months during the summer as she has relatives nearby. Her horse trailer has a living area that she stays in but it has no water or refrigerator. Dethlefsen said he drove by on his way to the meeting today and noticed a lot of manure in the arena just from the week that she has been out there. Commissioner Clark asked if she had an outlet to get rid of the manure. If there is a large amount out there in just a week's time it is not good for the arena, said Clark. Belkham figured she would just take it to the city dump and the Board told her she could not do that and the City would not appreciate that either. Commissioner Studeny told Brandi that he was not aware of a horse arena rental agreement and asked Brandi Shroyer how long it has been around. Brandi said from what she can tell, the agreement was drawn up in 2014. The rental agreement does not specify if it is for one day use or for extended days. It was noted that the rental agreement was not set up or intended for long-term use. Belkham told the Commission that the agreement asks for \$50 per day and stated that she does not want to pay that amount because she could not afford it and would rather do a cheaper monthly rate. Commissioner Studeny asked what she has paid since she has been out there for the past week or so. Belkham told him nothing because she was told she was able to stay out there until the commission made their decision today. Commissioner Clark told Belkham you are not a taxpayer here, but you just kind of show up and want to use the place without letting anyone know. Belkham indicated that she had done this before. Studeny said the County is not in the business of hosting campers and there are

campgrounds in town that can accommodate for that. She stated that she cannot afford to have a camping site at a campground and another site for her horses. Commissioner Clark stated that people just cannot show up and do this and it does not allow the local youth to use the arena at all if she is out there. Belkham stated that from what she has heard, the arena has not been used for quite some time and if you are going to let kids use it then you should keep it up. It needs some work done to it and it's falling down, said Belkham, so I didn't think it would make that much of a difference. Commissioner Studeny stated that Aurora County should not be in business for camping, etc. If it is for a specific time frame then the rental agreement would come into play, but it is not for long term stays. It is not appropriate for you to be out there that is why we have campgrounds and you need to find a place for your horses, said Studeny. Chris Fink stated he grew up using the arena and there were several people from this area who roped calves there, but we never left the livestock out in the arena. As a taxpayer and a strong 4-H supporter, Fink said nobody should be living out there with livestock. The fairgrounds is a community and youth development facility that has ballparks, 4-H, and the arena, said Fink, is not for living quarters. Our youth lose a chance to use it because you are occupying it and I do not approve of it, but it will ultimately be up to the County Commission to decide on whether to allow this or not. Commissioner Clark and Bosworth agreed with Mr. Fink on what the facility should be used for. Concerns were raised about liability issues as well. A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Studeny to deny and not allow long term rentals for liability reasons and to make it available to our youth when they want to use it. Motion carried all voting aye. It was noted that there should be a sign posted somewhere out there stating that it can be rented for a day or two, but it is not for long term use.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Clark to accept the resignation from Andrea Pryor as the Ag Building Custodian effective immediately. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Andrea Pryor at 10:52 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:12 AM with no official action taken.

The Commission addressed practices for wrestling out at the ag building with Sue Faulhaber who is on the Plankinton/Mt Vernon co-op committee. The School District has one year left on the contract for the use of the ag

building for wrestling practices and the Commission wanted to let someone know that the school needs to be seriously looking at finding a space for the wrestlers to practice. Sue said she would pass on the word and have someone from the school make an appointment to meet with the County Commission.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Clark 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
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ELECTIONS

AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	49.74
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PRIMARY BALLOTS	632.55
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PRIMARY LAYOUT CHARGES	194.00
KIM GEPPERT	AUDIT	65.00
KIM GEPPERT	MILEAGE	5.60
MAGDALENA HURST POPEK	AUDIT	65.00
MAGDALENA HURST POPEK	MILEAGE	1.40
MAYCEE JOHNSON	AUDIT	65.00
MAYCEE JOHNSON	MILEAGE	1.40
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	2.00
QUILL CORPORATION	CLEAR BOOK COVERS	45.84

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JUDICIAL SYSTEM

JUROR FEES	GRAND JURY	516.20
THERESA MAULE ROSSOW	CAA	322.76
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	BA (6)	846.00
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	BA (3)	423.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	BA (5)	365.00
STEPHANIE MOEN & ASSOC	TRANSCRIPTS	51.00

2523.96 *

AUDITOR

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	71.62
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	234.00
QUILL CORPORATION	CLEAR BOOK COVERS	45.85
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	35.20

386.67 *

TREASURER

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	108.80
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POSTMASTER	REGULAR POSTAGE	2791.80	POSTMASTER	MV
POSTAGE	780.00			
QUILL CORPORATION	ERROR ON PRIOR INVOICE	0.01		
STAPLES	RED LEAD	10.43		
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	0.24		

		3691.28 *		
COURTHOUSE				
AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CHECK	551.18		
FIRE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS	ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECTION	45.00		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	43.66		
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	90.00		
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	STRING, BULBS, FIX WALL	110.43		
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR CANS	58.52		
VESTIS	SERVICES - MAT	22.36		

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DIR. OF EQUALIZATION				
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BATTERY BACKUP	103.54		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	78.34		
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	INK CARTRIDGE	110.00		

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REGISTER OF DEEDS				
AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMENT	0.10		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	57.92		
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMENT	234.00		
STAPLES	ENVELOPES & PENS	50.53		
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	39.20		

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VA OFFICE				
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	42.55		
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	0.80		

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SHERIFF				
AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMENT	16.43		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	191.19		
HILLMANS REPAIR	OIL CHANGE - ROMAN	50.92		
OVERWEG AUTO	REPAIR TIRES, TOWING - LEWIS	847.13		
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1725.41		
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	0.16		

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MENTALLY HANDICAPPED				
YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF	MI	50.00		
YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER	MI	151.25		

YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER	MI	163.25	YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER
MI	165.95		

530.45 *

AG BUILDING

FIRE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS	ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECTION	25.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	105.11
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	70.00

200.11 *

COUNTY EXTENSION

AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	10.20
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	91.41

101.61 *

WEED

CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	70.00
FIRE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS	ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECTION	15.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	9.72
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES FOR WATER TRAILER	70.67
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES FOR WEED TRAILER	77.02
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR UTV	18.56
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	0.16

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PLANNING & ZONING

WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	INK CARTRIDGE	110.00
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110.00 *

R&B CONSTRUCTION

AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG TESTING	75.40
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL	3566.21
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	CONSTRUCTION ENG - JACK RABBIT	19360.00
DOUG VISSIA	CELL PHONE STIPEND	50.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	NUTS, BOLTS & WASHERS	165.50
FIRE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS	ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECTION	503.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	123.05
NANCY BECKMAN	CDL THEORY CLASS - PETERS	250.00
NATHAN WOLBRINK	CDL LICENSE	43.00
RON URBAN	STEEL TOED SHOES	52.91
RON'S MARKET INC	GARBAGE BAGS	9.99
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	800.21
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	4.00

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E 911 SERVICE

MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	911 FEES PER CONTRACT	3998.68
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SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 6-1 TO 6-30-26	30.00

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EM&D		
FIRE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS	ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECTION	15.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	42.91
MT VERNON GAS & OIL	5TH WHEEL HITCH & INSTALLATION	1099.00
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR CANS	47.29
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	116.86
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	REPAIR COPY MACHINE - 1ST FLOO	0.24

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REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	395.00

	395.00 *	
DRUG & ALCOHOL		
CONJO STUDIOS LLC	SCREENING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS	3000.00

	3000.00 *	

Total Checks: 50,398.95 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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