

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 2, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public input: None

The agenda was amended by adding aerial application for Dakota Pro Air, LLC. A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Studeny to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for June 4th, 2026. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to approve the aerial spraying application for Dakota Pro Air, LLC providing a flag person is present on both ends of the road and the highway superintendent is notified prior to use of the road. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the burn ban. Due to the recent moisture the county has received the burn ban will remain off until further notice.

Highway Superintendent Vissia was present for the highway report.

Chairman Dethlefsen asked Vissia how he was coming with the school zone speed limit by the White Lake School. Superintendent Vissa said he is waiting on a resolution that is to be drawn up by the States Attorney so the Commission can act on it.

It was noted that the County should probably start mowing soon. Vissia said they will more than likely start within the next week or so. Commissioner Hanten said to make sure the windrows are gone before mowing.

Jackie Horton representing Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) informed the Board about what the program does. Horton stated in the past 25 years CASA has served 9 counties. She said they currently have 46 volunteers and 3 more are going through training. There is 1 person from Aurora County that is a member of the

CASA Board, said Horton. CASA is requesting \$2,500 from Aurora County for support in 2027. The Commission thanked Jackie for coming in to visit with them.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session at 10:00 AM as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of conducting interviews. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 10:45 AM.

Executive Director Pam Hanna from LifeQuest reported to the Board on what has happened over the past year at their facilities. She noted that there are 4 individuals from Aurora County that they serve and they have family support services as well. Hanna told the Commission that LifeQuest values the partnership with Aurora County and requested \$2,500 from Aurora County in 2027 for financial support. The Commission thanked Hanna for coming in to visit with them.

Executive Director Michelle Carpenter from Dakota Counseling Institute met with the Commission to give an update on what has been happening over the past year. She stated that Dakota Counseling Institute is a behavioral health center that has an intensive mental health program. Carpenter also said that they provide drug and alcohol treatment services through Stepping Stones. She noted a new mental health crisis center was opened in July of 2025 that has helped clients. Dakota Counseling Institutes partners with 5 counties for mental health and a couple more for drug and alcohol. Carpenter stated that funding is always a challenge and hoped that Aurora County would continue with the support of \$4,250 for 2027. The Commission thanked Carpenter for coming in to visit with them.

The Commission considered the applicants that were interviewed earlier in the meeting. Discussion was held on combining the custodian and maintenance positions to make it more of a full time position. Andrea Pryor would be replaced as custodian if the Board decided to combine them.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Hanten to offer the position of courthouse maintenance as well as custodian to Blake Peters for 32-40 hours a week at \$19.43/hour with benefits. The wage will be .50 less during the 6-month probationary period. Motion carried all voting aye. The hours may vary from day to day depending on weather, etc.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to offer the emergency management position to Lawron Bohr for 20 hours per week (50% time) at \$19.43/hour with benefits. The wage will be .50 less during the 6-month probationary period. Motion carried all voting aye. The hours may vary depending on emergencies, storm spotting, etc.

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

Reports: June Payroll: Social Security 5,834.29; Medicare 1,364.46; Wellmark 28,121.77, Retirement 6,034.64; Kansas City Life 100.73; Commissioners 4,591.80; Auditor 8,241.19; Treasurer 6,727.28; States Attorney 5,564.23; Courthouse 646.79; Director of Equalization 5,758.07; Register of Deeds 5,000.26; Veteran's Service Officer 840.56; Sheriff 20,650.39; Welfare 797.09; Extension 2,638.71; Weed 569.77; Zoning 864.00; Hwy 36,223.88; EM&D 1,424.59; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.55. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 2,485.79; MMDA 1,807,610.99; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 30.00; Birth/Death Certs 20.00; Preservation Fund 159.00; Driver's License 696.00; Copies 214.00; Other 0.00; Recording Fees 1,355.00; Transfer Fees 1,572.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	1086.97
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	646.28
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	746.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	593.53
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	646.28
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	746.50

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ELECTIONS		
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	593.53

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JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
MORGAN THEELER	CAA	1679.73
MORGAN THEELER	CAA	1017.73
MORGAN THEELER	CAA	732.00
S D A C C	2ND QTR CATASTROPHIC LEGAL	2044.00

		5473.46	*
AUDITOR			
P M B 0112	AUGUST 2025 ACCESS FEES	64.25	
P M B 0112	MAY 2026 ACCESS FEES	66.25	
V I S A	MONTHLY PAYMENT CONNECTEAMS	238.00	

		368.50	*
TREASURER			
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	212.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	212.00	
STAPLES	DMV FEES SUPPLIES	56.87	

		480.87	*
STATE'S ATTORNEY			
THOMSON * WEST	STATE ATTY LAW BOOKS	374.70	

		374.70	*
COURTHOUSE			
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TRASH BAGS	20.20	

		20.20	*
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	57.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	25.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	25.00	

		107.00	*
SHERIFF			
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TONER FOR PRINTER	219.29	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MANILA ENVELOPES	20.04	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MINI FRIDGE	37.98	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	PRINTER REPAIR	140.00	
V I S A	POSTAGE	106.55	
V I S A	FUEL	52.19	

		576.05	*
JAIL			
BRULE COUNTY	INMATE HOUSING	456.00	
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	MAY JAIL HOUSING	8505.00	
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC	INMATE MEDS	108.66	

		9069.66	*
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED			

MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR	MI	158.80	

		158.80	*
AG BUILDING			
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TP, PAPER TOWELS, BAGS	109.44	

		109.44	*
COUNTY EXTENSION			
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TONER FOR PRINTER	61.13	

		61.13	*
WEED			
DOUG VISSIA	FUEL FOR THE SIDE BY SIDE	67.69	
RUNNINGS	NOZZLE FOR BOOM ON WEED TRUCK	79.99	
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	298.66	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	298.66	

		745.00	*
PLANNING & ZONING			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	63.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	77.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	77.00	

		217.00	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL	8161.38	
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	OIL & VISION LINK	727.61	
FASTENAL COMPANY	NUTS, BOLTS & WASHERS	408.78	
FLEETPRIDE	TRUCK REPAIRS	1213.20	
FLEETPRIDE	STROBE LIGHT	352.06	
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	SEA FOAM	10.99	
NAPA CENTRAL	OIL	86.04	
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - WL & STK	73.96	
PUTHOFF SALES & SERVICES INC	MOWER BLADES	177.60	
RUNNINGS	CABLE TIES, FLAG POLE, ORGANIZ	340.12	
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	180.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	96.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	96.00	
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL	98.75	
TRAIL KING	TRAILER ID PLATE	100.00	
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERTS #18 BRIDGE FIRESTEEL	44684.64	
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	COPIER, PRINTER & SCANNER	1460.00	

		58267.13	*
E 911 SERVICE			
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICE 7-1 TO 7-31-2026	357.44	

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EM&D			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING		109.20
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING		148.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING		296.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING		148.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING		416.00

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Total Checks: 82563.17 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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