

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM 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 Studeny to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 20th, 2026. Motion carried all voting aye.

The burn band was discussed, and it was the consensus of the Commission to leave the burn ban off at this time and it will be discussed again in two weeks.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to participate in the LEMPG program for the Emergency Manager and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement.

Discussion was held on the Right of Way along Highway 16 where the old Drive Inn was formerly located. The Plankinton School is interested in obtaining a portion of the right of way. As of right now the county has 75 feet right of the road right of way. The school is asking the county for 49 feet so they have enough room to build what they want. This would leave the county with 26 feet of road right of way, which is the same with all the other properties on that side of the road. One option discussed was to deed a portion of the right of way to the Plankinton Development Corporation and then in turn, they can transfer it to the school. Commissioner Clark said he has no problem deeding it over to the school as long as it is for a school purpose and not going to be resold. It was the consensus of the board to have Commissioner Studeny contact States Attorney Mairose and have her draw up a resolution to transfer the right of way to the Plankinton Development Corporation.

Highway Superintendent Doug Vissia and Secretary Nancy Beckman were present for the highway report. Superintendent Doug Vissia told the Commission the culverts by Dan VanDrongelen's will be replaced tomorrow.

Commissioner Bosworth mentioned to Doug that the shoulders along Highway 16 need to be graded because there is grass that is growing pretty high in some places. Commissioner Hanten asked Doug if Scott could blade through the intersections because they are really rough. Otherwise, everything looks pretty good, said Hanten.

The 2026 proposed provisional budget was considered. No changes were made to the proposed budget. The Commission will approve and adopt the 2027 budget on September 17th.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to surplus the 2021 Chevy Tahoe and 2023 Ford Pickup and appoint Keith Overweg, Dustin Hillman & Jordan Feenstra to do the appraisals. A motion carried all voting aye. Sheriff Briggs said he would get them to come to the courthouse and do the appraisal and will try and get them all done by the next commissioners meeting.

Sheriff Roman Briggs presented the board with an estimated cost for equipment repairs & upgrades from Light and Siren for the 2024 Ford Police Intercept. The controller for Malcolm's vehicle blacks out, so the siren, lightbar, and arrow controller will need to be replaced. The cost to replace it will be \$659.00. He would also like to purchase a Transport seat in the amount of \$969.00. Briggs noted that it is safer to buckle the person in the back of the patrol car. A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Clark to approve the purchase of the items as requested by Sheriff Briggs. Motion carried all voting aye.

Sheriff Roman Briggs informed the board that we have a contract with Central Square for the Zuercher Software Program. Currently we pay Central Square \$3,800.00 annually and another \$1,000.00 to the city of Mitchell for access to the software program. The City of Mitchell is going to a Cloud based system which will be \$5,000.00 a year rather than \$1,000.00. Central Square's annual cost will be \$2,800.00 for 5 years and after the 5th year there will be a 5% increase annually. The cloud based system is more secure than what Mitchell currently has. In 2027 the total cost to access the Zuercher program will cost \$7,800.00 instead of \$4,800.00. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to approve the upgrade for the software program. A 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: August Payroll: Social Security 6,390.54; Medicare 1,494.56; Wellmark 30,650.71, Retirement 6,552.90; Kansas City Life 108.39; Commissioners 4,591.80; Auditor 8,492.15; Treasurer 7,041.42; States Attorney 5,718.36; Courthouse 3,698.26; Director of Equalization 5,917.33; Register of Deeds 4,940.32; Veteran's Service Officer 435.38; Sheriff 20,987.17; Welfare 873.00; Extension 4,244.48; Zoning 852.85; Hwy 40,909.54; EM&D 1,770.90; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.40. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,130.09; MMDA 1,413,125.65; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 325.00; Birth/Death Certs 85.00; Preservation Fund 168.00; Driver's License 642.00; Copies 23.00; Other 0.00; Recording Fees 1,430.00; Transfer Fees 3,112.50.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	AUGUST PUBLISHING	1618.16

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ELECTIONS		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	RUNOFF BALLOTS & CODING	367.47

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AUDITOR		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	POST IT NOTES & ENVELOPES	51.92
P M B 0112	JULY ACCESS FEES	70.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	124.28
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	124.28

		370.73 *

TREASURER		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	FILE FOLDERS	165.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	187.92
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	187.92

		540.84 *

COURTHOUSE		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CLEANER & TOLIET PAPER	159.83
TRANE US INC	HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM REP	1228.42
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	61.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	61.00

		1510.25 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	112.28
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	127.28
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	127.28

		366.84 *
VA OFFICE		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	AUGUST PUBLISHING	72.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	63.64
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	63.64

		199.28 *
SHERIFF		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MINI NOTEBOOKS & PHONE CASE	40.94
KYLE LEWIS	CAR WASH	18.00
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS INC	LIGHTBAR & EXTENDER REPAIR	108.99
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	560.76
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	560.76
V I S A	PRISONER MEAL	27.74

		1317.19 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	3.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	3.00

		6.00 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	124.28
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	124.28

		248.56 *
WEED		
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR SIDE X SIDE	25.47
RUNNINGS	SPRAYER REPAIRS	27.47
RUNNINGS	CREDIT	-31.98

		20.96 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	AUGUST PUBLISHING	72.00

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R&B CONSTRUCTION		
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL	3156.98
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	TRACK SKID LOADER RENT	4050.00
DEREK KOCH	STEEL-TOED BOOTS	125.00

FLEETPRIDE	TRUCK REPAIRS	728.16
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - WL & STK	77.32
PUTHOFF SALES & SERVICE INC	MOWER BLADES & BELTS	562.63
QUILL CORPORATION	PENS & COMPRESSED AIR	54.08
RICH PETERS	PLEXIGLASS FOR TRACTOR WINDOW	317.54
RON'S MARKET INC	BUG SPRAY	6.55
RUNNINGS	BATTERIES	198.00
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	98.75
TITAN MACHINERY	WINDOW & SEAL FOR TRACTOR	1287.55
TOTAL OIL	DEF & FUEL	9709.73
TRANSOURCE	TRUCK REPAIR	423.43
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	127.28
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	127.28

		24250.28 *
 E 911 SERVICE		
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	E-911 FEES PER CONTRACT	3937.86
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 9-1 TO 9-30-26	357.44

		4295.30 *
 EM&D		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	AUGUST PUBLISHING	109.20
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	63.64
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	63.64

		236.48 *
 REGISTER OF DEEDS		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	184.92
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH CONNECT CARE	184.92

	Total Checks:	35,790.18 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
April Johnson, Deputy Auditor

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