

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 17, 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. Absent was Travis Clark.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding Certification of Compliance with Vetting Requirements for the Emergency Management Performance Grant and a bill for refurbishing the bleachers at the 4-H grounds. 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 September 1st meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Chairman Dethlefsen noted that a bill has been received for supplies that were used to refurbish the 4-H bleachers at the Fair Grounds. It was billed to the 4-H Leaders and sent to the Extension Office. With Brandi still being on maternity leave, it has not been paid yet. Dethlefsen said it needs to be taken care of and asked if the Leaders should be responsible for the entire bill or should the County. After some discussion, a motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to have the county pay for 50% of the bill. Motion carried all voting aye. Since the bill was made out to the Aurora Co. 4-H Leaders, the Leaders will need to pay the bill in full and then bill Aurora County for 50% of it.

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

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Studeny to approve an application from Goldenwest for right of way occupancy to provide services to a resident located in Section 18, Township 103N, Range 64W on Old Hwy 16. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to approve an application from Goldenwest for right of way occupancy to extend the mainline in Section 16, Township 103N, Range 63W on 253rd St. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Hanten to approve an application from Goldenwest for right of way occupancy to extend the mainline in Section 27, Township 105N, Range 64W on 386th Ave. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Studeny to approve an application from Goldenwest for right of way occupancy to extend mainline in Section 30, Township 105N, Range 64W on 383rd Ave. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia to attend a Road Conference on October 19th – 21st in Sioux Falls. Motion carried all voting aye.

It was noted that the County Highway Department received a safety award at the County Convention held in Sioux Falls this week.

The Commission addressed complaints they have received on some of the roads with Superintendent Vissia.

Commissioner Hanten noted that gravel needs to be put on the road by Robert Mohnen's.

Sheriff Roman Briggs presented the Commission with appraisals for the sheriff's Ford pickup and Chevy Tahoe. Before the Commission makes any decision to trade them in, they directed Sheriff Briggs to see if the Lamb Motors would give more for the trade in than what was originally stated.

A hearing was held for a temporary/special liquor license for the Modern Woodmen Chapter 2747 (White Lake) for the date of October 3rd. With no one appearing for or against the application, a motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Bosworth to approve the application for the Modern Woodmen Chapter 2747 at the location Part of SE ¼ Lying S of Hwy I-90 in White Lake Twp (15-103-66) for October 3rd. Motion carried all voting aye.

The 2027 provisional budget was considered pursuant to the notice that was given. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to adopt the 2027 annual budget and approve the following resolution. Roll Call Vote: Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Bosworth, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR AURORA COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR AURORA COUNTY, SD

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all materials therein set forth, shall be approved and adopted as the annual budget of the appropriation and expenditures for Aurora County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Aurora County, South Dakota, this 17th day of September, 2026.

The annual budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor, Aurora County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Aurora County for the year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

s/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
s/s Dan Bosworth, Commissioner
s/s Roger Hanten, Commissioner
s/s John Paul Studeny, Commissioner

ATTEST: Susan Urban, County Auditor

COUNTY FUND
General Fund

TAX DOLLARS
\$1,916,695.00

\$'s / 1,000
1.737

Safety Days Coordinator Magdalena Popek Hurst updated the Commission on the upcoming First Responders Appreciation Event on October 9th & 10th in Plankinton. On Friday October 9th there will be a self-defense class offered to the public at the Plankinton School for a fee of \$20. There is also a PTSD 911 Film and panel discussion for first responders and spouses at Silo Market. On Saturday, October 10th the Safety Days event will begin at 11:00 AM and is open to the public. It will be held at the Community/4-H Building. There will be law enforcement vehicles, fire trucks, and the Avera Careflight mobile simulation to view. Magdalena stated there will also be children's activities to participate in as well as food trucks, vendor tables and displays, and silent auction items. Magdalena also noted that there will be an awards presentation to first responders at 1:30 PM on Saturday. Safety Days will be held each year in

October in Aurora County, but the location will rotate between the Plankinton, White Lake, and Stickney communities.

The Commission thanked Magdalena for all her work in getting this event put together.

The Plankinton Fire Department did not show to meet with the Commission to request their 2027 monetary support from the County.

Interviews for weed supervisor will be held at the October 1st Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements in accordance with the applicable notices of funding opportunity for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
DAN BOSWORTH	CONVENTION LODGING	125.51
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	27.69

		153.20 *
ELECTIONS		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GENERAL ELECTION - MEDIA BURN	45.60
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GENERAL ELECTION - SHIPPING CH	17.63
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GENERAL ELECTION - EXPRESSVOTE	31.20
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GENERAL ELECTION - AUDIO SETUP	940.45

		1034.88 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
GRAND JURY FEES & MILAGE		457.80

		457.80 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAX & INTERNET	45.40

		45.40 *
TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	66.80
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	TAX NOTICES, FILE COPIES & ENV	600.18
STAPLES	PAPER & 3 RING HOLE PUNCH	47.03
STAPLES	PAPER	40.99

		755.00 *

COURTHOUSE		
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	PROPANE - COURTHOUSE	554.80
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	21.66
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	90.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	1527.27
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	272.08

		2465.81 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	34.06
SAM SIMKINS	MILEAGE - 88 MILES	61.60
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER INK	105.00

		200.66 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	34.10

		34.10 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	9.77

		9.77 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	86.92
STAPLES	PRINTER TONER	312.12
VERIZON	CELL PHONE, TABLEY, HOTSPOTS	318.96

		718.00 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	54.69
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	PEST CONTROL	70.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	579.15

		703.84 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	51.43

		51.43 *
WEED		
DOUG VISSIA	FUEL FOR THE SIDE X SIDE	45.47

		45.47 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER INK	105.00

		105.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	PROPANE - HIGHWAY	204.40
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	CONST ENGINEERING JACK RABBIT	1540.00
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	HYDROLOGY STUDY RAECKE BRIDGE	7295.00
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILL - AUR CTR & STOR	150.50
DOUG VISSIA	CELL PHONE STIPEND	50.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	BOLTS, NUTS & WASHER	128.05
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	62.81
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA SHOP	34.00
OVERWEG AUTO	PICKUP REPAIRS	1442.78
PLANKINTON CITY	WATER & ELECTRIC -PLANK SHOP	299.18
SDSU	ROAD CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	125.00
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	SKID LOADER CYLINDER REPAIR	239.50
TITAN MACHINERY	TRACTOR REPAIR	1236.45
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	3205.05
VERIZON	TABLET	20.02

		16032.74 *
EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	11.59
LAWRON BOHR	CELL PHONE STIPEND	50.00
THE RUGGED STORE	PRINTER, CAR ADAPTER, KIT	4152.00
VERIZON	HOTSPOT, TABLET	60.03
WASP BARCODE TECHNOLOGIES	WIRELESS SCANNER, LABEL PRINTE	2222.91

		6496.53 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	395.00

		395.00 *
	Total Checks:	29,704.63 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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