AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 15, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the agenda. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve the minutes of the October 1st meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2027 Contract Law Agreement with the City of Plankinton. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve an approach permit from Nielsen Family Land LLC for field access on county road #12 in the NE ¼ 9-104-65 at the county's expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia to attend the SD Association of Towns and Townships annual conference on December 3rd in Sioux Falls. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to purchase a 36-month extended warranty on the 2016 Cat Excavator for $1,290.00. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the Raeke Bridge (02-230-198) and the study that was done by Brosz. Superintendent Vissia stated that we can replace the bridge with culverts, but it will not qualify for the BIG grant. Since it is on a township road, it was asked if the township would be able to apply for RAIF funds. Vissia told the Commission it is the county's bridge, but installing culverts would still be cheaper than replacing the entire bridge. Vissia said this is

not an emergency situation where we need to do it right away and suggested waiting and see what is left in the budget at the end of the year to see if we can purchase the culverts out of the 2026 budget.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize Sam Simkins and Casey Schmidt to attend a soil survey workshop in Spink County. Motion carried all voting aye. Sam said this will be helpful for her office when taxpayers come into her office and question the values based on soils.

Clint Bultsma presented the Commission with the 2025 financial statement for the Plankinton Fire Department and noted they have been saving for a new truck over the past several years. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to give funding to the Plankinton Fire Department for support as adopted in the 2027 budget. Motion carried all voting aye.

Insurance agent Clint Bultsma presented the 2027 renewal rates for our health insurance through Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. No action was taken at this time.

It was noted that the Safety Days event went very well for the first year.

Brian Reis, representing the Plankinton Development Board, met with the Commission to discuss the transfer of a portion of the right-of-way property along old highway16. Brian took a copy of the resolution and Quit Claim Deed to discuss with their attorney and the Development Board.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to file reports and pay bills as listed below. Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports: Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources letter.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	49.24	
		49.24	*
ELECTIONS			
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GEN ELECTION LAYOUT CHRG	388.00	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GEN ELECTION MEDIA BURN	1607.12	
		1995.12	*
JUDICIAL SYSTEM			
S D A C C	CATASTROPHIC LEGAL PROGRAM	2044.00	
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A (2)	250.00	

		2294.00 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	74.48
		74.48 *
TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	96.44
		96.44 *
STATE'S ATTORNEY		
THERESA MAULE ROSSOW	SERVICES	6504.80
		6504.80 *
COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	44.27
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY - COURTHOUSE	1451.82
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY - HISTORICAL	228.74
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR GAS CANS	39.49
		1764.32 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	75.94
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER INK	210.00
		285.94 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, INTERNET, & FAXES	61.02
		61.02 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	42.50
		42.50 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	142.50
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	RUCKUS OUTDOOR ACCESS - COPS	75.00
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE, HOTSPOT, CHARGES	318.96
		536.46 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	105.72
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY - AG BLD	474.73
		580.45 *

COUNTY EXTENSION			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	64.15	
		64.15	*
WEED			
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILL - LANDFILL	70.00	
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	WASHER & BOLTS	7.36	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	DRILL BITS	43.44	
RUNNINGS	NOZZLE & POWER BIT SET	115.96	
		236.76	*
PLANNING & ZONING			
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER INK	210.00	
		210.00	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
A-OX WELDING	WELDING GAUGE & HOSE	120.27	
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	RAECKE BRIDGE ENGINEERING	4455.00	
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	CREDIT ON 140H	-5000.00	
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	FILTERS & VISION LINK	1747.11	
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	TRACK SKID LOADER RENT	4050.00	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILLS - AUR CTR & STO	160.39	
DOUG VISSIA	TRACTOR FUEL CAP	58.48	
DOUG VISSIA	CELL PHONE STIPEND	50.00	
FLEETPRIDE	TRAILER & TRUCK REPAIRS	649.64	
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	124.59	
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA SHED	34.00	
NAPA CENTRAL	CONNECTORS	20.48	
NAPA CENTRAL	AIR FILTERS & TOWELS	514.20	
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - STK & WL	75.33	
OVERWEG AUTO	FLEX TIRES & PICKUP REPAIR	2975.17	
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY - HIGHWAY	176.09	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES	294.41	
RON'S MARKET INC	TOWELS, TRAPS, BATTERY, ENVELO	54.85	
SD ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & TWP	TOWNS & TOWNSHIPS MEETING REG	30.00	
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	EXCAVATOR HOSE REPAIRS	108.00	
TOTAL OIL	FUEL & DEF	6477.68	
TRANSOURCE	TRUCK REPAIRS	1563.75	
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00	
VERIZON BUSINESS	TABLET CHARGES	20.02	
		21959.46	*
EM&D			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	47.75	
LAWRON BOHR	CELL PHONE STIPEND	50.00	
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE & TABLET CHGES	60.03	
		157.78	*

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	MORTGAGE BOOK	594.75
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	395.00
P M B 0112	MICROFILM STORAGE	61.64
		1051.39 *

Total Checks: 37,964.31 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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