AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 5, 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 Clark to approve the agenda. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Bosworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting that was held on October 15, 2026. Motion carried all voting aye.

Commissioners Clark and Bosworth spent last Friday caulking some of the outside windows of the courthouse that were having issues leaking. Clark stated there were areas that definitely needed to be caulked, but they also discovered the seal on the windows is not keeping the rain or dirt out. He said when they opened one window water ran out so the issue is probably more the seal than the window. Clark noted that the windows do stick out a little from the side of the courthouse. Commissioner Dethlefsen stated the county will need to talk to the company that installed them to see what can be done. Since nobody can see the window on the NE corner of the courthouse, Clark said that he would like to use duct tape on it to see if it would help keep the water and dust from blowing inside and then we can hopefully pinpoint the problem. Commissioner Clark will contact Independent Viking Glass to see if the seals can be replaced or what can be done to fix the issues. Clark also noted that the courthouse will need to be tuckpointed in the near future as well.

4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer requested permission to close the office for a family vacation from November 25th through December 4th. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the extension office to be closed during that time. Motion carried all voting aye.

Brandi presented quotes to the Board from Midwest Alarm for a single door keypad and a security camera for the Community/4-H Building. The keypad would replace giving keys out to those who rent the building. The quote

for the keypad is $4,495.94 and the security camera is $2,235.00. After much discussion, a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to purchase the single door keypad. Motion carried all voting aye.

Brandi Shroyer informed the Commission that she has received the paperwork for the weed grant that is used to purchase chemical. She said that the former weed supervisor handled this and she is not sure if she needs to take care of it or if this is something the newly hired weed supervisor should do. The Commission agreed that the weed supervisor should be handling the paperwork for the grant. Discussion was also held on getting the chemical bid information ready so it can be advertised and the letting can be held on the last meeting in December. Brandi will talk to contracted sprayer Austin Shroyer to see how much, in any, chemical is left over from the fall spraying this year to give us an idea on how much chemical we will need to purchase for 2027. The Commission also directed Brandi to check with the weed supervisor Jason Wolbrink to see if he is working on getting his weed certification.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to purchase 50 cables/anchors for the acoustic panels at the Community/4-H Building from Acoustic Geometry for $639.41. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to accept the resignation from Brandi Shroyer as 4-H Program Assistant and Weed Secretary effective December 31, 2026. Motion carried all voting aye. The Commission thanked Brandi for her time with the County and the 4-H program. Kyle Beach, State Regional Coordinator at SDSU, told the Commission that he will be helping out on the computer side of things until we get someone hired. The next step will be to set up a leader's meeting with the State. Kyle told the Commission the State can help with the job description and will help with the hiring process if we want them to. He noted that Brandi has done a lot with the 4-H Program and it is now stabilized. Kyle said the program is better now than it was several years ago and commended Brandi for her work. Kyle told the Commission he will help train the new person once they are hired. A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Clark to authorize the Auditor to advertise for the new position in the local papers. Motion carried all voting aye. Kyle stated he would send a job description for the advertisement.

The results from the November 3, 2026 General Election were canvassed. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Bosworth to approve the canvass of the November 3rd General Election. Motion carried all voting aye.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 5	Precinct 7	Total Votes
US Senate						
Mike Rounds	158	88	199	92	142	679
Brian L Bengs	53	21	106	37	72	289
US Representative						
Marty Jackley	157	87	212	91	162	709
Nicole "Nikki" Gronli	51	21	88	40	54	254
Governor & Lieutenant Gov						
Larry Rhoden/Tony Venhuizen	167	94	226	97	162	746
Dan Ahlers/Steven McCleerey	45	15	80	35	55	230
Secretary of State						
Heather Baxter	153	80	181	76	120	610
Tamara J Lesnar	8	1	24	5	10	48
Terrence Davis	49	22	87	45	74	277
Attorney General						
Lance Russell	163	79	208	83	153	686
State Auditor						
Catherine Barranco	148	82	186	78	145	639
Tom Cool	55	23	92	48	58	276
State Treasurer						
Melissa Hull	150	76	174	77	145	622
Margaret Kuipers	53	27	110	48	61	299
Commissioner of School & Public Lands						
Brock Greenfield	156	81	175	77	150	639
Reann Mettler	47	22	102	47	53	271
Public Utilties Commissioner						
Don Haggar	134	71	145	71	135	556
Frank Kloucek	68	31	138	53	70	360
State Senator District 21						

Mykala Voita	158	81	178	81	136	634
Dan Andersson	48	24	107	47	53	279
State Rep District 21						
Jim Halverson	119	72	154	73	139	557
Marty Overweg	144	86	187	68	133	618
Constitutional Amendment I						
Yes	119	60	141	59	107	486
No	91	48	152	69	105	465
Constitutional Amendment J						
Yes	142	69	180	84	137	612
No	67	38	114	42	80	341
Constitutional Amendment K						
Yes	143	69	149	72	130	563
No	65	38	145	52	83	383
Constitutional Amendment L						
Yes	122	58	140	61	104	485
No	90	47	151	61	108	457

For the post-election audit, Commissioner Bosworth drew Precinct 3 to be audited. The two races to be audited will be Secretary of State and Constitutional Amendment L which were drawn by Commissioner Hanten. The audit will be held on Thursday at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to approve a Plat of Tracts 1, 2, and 3 of Platte Lake Addition, an addition in the North Half of Section 7, Township 102 North, Range 66 West of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve a Plat of Tract 4 of Platte Lake Addition, an addition in the West Half of Section 8, Township 102 North, Range 66 West of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session at 10:40 AM as per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Joe Jares from Claims Associates. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Board out of executive session at 11:16 AM with no official action taken.

Treasurer Andrea Pryor informed the Commission that her CARS computer overheated the other day and she is afraid it will quit working soon. She is trying to be proactive and would like to have authorization to purchase a new one so when this one takes a dump she can get it ordered right away rather than wait for the next commission meeting. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to authorize the treasurer's office to purchase a new computer for $1,250.00 from Twotrees when the old one quits working. Motion carried all voting aye.

The county's health insurance from Wellmark took a 6.57% increase for 2027. The county health insurance committee recommended staying with the current plan through Wellmark. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to renew the county's health insurance with Wellmark for 2027. Motion carried all voting aye.

County Auditor Urban noted there will be an abatement to approve in December for property acquired by the county through tax deed.

Discussion was held on employees not punching in or out on the time clocks through the Connecteam app on their cell phones.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize those employee's who wish to attend the Southeast Central District meeting in Douglas County on November 18th to attend if they choose to. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE PLANKINTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. and Quit Claim Deed. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, abstained; Hanten, aye; Bosworth, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE PLANKINTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-29-23 provides:

Every county shall have power to lease or sell on a negotiated basis and to convey any of its real property to a municipality or the state or another county, or to a nonprofit local industrial development corporation as defined by 7-29-24 and located therein, to be used by such grantee for an authorized public purpose or industrial development purpose as enumerated in SDCL 9-54-1. Such lease or sale shall be authorized on the terms and in the manner provided by resolution of the county commissioners;

And

WHEREAS, the Plankinton Community Development Company, Inc., of Plankinton, South Dakota, is a nonprofit local industrial development corporation as defined by SDCL 7-29-24, and as noted in SDCL 7-29-23; and

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners of Aurora County has determined that conveying certain real property owned by the County to the Plankinton Community Development Company, Inc., is in the best interest of a planned development project by the Plankinton Public School; and

WHEREAS, the Plankinton Community Development Company, Inc., is willing to accept a transfer of certain property owned by Aurora County for eventual transfer to the Plankinton Public School in furtherance of Plankinton Public School's planned development project, specifically, the building of a school bus facility; and

WHEREAS, the property subject to this resolution and eventual transfer to the Plankinton Public School is legally described as:

North Forty-Nine Feet (N 49') of Lot H-1 of Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Eleven (11), East Addition to the town of Plankinton, Aurora County, South Dakota;

And

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners of Aurora County recognizes the significant benefit the community will receive as a result of the transfer of the foregoing real property to the Plankinton Community Development Company, Inc., and its eventual transfer to Plankinton Public School to be used for the expansion of the Plankinton Public School.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the board of county commissioners of the County of Aurora, South Dakota, that Chairperson Dethlefsen is hereby authorized to execute and delivery all necessary

documents, to include but not limited to a Quit Claim Deed, conveying the real property described above to the Plankinton Community Development Company, Inc., for the purposes set forth above.

Ayes: 4 (1 Abstained) Nays: 0

Passed and approved on the 5th day of November, 2026.

COUNTY OF AURORA

S/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman

ATTEST: Susan Urban, Auditor

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Aurora County, a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota, of 401 North Main Street, Plankinton, South Dakota, 57368, grantor, for and in consideration of ONE DOLLAR ($1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, conveys and quitclaims to the Plankinton Community Development Company, Inc., a nonprofit industrial development corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, of PO Box 303, Plankinton, South Dakota, 57368, grantee, all interest in the following described real estate in the County of Aurora in the State of South Dakota:

North Forty-Nine Feet (N 49') of Lot H-1 of Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Eleven (11), East Addition to the town of Plankinton, Aurora County, South Dakota.

Exempt from transfer fee pursuant to SDCL 43-4-22(2).

Dated this 5th day of November, 2026.

COUNTY OF AURORA

S/s Clyde Dethlefsen

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: Susan Urban, Aurora County Auditor

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the renewal of a Retail (on-sale) Liquor License for Fish Lake Country Club. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bosworth to approve the renewal of a Retail (on-sale) Liquor License for Firesteel Creek Hunting Lodge Inc.. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Bosworth, seconded by Clark to approve the renewal of a Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine for CC&F Retail Inc.. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

Reports: October Payroll: Social Security 5,950.02; Medicare 1,391.52; Wellmark 29,261.56, Retirement 6,274.53; Kansas City Life 108.39; Commissioners 4,591.80; Auditor 8,203.47; Treasurer 7,047.03; States Attorney 5,641.29; Courthouse 3,327.14; Director of Equalization 6,002.63; Register of Deeds 5,470.19; Veteran's Service Officer 116.88; Sheriff 20,933.60; Welfare 835.05; Extension 126.78; Weed 0.00 Zoning 874.67; Hwy 36,663.81; EM&D 1,934.08; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.45. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 5,263.14; MMDA 3,558,632.14; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 255.00; Birth/Death Certs 35.00; Preservation Fund 174.00; Driver's License 354.00; Copies 127.00; Other 0.00; Recording Fees 1,480.00; Transfer Fees 4,687.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	387.54
		387.54 *
ELECTIONS		
#01 KAREN HIGGS	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#01 KAREN HIGGS	SCHOOL	40.00
#01 KIM GEPPERT	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#01 KIM GEPPERT	SCHOOL	40.00
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	MILEAGE	16.72
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	SCHOOL	40.00
#02 DAWN DONKER	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#02 DAWN DONKER	MILEAGE	16.72
#02 DAWN DONKER	SCHOOL	40.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	SCHOOL	40.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	SCHOOL	40.00

#03 CHANTEL KIRSCH	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	SCHOOL	40.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	MILEAGE	16.72
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	SCHOOL	40.00
#05 BEVERLY HOEFERT	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#05 CRYSTAL HOFFMAN	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#05 CRYSTAL HOFFMAN	SCHOOL	40.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	MILEAGE	1.52
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	MILEAGE	1.52
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	SCHOOL	40.00
#07 CATHY ALBRECHT	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#07 CATHY ALBRECHT	SCHOOL	40.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	GENERAL ELECTION	175.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	SCHOOL	40.00
BETH SAMPSON	TABULATING - GENERAL	40.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS	799.94
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SERVICE CONTRACT FOR MACHINES	1446.32
JOAN SWANSON	RESOLUTION BOARD - GENERAL	40.00
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	PRECINCT BOXES	214.50
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	ELECTION PUBLISHING	1416.34
SHERRY STALLER	RESOLUTION BOARD - GENERAL	40.00
		7155.30 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

AVERA PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVIC	BA (1)	137.00
MORGAN LAW	CAA	732.00
MORGAN THEELER	CAA	789.14
MORGAN THEELER	CAA	183.00
MORGAN THEELER	CAA	2384.33
		4225.47 *

AUDITOR

P M B 0112	SEPTEMBER ACCESS	70.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	2026-2027 SOFTWARE SUPPORT	450.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	2026-2027 SOFTWARE SUPPORT	5644.50
V I S A	MONTHLY PAYMENT - CONNECT TEAM	476.00
		6640.75 *

TREASURER

S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	198.00
STAPLES	MONITORS, RISERS & LABELS	245.30
SUE FAULHABER	MONITOR ADAPTERS	45.34
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	2026-2027 SOFTWARE SUPPORT	3370.00
		3858.64 *

COURTHOUSE			
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	RUGS FOR COURTHOUSE	301.95	
HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS	SOAP & RESTROOM CLEANER	334.00	
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	COURTHOUSE - PEST CONTROL	90.00	
PLANKINTON CITY	COURTHOUSE - ELECTRIC & WATER	1415.37	
PLANKINTON CITY	HISTORICAL - ELECTRIC & WATER	196.94	
TRANE US INC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	6357.00	
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS	33.54	
		8728.80	*
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION			
CASEY SCHMIDT	MILEAGE TO REDFIELD	127.68	
RAMKOTA HOTEL - PIERRE	MOTEL ROOM - CLASSES	560.00	
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	66.00	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	2026-2027 SUPPORT CONTRACT	5150.00	
		5903.68	*
SHERIFF			
OVERWEG AUTO	TIRE REPAIR - LEWIS	31.80	
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1982.49	
V I S A	POSTAGE	53.80	
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE, HOTSPOT, TABLET US	319.04	
		2387.13	*
JAIL			
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	SEPTEMBER JAIL HOUSING	5670.00	
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC	INMATE MEDS (2)	41.77	
		5711.77	*
NURSES OFFICE			
SMILE MAKERS	BANDAIDES FOR FLU SHOTS	265.45	
		265.45	*
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED			
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	4TH QTR 2026	762.50	
		762.50	*
AG BUILDING			
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BLDG - PEST CONTROL	70.00	
PLANKINTON CITY	AG BLDG - ELECTRIC & WATER	370.32	
		440.32	*
WEED			
RUNNINGS	ANTIFREEZE, BUSHING & BOLTS	105.31	

			105.31 *
PLANNING & ZONING			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING		63.00
			63.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	EXTENDED WARRANTY & LEASE		5340.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	EAR PLUGS		40.20
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	VALVE STEMS		17.50
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	LOADER REPAIRS		2.59
IVERSON	FIFTH WHEEL BALL KIT		360.00
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA		34.00
NAPA CENTRAL	BRAKE CLEANER, FLUID & DEICER		316.20
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - STK & WL		66.87
PLANKINTON CITY	HWY - ELECTRIC & WATER		304.34
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	LOADER & TRUCK REPAIRS		58.15
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	POST, CUTTING WHEELS & SAW BLA		53.90
RUNNINGS	PICKUP REPAIRS		10.38
RUNNINGS	GLOVES, WADERS		184.98
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	ENVELOPES		88.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES		1008.90
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STK SHOP		98.75
TOTAL OIL	FUEL		8677.25
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE		3200.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	2026-2027 SUPPORT CONTRACT		2210.00
VERIZON BUSINESS	TABLET USAGE		20.02
			22092.03 *
E 911 SERVICE			
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 10-31-2		203.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 10-31-2		357.44
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 10-31-2		30.00
			590.44 *
EM&D			
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES		44.46
TILTECHDOUSPART	SAFETY DAYS PLAQUES & MISC ITE		480.02
VERIZON BUSINESS	TABLET & HOTSPOT USAGE		60.03
			584.51 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL		395.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	NUMBER STAMPER		74.32
			469.32 *

DRUG & ALCOHOL DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	4TH QTR 2026	300.00 300.00 *

Total Checks: 70,671.96 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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