STANLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
October 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Stanley County Commission was called to order at 5:04 P.M.(CT) by Chairman Dana Iversen with Commissioners Mike Kenzy, Craig Heller, Sonny Harrowa and Gary Grittner. Also present was Treasurer Bill Konst, Highway Superintendent Lee Smith, Emergency Manager Dustin Baxter, Fort Pierre Chamber Shane Kramme, and Auditor Philena Burtch. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Craig Heller, second by Sonny Harrowa, to approve the Agenda. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Craig Heller, second by Sonny Harrowa, to approve September 1, 2026 Minutes and September 22, 2026 Minutes. Heller voted Aye. Harrowa voted Aye. Kenzy voted Aye. Grittner voted Nay. Motion Carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Sonny Harrowa, second by Craig Heller, to approve Claims as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A.G.E. CORPORATION	453.02	OVERPAID TAXES
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	283.39	OFFICE SUPPL
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE INC	4156.93	SEPTEMBER SUBSIDY BILLING
ARAMARK	304.12	R&B MAINT
AT&T MOBILITY	452.69	CELL PHONES
AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY INC	195.00	TOXICOLOGY TESTS
DURWARD BENBOW	474.00	GOV BLDG MAINT
BRADEEN REAL ESTATE & AUCTIONS	315.00	FRGRNDS MAINT
MICHELLE BARRETT	316.24	4-H STATE FAIR TRAVEL REIMB
JODI BOTHWELL	157.22	DOE ANNUAL WRKSHP TRAVEL
BOTTOM LINE WELDING	111.30	R&B SUPPL
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	2725.40	R&B SUPPL
CAPITAL AREA COUNSELING INC	4568.80	AUG & SEPT MCR/QMHP EVAL
AISHA C CARR	429.02	CRT APPT ATTRNY
CEDAR SHOR RESORT	218.31	DOE ANNUAL VANGAUARD CONF
CELERITY INTERNET	293.78	FRGRNDS WIFI
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	274.90	COPIER LEASE & COPIES
CENTURYLINK	85.28	4 CORNERS REPEATER
CHRISTY LUMBER	40.00	FRGRNDS MAINT
CLEARFLY	361.90	OFFICE PHONES
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	341.14	COMM MINS/R&B5YR/VR DEADLN
COMMTECH INC	1307.88	GOV BLDG/DOE MAINT
COMMUNITY YOUTH INVOLVED INC	2083.34	OCTOBER SUPPORT
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	449.65	GOV BLDG/FRGRNDS FUEL
CROSSROADS TRAILER SALES-SF	373.80	R&B SUPPL-T3
DANIELLE DAAK-SHERWOOD	46.00	DOE ANNUAL WRKSHP TRAVEL
DAKOTA DATA SHRED	66.75	AUD MAINT
JLF ENTERPRISES INC	330.29	FRGRNDS/TREAS/R&B SUPPL
JOHN DUFFY	80.00	CH SHOP LOT RENT
PATRICIA M DUFFY	344.12	FALL CONV TRAVEL REIMB
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	2930.56	GEN ELEC SUPPL
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	684.00	EM ANNUAL CONF
FIRST DAKOTA ENTERPRISES INC	297.00	MV COMM REFUND
FLEET SERVICES	2295.33	R&B/FRGRNDS/EM FUEL
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	18616.31	R&B REPAIR/SUPPL-T2/T3/T12
FORT PIERRE FIRE DEPT	21250.00	4TH QTR SUPPORT
FORT PIERRE CITY	12847.99	DUE TO CITY OF FORT PIERRE
FORT PIERRE CITY	158.24	EXT COPIER LEASE & COPIES
FORT PIERRE CITY	2828.04	UTILITIES

FOUR CORNERS FIRE DEPTMENT	5625.00	4TH QTR SUPPORT
FRIMAN OIL & GAS INC	17680.00	R&B SUPPL-DYED DIESEL
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	200.00	E-911
GRAHAM TIRE COMPANY	978.40	R&B REPAIR/SUPPL-T12
GRIMM'S PUMP & INDUSTRIAL SUPP	426.42	R&B MAINT/SUPPL-TR15/1G1
GARY GRITTNER	344.12	FALL CONV TRAVEL REIMB
GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT OF PIERR	3361.10	R&B REPAIR/SUPPL-RG/M6/G5/BC
BRYAN HANSON	153.20	MV REFUND
HOGEN'S HARDWARE HANK	51.25	FRGRNDS MAINT
CODY L HONEYWELL	866.20	CRT APPT ATTRNY
HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE	21735.00	AUGUST JAIL BILL
HUGHES COUNTY JAIL	76.68	MEDICAL CARE
INLAND TRUCK PARTS	139.10	R&B SUPPL
JC OFFICE SUPPLIES	157.78	R&B SUPPL
JOHNSON CONTROLS	1731.48	CH REPAIR
WILLIAM KONST	318.17	FALL CONV TRAVEL REIMB
KIRBY D KROGMAN	1258.00	CRT APPT ATTRNY
THOMAS P MAHER	27.38	SEPT EXPENSES
MARK MASTELLER	66.51	MV REFUND
MAY ADAM GERDES & THOMPSON LLP	1366.40	CRT APPT ATTRNY
MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUP	4495.26	ELEC/TREAS SUPPL
MENARDS - PIERRE	222.51	GOV BLDG/FRGRNDS SUPPL
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS INC	790.00	ROD RENTAL EQUIP
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATION	181.72	R&B PHONES/INTERNET
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATION	289.49	INTERNET
JON AND BREANNA MILLAR	80.00	4H FINALS STALL REFUND
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	23.26	R&B NATURAL GAS
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	86.32	CH/FRGRNDS NATURAL GAS
MORRIS INC	13009.44	R&B SUPPL/SCREENED GRAVEL-BRR
ALEX NICHOLS	80.00	MV REFUND
PITNEY BOWES	672.65	POSTAGE
QUILL CORPORATION	987.92	OFFICE SUPPL
RAMKOTA--SIOUX FALLS	550.00	FALL CONV
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	82.08	TOXICOLOGY TESTS
RIVER BOTTOM SANITATION INC	86.24	GOV BLDG TRASH BILL
ROBINS WATER CONDITIONING INC	12.00	R&B SUPPL
ROBINS WATER CONDITIONING INC	81.60	ROD MAINT
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	524.92	R&B SUPPL
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	843.67	FRGRNDS MAINT
STANLEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT	102787.76	4TH QTR SUPPRT/CARE OF POOR
STANLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	30402.21	DUE TO SC SCHOOL
JOAN BOOS SCHUELLER	931.60	CRT APPT ATTRNY
REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE DIVISN	791.70	DISTRESS WARRANT
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	1796.62	4TH QTR PUBLIC HEALTH SRVC
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	92045.16	MV/VITALS/MENTAL ILLNESS
SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	1120.00	BLOOD TESTS
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	231.68	R&B 2018 JD 772G MG
SD ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	134.00	ROD M/P FUND
SERVALL UNIFORM/LINEN CO	182.50	GOV BLDG SUPPL
SIEBRASSE LAW OFFICE PC	2345.06	CRT APPT ATTRNY
LARRY SMITH	83.00	MV REFUND
KENNETH SOSA	92.00	MV REFUND
CODY SPARROW	84.00	MV REFUND
MARTY SWALLOW	10.00	MV REFUND
ALAN SWANSON	25.00	MV REFUND
BILL SWISHER	25.00	MV REFUND
K THOMPSON LAW PROF LLC	686.95	CRT APPT ATTRNY
TITAN MACHINERY	463.69	FRGRNDS REPAIR & MAINT-TOOLCT
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	1733.00	MANAGED SRVC
VERENDRYE MUSEUM	875.00	4TH QTR SUPPORT
WW TIRE SERVICE INC	123.85	R&B REPAIR/P4/TR16

WW TIRE SERVICE INC	483.48	FRGRNDS/GOV BLDG MAINT
ZANDER AUTO PARTS	1015.30	R&B SUPPL
ZANDER AUTO PARTS	148.39	FRGRNDS MAINT

Conflict of Interest Declaration: No conflicts of interest were declared.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Bill Konst informed the Commission of interest earned for September 2026 is $9,595.41, Wheel Tax collection is $11,317.89, and delinquent taxes to collect is $46,830.94.

Auditor Report: Auditor Philena Burtch presented the Commissioners with the Budget Expenditure Report showing each department's expenses as of August 31, 2026, Fiscal Revenue Report as of August 31, 2026 and Outstanding Disbursements as of October 6, 2026.

SALARIES BY OFFICE: Commissioners - $3,963.36; Auditor - $5,357.02; Treasurer - $5,998.82; States Attorney - $11,923.13; Custodial - $2,938.86; Director of Equalization - $5,033.12; Register of Deeds - $4,1752.62; Road & Bridge - $35,279.04; Weed & Pest - $465.02; Fairgrounds - $7,316.51; Extension - $1,451.58; Employee Health Insurance - $22,404.53; SD Retirement System, withheld and match - $10,774.26; Electronic Transfer; FICA, Medicare and Withholding Tax - $23,819.85.

Register of Deeds:
Regular Fees September 2026 - $ 2,676.17
Transfer Fees September 2026 - $67,021.50

Property Tax Relief – SB96 – Local Relief – Owner Occupied Property Tax Relief: The purpose of the county gross receipts tax is to provide property tax relief on the Stanley County property tax levy for all property classified as owner-occupied. Motion by Mike Kenzy, second by Sonny Harrowa, to publish notice of hearing for first reading given that the Board of Stanley County Commissioners have proposed an Ordinance to provide additional necessary revenue for Stanley County, South Dakota, by imposing a county gross receipts tax pursuant to the powers granted to the County by the State of South Dakota, by SDCL § 10-25B-1 et seq. entitled Uniform County Non-Ad Valorem Tax Law, and acts amendatory thereto. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Highway Department: Lee Smith presented the Commission with a report of work performed by the Highway Department for the month of September 2026, which consists of hauling gravel, blading, laying gravel on Bad River Road, mowing, service and maintain equipment. Lee explained that since the tractor rental program changed, the highway department did not rent any mowing tractors for the season, so the highway department is behind on the mowing schedule.

Hayes County Shop Roof & County Shop Roof: Lee Smith informed the Commission that the Hayes County Shop Roof has been replaced. Lee is going to have Northeast LLC give a proposal to fix the county shop roof the way the insurance adjuster suggested. Lee informed the Commission that the hail storm in July damaged some of the shop doors, so Lee will get estimates to fix the doors.

SD DOT/4 Corners Crushed Asphalt: Motion by Gary Grittner, second by Mike Kenzy, to approve the purchase of 4,000 ton of crushed asphalt from SD DOT at $10.00 per ton. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Transportation Plan: Having no public comment, Motion by Sonny Harrowa, second by Craig Heller, to approve Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Transportation Plan as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Emergency Management Services – Monthly Report: Dustin Baxter informed the Commission that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) nominated sub committees. Baxter met with FEMA regarding the disaster resolution; they will be driving to the affected areas for a site analysis this week. Baxter informed the Commission the USACE (USA Corps of Engineers) conducts routine activities to monitor the Oahe Dam,

identify issues and work to promote safety. The USACE has classified the Oahe Dam at "very high risk". Very high risk is a classification USACE uses within its Dam Safety Program to prioritize resources and drive action. It means Oahe Dam will receive the highest level of attention and investment. Very high risk does not indicate a current emergency at the dam or initiate emergency response actions. There are currently no operational changes planned.

USACE is taking actions now to improve safety until more permanent solutions can be identified and implemented. Foundation drains have been installed to reduce water pressure within the embankment's foundation, improving structural stability. Various spillway repairs to the seals and concrete have been completed. Spillway sediment has been removed; this ensures water can flow freely through the spillway during high water events. Additional sensors are being installed to alert engineers to changes in the foundation conditions. USACE has enhanced monitoring and surveillance, increased communication with surrounding communities, state and local partners and Tribal Nations, and coordinating with state and local emergency and risk management agencies to update emergency plans, hold exercises, and support flood risk management efforts.

Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan: Dustin Baxter informed the Commission that the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan kick-off meeting was held during the September 30, 2026, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting. Baxter has put a QR code for public to complete a survey on the county's website. The QR code pre-mitigation survey is also hanging up around the courthouse. Baxter would like more public input. We will have public meetings in November or December. The final plan has to be complete and to the State by June 2027.

Updated Security System – Courthouse: Motion by Craig Heller, second by Gary Grittner, to approve the purchase and installation of Courthouse Security System from CommTech, not to exceed $2,608.00. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Automatic Budget Supplement – Election Supplies: Motion by Sonny Harrowa, second by Craig Heller, to approve Automatic Budget Supplement in the amount of $737.04 to Election Supplies (101-120-426.00), to reflect $400.00 payment from City of Fort Pierre for Primary Election and $337.04 payment from State of South Dakota SD Secretary of State for 2026 Primary Election Post Election Audit Reimbursement. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2026-14 Operation Green Light for Veterans: Motion by Gary Grittner, second by Craig Heller, to approve Resolution 2026-14 Operation Green Light for Veterans. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2026-14

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanley County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Stanley County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than $52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes, and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Stanley County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Stanley County hereby declares from November 4-11, 2026, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Stanley County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4-11, 2026.

Dated this 6th day of October 2026.

Dana Iversen, Chairman
Stanley County Commission

ATTEST:
Phileña Burtch, Auditor
Staney County, South Dakota

Executive Session – Care of Poor – SDCL 28-13-1: Motion by Mike Kenzy, second by Craig Heller, to go into Executive Session-Care of Poor-SDCL 28-13-1 at 6:18 P.M. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Chairman Iversen declared to reconvene at 6:21 P.M.

Motion by Craig Heller, second by Mike Kenzy, to approve Care of Poor Case #1306 in the amount of $1,060.00, payable to Bella Vista Properties LLC. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Upcoming Conferences: Highway Superintendent Short Course

Due to the General Election on Tuesday November 3, 2026, the regular meeting of the Stanley County Commission will be on Thursday November 5, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Motion by Craig Heller, second by Mike Kenzy, to adjourn at 6:24 P.M. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

ATTEST: BOARD OF STANLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Phileña Burtch, Auditor

Dana Iversen, Chairman