

Lincoln County Board of Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2026

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at 6:30 p.m. on January 27, 2026, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam present. Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot, was also present.

Chair, Tiffani Landeen, called the meeting to order.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to remove Item #7 from the Regular Business and approve Agenda. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Payroll: \$499,502.78

Commissioner's \$9,231.89; FICA 548.29, Medicare 128.23, SDRS 165.83
Auditor's \$16,373.14; FICA 907.44, Medicare 212.22, SDRS 978.19
Treasurer's \$21,368.03; FICA 1,192.16, Medicare 278.81, SDRS 1,268.89
States Attorney's \$76,193.07; FICA 4,397.27, Medicare 1,028.39, SDRS 4,513.96
Gen Gov Bldg \$20,867.71; FICA 1,162.34, Medicare 271.84, SDRS 1,240.90
DOE \$42,077.96; FICA 2,386.22, Medicare 558.07, SDRS 2,457.00
ROD \$10,978.23; FICA 606.55, Medicare 141.85, SDRS 651.50
VSO \$2,393.84; FICA 139.52, Medicare 32.63, SDRS 142.13
GIS \$6,130.72; FICA 341.24, Medicare 79.81, SDRS 366.35
IT \$12,116.60; FICA 719.49, Medicare 168.27, SDRS 722.79
HR \$6,185.84; FICA 352.75, Medicare 82.50, SDRS 368.45
Sheriff's \$129,346.32; FICA 7,515.34, Medicare 1,757.62, SDRS 9,712.06
Jail \$21,923.43; FICA 1,297.87, Medicare 303.53, SDRS 1,455.68
County 4-H \$4,834.15; FICA 284.93, Medicare 66.64, SDRS 287.35
Weeds \$4,852.26; FICA 300.84, Medicare 70.36, SDRS 291.13
P & Z \$13,518.77; FICA 822.60, Medicare 192.38, SDRS 809.63
Highway \$52,846.27; FICA 3,046.76, Medicare 712.55, SDRS 3,117.30
Communications \$38,077.20; FICA 2,190.73, Medicare 512.35, SDRS 2,254.84
EM MGMT \$4,249.67; FICA 240.86, Medicare 56.33, SDRS 252.16
Airport \$3,057.83; FICA 189.59, Medicare 44.34, SDRS 183.47
24/7 \$2,879.85; FICA 178.55, Medicare 41.76, SDRS 230.38

Reports:

December 2025 Auditor Account with the County Treasurer Report and Financial Reports
American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) 4th Quarter 2025 Spending Report

2026 Annual Salary/Hourly Rates for Full-Time Lincoln County Employees As 01-16-26: Commissioner - Anderson Paul 71,858.54, Arends Joel 32,008.34, Landeen Tiffani 32,008.34, Otten Betty 32,008.34, Putnam Doug 32,008.34, Schmidt James 32,008.34 ; Auditor - Lund Sheri 121,542.72, Bawdon Bethany 24.02, Burkhart Michelle 38.22, Cafaro Alicia 25.88, Delfs Kayla 30.56, Stambaugh Moreen 25.25; Treasurer - Hofer Francene 107,737.50, Davies Christina 37.94, Kirkeby Taylor 23.80, Nissen Shalesa 25.64, Painter Carrie Jo 22.12, Ralfs Tammie 29.01, Rosheim Beverly 25.64, Standley Cristen 25.02, Strait Linda 22.12; 4-H - Sweeter Wendy 69,709.90, Storo Tracie 26.35; 911 - Baldwin Todd 109,337.28, Bates Jonathan 31.32, Bierschbach David 29.09, Campbell Grace 25.09, Cornelius Ractliffe Tamara 37.12, Drowser Aja 27.00, Johnson Scott 29.09, Jones Patricia 39.73, Lease Kyle 37.12, Poppenga Gregory 37.12, Stiegel Joseph 27.69, Straatmeyer

Ronald 34.58; DOE - Goossen Karla 132,295.02, Becker Nancy 23.23, Ekle Donna 77,400.18, Erdmann David 33.31, Farmer April 33.31, Golden Donelda 39.59, Nagel Matt 34.98, Olseth Sarah 32.50, Preheim Austin 34.98, Sehr Heather 39.59, Smith Courtney 27.61, Turner Amanda 28.71, Vandestroet Sharon 42.52, Van Maanen Myles 30.18, Zimmel Jozlyn 25.64; Buildings – Rombough John 89,952.72, Baker Chad 29.16, Collins, Jace 24.40, Mastalir Catherine 29.16, Oakland Jeanne 29.16, Otte Brandon 24.40, Powell, Franklyn 33.93, Winter Denise 30.88; EM - Timmerman Harold 109,269.42; GIS - Dixon David 91,627.12, Butler Tanner 32.27; IT - Oakland Jake 159,957.20, Big Eagle Silas 29.44, Thompson Carter 44.24; P&Z - Brown Toby 141,319.62, Carlson Joel 34.15, Holter Keith 35.86, Lambka Caden 30.72; HWY - Fluit Terry 129,422.54, Block Brett 29.00, Buckneberg Ryan 36.30, Delle Rihannon 27.88, Harris Warren 27.33, Heggen Russell 39.19, Jackson Connor 25.76, Larson Sonny 30.76, Lems Timothy 35.66, Mckenzie Chad 27.33, Miller Monte 29.87, Molstad Michael 26.54, Narum Jared 99,023.34, Paulson Kyle 36.73, Sogn Darwin 32.25, Steffen Shaun 39.67, Symens James 31.68, Thompson, Jared 29.00, Triebwasser Terry 29.00, Wellman Waylon 43.25; ROD - Vander Broek Rebecca 105,113.32, Lee Linnea 26.95, Ostbye Cindi 34.35, Van Ruler Kathy 22.66; Sheriff - Swenson Steve 158,965.04, Aslesen Joan 37.12, Bartscher Aaron 47.12, Bates Ryan 33.48, Branton, Vance 32.66, Brost Alexander 34.31, Brown Chad 143,889.72, Carlson Joseph 47.12, Castro Christopher 33.48, Colshan Edward 47.12, Crownover Joshua 31.86, Degrange Gregri 38.80, Diaconu Steven 31.86, Espland Jarid 115,559.34, Feldhaus Brendan 32.66, Fischer Derek 38.80, Gaalswyk Scott 42.84, Hogan Chris 38.80, Honerman Tiffany 33.48, Johns Travis 42.84, Johnson Christian 31.86, Kuntz Christopher 43.79, Lord Benjamin 121,408.30, Mayer, Keith 36.04, McCloud Cory 47.12, Mersier Justin 34.31, Nelson Brock 47.12, Perez Israel 34.31, Rodriguez-Gomez, Temothy 32.66, Rozeboom Seth 33.48, Rupe Elijah 35.16, Steinburg Andrew 38.80, Stroschein Leah 36.95, Umthun Justin 36.04, Von Haden Anthony 32.66, Welsh Garrett 36.04, Woods Latisha 26.52; Jail – Banerjee Joy 27.69, Bast Krista 42.70, Draeger Carrie 31.32, Lord Nicholas 25.09, Nesmoe Kaysee 30.56, Smith Jamie 30.56, Wickre Katherine 26.52, Winters Aileen 34.31; States Attorney - Wollman Thomas 181,813.32, Aanenson Nicole 26.84, Andersen Candace 39.73, Carrasco, Jorge 33.93, DeGroot Drew 155,433.46, Gackle Kari 29.61, Hamran Jennifer 32.70, Henry Roland 105,831.44, Hult Cyndi 31.90, Jasper Lilli 98,322.12, Jeseritz Amanda 30.18, Laguna Autumn 25.71, Matthews John 36.53, Mattson Joseph 111,192.12, Mayer, Mariah 30.18, Meader Joseph 111,192.12, Miles Stori 22.12, Reed, Kristopher 103,252.24, Sommervold Jessica 43.43, Wieme, Katlyn 29.61, Wiese Ryan 129,015.38, Williams Anje 40.32, Winquist Kari 34.98; Human Resources – Elling Kari 105,831.44, Anderson Ashley 25.88; 24/7 Sobriety – Wilcox, Jordan 29.81; Veterans Service Officer – David Ekle 61,589.84; Airport - David Myers 79,503.58. **2026 Annual Salary/Hourly/Salary Rates For Part-Time/Seasonal Lincoln County Employees As 01-16-26:** P&Z - Commissioner 25/Mtg, Boots Todd 75/Mtg, Derousseau Montaque 75/Mtg, Enstad Collin 75/Mtg, Green Scott 75/Mtg, Jongeling Jerry 75/Mtg, Scott Erik 75/Mtg, Sweeter Marlene 75/Mtg; Weed Board - Gillespie Pam 50/Mtg, Hammer Ralph 50/Mtg, Paulson Paul 50/Mtg, Simunek Roger 50/Mtg, Smit Randy 50/Mtg, Commissioner 15/Mtg; Jail - Anderson Terry 37.86; Sheriff – Clark Nolan 35.16, Vanden Bosch Joshua 35.16; States Attorney - Harvison Gary 34.76; Doe – Limoges Stephanie 21.92; Hwy – Damian Nathan 25.26

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve Consent Agenda items. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to Approve County Commission Minutes:

01.13.2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve Lincoln County Claims in the amount of \$2,062,023.04: Anderson, Jennifer Marie, Mental Health Services \$ 2,630.78; Assn Of Sd County Weed & Pest, 2026 Weed Conference And Dues \$ 550.00; Avera , Acct Hga00528692162 11/16/25 \$ 3,006.78; Century Business Products, 832746 \$ 158.75; City Of Tea, Utility Support \$ 5,375.65; Dakota Embalming & Transport Service Inc, Inv0032328 \$ 1,900.00; Lennox Independent LLC, Inv0032293 \$ 2,684.42; Phillip Loving, Mental Health Services \$ 5,371.78; Sd Dept Of Labor & Regulation, Reemployment Assistance \$ 6,340.89;

Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare, Mental Health Services \$ 65,418.79; Syverson Tricia L, Mental Health Services \$ 204.80; The Dakota Scout LLC , 2203 \$ 1,394.23; Wernke, Laurie A, Mental Health Services \$ 117.56; Sioux Falls Rubber Stamp, 18528 \$ 41.85; Alvine Law Firm, LLP, Crt Appt Atty \$ 448.60; Baloun Law, Pc, Crt Appt Atty \$ 793.20; Eich Law Office Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty \$ 1,405.80; Griesse Law Firm, Pc, Crt Appt Atty \$ 1,147.00; Jena Skorczewski, Court Reporter, Transcript \$ 69.55; Katheryn Cranbrooks, Psyd Abpp Lp, Forensic Eval \$ 3,250.00; Katie Johnson PLLC, Crt Appt Atty-Juv \$ 980.30; Knecht, Andrew J, Crt Appt Atty-Juv \$ 1,560.00; Myers Billion, LLP, Indigent Persons Contract Fiscal Year 2026 \$ 18,565.75; Olivier Miles Holtz, LLP, Crt Appt Atty \$ 1,006.95; Peterson Stuart & Klentz, Prof LLC, Public Defender Contract \$ 75,694.09; Salberg, Aaron, Crt Appt Atty \$ 1,695.20; Samp Law Office, Crt Appt Atty \$ 2,784.00; Strange, Farrell, Johnson & Brewers Pc, Crt Appt Atty \$ 17,862.11; Ver Beek Law Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty-Juv \$ 4,870.22; Interstate Office Products, Supplies \$ 158.32; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Lab Testing \$ 97.54; Pat Beck, Court Reporter, Gj Transcript \$ 396.75; Dakota Data Shred, Shredder Contract \$ 56.93; Minnehaha County Jail, December Blood Draws \$ 525.00; Pmb 0112, Executive Mgmt Finance Office, Access Fees \$ 116.00; Sd Dept Of Health, Lab Testing \$ 4,895.00; Eden, Amanda, Professional Services \$ 1,950.00; Pharm Chem Inc, Lab Testing \$ 223.65; Dakota Wash LLC, Ultimate Washes - Lincoln County B&G \$ 248.40; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Customer Acct #236 \$ 1,518.33; Ace Hardware Tea, Customer #17458 \$ 60.00; Jw Niederauer Inc, Customer # 17458 \$ 32.99; Electric Construction Company, Ec Job #26054 \$ 110,000.00; Bomgaars, Acct #0067-042-3 \$ 36.97; Menards-Sioux Falls West, Acct # 30640770 \$ 393.01; Grainger, Acct # 879306108 \$ 121.03; Equipment Blades Inc, Case 621b End Bit \$ 22.26; Midwestern Mechanical Inc, Cust. Code 4608 \$ 300.00; Lincoln Co Register Of Deeds, Inv0032311 \$ 132.00; Tyler Technologies Inc, Ci100-00251558 \$ 41,364.00; Riverside Technologies Inc, In0461249 \$ 125.00; Route 1, Inv753887 \$ 644.76; Tiresandmore , 25-2 Oil Change \$ 3,286.59; Magnet Forensics LLC , License 2025 - 2026 \$ 15,515.00; Pheasantland Industries , Department Services \$ 32.50; Karl Chevrolet , 26-1 2026 Tahoe #16383 \$ 109,480.40; Octane Ink LLC , Cut Vinyl Lettering Package For Chevy Tahoe Comple \$ 275.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment , Personnel Uniform \$ 1,440.89; Karl Emergency Vehicles , Tahoe Rear - Command Box B \$ 6,600.00; City Of Harrisburg , Dec Fuel \$ 5,396.33; Sisson Printing Inc , Dui Advisement Card \$ 97.18; Jerry's Chevrolet Of Beresford , 26-2 Program Multiple Key Fobs \$ 268.64; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance , Auto Damage Addition 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Sher \$ 1,569.45; Preferred Printing Inc , #10 Regular Inside Tint Peel-N-Seal Envelopes 1-Co \$ 417.66; Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Sololutions Inc , Dec 2025 \$ 100.00; Frantzen Reporting/Pgr8r Inc , Transcripts \$ 235.00; Sturdevant's Auto Value , Cabin Air Filter \$ 165.18; Fed Ex , Shipping Ground-Bill Recipient \$ 125.69; Workforce-South , Personnel Screening \$ 140.00; Voyager Fleet Systems Inc , Fuel Dec 2025 \$ 6,154.46; Harrisburg School Dist., Rental Lease Agreement \$ 25,685.00; Rozeboom, Seth , Training Travel \$ 280.00; Perez, Israel , Training Travel \$ 280.00; Pennington County Jail, 45992 \$ 143.51; Sanford Health Pathology Clinic, Inv0032327 \$ 300.00; Lifescape, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 52,332.00; Canton Transit, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 15,000.00; Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership Corp, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 6,903.00; Lennox Life Enrichment For The Elderly, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 5,000.00; Children's Home Society Of South Dakota, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 15,000.00; Help Line Center Inc, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 9,473.00; Rosecrest Townhomes, Rental Support \$ 600.00; Sanford Health, Ci-842 \$ 1,250.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Mental Health Services \$ 153.00; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC, Mental Health Services \$ 1,081.00; Coomes, Sue Ann, Mental Health Services \$ 96.00; Helseth, Ramona, Mental Health Services \$ 96.00; Lewno Law Office, Lucy M Lewno, Atty, Mental Health Services \$ 239.25; City Of Harrisburg, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 5,000.00; Lincoln Co Conservation District, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 20,000.00; Beresford Public Library, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 5,000.00; Canton Public Library, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 5,000.00; Hudson Library, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 5,000.00; Lennox Public Library, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 5,000.00; Sdae4-Hp, Inv0032312 \$ 160.00; Lennox Nutrition Center, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 1,500.00; Beresford Faith In Action, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 2,000.00; Canton Nutrition Center, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 4,620.00; Beresford Community Food Cupboard, 2026 Budget Allocation \$ 1,000.00; Canton Home & Farm Supply, 299816 \$ 13.98; Imeg Corp, 25000081.00 9 \$ 1,760.00; Lookout Plan + Code Consulting LLC, 25105 \$ 24.40; Billion Southtown Inc, 289489 \$ 424.00; Sweeter, Marlene, Inv0032316 \$ 10.40; Jongeling, Jerry, Inv0032318 \$ 19.07; Boots, Todd, Inv0032319 \$ 23.77; Green, Scott, Inv0032320 \$ 20.40; Scott, Erik, Inv0032321 \$ 7.65; Otten, Betty, Inv0032322 \$ 22.64; Road & Bridge: Overhead Door Co

Of Sioux Falls Inc, Door Remotes \$300.00 ; Butler Machinery Co, Wo1422 \$3,942.85 ; C& J Inc DbA Roto-Rooter Sioux Falls, Restroom Repair \$245.00 ; Sdachs, 2026 Shortcourse X2 \$400.00 ; Blackstrap Inc, Salt \$6,478.89 ; Grossenburg Implement Incorporated, Wo1509 \$26.20 ; Tire Motive Service Center, Wo1499 \$1,520.00 ; Imeg Corp, 25.Rab \$29,064.54 ; Deans Distributing, Supplies \$839.90 ; Diamond Mowers LLC, Wo1507 \$1,072.47 ; Cintas Corp, Uniform, Mats, Towels \$168.91 ; Sioux Falls Ford, Wo1484 \$220.73 ; Jfi - Johnson Feed Inc, Wo1498 \$44.68 ; Napa Auto & Truck Parts Of Sioux Falls, Wo1312 \$650.12 ; Presto-X, Pest Maintenance \$217.98 ; Dakota Fluid Power Inc, Wo1506 \$2,349.16 ; Integrated Technology & Security, Internet Fire/Rapid Response Monitoring \$180.00 ; Sturdevant's Auto Value, 1508 \$120.87 ; Micheal's Purple Petunia, Pump Tanks \$207.00 ; Inland Truck Parts & Service, Wo1498 \$224.90 ; Emergeny & Disaster: Two Way Solutions Inc,2885, \$4,028.00; Two Way Solutions Inc,2891 \$1,365.00; Century Business Products, 832738, \$22.81; Workforce-South,Em003377 (2), \$165.00; Interstate Power Systems Inc, Inv0032260, \$1,504.18; I-29 Fuels Inc, Inv0032273, \$729.37; 24/7 Sobriety Fund: Jacob Yelllow Bear, 25a-P36-6rh6,\$12.00; Pharm Chem Inc, Inv442969, \$575.67; Schmidt, Nicholas, Refund 1/20/26, \$34.00; Opioid Settlement Fund Sioux Empire Triage Center, 1617212026, \$20,000.00; Raif:Imeg Corp,24-0895-1752,\$8,800.00; Imeg Corp,42-0955-1778, 8,800.00; Justice Center: Geotek Engineering & Testing Services Inc, 0084190, \$1,910.00; Geotek Engineering & Testing Services Inc, 0084543, \$115.00; Henry Carlson Construction LLC, 21, \$1,210,602.00; Jlg Architects, 21030-42, \$14,954.54; Tegra Group,436.126, \$12,850.00; Debt Service-Tif #8:City Of Harrisburg, 3,824.02 Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve and authorize the chair to execute Form E (SD Medical Cannabis Program Local Government Compliance Certification) for Pure Bliss Farms; 46562 270th St., Tea SD, 57064. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in the City of Tea, in the amount of \$3,003.18, per SDCL 10-4-40. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in Springdale Township, in the amount of \$2,114.48, per SDCL 10-4-40. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in the City of Harrisburg, in the amount of \$2,463.61, per SDCL 10-4-40. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in the Dayton Township, in the amount of \$990.50, per SDCL 10-4-40. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to authorize travel for two staff members from the Sheriff's Department for training at the Western Sheriff's Association annual meeting in Reno, NV, February 27, 2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Sioux Falls Area Humane Society for animal control services and impound facility operations agreement from 01.01.2026 to 12.31.2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve an automatic budget supplement to the Sheriff's budget, for unanticipated grant funds; Account 101-4211-33410 in the amount of \$27,500.00 and 101-4211-435000 in the amount of \$27,500.00. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve and authorize the chair to sign the invoice from Helms and Associates for work completed in the amount of \$26,481.16 for the South 20 Acres expansion. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve and authorize an update to Human Services Guidelines. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to transfer the following inventory from the Sheriff's Office to the State's Attorney's Office: Item# 6705, 2020 Ford F150, 125,040 miles, VIN# 1FTEW1P44LKE11011. Transfer the following inventory from the State's Attorney's Office to the Sheriff's Office: Item# 7313, 2021 Ford Explorer, 77,193 miles, VIN# 1FM5K8AW3MNA19471. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to transfer the following inventory from the Emergency Management Office to the Sheriff's Office: Item# 6483, Matric 210 Drone; Blue Vigil Drone Teather, SN - 220-20-1009; Honda EU2200 Generator, SN - 2068465. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Warren Harris, Equipment Operator, in the Highway Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 01/29/2026, HWY 1/4 at \$28.15/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Justin Mersier, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 01/30/2026, SO1/5 at \$35.16/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Aileen Winters, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 01/30/2026, SO1/5 at \$35.16/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Todd Baldwin, Dispatcher Supervisor in the Communications Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/01/2026, 112/14 at \$4,309.67 bi-weekly. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Alexander Brost, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/10/2026, SO1/5 at \$35.16/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for David Ekle, Veteran Services Officer, in the Veteran Services Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period

following 02/05/2026, 107/6 at \$2,428.87 bi-weekly. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Donelda Golden, Appraiser, in the Equalization Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/02/2026, 108/15 at \$40.57/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Leah Stroschein, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/10/2026, SO1/8 at \$37.86/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Andrew Steinberg, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/08/2026, SO1/10 at \$39.80/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the Step Increase for Garrett Welsh, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/03/2026, SO1/7 at \$36.95/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to approve the transfer of funds from 101-276990 Assigned fund balance American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expenditures to the 101-277000 Unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$15,705.98 for the fourth quarter of 2025. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised to consider an application for a temporary on-sale Wine and Off-Sale Wine and Malt Beverage license to operate outside the municipality for Gist Wine Shop for events to occur on February 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2026. Located at the Landscape Garden Center, 47238 271st, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, TRACT 1 FOSTER ADD E1/2SW1/4 21-100-50 Lincoln County, SD. The applicant was present to answer questions from the Board. No testimony was heard in favor nor opposition.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to approve an application for a temporary on-sale Wine and Off-Sale Wine and Malt Beverage license to operate outside the municipality for Gist Wine Shop for events to occur on February 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2026. Located at the Landscape Garden Center, 47238 271st, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, TRACT 1 FOSTER ADD E1/2SW1/4 21-100-50 Lincoln County, SD. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised regarding the intent to enter into a lease with Skattum LLC for a term exceeding 120 days and an amount exceeding \$500.00 for Hanger R5 at the Marv Skie/Lincoln County Airport. No testimony was heard in favor nor opposition. No employee spoke on this matter.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to enter into a lease with Skattum LLC for a term exceeding 120 days and an amount exceeding \$500.00 for Hanger R5 at the Marv Skie/Lincoln County Airport. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised regarding the intent to enter into a lease with Ryan Good Aviation site P3, Ryan Good Aviation site S1, James Huntimer site L1, THP Partners site M, John Muhle site K7, Bryan

Bost/ Brian Neeves site N, Steve and Alice Rokahr site Q8, Tow's Cold LLC site M4, Greg Alvine site A for a term exceeding 120 days and an amount exceeding \$500.00 at the Marv Skie/Lincoln County Airport. Public comments were heard. No employee spoke on this matter.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to enter into a lease with Ryan Good Aviation site P3, Ryan Good Aviation site S1, James Huntimer site L1, THP Partners site M, John Muhle site K7, Bryan Bost/ Brian Neeves site N, Steve and Alice Rokahr site Q8, Tow's Cold LLC site M4, Greg Alvine site A for a term exceeding 120 days and an amount exceeding \$500.00 at the Marv Skie/Lincoln County Airport.. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Todd Meierhenry, partner with Meierhenry Sargent LLP, spoke to the Board on behalf of Augustana University regarding setting a date and time for a publica hearing to discuss Lincoln County acting as a conduit insurer for potential 501(c)(3) Bond Issuance. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt to set a Public Hearing and publish notice for potential 501(c)(3) Bond Issuance for Augustana University. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Kari Elling, Human Resources Director, asked the Board to approve a reclassification of a Correction Officer Position to a Deputy Sheriff. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve a reclassification of a Correction Officer Position to a Deputy Sheriff. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Joel Arends, Commissioner, spoke about a possible moratorium on the building of AI hyperscale data centers in the county. Arends asked that the Board set a date and time for a public hearing regarding a moratorium. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to set a hearing date and publish notice of the hearing on a resolution establishing a moratorium on the permitting and construction of AI hyperscale data centers pursuant to SDCL 11-2-10 and a policy discussion on the merits of AI hyperscale data centers. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Commissioners and the Commission Administrative Assistant gave reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Jim Schmidt to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on February 3rd, 2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Tiffani Landeen, Lincoln County Chair

Attest: _____

Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor

Approved: February 3, 2026

Please publish the week of February 9, 2026