

Lincoln County Board of Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at 8:30 a.m. on February 10, 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 Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to move Consent Agenda Item #9 to Regular Business and approve Agenda. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Reports:

January 2026 Register of Deeds Report

Auditor's Office Monthly Transaction Report - January 2026

Conditional Use Permit Hearing Notice USE-0001-2026, NB Golf Cars

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve County Commission Minutes: 02.03.2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve Lincoln County Claims in the amount of: \$2,124,054.07; GENERAL: A & B Pure Water Online Corp, Acct #Lc75, \$207.80; Ace Hardware Tea, Customer #17458, \$47.45; All Nations Interpreters Inc, Interpreter, \$2,555.05; Anderson, Jennifer Marie, Mi Eval, \$3,272.40; Avera, Mi Hold, \$2,619.00; Beck Law, Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty, \$5,062.00; Beck Motors Inc, 2026 Chevy Silverado, \$51,731.00; Billion, 24-2 Oil Change, \$77.09; Bomgaars, Acct #67-042-3, \$129.99; Buddi Us LLC, January Tagging Days, \$1,188.00; Cannabis Chemlab, LLC, Lab Testing, \$2,860.00; Canton Home & Farm Supply, Supplies, \$20.06; Century Business Products, Auditor Copier Contract, \$348.21; Certified Languages International, Interpreter, \$19.80; Chs Eastern Farmers, Customer #180492 (Propane - Ec), \$1,263.56; Cintas (First Aid), Customer # 21078014, \$112.17; City Of Canton, Water Utilities - St, \$833.74; Clean Ride Auto Spa LLC, Nuvinair, \$50.00; Dakota Data Shred, Shred Contract, \$68.26; Dakota Embalming & Transport Service Inc, Transport, \$2,850.00; Dave's Service & Repair, 25-1 Oil Change, \$117.30; Davison County Sheriff's Office, Inmate Housing , \$105.00; Elling, Kari, Reimbursement For Shrm, \$1,020.00; Fm Acoustical Tile Inc, Ceiling Tile, \$237.12; Frantzen Reporting/Pgr8r Inc, Transcript, \$47.00; Grainger, Acct #879306108, \$3,388.64; Griesse Law Firm, Pc, Crt Appt Atty, \$5,398.50; Gworks, Pubworks Renewal, \$4,623.00; Healthpartners, Retiree Health Premium Feb 2026 - L Nelson, \$951.48; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, Order #11495, \$320.32; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, Uniform Outer Vest Carrier, \$1,286.81; Johnstone Supply, Customer #0017334, \$32.90; Jurors/Witnesses, Fees/Mileages, \$2,304.00; Jw Niederauer Inc, Customer #17458, \$22.00; Karla Salem, Qmhp, Mi Eval, \$2,805.00; Laguna, Autumn , January Mileage, \$164.29; Lincoln Co Treasurer, Parcel #100.50.64.Ha00, \$632.00; Lookout Plan + Code Consulting LLC, Lp + Cc Plan Reviews Inv # 26008, \$4,244.17; Lund, Sheri, Mileage To Pierre 01.27.26-01.28.26, \$334.60; Mcleod's Printing & Office Supply, In-Person Absentee Envelopes, \$3,440.00; Midwest Fire & Safety, Annual Fire Extinguisher

Inspections, \$1,956.91; Miller, Francie, Mi Hearing, \$80.00; Minnehaha Co Regional Jdc, Juvenile Housing, \$37,410.20; Minnehaha County Jail, Board Of Prisoners 01-2026 Housing/Rx Expense, \$185,300.45; Myers Billion, LLP, Indigent Persons Contract Fiscal Year 2026, \$18,565.75; National Rifle Association-Law Enforcement Division, Nra Le Firearms Inst. Tuition Von Haden, \$745.00; O'leary Law Office, Crt Appt Atty-Juv, \$1,392.00; Pat Beck, Court Reporter, Transcript/Proceedings, \$986.00; Peterson Stuart & Klentz, Prof LLC, Public Defender Contract, \$77,964.92; Phillip Loving, Mi Eval, \$5,151.78; Pmb 0112, Executive Mgmt Finance Office, Access Fees, \$120.00; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Acct #236 (Custodial Supplies), \$406.67; Quadient Leasing Usa, Inc, Lease Payment 2/25/26-5/24/26, \$1,160.79; Qualified Presort Service LLC, 2025 Pay 2026 Tax Statements And Exemption Insert, \$24,985.53; Riverside Technologies Inc, Hp W9093mc Magenta Managed Lj Toner, \$110.00; Safety Restraint Chair, Inc, Inv 7906 2/4/26, \$3,585.00; Salberg, Aaron , Crt Appt Atty, \$4,509.49; Samp Law Office , Crt Appt Atty, \$1,579.60; Sanford Health Pathology Clinic, Coroner Calls Jan.2026, \$1,050.00; Sd Division Of Criminal Investigation, Background, \$50.00; Sd Secretary Of State, Notary Chad Brown, \$30.00; Sd State Treasurer, Mi, \$1,343.26; Sdaces, Sdaces 2026 Membership Dues, \$30.00; Sioux Valley News Inc, Publishing- Sioux Valley News, \$3,302.14; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water Utilities - Fg, \$161.45; Stensland Gravel Co. Inc, Subbase Gravel, \$495.76; Storo, Tracie, Courthouse-F6, \$153.00; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life Feb 2026, \$233.41; Thomson Reuters-West Publ Corp, Software Subscription, \$986.41; Tiresandmore, 23-8 Oil Change, \$277.00; Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Solutions Inc, Jan-26, \$100.00; Urology Specialists Chartered, Inmate Medical, \$65.26; Ver Beek Law Prof LLC, Mi Board, \$6,491.60; Xcel Energy, Acct # 51-6177129-3, \$7,997.08; Yankton Co Sheriff's Office, Inmate Housing, \$210.00; Yellow Robe Consulting Inc, Expert Affidavit, \$3,600.00; HIGHWAY: Amg- Avera Occupational Medicine-Sf, Labs, \$37.70; Blackstrap Inc, Salt, \$6,220.96; Bomgaars, Supplies, \$273.08; Butler Machinery Co, Filters, \$123,859.42; Canton Home & Farm Supply, Supplies, \$157.44; Cintas (First Aid), First Aid Supplies, \$68.20; Cintas Corp, Uniform,Mats,Towels, \$168.91; Culligan Water Conditioning Corp, Water, \$35.31; Dakota Fluid Power Inc, Supplies, \$1,096.85; Dustbusters Enterprises Inc, Dust Control 2025, \$10,953.12; Equipment Blades Inc, Wo1529, \$1,345.60; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Welding, \$145.08; Micheal's Purple Petunia, Pump Tanks, \$221.00; Midamerican Energy Co, Natural Gas, \$4,366.36; Midwest Motor Supply Co Inc Db a Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$838.17; Midwest Petroleum Equipment, Fuel Pump Supplies, \$908.42; Napa Auto & Truck Parts Of Sioux Falls, Supplies, \$1,021.14; Novak Sanitary Svc Corp, Trash, \$445.40; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Supplies, \$443.06; Sd Dept Of Transportation, 085a, \$26,981.32; Sioux Valley News Inc, Publishing- Sioux Valley News, \$29.16; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, 2026 Loader And Bucket (#41, #41.4), \$153.93; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water, \$201.10; Southeastern Electric Co-Op Inc, Electric, \$2,951.72; Stan Houston Equip, Supplies, \$35.95; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life Feb 2026, \$34.20; Transource Truck & Equipment Inc, Wo1577, \$922.81; Two Way Solutions Inc, Worthing Repeater Tower Repair, \$500.99; Verizon Connect Fleet Usa LLC, Fleet Gps, \$955.54; Xcel Energy, Traffic Lights, \$134.45; Zabel Steel Co, Wo1515, \$54.60; E911 COMMUNICATIONS: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life Feb 2026, \$23.40; Bluepeak, Lennox/Sf 911 Circuit Trunk, \$1,032.73; EMERGENCY AND DISASTER: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life Feb 2026, \$0.55; Scott's Automotive LLC, Winter Tires On Em Vehicle, \$1,299.96; Tri-State Emergency Management Association, Tri-State Emergency Management Dues For 2026, \$20.00; AIRPORT: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life Feb 2026, \$1.80; Sioux Valley News Inc, Publishing- Sioux Valley News, \$59.65; Lincoln Co Rural Water, Water Airport, \$4.50; Helms & Associates, Airport Expansion Project/South 20 Acres, \$26,481.16; 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life Feb 2026, \$1.80; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Supplies Inv 868165, \$30.00; Adamek, Chad, Cam Daily Fee - State Refund, \$268.00; Kuehn, Steven, Cam Refund, \$38.00; MODERN/PRESERV/RELIEF: Century Business Products, Monthly Printer/Copy Fees, \$31.16; Sdaces, Sdaces 2026 Membership Dues, \$15.00; Us Imaging, Scanning Project, \$63,743.13; STATEWIDE SOBRIETY FUND: Sd Attorney General's Office, Cam Daily Fee, \$9,693.00; MODERN/PRESERV/RELIEF: Sdaco, M & P Sdaco Portion Jan 2026, \$1,670.00; STATE MOTOR: Sd State Treasurer, Sd State Treasurer, \$1,333,701.07; BIRTHS, DEATHS, & TITLES: Sd State Treasurer, Birth/Death Vitals State Portion Jan 2026, \$1,080.00. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in the City of Sioux Falls, in the amount of \$2,758.06. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in the City of Sioux Falls, in the amount of \$2,419.45. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve and authorize the re-appointment Scott Green for a four-year term as the District 5 representative on the Lincoln County Planning Commission. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Roland Henry, Deputy State's Attorney, in the State's Attorney's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/21/2026, 114/5 at \$4,173.96 bi-weekly. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Matt Nagel, Appraiser, in the Equalization Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/21/2026, 108/10 at \$35.86/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Israel Perez, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/13/2026, SO1/5 at \$35.16/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Steven Diaconu, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/24/2026, SO1/2 at \$32.66/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Promotion for Jamie Smith, Correctional Officer I, promotion to Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office, effective 02/22/2026, SO1/2 at \$32.66/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve and authorize the chair to sign the invoice from Helms and Associates for work completed in the amount of \$8,827.06 for the South 20 Acres expansion. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Letter of Support for South Dakota Department of Transportation's BUILD Grant Application for South Veterans Parkway Project. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to approve and authorize a motion to approve an adjustment in the purchase amount of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, previously approved on November 4, 2025, \$495 from \$51,236 to \$51,731. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Julie Dotzenrod, Partner with TEGRA Group, presented to the Board a quote from Interstate Office Products for furniture to outfit the Justice Center. Dotzenrod stated that this quote is still under budget and was less expensive than other quotes as well as the alternative of refinishing and moving furniture from the Courthouse to the Justice Center. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the final proposal for furniture for the Lincoln County Justice Center for \$528,336.80. Ayes; Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Joel Arends, Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Joe Meader, Deputy State's Attorney for Lincoln County and Megan Bush, Co-Chair of the Minnehaha/Lincoln County Mental Health Board presented to the Board the argument for an increase in the hourly wage of qualified Mental Health Professionals. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to set the hourly rate of Qualified Mental Health Professionals at \$130 per hour. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: John Rombough, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, asked the Board to authorize him to enter into a contract with Midwest Engineering Company. The contract is for consulting services that is already budgeted for 2026. Robbie Veurink of Midwest Engineering plans to come to analyze the damage to the current condition of the old courthouse rafter system and give general recommendations for repair. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt to authorize the Building Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Midwest Engineering Company for up to \$7,500.00. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Wendy Sweeter, head of 4H Department, gave a presentation regarding the past, present and future of her department. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: David Myers, Airport Manager, gave a presentation regarding the current state of the airport and what to expect for the future. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Dr. Kenneth Snell, Lincoln County Coroner, gave a presentation about the work the Coroner's Office did in 2025 and his estimates for 2026. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: John Rombough, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, gave updates of the workload of the department, how it increased during 2025 and what to expect in 2026 with the opening of the Justice Center. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Dave Dixon, head of the GIS department, gave a presentation about the state of the department and what to expect for 2026. No public input was heard.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were heard.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Reports were given by Commissioners and Commission Administrative Assistant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on February 24, 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 24, 2026

Please publish the week of March 2, 2026