

**Lincoln County Board of Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2026**

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at on March 3, 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 Jim Schmidt to reorder Regular Agenda Items 5, 7 and 10 to 2, 3 and 4 and approve Agenda. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Payroll: \$509,279.10

Commissioner's \$9,064.24; FICA 537.89, Medicare 125.80, SDRS 165.83  
Auditor's \$16,259.12; FICA 900.37, Medicare 210.57, SDRS 971.35  
Treasurer's \$21,248.33; FICA 1,184.74, Medicare 277.08, SDRS 1,266.21  
States Attorney's \$79,721.73; FICA 4,603.45, Medicare 1,076.61, SDRS 4,694.99  
Gen Gov Bldg \$19,870.16; FICA 1,100.50, Medicare 257.37, SDRS 1,180.69  
DOE \$43,430.79; FICA 2,461.20, Medicare 575.60, SDRS 2,538.17  
ROD \$10,854.64; FICA 598.88, Medicare 140.06, SDRS 645.58  
VSO \$2,453.87; FICA 143.24, Medicare 33.50, SDRS 145.73  
GIS \$6,150.72; FICA 341.24, Medicare 79.81, SDRS 366.35  
IT \$12,141.60; FICA 721.04, Medicare 168.63, SDRS 722.79  
HR \$6,185.84; FICA 352.75, Medicare 82.50, SDRS 307.85  
Sheriff's \$135,169.81; FICA 7,876.40, Medicare 1,842.06, SDRS 10,083.44  
Jail \$20,498.17; FICA 1,230.88, Medicare 287.87, SDRS 1,294.76  
County 4-H \$4,834.15; FICA 284.93, Medicare 66.64, SDRS 287.35  
Weeds \$4,811.98; FICA 298.34, Medicare 69.77, SDRS 288.71  
P & Z \$14,355.35; FICA 874.47, Medicare 204.51, SDRS 817.83  
Highway \$53,137.43; FICA 3,064.81, Medicare 716.77, SDRS 3,066.58  
Communications \$39,126.25; FICA 2,255.77, Medicare 527.56, SDRS 2,317.74  
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 \$2,657.42; FICA 164.76, Medicare 38.53, SDRS 212.59

Reports:

Lincoln County Planning & Zoning Hearing Notice

Recognition of significant anniversaries: March 2026

Harold Timmerman -Emergency Management Coordinator – 22 Years

Jennifer Hamran – State's Attorney's Office – 20 Years

Candace Andersen - State's Attorney's Office - 16 Years

Scott Gaalswyk - Sheriff's Office – 18 Years

EJ Colshan - Sheriff's Office - 16 Years

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten 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 Betty Otten to approve County Commission Minutes: 02.24.2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the hire of Owen Boomgarden, pt Correctional Officer I, in the Sheriff's Office, effective 03/09/2026, 106/1 at \$25.09/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for James Symens, Equipment Operator, in the Highway Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 02/26/2026, HWY 1/9 at \$32.64/hr.. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for John Matthews, Investigator, in the State's Attorney's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/06/2026, 109/9 at \$37.43/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Terry Triebwasser, Equipment Operator, in the Highway Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/14/2026, HWY 1/6 at \$29.87/hr. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt 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 343.74, per SDCL 10-6A.. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Paul Anderson, Commission Administrative Assistant, introduced Karl Thoennes, Court Administrator for Lincoln and Minnehaha counties, who presented to the Board a report on what is involved in scanning and preserving old documents stored in the Lincoln County Administrative Building's basement and a breakdown of the cost-sharing proposal. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten a 50% cost-sharing agreement for the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts scanning project with the Unified Justice System. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, Highway Superintendent, presented information to the Board regarding the bids received for various supplies and his recommendations for accepting bids for the following:

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to award a bid for crushed concrete to LG Everist for \$11.00/ton. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to award a bid for quartzite rip rap to LG Everist, class A \$31.55/ton, class B \$31.80/ton, class C \$35.55/ton. There were no other bids for this project. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to award a bid for plant mixed asphalt to; Myrl and Roys Type1 for \$66.00/ton and Type 2 for \$67.00/ton; to Knife River for Type 1 for \$67.00/ton, Type 2 for \$68.00, and for Fines for \$100.00/ton. These were the only two bids for this project. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Betty Otten introduced Sharon Chontos of Sage Project Consultants, who gave a presentation on the current state of the emergency medical services in Lennox and options for enhancing them. Public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Paul Anderson, Commission Administrative Assistant introduced Jeremy Saugstad, Manager of the Lincoln County Conservation District. Jeremy gave a presentation to the Board regarding the work of the Conservation Board and how funding is used. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Sheri Lund, Lincoln County Auditor, spoke to the Board regarding combining elections with municipalities around Lincoln County for the upcoming Primary and General elections. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to approve and authorize the Chair to Execute the Joint Agreements for Combined Elections. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, Highway Superintendent, presented to the Board the bids received for various supplies and his recommendations for accepting bids. The county received 2 cutting edges and snow plow blades bids from Equipment Blades for 3/4x6"x4' carbide plow blades for \$400.00 each and 7/8x6"x4' rubber flex blades in the amount of \$520.00 each (recommended), and Butler Machinery for 3/4x6"x4' carbide plow blades for \$246.49 each (recommended.) No public input was heard.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to award a bid for cutting edges, carbide blades to Butler Machinery for \$246.49/4' blade; and rubber flex blades to Equipment Blades for \$520.00/4' blade. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, presented to the Board the 2 bids for rock salt/delivery received from Blackstrap Inc for \$80.97/ton (recommended) and Central Salt LLC for \$89.98/ton. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to award a bid for rock salt to Blackstrap for \$80.97/ton. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, Highway Superintendent, presented to the Board the concrete products bids from Rinker Materials, Cemcast Pipe and Precast and Oldcastle Infrastructure and recommended the lowest bid for a byline recommendation. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to award the following bids to Cemcast:  
The board awarded the following bids to Rinker:  
The board awarded the following bids to Oldcastle:

The board rejected the following bids from Cemcast:

The board rejected the following bids from Rinker:  
The board rejected the following bids from Oldcastle:

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

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, Highway Superintendent, presented bid information to the Board from the following companies regarding the roundabout project: BX Civil and Construction - \$1,425,000; D&G Concrete Construction Inc. - \$1,434,733.35; Journey Group Companies dba Black-Top Paving - \$1,447,582.47; Double H Paving Inc. - \$1,486,313.50; 605 Companies Inc. - \$1,498,950.16; Reede Construction Inc. - \$1,502,383.73; Katzer Concrete Inc. - \$1,537,876.67; Runge Enterprises Inc. - \$1,539,969.04; Asphalt Surfacing Company - \$1,548,640.76; T&R Contracting Inc - \$1,706,906.66. Fluit's recommendation is to award the bid to the lowest bidder. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt to award the Lincoln County Highway roundabout project to BX Civil and Construction in the amount of \$1,425,000.00 and reject the following bids; D&G Concrete Construction Inc. - \$1,434,733.35; Journey Group Companies dba Black-Top Paving - \$1,447,582.47; Double H Paving Inc. - \$1,486,313.50; 605 Companies Inc. - \$1,498,950.16; Reede Construction Inc. - \$1,502,383.73; Katzer Concrete Inc. - \$1,537,876.67; Runge Enterprises Inc. - \$1,539,969.04; Asphalt Surfacing Company - \$1,548,640.76; T&R Contracting Inc - \$1,706,906.66. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, Highway Superintendent, presented bid information to the Board from the following companies regarding the surfacing project: Journey Group Companies dba Black-Top Paving - \$848,209.89; Double H Paving Inc. - \$901,373.92; Seal Pros - \$940,033.30; Asphalt Surfacing Company - \$944,533.36; Central Specialties Inc. - \$963,076.30; Bituminous Paving Inc. - \$993,571.28; Myrl and Roy's Paving Inc. - \$1,041,163.27; Duininck Inc. - \$1,045,207.20. Fluit's recommendation is to award the bid to the lowest bidder. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Joel Arends to award the Lincoln County Highway surfacing project to Journey Group Companies dba Black-Top Paving Company in the amount of \$848,209.89 and reject the following bids; Double H Paving Inc. - \$901,373.92; Seal Pros - \$940,033.30; Asphalt Surfacing Company - \$944,533.36; Central Specialties Inc. - \$963,076.30; Bituminous Paving Inc. - \$993,571.28; Myrl and Roy's Paving Inc. - \$1,041,163.27; Duininck Inc. - \$1,045,207.20. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Jake Oakland, Director of IT, gave his department's presentation on accomplishments over the previous year and what is planned for the future. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Toby Brown, Planning and Zoning Director, gave his presentation regarding what his department did last year and what is expected in the coming year. No public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Becky Vander Broek, Lincoln County Register of Deeds, gave a presentation about the work the department is doing and what they plan to do this year. No public input was heard.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were heard.

**COMMISSION OFFICE REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

**COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

Commissioners and Commission Administrative Assistant gave reports.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session was needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on March 10, 2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

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