

**Lincoln County Board of Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026**

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at on March 24, 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 remove Item #3 from the Regular Agenda and approve Agenda. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

Payroll: \$497,572.57

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 \$21,374.84; FICA 1,177.84, Medicare 275.46, SDRS 1,275.30
States Attorney's \$82,341.19; FICA 4,754.58, Medicare 1,111.96, SDRS 4,842.64
Gen Gov Bldg \$19,972.82; FICA 1,106.86, Medicare 258.86, SDRS 1,186.85
DOE \$43,526.20; FICA 2,467.11, Medicare 576.99, SDRS 2,542.40
ROD \$10,854.62; 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 \$11,849.32; FICA 702.92, Medicare 164.39, SDRS 706.76
HR \$6,185.84; FICA 352.75, Medicare 82.50, SDRS 368.45
Sheriff's \$123,933.69; FICA 7,205.75, Medicare 1,685.21, SDRS 8,991.47
Jail \$20,087.16; FICA 1,205.40, Medicare 281.91, SDRS 1,323.66
County 4-H \$4,834.16; FICA 284.93, Medicare 66.64, SDRS 287.35
Weeds \$4,811.98; FICA 298.34, Medicare 69.77, SDRS 288.71
P & Z \$13,630.35; FICA 829.52, Medicare 194.00, SDRS 817.83
Highway \$53,926.81; FICA 3,113.75, Medicare 728.22, SDRS 3,097.86
Communications \$35,309.78; FICA 2,019.15, Medicare 472.22, SDRS 2,088.76
EM MGMT \$5,252.67; FICA 303.04, Medicare 70.87, SDRS 312.16
Airport \$3,057.83; FICA 189.59, Medicare 44.34, SDRS 183.47
24/7 \$2,695.36; FICA 167.11, Medicare 39.08, SDRS 215.62

Reports:

2025 Lincoln County Annual Report Publication
Notice of Good Earth Farm Bingo per SDCL 22-25-25
February 2026 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer & Financial Report

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve Consent Agenda items. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve County Commission Minutes: 03.10.2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve Lincoln County Claims in the amount of: \$1,774,758.69; GENERAL: A & B Pure Water Online Corp, Water Services, 207.8; Aj's Automotive LLC, 24-7 Oil Change, 110.35; Alvine Law Firm, LLP, Crt Appt Atty, 436.6; Anderson, Jennifer Marie, Mi Eval, 3,397.43; Applied Concepts Inc, 200-0750-01 Vss Divider/1 Module, 190.5; Auto Dynamics Inc, 24-1 Oil Change, 359.84; Baloun Law, Pc, Crt Appt Atty-Juv, 91.36; Beck Law, Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty, 2,691.40; Billion Southtown Inc, P&Z 2019 GMCTerrain Repairs/Maintenance, 74.15; Bomgaars, General Supplies, 64.62; Buddi Us LLC, Feb Tagging Days, 1,348.00; Calibre Press, S Diaco Street Survival 2026: Tactics For Criminal, 568; Cannabis Chemlab, LLC, Lab Testing, 1,170.00; Canton Home & Farm Supply, Minor Building Tools 34.06; Century Business Products, Copier Contract, 352.03; Chs Eastern Farmers, Customer #180492, 1,111.95; Cintas (First Aid), General Supplies, 170.12; City Of Canton, Water Utility, 532.9; City Of Sioux Falls Public Works, Acct #3486, 20; Dakota Data Shred, Document Shredding, 136.83; Dakota Embalming & Transport Service Inc, Transportation Costs, 8,850.00; Dakota Law Firm Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty-Juv, 3,675.80; Dakota Supply Group, Tool Supplies 124.72; Eich Law Office Prof LLC, Crt Appt Atty, 402.6; Elling, Kari, Flight For Shrm Conference, 673.41; Erin M. Johnson PLLC, Mi Board, 1,915.40; Fed Ex, Shipping, 90.93; Fox Valley Technical College, Crime 47504213-1 Courthouse Security -, 325; Frantzen Reporting/Pgr8r Inc, J Tassler Transcript, 338.2; Fred The Fixer, New Commercial Core Lock, 51.87; Garden Villas Apartments LLC, Poor Relief-Rent, 600; Glock Inc, Department Supplies, 2,996.73; Grainger, Courthouse Building Supplies, 751.71; Griesse Law Firm, Pc, Crt Appt Atty, 5,450.80; Gworks, Gworks Implementation, 3,812.00; Harrisburg Ace Hardware, Mtr Ol Ow-20 Synthc 1qt, 23.98; Healthpartners, Cobra Insurance Payment, 951.48; Heggen, Russell, Meals And Mileage: 2026 Weed & Pest Conf, 351.8; Interstate Office Products, Supplies, 254.02; Isi, LLC, 02/26/26 Interpreter Services, ; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, B Lord Uniform, 265.89; Jena Skorczewski, Court Reporter, Transcripts, 141.05; Johnson Pochop & Bartling Law Office, LLP, Crt Appt Atty, 1,212.00; Juror Costs, Fees & Mileage Rates 1,073.80; Jw Niederauer Inc, Building Supplies, 15.98; Katie Johnson PLLC, Crt Appt Atty-Juv, 647.1; Lennox Community Gardens, Community Garden 30; Lincoln Co Treasurer, License And Registration For New Chevrolet Silverado, 28.7; Maxine Risty Court Reporting, Transcript, 191.7; Mcleod's Printing & Office Supply, 105269a Bus Cards Qty 1,000, 82.5; Menards-Sioux Falls West, General Supplies, 22.44; Miller, Francie, Mi Hearing, 144; Miller, Monte, Meals: 2026 Weed & Pest Conference, 114; Minnehaha Co Regional Jdc, Juvenile Housing, 15,639.05; Minnehaha County Jail, Board Of Prisoners Linc Co 02-2026 Housing Contract, 167,322.04; Myers Billion, LLP, Indigent Persons Contract - March 2026, 18,565.75; Napa Auto & Truck Parts Of Sioux Falls, Wo1554 Wc, 55.16; Northern Safety Technology, Inc, Lights And Lens With Mounts, 9,147.33; O'leary Law Office, Crt Appt Atty, 176.8; Otte, Brandon Travel Reimbursement 14; Paragon Health & Wellness, Blood Draws, 2,565.00; Pat Beck, Court Reporter, Gj Transcript, 580.8; Peterson Stuart & Klentz, Prof LLC, Public Defender Contract - February, 77,964.92; Phillip Loving, Mi Eval, 4,833.25; Powell, Frank, Travel Reimbursement, 14; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Consumables – Building/Custodial Supplies, 1,391.88; Qualified Presort Service LLC, 2026 Assessment Notice, 20,776.36; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Lab Testing, 59.12; Riverside Technologies Inc, Toner - Print237, 399; Salberg, Aaron Crt Appt Atty, 5,457.79; Samp Law Office Crt Appt Atty, 3,802.00; Sd State Treasurer, 02.2026 - Yankton Sdhsc, 1,104.88; Sdaao Treasurer Rhea Crane, Sdaao Membership Fees 2026, 900; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water Utility, 134.7; Stensland Gravel Co. Inc, Gravel For Leveling 252; Steve's Welding & Repair, Building Project 3,680.00; Storo, Tracie, Tracie Feb Mileage, 152.7; Sturdevant's Auto Value, Fuse, 49.95; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life March 2026, 227.84; Terri Lembcke Schildhauer, Rpr, Gj Transcript, 66.5; The Lodge At

Deadwood, Lodging X 2 - 2026 Weed And Pest Conference, 630; The Rowe At 57th LLC, Poor Relief-Rent, 700; Thomson Reuters-West Publ Corp, Online Software Subscription, 986.41; Tiresandmore, 23-2 Oil Change, 1,392.40; Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Solutions Inc, Feb-26, 100; Tschetter & Adams Law Office, Pc, Crt Appt Atty, 302.9; Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Camavision Renewal, 19,625.00; Walter, Max, Crt Appt Atty, 1,404.00; Xcel Energy, Acct # 51-6177129-3, 7,680.13; ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: Action Electric Inc, Traffic Light Repair, 2,341.51; Bartlett Tools Inc, Tools, 133.85; Billion, Wo1547, 208.7; Blackstrap Inc, Salt, 20,886.91; Bomgaars, Supplies, 39.98; Butler Machinery Co, Wo1549, 4955.84; Cintas (First Aid), First Aid, 49.87; Cintas Corp, Uniform, Mats, Towels, 168.91; Culligan Water Conditioning Corp, Water, 40; Equipment Blades Inc, Wo1545, 48,827.50; Healthpartners, Cobra Insurance Payment , 951.48; Istate Truck Center, #13 And #14 Chassis, 272,078.00; Jfi - Johnson Feed Inc, Propane, 27.31; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Cylinder Rental, 145.08; Midamerican Energy Co, Heat, 2,548.13; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, 1,445.88; Napa Auto & Truck Parts Of Sioux Falls, Wo1547, 2,711.05; Novak Sanitary Svc Corp, Trash, 383.06; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Degreaser, 812.88; Safety Meeting Outlines Inc, Weekly Training, 260; Sd Dept Of Transportation, 0adh Pe, 3,349.69; South Lincoln Rural Water System, Water, 88.75; Southeastern Electric Co-Op Inc, Electric, 2,455.28; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life March 2026, 33.63; Verizon Connect Fleet Usa LLC, Fleet Gps, 955.54; Workforce-South, Labs, 50; Xcel Energy, Traffic Lights, 136.53; E911 COMMUNICATIONS: Bluepeak, Lennox/Sf 911 Circuit Trunk, 1,032.73; Language Line Services Inc, Over-The-Phone Interpretation, 26.18; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life March 2026, 21.7; EMERGENCY AND DISASTER: Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life March 2026, 0.55; AIRPORT: Lincoln Co Rural Water, Water/Airport, 60.75; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life March 2026, 1.8; 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Pharm Chem Inc, Fentanyl Screen Sweat Patch Analysis, 287.55; Symetra Life Insurance Company, Basic Life March 2026, 1.8; MODERN/PRESERV/RELIEF: Century Business Products, Monthly Printer/Copy Fees, 31.04; STATEWIDE SOBRIETY FUND: Sd Attorney General's Office, Cam Daily Fee State , 7,948.00; MODERN/PRESERV/RELIEF: Sdaco; February M & P State Fund, February M & P State Fund, 1,498.00; STATE MOTOR: Sd State Treasurer, Motor Vehicle , 1,180,716.47; BIRTHS, DEATHS, & TITLES: Sd State Treasurer, February Birth/Death Portion To State 890.00. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve an abatement of taxes for 2025 payable in 2026 on a parcel in the City of Sioux Falls, parcel 100.50.30.A190 in the amount of 966.20, City purchased 08.13.2025. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Affidavit of Replacement Warrant submitted by Nick Bartlett with Bartlett Tools, Inc., in the amount of \$489.95; original warrant number 125183, issued on 3/25/2025. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the hire of to approve the hire of Kari Donovan, Election Worker - Temporary, in the Auditor's Office, effective 03/30/2026, at \$15.00/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 Nicole Aanenson, Paralegal, in the State's Attorney's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 04/06/2026, 107/2 at \$27.50/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 Chad Brown, Chief Deputy, in the Sheriff's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/24/2026, SO4/13 at \$5,673.08 bi-weekly. 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 Kayla Delfs, Election Coordinator, in the Auditor's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/27/2026, 106/10 at \$31.32/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 Kari Elling, HR Director, in the Human Resources Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/31/2026, 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 Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Keith Mayer, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 04/01/2026, 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 Betty Otten to approve the Step Increase for Shalesa Nissen, Tax and License Clerk, in the Treasurer's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 04/01/2026, 104/8 at \$26.28/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 Darwin Sogn, Team Lead, in the Highway Department, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 04/01/2026, HWY3/3 at \$33.22/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 Jessica Sommervold, Office Manager, in the State's Attorney's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/29/2026, 109/16 at \$44.51/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 Anje Williams, Lead Paralegal, in the State's Attorney's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/29/2026, 109/13 at \$41.31/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 and authorize the Chair to execute the Termination of Ground Lease Agreement for hangar site K3 with Dr. Andrew Skattum and the new Ground Lease Agreement for hangar site K3 with John Muhle. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to appoint Seth Moser for a four-year term as the District 1 representative on the Lincoln County Planning Commission. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to recess as the Commission Board and convene as the Lincoln County Drainage Board.. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

No public input was heard.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to adjourn as the Lincoln County Drainage Board. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to reconvene as the Commission Board. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Nays; Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Paperwork was presented to the Board related to a lien compromise/settlement request in the amount on \$474. The applicant was present and answered questions from the Board. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to require the payment of \$50 per month by the requestor for account number 01-09135 to cure \$474.00 lien balance. Ayes; None, Nays; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam. Motion Failed.

MOTION by Doug Putnam and seconded by Jim Schmidt to approve a request for Lien Compromise/Settlement from #01-09135 in the amount of \$474.00. Ayes; Jim Schmidt, Doug Putnam. Nays; Joel Arends, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten. Motion Failed.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Drew DeGroot, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, No public input was heard.

MOTION to convey a permanent sanitary sewer easement to the City of Canton through parcel # 098.49.15.L100 (Justice Center).

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: The Board heard information regarding a requested rental agreement from Eboom LLC to utilize the Lincoln County Fairgrounds parking lot for fireworks sales. The applicant was not present. No public input was heard.

MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt to approve a Rental Agreement with Eboom LLC to utilize the Lincoln County Fairground's parking lot for Firework Sales. Ayes; None, Nays; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam. Motion Failed.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Betty Otten and Jim Schmidt, Lincoln County Commissioners, presented to the Board the latest information regarding Senate Bill 96 and its affects on the County. Public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Paul Anderson, Commission Administrative Assistant, gave an update regarding state-level legislation and its possible impact on the County. Public input was heard.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

COMMISSION OFFICE REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Commissioner reports were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Jim Schmidt to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on April 7, 2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

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