

Lincoln County Board of Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at 8:00 a.m. on June 22, 2026, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt and Doug Putnam present. Tiffani Landeen was present via Zoom. Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot, was also present.

Vice-Chair, Jim Schmidt, called the meeting to order.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Tiffani Landeen to approve and authorize the I.T. Director to execute a renewal/new service agreement with Midco for Internet and TV Services. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Tiffani Landeen to authorize the payment of indigent medical claims pursuant to SDCL Chapter 28-13 in the amounts of \$9,565.80 (S.E.D) and \$126,751.00 (M.L.S). Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Drew DeGroot, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, presented to the Board a proposed procedure to consider the appointment procedures for the District #2 Commissioner vacancy pursuant to SDCL 3-4-4. Also acknowledged was the resignation of Commissioner Otten effective June 18, 2026. An appropriate timeline was established for the application process and the public hearings to interview candidates. Public input was heard.

MOTION by Tiffani Landeen and seconded by Joel Arends to establish the following timeline: Letters of Interest for the Commissioner position need to be received by the Commission Office by Monday, June 29, 2026. Qualified applicants will then come before the Board of Commissioners on June, 30th, 2026 or July 7th, 2026 to publicly answer questions from the Board. A vote by the Board will follow. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Tiffani Landeen and seconded by Joel Arends to establish the following procedure to fill the Commissioner vacancy; Candidates will come before the Board and answer questions that have been created by the Board and vetted by the Human Resources Department, the questions and answers will be part of the public record along with subsequent votes by the Board. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were heard.

COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Commissioner reports were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Doug Putnam to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on June 30th, 2026. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Jim Schmidt, Lincoln County Vice-Chair

Attest: _____
Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor

To be approved: June 30, 2026
Please publish the week of June 29, 2026