

**Lincoln County Board of Commission Joint Meeting
with the City of Sioux Falls Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026**

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Herman Otten 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 Jim Schmidt to approve Agenda. Ayes; Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Doug Putnam, Herman Otten, Nays; None. Motion Passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised for a resolution adopting the joint jurisdictional Lincoln County/City of Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this resolution is to adopt the Shape Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive Plan for the Lincoln County and City of Sioux Falls joint planning area. This would replace the Shape Sioux Falls 2040 plan. Fletcher Lacock, Senior Planner with the City of Sioux Falls, presented the plan and answered questions from the Commission and Council. No testimony was heard in favor or opposition.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Doug Putnam to adopt the resolution of the joint jurisdictional Lincoln County/City of Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive Plan with the following amendments; Amendment 1: Upon passage of the Resolution adopting the Shape Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive plan for the joint zoning and platting jurisdictional area, a hearing on a moratorium to be imposed on hyper scale data centers shall be scheduled to take place on the last Tuesday of September at 7:00 p.m., and Amendment 2: The parties to this joint jurisdictional agreement may not enter into an agreement with a non-governmental entity, private person, or public-private business concerning any application made under the joint zoning and platting jurisdiction area which requires confidentiality or nondisclosure. An agreement under this section is a public record as defined in § 1-27-1.1. Ayes; Joel Arends, Doug Putnam, Nays; Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Herman Otten. Motion Failed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Herman Otten to adopt the resolution of the joint jurisdictional Lincoln County/City of Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Doug Putnam to add the following amendment to the resolution; the City of Sioux Falls City Council and the Lincoln County Commission will hold a joint meeting and public hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 to discuss a moratorium on data centers. Ayes; Joel Arends, Doug Putnam, Jim Schmidt, Herman Otten. Nays; Tiffani Landeen. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Herman Otten to adopt the following resolution (2026-11) for the joint jurisdictional Lincoln County/City of Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive Plan with the approved amendment; A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE JOINT JURISDICTIONAL LINCOLN COUNTY/CITY OF SIOUX FALLS 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. WHEREAS, the Joint Lincoln County and City of Sioux Falls Planning Commissions have proposed a plan for the physical development of the joint jurisdictional area; and WHEREAS, the Joint Lincoln County and City of Sioux Falls Planning Commissions held a public hearing on March 17, 2026, to gain input from the public; and WHEREAS, the Joint Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Sioux Falls City Council held a public hearing on August 25, 2026, to gain input from the

public; and WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan shows the Joint Lincoln County and City of Sioux Falls Planning Commission's recommendations to guide and accomplish a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the joint planning jurisdictional area, which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JOINT CITY OF SIOUX FALLS AND LINCOLN COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES, SD: That the amended Shape Sioux Falls 2040 Plan known as the Shape Sioux Falls 2050 Comprehensive Plan attached is hereby adopted along with the accompanying maps and descriptive matter, for the Joint City of Sioux Falls and Lincoln County planning area, with said plan to supersede the Shape Sioux Falls 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The plan shall be on file and is available for public inspection by any interested person in the office of the City Clerk, the office of the County Auditor, the City Planning Office, the Lincoln County Planning Office, and the City's website. The County shall publish the resolution, without attachment, after its passage. Ayes; Joel Arends, Doug Putnam, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Herman Otten. Nays; None. Motion Passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Herman Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on September 1, 2026. Ayes; Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Herman Otten, Nays; Joel Arends, Doug Putnam. Motion Passed.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Tiffani Landeen, Lincoln County Chair

Attest: _____
Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor

To be approved: September 1, 2026
Please publish the week of August 31, 2026