

Clark County Commissioners recognize Wallace Knock for his service at January meeting

CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 6, 2026

Commissioner Gjerde called the regular meeting to order on January 6, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room of the Clark County Courthouse. Commissioners present: Chris Sass, Francis Hass, Sara Gjerde and Terry Schlagel. Also present Auditor Tarbox.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Commissioner Gjerde recognized Commissioner Wallace Knock for his dedicated services to Clark County. Commissioner Knock passed away on January 4, 2026.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Auditor Tarbox called for nominations for Chairman of the Clark County Board of Commissioners for the year 2026. Commissioner Schlagel nominated Commissioner Gjerde as Chairman, Commissioner Sass second. All voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Hass made motion nominations cease second by Sass. All voting aye. Motion carried. Auditor Tarbox called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Sass nominated Commissioner Schlagel, second by Gjerde. All voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Gjerde made motion nominations cease. Second by Sass. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve the January 6, 2026 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 29, 2025. All voting aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman made the following appointments for the year 2026. Mental Health: Gjerde; Extension: Sass and Schlagel; Weed and Pest: Sass; Airport: Schlagel, Gjerde and Hass; I-Cap: Hass; First District: Gjerde; Glacial Lakes: Schlagel; Legislative Contact: Gjerde.

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent (HS) Eggleston presented one bid for new tractor. Bid from Eastside Implement in the amount of \$120,500. Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve the bid as presented. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to allow HS Eggleston to call for bids for "Cutback Asphalt, Emulsion Asphalt, Hot and Cold Mix, Plant Mix, Paint Stripping, Contracted Construction Equipment" for any job site in Clark County for the Highway Department. Clark County guarantees no maximum or minimum quantities. Bids must be filed at the Clark County Auditor's Office, P.O. Box 294, 200 North Commercial Street, Clark S.D. 57225 on or before 10:00 a.m. C.T. on January 28, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to enter into executive session at 8:13 a.m. according to SDCL 1 - 25--2 (1) to discuss personnel issue. All voting aye. Motion carried. Chairman declared out at 8:23 a.m.

RESOLUTION 7-26 LOAD LIMIT

Commissioner Sass moved for the adoption of the following resolution, second by Commissioner Gjerde. All voting aye. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

WHEREAS the County of Clark, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction,

WHEREAS it appears that said highways, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles

thereon is prohibited or restrictions as to the weight of vehicles are imposed, and

WHEREAS the County of Clark lacks the scale equipment with which to enforce road weight limits

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to SDCL 32-14-16 and any laws amendatory thereto, be it resolved that the load limit on Clark County roads with the County of Clark, South Dakota, shall be seven ton per axle for a full 75 day period from or after March 01, 2026.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of this Resolution as provided by State Law and that this Resolution shall not be effective until or unless such signs are erected and maintained.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Clark shall request the South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer to enter the County of Clark with scales adequate to weigh motor vehicles to ensure compliance with State Laws pertaining to vehicle weight and with the weight laws established by this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all asphalt roads will be posted at seven (7) ton per axles and 45 mph for trucks. Trucks 45 mph year around on all asphalt roads. Gravel will be posted as needed. Paved county roads within the County of Clark, South Dakota, shall be 45 Miles per hour from January 1 to December 31 of each year, commencing with the year 2026. Refer to Resolution 98-23. Clark County request the South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer to enter the County of Clark to enforce the speed limit on all Clark County Roads.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be effective each and every year hereafter unless repealed or modified by duly enacted Resolution.

Dated at Clark, South Dakota, this 6th day of January 2026.

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Clark County

ATTEST:

/s/ Christine Tarbox
Clark County Auditor

RESOLUTION 1-26 Designation of Official Newspaper

It was moved by Commissioner Schlagel, seconded by Commissioner Hass, that the *Clark County Courier*, being the only legal newspaper within the County as defined in Chapter 7-18, Sec 3 SDCL of 1967, be designated as the official Clark County newspaper for publishing all matters pertaining to government of Clark County for or during 2026.

Commissioners all voting aye. Commissioners voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Dated at Clark, South Dakota this 6th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Board of Clark County Commissioners

/s/ Christine Tarbox
County Auditor

RESOLUTION 2-26 DESIGNATION OF BANK DEPOSITORIES

It was moved by Commissioner Hass, seconded by Commissioner Sass, that Dacotah Bank of Clark, Clark Branch within the County be designated as the official Clark County bank depository during 2026. All Commissioners voting aye. Commissioners voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Dated at Clark, South Dakota this 6th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Board of Clark County Commissioners

/s/ Christine Tarbox
County Auditor

RESOLUTION 03-26 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH POLICY, PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT RELATED TO INDIGENT BURIAL WITHIN CLARK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

WHEREAS, SDCL 28-17-4 provides that Board of County Commissioners shall adopt a Resolution establishing a sum to be paid by the County for County burial of its indigent residents: and,

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has consulted with interested parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County,

South Dakota, for the 2026 calendar year, that the policy and payment schedule, which is on file in the Auditors office as Appendix A be adopted with respect to indigent burial within Clark County, South Dakota.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Schlagel, seconded by Commissioner Sass.

All commissioners voted aye. Commissioners voting nay: None.

Whereupon the chairman of the Clark County Board of Commissioners declared the resolution to be duly passed and adopted.

Dated at Clark, Clark County, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Board of Clark County Commissioners

/s/ Christine Tarbox
County Auditor

RESOLUTION 4-26 Set Salary for Election Officials

Moved by Commissioner Hass and seconded by Commissioner Schlagel, that the following resolution be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, South Dakota, that the fee to be established pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11 for compensation of election superintendents and deputies shall be computed at the rate of \$16.00 per hour for hours worked Election Day and \$25.00 to attend training session. The superintendents and judges shall be paid for each hour they are required to be present to perform their respective duties as specified by law. The person delivering the poll books and ballot boxes to the proper authority at the county seat shall receive the county rate for mileage as established pursuant to Sec. 7-7-24 SDCL, for miles necessarily traveled in going to and returning from making the delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the polling place shall receive \$50.00 per election for use of the facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditing Board personnel deemed necessary by the County Auditor for conducting the Post-election Audit be allowed \$16.00 per hour.

All members voting aye. Members voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Dated: January 6, 2026

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Clark County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/ Christine Tarbox

County Auditor

RESOLUTION 5-26

Commissioner Sass moved for the adoption of the following resolution, second by Commissioner Gjerde. All Voting aye. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Board of Clark County Commissioners deem it necessary to set fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clark County Commissioners at a regular meeting held January 6, 2026, the following fees shall be charged.

Copy - \$0.25 per page.

Fax charge - \$2.00 for the first two (2) pages incoming and outgoing and \$0.50 each additional page.

Highway maps - \$2.00.

Voter registration list - as per Secretary of State Office fee schedule

Voting precinct maps - \$2.00.

Commissioner District map - \$2.00.

Building permits - \$100.00 plus \$1.00/thousand of valuation of the project, additional fee of \$50.00 if property is in flood plain. Fee doubles if late.

Variance \$400.00 - fee doubles if late.

Conditional Use Permit applications - \$300.00 - fee doubles if late.

Rezoning - \$300.00 - fee doubles if late.

Overweight - \$200.00 year or \$100.00 one time. Fee doubles if permit not acquired prior.

Over width permits - \$1,000 for any load over 20 feet wide per trip, fine doubles if permit not required prior. Less than 20 feet wide \$200.00 yearly or \$100.00 one time - fee doubles if permit not acquired prior.

Director of Equalization - fee for parcel data - \$5,000.00

Director of Equalization - Obtaining GIS Information \$5,000.00

Director of Equalization - Web hosting information \$350.00

Register of Deed - fee per email of documents \$2.00

Boring under county roads for non utility purpose - \$200.00

ROD Fees for monthly reports to Clark Abstract \$67.00 for copies of pages and \$8.00 per printing of the report.

ROD Fees: Reports to financial institutions: Financial Statement and Lien Report \$2.00; Mortgage fee \$4.00; Deed fee \$4.00.

Weed - Chemical rate and labor schedule - on file in Auditor's office

Ambulance CPR training - \$60.00 per person

Liquor/malt beverage fee - \$100.00 per day

Furness Funeral Home - \$150.00 for removal of body, \$95.00 for body bag, Prep room Use for blood draw \$100.00, Mileage for autopsy \$2.50/mile door to door. Cooler \$50.00 - per day.

Dated at Clark County, South Dakota this 6th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Clark County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST (SEAL)
/s/ Christine Tarbox
County Auditor

RESOLUTION 6-26: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve Resolution 6-26 which appoints members of the Clark County Housing and Redevelopment Commission. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 6-26
CHAIRMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF THE CLARK COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Pursuant to South Dakota

Codified Law 11-7-12 and by virtue of my office as Chairman, I hereby re-appoint Terry Schlagel to serve as a Commissioner of the Clark County Housing and Redevelopment Commission to serve for a five-year term from the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SIGNED MY NAME AS Chairman of the Clark County Board of Commissioners, Clark, South Dakota this 6th day of January, 2026.

Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve Chairman's appointment.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Dated: January 6, 2026

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Clark County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Christine Tarbox
Clark County Auditor

FIRST DISTRICT: Todd Kays with First District of Association of Local Governments met with the board with a yearly update. He talked about member Counties, the Governing Body, funding for the organization, staff and projects and support that they provide.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to enter into executive session at 8:53 a.m. according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) to discuss personnel issue. All voting aye. Motion carried. Chairman declared out at 9:05 a.m.

BEADLE COUNTY CONTRACT: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve jail contract between Beadle County and Clark County. All voting aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve single signature report for first quarter of 2026 for Emergency Manager Lewis. All voting aye. Motion carried.

LOST CHECK: Motion by Hass, second by Sass to approve replacing lost check for Austin Strait Attorney firm. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Schlagel; second by Sass to approve the following claims and allow the auditor to issue payments for same. All voting aye. Motion carried. COMMISSIONERS: SDML Workers Compensation Fund, renewal billing, 143.00; U.S. Bank Voyager Fleet Systems, fuel, 103.92; AUDITOR: ITC, service, 140.89; Office Peeps, tax forms 27.99; SDML Workers Compensation Fund, 2026 renewal, 346.00; Two Trees, managed care set up, 583.00; Two Trees Technology, backup tape/repairs, 698.00; TREASURER: ITC, service, 101.45; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 310.00; STATES ATTORNEY: SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal billing 186.00; Thomson Reuters, West Publishing, subscription, 2,685.08; COURT SYSTEM: Austin, Strait, Benson and Thole, court appt atty, 1,975.00; Green, Roby, Oviatt, Cummings, court appt atty, 2,427.00; Nelson and Ericsson Law Office, crt appt atty, 3,459.80; PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Clark Ace Hardware, supplies 171.96; Culligan, water, 135.75; ITC, service 41.29; SDML Workers Com, 2026 renewal, 1,898.00; Star Laundry, rugs, 111.54; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: ITC, service, 54.20; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 1,349.00; VanGuard Appraisals, service fees, 3,100.00; REGISTER OF DEEDS: Great American Financial Services, copy machine, 119.39; ITC, service, 35.75; MicroFilm Imaging Systems, deed magic annual software fee, 1,140.00; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 234.00; VETERANS OFFICER: ITC, service, 30.40; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 33.00; SHERIFF: AT&T Mobility,

service 261.67; ITC, service 128.21; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 4,637.00; U.S. Bank Voyager, fuel 130.66; CORONER: SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 4.00; AIRPORT: Clark Rural Water, water 35.00; Helms and Associates, airport AWOS III Design, 62,763.70; AMBULANCE: 212 Truck and Trailer Repairs, inspect coolant leak 102.95; A-Ox Welding Supply, lease/admin compliance 371.17; AT&T Mobility, service, 173.64; Clark Ace Hardware, supplies, 58.16; ITC, service, 105.10; Motorola Solutions, mobile radio, 4,107.71; Oscar's Machine Shop, weld chair 25.00; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 12,229.00; Tony's Electric, wire new boiler 798.89; U.S. Bank Voyager, fuel 143.77; MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Human Service Agency first qtr appropriations, 4,571.50; MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Dept. of Revenue, involuntary services, 611.63; PUBLIC LIBRARY: City of Clark, library access, 500.00; EXTENSION: ITC, service 55.00; Star Laundry, rugs, 100.88; WEED: ITC, service, renewal billing, 103.75; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 2,595.00; ROAD and BRIDGE: 212 Truck and Trailer Repair, repairs 2,811.56; 212 Truck and Trailer Repair, parts, 110.49; Agwrx Coop, transmission fluid, 400.00; Auto Value Clark, filters/supplies 1,136.20; Clark Ace Hardware, parts/supplies, 451.12; Fleetpride Inc., parts, 349.60; ITC, service, 88.57; Little Falls Machine, parts, 378.64; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 122.13; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal, 40,774.00; Sioux Rural Water, water 59.50; Sioux Valley Co-op, fuel, 4,529.88; Star Laundry, laundry, 112.25; Two Trees Technologies, assistance, 149.95; Westside Implement, parts, 5,735.36; 911 SERVICE: ITC, service, 145.23; CIVIL DEFENSE: AT&T Mobility, service 46.53; Codington County Search and Rescue, services 1,500.00; ITC, service, 27.59; SDML Workers Comp, 2026 renewal 90.00; U.S. Bank Voyager, fuel, 23.22; REGISTER OF DEEDS: Microfilm Imaging Systems, software/scanner rent, 314.25; M&P RELIEF FLOW THRU: SDACO, \$2.00 fee, 124.00. TOTAL: 175,734.87.

PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: 9,869.92; AUDITOR: 4,454.21; TREASURER: 5,811.90; STATES ATTORNEY: 4,231.37; PUBLIC BUILDINGS: 2,214.75; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 5,241.23; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3,871.23; VETERANS OFFICER: 434.02; SHERIFF: 10,876.87; CORONER: 309.85; POOR: 541.01; AMBULANCE: 16,491.01; PLANNING and ZONING: 393.64; ROAD and BRIDGE: 46,672.51; EMERGENCY and DISASTER: 1,397.15. TOTAL: 112,810.670.

ADJOURN: Chairman Gjerde declared meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m. until next regular meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman, Clark County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

/s/ Christine Tarbox
Clark County Auditor

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