

# Clark County Commissioners approve contingency transfer 2-25 of \$9,100 for Auditor budget

CLARK COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Board of County Commissioners  
of Clark County

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in the Commissioner Room of the Clark County Courthouse. Chairman Gjerde called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present at the Courthouse: Sara Gjerde, Chris Sass, Francis Hass, David Spieker and Terry Schlagel. Also present Auditor Tarbox.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sara Gjerde  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Christine Tarbox  
County Auditor

**HIGHWAY:** Highway Superintendent (HS) Eggleston informed the board that the state has posted load limits on state roads, and he plans on posting load limits on Clark County roads this week.

**AMBULANCE:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to allow Ambulance Administrator (AA) Hohm to order a motorized stair chair from Stryker for Station I, Clark. Cost is \$16,816.85. Donations received from Northwestern Energy \$1,000.00, Crocker Wind Farm - \$5,000.00, Clark Area Foundation - \$5,816.85 and grant from S.D. Assurance Public Alliance for \$5,000.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE:** AA Hohm discussed SB211 which will affect reimbursement from insurance companies for ambulance services. She also discussed reimbursement amounts from various insurance companies and suggested we look at increasing rates. Current rate schedule will be evaluated at next board meeting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Emergency Manager (EM) Lewis with updates on the Department of Homeland Security Grant for 2025. He informed the board that the funds have been released, and we should receive them soon. He also discussed funds for 2026 projects. He informed the board that Clark School needs to update their camera system, and the County needs additional updated radios. That will be the requests for 2026.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** EM Lewis informed the board he is working to update the Local Emergency Operation Plan and should have it done sometime this year.

**BURN BAN:** EM Lewis also discussed the process of setting a burn

ban and informed the board it may be needed in the future. No action taken.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve and allow Chairman to sign the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant. This provides grant dollars that supplement EM Salary and expenses. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT:** Chairman Gjerde appointed Commissioner Spieker to Mental Health Board for 2026. He will replace Commissioner Gjerde.

**ELECTION AGREEMENT:** Motion by Hass, second by Spieker to approve a combined Election agreement between City of Clark and Clark County for the June 2, 2026 primary election. The two entities will share expenses as defined in the agreement if City of Clark has need for an election. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**SDPAA:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to approve and allow Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Contract between South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance and Clark County. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**NURSE:** Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve and allow Chairman to sign the State of South Dakota Business Associate Agreement between South Dakota Department of Health Public Health Nursing services and Clark County. Clark County will reimburse the state \$4,792.06 towards salary and expenses of the Clark County Public Health nurse. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**CONTINGENCY TRANSFER:** Motion by Spieker, second by Schlagel to approve Contingency Transfer 2-25 in the amount of \$9,100 for the Auditor budget. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTINGENCY TRANSFER 2-25  
Commissioner Spieker moved that the following transfer be adopted.

Whereas an insufficient amount was appropriated for the county to meet its obligation and;

Whereas an appropriation was made in the 2025 budget of Clark County an amount for contingencies as provided by SDCL 7-21-6.2 and;

Whereas SDCL 7-21-32.2 authorizes the Board of Clark County Commissioners to transfer from this Contingency appropriation to any other appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that \$9,100.00 be transferred from the Contingency appropriation to the following:

\$9,100.00, Auditor, 101-141-422  
Commissioner Schlagel seconded the motion that the TRANSFER be adopted. Upon roll call, the following Commissioners

Those voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde.

Those voting nay: None.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

/s/ Christine Tarbox  
Christine Tarbox, Auditor  
Clark County, South Dakota

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** The board spent time updating the Employee Handbook.

**CLAIMS:** Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITOR: Dacotah Bank, supplies, 83.99; Office Peeps, paper, 174.11; Two Trees Technologies, onsite setup of PC, 558.60; TREASURER: Dacotah Bank, supplies, 551.98; Office Peeps, paper, 109.60; STATES ATTORNEY: Department of Health, blood draw 50.00; Thomson Reuters-West Publishing, online software 552.29; COURT SYSTEM: Green, Roby, Oviatt, Cummings, court appointed attorney, 1,052.80; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, crt appt atty, 2,358.05; PUBLIC BUILDING: City of Clark, water, 293.10; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage 54.23; Eselnd Inc., panic button system, 428.40; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 3,144.24; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Dacotah Bank, envelopes, 2,859.85; Office Peeps, cartridges, 689.84; Two Trees Technologies, server connection issues, 300.00; SHERIFF: City of Watertown, E-911 No Emergent dispatch fees, 13,851.56; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 1,001.44; Dacotah Bank, supplies 270.00; JB's

Repair, change oil, replace battery 623.60; S.D. Department of Public Safety, service Jan./June 2,730.00; PRISONER CARE: Codington County Auditor, prisoner care, 4,290.00; AIRPORT: Northwestern Energy, utilities, 352.34; AMBULANCE: City of Clark, water, 89.30; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 474.32; Dacotah Bank, chair, 269.99; Joe Dennison, Ambulance training, 200.00; Ken's Fairway, supplies 25.39; Sarah McHenry, CPR training, 60.00; McKesson Medical-Surgical, supplies 1,556.21; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 781.82; PCC, Ambulance billing fees, 1,767.46; SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Community Action, comm service/Feb, 2,222.00; EXTENSION: Dacotah Bank, supplies 13.41; SDSU Extension, 4-H Educator Salary/2026, 11,525.00; WEED: S.D. Federal Property, supplies, 2.50; PLANNING & ZONING: First District Assn of Local Gov, Oct., Dec., 1,589.00; ROAD & BRIDGE: 212 Truck & Trailer Repairs, repair, 4,265.79; Agwrx Coop, grease 2,580.00; AMG-Avera Occupational, pre-employment drug test, 147.50; Auto Value Clark, filters/supplies, 2,464.71; Banner Associates, engineering fees CR 47 & CR 61, 2,071.50; City of Clark, water, 166.40; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage, 141.36; Dacotah Bank, supplies/sign repairs, 707.55; Grainger, parts 61.80; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 2958.26; Office Peeps, supplies 54.80; Oscar's Machine Shop, parts 403.66; S.D. Federal Property, supplies 31.00; Sanford Health OCC Med, pre-employment physical, 162.00; Sioux Valley Coop, fuel 2,525.22; REGISTER OF DEEDS: Microfilm Imaging Systems, software/scanner rent 314.25; TOTAL: \$76,012.22.

**PAYROLL:** AUDITOR: 6,330.16; TREASURER: 6,002.08; STATES ATTORNEY: 5,650.95; COURTHOUSE: 3,222.90; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 6,307.59; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3,612.71; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 442.70; SHERIFF: 10,415.63; AMBULANCE: 7,415.88; WEED: 783.52; ROAD & BRIDGE: 48,474.38; EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1,481.42. TOTAL: \$100,139.92.

**REPORTS:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve the following reports. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER  
Cash on hand.....3,057,447.34  
Money Market.....7,453,155.54  
CD's.....800,000.00  
Checking Account.....12,545.68  
TOTAL:.....11,323,148.56

These funds include all funds administered by the county including: General Fund \$6,244,142.08; Road & Bridge: \$1,286,979.96; 911 Service Fund: 63,321.18; ED: \$-4,187.58; Domestic Abuse: 55.00; 24/7 -- \$19,093.44; ROD Mod/Pres: 11,653.36; Opioid Settlement: 15,691.44; Rural Access Infrastructure fund: \$101,417.74; County TIF: 3,086,530.96; **Trust & Agency Funds, which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts - 498,450.98.** TOTAL: 11,323,148.56.

**ROD Fees:** January recording fees 1,290.00; Transfer fees: 2,571.00; Births: 40.00; Deaths: 270.00; Marriages: 15.00; Copy money: 67.00; Misc.: 176.00. TOTAL: 4,429.00. Sheriff fees: January 2026 -Mileage -\$20.65; Fees \$300.00. Ambulance: December 2025 - \$19,638.44.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Gjerde declared adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Next regular meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Sara Gjerde, Chairman  
Clark County  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
(SEAL)

Christine Tarbox,  
Clark County Auditor

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