

Clark County Commissioners accept ambulance administrator resignation, approve four ambulance hires

Clark County May 19, 2026 commissioner proceedings:

CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
MAY 19, 2026
APPROVED

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 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.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Garrett Meier spoke informing the board that himself, Bruce Nelson and Scott Campbell have hired an attorney for assisting the board with zoning issues. He informed the board that the attorney will work with the Commission Board, Luke Muller and States Attorney Fjelland on zoning issues for Clark County. He said that they will cover the entire cost of the attorney fees for the assistance to Clark County. The board agreed to the request.

Jim Kopriva also spoke with concerns about keeping ag land as ag. Mark McHenry spoke to the board regarding the ambulance service and feels that going to a BLS service would be a disservice to the county and encourages the board to continue to run an ALS service with the Clark Station I.

AGENDA: Motion by Schlagel second by Spieker to approve the May 19, 2026 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Spieker second by Hass to approve the minutes of May 5, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve the minutes of May 5, 2026, special meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 a.m. according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) to discuss personnel issue. All voting aye. Motion carried. Chairman declared out at 8:34 a.m.

SHERIFF: Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to approve the purchase of a new computer for Sheriff office. Cost is \$2,292.60 and will be purchased from Two Trees Technology. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to accept resignation

of Colleen Hohm, acting Ambulance Administrator (AA) effective May 24, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Hass, second by Sass to approve Mia Hall, Paramedic as full-time employee, with a six-month probation period; salary will be current rate of Paramedic. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to hire Taylor Sattler as a part-time Paramedic. Salary will be current rate of shift paramedic. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve hire of Linda Hofer as part-time EMT. Salary will be current rate of shift EMT. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to hire Meghan Marx as Interim Ambulance Administrator. Job duties will be assigned. Meghan Marx will be paid \$400.00 per month, and Colleen Hohm will receive \$600.00 per month until such time as job duties are reassigned. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to pay a signing bonus to full time Ambulance employees, \$500.00 at one month of service, \$1,000.00 at six months of service and \$1,500.00 at one year of service. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: AA Hohm discussed the possibility of Clark County hosting an EMT class. She informed the board there were seven people interested in the class. Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to contact trainer and schedule the class. Cost is \$900.00 per student. All voting aye. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE: AA Hohm suggested leaving the Clark County Station 1 as a BLS unit until the new employees are trained and proper documents are obtained. Further discussion: It was decided to talk to Louann Streff and determine what needs to be done and what drugs will be obtained for the service.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to recess as the County Commission and Convene as the Board of Adjustment. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Gjerde called the Clark County Board of Adjustment meeting to order. The next item on the agenda is "items to be added to the Agenda by the Board members of staff". There were none, and the meeting continued. Next item is an invitation for cit-

izens to schedule time on the Board of Adjustment agenda for an item not listed under the Board of Adjustment portion. There were none and the meeting continued. Chairman Gjerde asked if any board members have any Ex parte Communications or potential conflicts of Interest that the rest of the Board or public may want to be aware of. There were none.

Chairman Gjerde informed the board that the request by Lamar Hutterian for a Religious Farming Community was withdrawn and replaced by a split application to have a religious farming community and for a domestic sewer facility on a separate legal description for the June 16, 2026 meeting. She informed everyone that we cannot hear testimony related to that request at this meeting. Also present: Mark McHenry, Scott Campbell, Jim Kopriva, Garrett Meier, Terry Kloster and Alex Hohertz.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to approve the Board of Adjustment Agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Gjerde stated the only item of new business is a request by Thomas Hallberg for a variance to replace an existing building nine feet from the right of way. Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve this with any conditions recommended by staff. Luke then gave report on the request. The applicant, Thomas Hallberg, requests a 91 foot variance from the 422 Avenue Right-of-way to replace a structure nine feet from the right-of-way in the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 117 North, Range 57 West of the 5th P.M. (Darlington Township) Clark County, South Dakota. Mr. Hallberg present. He is requesting to replace a shed in the current location. Luke explained the ordinance and comprehensive land use plan regarding this request. Chairman Gjerde opened the public hearing on the application. Tom Hallberg spoke regarding his request. There was no further public testimony and the public hearing was closed. Board members discussed the request. Luke asked the questions for the findings of fact relating to the Variance Permit. The request is merely to replace an existing building with a 32' x 42' building (not to get closer to 422nd Avenue), No doors will face 422nd Avenue (West), the slope and drainageway confine the building site to the present area and board confines the variance to the area gener-

ally described as the North 165 Feet of the South 1,200 Feet of the West 150 Feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 117 North, Range 57 West of the 5th P.M. (Darlington), Clark County, South Dakota. He then restated the motion. The motion is to approve the Variance to replace the shed 9' from the right-of-way line in this location with conditions as stated above. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. All voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN MATTERS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION: The board discussed potential changes for the planning board including lot size, subdivisions and when a plat would be required. Luke will put together information and present at the June 16, 2026 meeting.

CLAIMS: Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried. COMMISSIONERS: Clark County Courier, proceedings/malt beverage notices, 316.67; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, coverage, 1,309.50; ELECTIONS: Clark County Courier, voter registration deadline, 29.95; Cardmember Service-file bags, 21.59; Election Systems and Software, scanners and stands/ballot work, 19,246.47; AUDITOR: Cardmember Services, envelopes, 1915.45; ITC, service, 143.20; Office Peeps, paper, 54.80; PMB-012, user/access fees, 66.25; SDPAA, coverage, 1,312.29; TREASURER: Clark County Courier, taxes due ad, 247.50; ITC, service, 109.15; Office Peeps, paper, 65.82; Ramkota Hotel, Pierre, lodging, 141.00; SDPAA, coverage, 1,171.01; STATES ATTORNEY: SDPAA, coverage, 909.87; PUBLIC BUILDING: Avera Heart Hospital, three AED machines, 4,635.00; City of Clark, water, 224.70; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage 53.73; Heinemann Restoration, remove/replace sealants, 50,000.00; ITC, service, 41.21; JW Roll Off Service, roll of container, 843.40; Moeller Sheet Metal, fill/start chiller, 249.88; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 1,264.02; SDPAA, coverage, 15,647.12; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: ITC, service, 57.20; SDPAA, coverage, 1,288.65; REGISTER OF DEEDS: ITC, service, 34.55; SDPAA, coverage, 812.08; VETERANS OFFICER: ITC, service, 28.80; SDPAA, coverage, 84.50; SHERIFF: A&B Business Inc., contract service, 53.78; Central Square, PS Pro-RMS, 3,120.00; Clark Community

Oil, fuel, 1,060.75; ITC, service 113.23; Office Peeps, folders 26.52; SDPAA, coverage, 7,190.53; Two Trees Technologies, antivirus, 255.00; WW Tire Service, dismount/mount tires 165.60; PRISONER CARE: Codington County Auditor, prisoner care, 4,379.97; AIRPORT: Northwestern Energy, utilities, 252.29; SDPAA, coverage, 4,329.90; NURSE: SDPAA, coverage, 35.27; AMBULANCE: Bound Tree Medial, supplies, 410.20; City of Clark, water, 95.40; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 444.04; ITC, service 105.10; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 431.01; SDPAA, coverage, 13,041.96; Two Trees Technologies, antivirus, 50.00; SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Community Action, comm service/Feb, 2,222.00; EXTENSION: City of Clark, water, 101.50; ITC, service, 131.20; Kimberly McGraw, subsistence/travel, 114.70; Office Peeps, paper 15.65; SDPAA, coverage, 212.18. WEED: City of Clark, water 77.10; Cook's wastepaper & Recycling, 70.93; Dacotah Bank, supplies 93.38; ITC, service 92.70; Northwestern Energy, utilities 223.97; SDPAA, coverage, 4,864.54; ROAD & BRIDGE: 212 Truck and Trailer, parts, 308.15; Banner Associates, engineer fees CR 61, 9,677.50; City of Clark, water 89.30; Clark County Courier, help wanted ad, 460.75; Clark Community Oil, propane, 216.00; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage, 70.93; Dacotah Bank, supplies, 210.47; Dakota Fluid Power, parts, 14.26; Glacial Lakes Radiation, repairs, 77.50; I-State Truck Center, parts, 208.50; ITC, service, 92.85; Little Falls Machine, parts, 228.76; Northwestern Energy, utilities 924.60; Office Peeps, supplies 26.16; Oscar's Machine Shop, parts/torch hose repair, 133.49; SDPAA, coverage, 49,343.62; WW Tire, tires/repair, 7,243.00; 911 SERVICE: ITC, service, 145.23; City of Watertown, 911 Surcharge, 5,139.13; CIVIL DEFENSE: ITC-service 28.02. SDPAA, coverage, 894.78; CIVIC DEFENSE: On Target Training, programming class, 1,150.00. TOTAL: \$222,788.76.

PAYROLL: AUDITOR: 6,330.16; TREASURER: 6,333.78; STATES ATTORNEY: 5,193.90; COURTHOUSE: 3,222.90; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 6,307.59; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 6,122.36; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 442.70; SHERIFF: 10,558.66; AMBULANCE: 12,426.66; WEED: 4,314.60; ROAD & BRIDGE: 46,572.05; EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1,243.50. TOTAL: \$109,068.86.

REPORTS: Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to approve the following reports. All voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITOR'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER

Cash on hand.....434,206.60
Money Market.....12,906,940.38
CD's.....800,000.00
Checking Account.....173,068.12
Securities.....3,029,995.32
TOTAL:.....17,344,210.42

These funds include all funds administered by the county including: General Fund \$7,958,135.32; Road & Bridge: \$1,478,158.91; 911 Service Fund: 63,242.03; ED: \$-3,987.37; Domestic Abuse: 85.00; 24/7 -- \$22,866.81; ROD Mod/Pres: 10,266.61; Opioid Settlement: 15,691.44; Rural Access Infrastructure fund: \$101,417.74. County TIF: 3,213,248.90, **Trust & Agency Funds, which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts - 4,485,085.03.** TOTAL: 17,344,210.42.

ROD Fees: March recording fees 2,275.00; Transfer fees: 896.50; Births: 25.00; Deaths - 45.00; Marriages - 30.00; Copy money: 67.00; Misc. - 207.00. TOTAL: 3,545.50. Sheriff fees: April 2026 - Mileage -\$0.; Fees \$0; Ambulance - February 2026 - \$7,821.38.

The Board of County Commissioners toured the ambulance facility.

ADJOURN: Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. Next regular meeting Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Sara Gjerde, Chairman
Clark County
Board of Commissioners

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(SEAL)

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