

Clark County Commissioners approve second reading of ordinances 01-26, 02-26, 03-26, Resolution 11-26

Clark County July 21, 2026 commissioner proceedings:

CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
JULY 21, 2026
APPROVED

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 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: Chris Sass, Francis Hass, David Spieker, Terry Schlagel and Sara Gjerde present via zoom. Also present Auditor Tarbox.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Jeremy Lund from Siegel Barnett & Schultz Attorneys expressed concern regarding Ordinance 2-26. He stated it would prevent new colonies from coming into and expanding within Clark County with restrictions of number of dwellings per quarter of land.

Marty Mack requested reduction in front yard and side yard setbacks. He stated the road he is concerned with is a dead-end road that does not have much use and stated the revised setbacks would not negatively effect the road. He compared setbacks in neighboring counties.

Alissa Christianson spoke regarding the variance that was denied by the board. She discussed the work that has been completed to date on the structure and asked that the previously denied variance be approved.

AGENDA: Motion by Sass seconded by Spieker to approve the July 21, 2026 agenda. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Spieker second by Hass to approve the minutes of July 7, 2026. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

CORRECTION: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to approve correction to June 17, 2026 minutes. Lamar LLC will be corrected to Lamar Hutterian Brethern. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Treasurer Reis met with the board with request to purchase two new computers and four monitors for the treasurer office. Current machines are outdated. Motion by Hass, second by Spieker, to approve purchase of equipment. Approximate cost will be \$3,134.15, and will be purchased from Two Trees. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

AUDITOR: Auditor Tarbox

requested a copier/printer in Auditor office. Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to purchase a HP Color Last Jet Pro MFP 4301fdn Printer, purchase price \$659.00 from the state bid. Machine will be purchased from A&B Business. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

Ordinance 01-26: Chairman Gjerde performed the second reading to Ordinance 01-26.

Chairman Gjerde: This is the second Reading of Ordinance #01-26. An ORDINANCE ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2:04 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND CHAPTER 2.05 COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF CLARK COUNTY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 01-14, AS AMENDED.

Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve Ordinance 01-26. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried. Ordinance 01-26 is on file in the Auditor's office.

Ordinance 02-26

Chairman Gjerde: This is the second Reading of ORDINANCE #02-26, an ordinance entitled, an ordinance amending section 2.04.04 conditional uses (Agricultural District) and Section 2.04.05 area regulations [Agricultural District] of the Zoning Ordinance of Clark County adopted by Ordinance 01-14, as amended.

Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to approve Ordinance 02-26. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried. Ordinance 02-26 is on file in the Auditor's office.

Ordinance #03-26

Chairman Gjerde: This is the second reading of the Ordinance 3-26, an ordinance establishing subdivision regulations and repealing all other ordinances in conflict therewith.

Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to approve Ordinance 03-26. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried. Ordinance 03-26 is on file in the Auditor's office.

RESOLUTION 11-26: Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to approve Resolution 11-26, Bridge Improvement Grant/Local Federal bridge PE, Programs Resolution authorizing submission of applicants. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11-26
2027 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT
GRANT/LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PE
PROGRAMS RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Whereas, Clark County wishes to submit an application for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER AND LOCATION:

13-070-276 – 8.4 miles north and 4.0 miles east of Carpenter, S.D.

And WHEREAS, Clark County certifies that the project is listed in the County's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;

And WHEREAS, Clark County agrees to pay the 20 percent match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and 100 percent of ineligible expenses, and/or the applicable match as noted below – on the Local Federal Bridge funds and 100 percent of non-participating expenses;

And WHEREAS, Clark County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application.

Vote of Commissioners YES: 5, NO: 0.

Dated at Clark, S.D., this 21st day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Sara Gjerde
Chairman

/s/ Christine Tarbox
Clark County Auditor

SET HEARING: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to set hearing for liquor/malt beverage license for Clark Firemen. They will be serving a wedding dance/reception on August 29 at the Fairgrounds. Hearing set for August 4, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

SET MEETING: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to set a special meeting for July 31, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to canvass the 2026 Primary Run-Off Governor election. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

SET MEETING: Motion by Spieker, second by Hass to move September 15, 2026 meeting to September 22, 2026 to allow County employees to

attend South Dakota County Officials fall Convention. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

AIRPORT FUEL QUOTES: The following fuel quotes for LL AV gas were presented to the board. Dooleys AV - \$4.9305. Vollan Oil - \$5.34. The County accepted the low bid and all bids are on file in the Auditor's office.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Heaton met with the board to inform them the sheriff pickup needs a new transmission, approximately cost will be \$5,200.00. Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to approve the repairs. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFER: Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to approve operating transfer in the amount of \$36,015.00 to the Emergency Management fund. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel, Gjerde. Motion carried.

HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to approve the 2026 -2027 Hunting Preserve Liquor License for CT Wildlife Management. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried.

EM: Emergency Manager (EM) Lewis is asking permission to transfer the Argo to Spink County. Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to approve the transfer. This item was purchased in 2004 with Grant dollars and will be transferred to Spink County, if Spink County approves the transfer, with condition of vehicle as is. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Hass second by Spieker to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried. GENERAL FUND: Randy Gruenwald, refund, 180.00; Watertown Fire and Rescue, services 1,070.89; COMMISSIONERS: Dacotah Bank, zoom fees, 180.44; ELECTIONS: Dacotah Bank, stamps, 547.37; AUDITOR: Burnham & Flower Agency, cobra admin fees, 99.90; Dacotah Bank, cartridges 536.30; Office Peeps, supplies, 18.07; SDACC, 2026 County Convention, \$250.00; TREASURER: Dacotah Bank, postage, 813.38; SDACC, 2026 County Convention fees, 250.00; STATES ATTORNEY: Sanford Watertown Medical Center, blood draw, 139.10; COURT SYSTEM: SDACC, third qtr. assessment, 3,328.00; Juror fees, 939.00; PUBLIC BUILDING: Cole Paper, supplies,

103.93; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage 56.76; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 1,268.82; SHERIFF: Clark Community Oil, fuel, 1,293.80; PRISONER CARE: Beadle County Sheriff's Office, prisoner care, 210.00; Codington County Auditor, prisoner care, 5,896.09; AIRPORT: Dooleys Petroleum, gas 26,785.00; Helms and Associates, airport fuel system, 8,544.34; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 160.32; QTPod, base network access support, 1,675.00; AMBULANCE: A-Ox Welding Supply, oxygen 347.12; Mount Tree Medial, supplies, 2,215.41; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 473.82; Creative Rewards, plaque, 70.00; Dacotah Bank, cartridge, 107.42; Foamfrat, corp partner renewal, 1,199.92; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 325.11; MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Dept. of Rev., involuntary services, 591.90; EXTENSION: Great American Financial Services, copy machine rent, 254.24; ITC, service, 78.65; Office Peeps, supplies 92.06; WEED: Cole's Petroleum Products, fuel 3,261.24; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, 75.28; Dacotah Bank, gas 62.84; Northwestern Energy, utilities 122.61; S.D. Federal Property, supplies, 212.00; PLANNING & ZONING: First District Assn of Local Govn, April-June admin/tech services 4,167.25; ROAD & BRIDGE: Agwrx, Coop, Clark Agronomy, bulk oil and Hydraulic oil, 5,891.00; Basin Construction, culvert replacement CR 47, 128,902.72; Cook's Recycling, garbage, 75.28; Dacotah Bank, advertising/postage 73.08; Diamond Mowers Inc., parts, 173.39; Equipment Blades, cutting edges, 9,883.20; Fleetpride, parts 84.38; Grainger, supplies, 484.32; IMEG Consultants Corp, construct admin/ CR 46/microsurfacing, 10,000.00; Moeller Sheet Metal, repair, 199.90; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 793.16; Pheasantland Industries, clothing, 110.12; 911 SERVICE: City of Watertown, 911 surcharge, two months, 9,842.44; PRISONER CARE: 24/7 Program, transactions, 715.00. TOTAL: \$234,292.37.

PAYROLL: A U D I T O R : 6,330.15; TREASURER 6,333.79; STATES ATTORNEY: 5,193.90; COURTHOUSE: 3,222.90; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 6,307.58; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3,990.95; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 442.70; SHERIFF: 11,475.75; AMBULANCE: 9,749.83; EXENSION: 1,576.00; WEED: 3,681.60; ROAD & BRIDGE: 47,298.01; EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1,322.81. TOTAL: \$106,925.97.

REPORTS: Motion by Schlagel,

second by Spieker to approve the following reports. Voting aye Sass, Hass, Spieker, Schlagel and Gjerde. Motion carried.

AUDITOR MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER

Cash on hand.....49,769.06
Money Market.....9,367,551.26
CD's.....800,000.00
Checking Account.....312,228.70
Securities.....3,029,995.32
TOTAL:.....13,559,544.34

These funds include all funds administered by the county including: General Fund \$7,834,671.95; Road & Bridge: \$1,470,662.16; 911 Service Fund: 68,121.69; ED: \$-10,652.06; Domestic Abuse: 115.00; 24/7 - \$24,138.81; ROD Mod/Pres: 10,076.11; Opioid Settlement: 15,960.07; Rural Access Infrastructure fund: \$166,532.54. County TIF: 3,213,248.90; **Trust & Agency Funds, which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts -766,669.17.** TOTAL: 13,559,544.34.

ROD Fees: June recording fees 1,490.00; Transfer fees: 2,059.50; Births: 40.00; Deaths - 210.00; Marriages – 30.00; Copy money: 67.00; Misc. - 215.00. TOTAL: 4,111.50. Sheriff fees: May 2026 – Mileage - \$53.14; Fees \$500.00; Ambulance – April 13,105.83.

States Attorney Fjelland explained that the board should not discuss the decisions from the Planning and Zoning actions during the window for individuals to appeal a decision to court.

ADJOURN: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to adjourn at 9:19 a.m. Next regular meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Sara Gjerde, Chairman
Clark County
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Christine Tarbox,
Clark County Auditor

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