

Clark County Commissioners approve ordinance 04-26, approve budget changes, move November meeting

Clark County September 1, 2026 commissioner proceedings:

CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
UNAPPROVED

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 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. Also present Auditor Tarbox.

AGENDA: Motion by Sass second by Spieker to approve the September 1, 2026 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Schlagael, second by Hass to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HEARING: ROAD & BRIDGE FIVE YEAR PLAN: At 8:00 a.m. the specified time Chairman Gjerde opened the public hearing for the 2027 Clark County Five Year Road and Bridge plan. Matt Vandersnick, Thomas Lamb, Travis Hoogheem, Judith Butcher-Fuller appeared. No public input, and the public hearing was closed. The board discussed bridges identified in the plan and costs associated. Highway Superintendent (HS) Eggleston informed the board Clark County had not been approved for the 2027 Preliminary Engineering Bridge Improvement Grant for structure #13-070-276. The Five Year plan will be approved at the September 22, 2026 meeting.

HIGHWAY: Motion by Hass, second by Sass to approve change order No. 1 for CR #46. Original bid was \$589,951.65, change order is a decrease of \$40,224.80, completed contract price presented by contractor is \$549,726.85. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Motion by Spieker, second by Schlagel to approve and remit payment for contractor's application, Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp aka Astech Corp, for micro surfacing project to County Road #46. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to allow HS

Eggleston to call for bids for aggregate for asphalt surfaces. Bids will be received at the Auditor's office in the Clark County Courthouse until 10:00 a.m. September 30, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET: At 8:30 a.m. the time specified Chairman Gjerde opened the public hearing for the 2027 Provisional budget. No one appeared and the public hearing was closed. Motion by Hass, second by Spieker to adopt the Provisional budget for 2027 as printed. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Highway document to sign. No action taken.

ORDINANCE 4-26: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to convene jointly as Planning Commission and County Commission. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Gjerde called the Joint Planning Commission and County Commission portion of this meeting to order. She noted for the benefit of the public, the County Commission also serves as the Planning Commission. The next agenda item is public hearing on proposed ordinance 04-26. This is an amendment that makes the zoning ordinance's definition of "Family" a little more clear.

Motion by Spieker, acting as a member of the Planning Commission, made motion to recommend approval of Ordinance 4-26 to the Clark County Board of County Commission, second by Sass to recommend approval. Luke Muller gave the report regarding the Ordinance. He read and explained the changes.

Chairman Gjerde opened the public hearing.

Thomas Lamb spoke regarding definition of family, speaking of his family and what he has learned from his family and other members in the county.

Judith Butcher Fuller brought to attention to reevaluate the Ordinance, requesting they look at the two persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption.

Thomas Lamb commented that family should be whomever you want it to be whether you have the same last name or are related.

No other testimony and Chairman Gjerde closed the public hearing.

Board discussion, Spieker questioned S.D. law and common law marriage and Schlagel asked about adding language to define kinship and add the word partner following spouse. Further discussion determined Ordinance would be left as is written.

Luke restated the motion, The board acting as Planning Commission of Clark County is to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioner's of Ordinance 04-26 an Ordinance entitled, an ordinance amending Article V definitions of the zoning ordinance of Clark County adopted by Ordinance 01-14 without amendments. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Luke Muller, on behalf of the County Commissioners, performed the second reading of Ordinance 04-26 An Ordinance entitled, an ordinance amending Article V definitions of the zoning ordinance of Clark County adopted by Ordinance 01-14 as amended. This will publish on September 8, 2026 and be effective on September 28, 2026. Now that we have held hearing and held both readings, we need a motion for approval of this Ordinance. Motion by Spieker acting as County Commissioner member, moves for approval of Ordinance 04-26, second by Sass. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to adjourn as the Planning Commission and reconvene only as County Commission. All voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Thomas Lamb spoke regarding the article that had been posted in the *Clark County Courier* on August 26, 2026 regarding the reforms he is proposing for Clark County and the Courthouse. He apologized for the headline on the document and requested he be listed as an agenda item for the September 22, 2026 to discuss the proposal.

Matt Vandersnick also spoke in support of the commission and more notifications for neighbors on large projects.

WEED: Motion by Spieker to allow Weed Supervisor (WS) Jenkins to call for bids for a new lawn mower for the Weed department. Spieker made motion to allow Jenkins to call

for bids. Further discussion: Since purchase price less than bid limits, this item doesn't require the bid process. Spieker withdrew his motion. Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to allow WS Jenkins to purchase a lawn mower. He indicated he would be purchasing a Gravley model with purchase price of approximately \$10,000.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

WEED: WS Jenkins requested changes back to his budget. He informed the board that pesticide budget line could be changed to \$1,500.00 but requested that the herbicide line be increased to \$35,000 and the machinery and equipment line be increased to \$10,000.00. The board agreed to these changes, and the changes will be incorporated into the 2027 budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to enter into executive session at 9:01 a.m. for personnel issues according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) All voting aye. Motion carried. Chairman declared out at 10:00 a.m.

STATE AUDITOR: State Auditor Ingraham met with the board to update the board on 2024-2025 Audit. She informed the board she would be leaving on Wednesday.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to approve and allow Chair to sign Office of Emergency Management 2027 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement which provides grant dollars to subsidize the Emergency Manager (EM) budget for salary expenses. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MEETING DATE CHANGE: Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve moving November 3, 2026 to November 5, 2026 to accommodate the General Election. All voting aye. Motion carried.

NURSE: Motion by Spieker, second by Sass to approve State of South Dakota/Clark County contract for Provision of Community Health Services - 2027. Clark County will approve \$4,919.89 to be paid to the State of South Dakota to continue Community Nurse Services within Clark County. All voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Motion by Schlagel,

second by Hass to approve and allow Chair to sign Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Grant AIP "Pre-Application to participate in the S.D. DOT 2027 Statewide Pavement Maintenance project at Clark County Airport. Projected cost of the project is \$166,667.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

REPLACE AIR CONDITIONER: No action taken - wrong building listed.

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, 1,192.56; AUDITOR: Office Peeps, supplies, 50.76; PMB-0112, user/access fees, 70.25; Two Trees Technologies, managed services 767.00; TREASURER: Office Peeps, calendars 12.66; STATES ATTORNEY: Thomson Reuters, West Publishing, online/software 618.56; COURT: Green Roby, Oviatt, Cummings, crt appt atty, 450.60; PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Cole Paper, supplies, 211.72; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Office Peeps, supplies, 96.76; REGISTER OF DEEDS: Great America Financial Services, copy machine rent, 99.07; VETERANS OFFICER: SDVSOA, conference fee, 100.00; SHERIFF: Clark County Courier, school bus ad, 236.25; Tony's Electric, rewire lights in sheriff office, 423.91; WW Tire, balance tires/supplies 555.80; AIRPORT: Clark County Airport, fuel, 32.77; Clark Rural Water, water, 35.00; Helms and Associates, airport AWOS, 1,038.21; POOR: Pioneer Enterprises, service fees, 2,150.00; AMBULANCE: 212 Truck & Trailer, service unit, 452.76; Dollar General, candy for parade, 57.14; Colleen Hohm, CPR classes, 300.00; Ken's Fairway, supplies, 11.59; Lewis Family Drug, supplies, 27.54; PCC, ambulance billing, 1,391.79; EXTENSION: Great America Financial Services, copy machine rent, 160.91; Office Peeps, supplies, 12.31; WEED: Auto Value Clark, supplies 72.73; *Clark County Courier*, thistle ad, 120.00; PLANNING & ZONING: *Clark County Courier*, ordinance, 33.99; ROAD & BRIDGE: AFLAC, cobra premium, 35.40; Asphalt Surface Technologies, microsurfacing CR 46; 549,706.85; Auto Value, Clark, filters/supplies, 2,634.60; *Clark County Courier*, help

wanted, 146.60; Cole's Petroleum Products, fuel, 9,725.83; Detco, cleaning supplies 2,073.55; Fleetpride, parts 335.99; NorthWestern Energy, utilities, 54.21; Optilegra, cobra premium, 10.50; Oscar's Machine Shop 378.97; Ron's Saw Shop, repair 368.94; Safety Benefits, conference registration, 150.00; Sioux Rural Water, water, 64.55; Sir Lines A Lot, paint striping CR 36, 38 & 47, 41,322.50; WW Tire, supplies 2,827.81; Watertown Truck and Trailer, parts, 429.26; CIVIL DEFENSE: Clark Auto Value, supplies 24.53; County Wide, plat book, 30.00; Two Trees Technologies, set up computer, 1,777.50; M&P Relief Flow Thru-SDACO, \$2.00 fee, 122.00. TOTAL: 623,002.23.

PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: 27,727.69; AUDITOR: 4,542.85; T R E A S U R E R : 5 , 2 3 6 . 3 6 ; STATES ATTORNEY: 4,297.34; COURTHOUSE: 2,258.57; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 5,320.99; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 4,086.27; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 442.70; SHERIFF: 10,053.57; POOR: 551.85; AMBULANCE: 17,209.80; WEED: 3,695.92; PLANNING & ZONING: 401.59; ROAD & BRIDGE: 49,434.10; EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1,767.91. TOTAL: 137,027.51.

ADJOURN: Motion by Schlagel, second by Spieker to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 22, 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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