

Clark County Commissioners hear community comments, hear request to apply for grant, discuss variance

Clark County August 18, 2026 commissioner proceedings:

CLARK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 18, 2026
APPROVED

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 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.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Thomas Lamb spoke regarding clustered and isolated commercial industrial zoning and manufacturing conditional uses with concerns about Mayfield Manufacturing Materials.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Fawn Lamb spoke regarding Mayfield Manufacturing Materials facility and has concerns about the total commercial industrial use. She stated the larger issue is clustered and isolate C/I zoning across our Ag District.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: Doug Paulson spoke regarding right of way on County Road 55 in Woodland Township. He presented a South Dakota Codified Law and maps of the existing road.

AGENDA: Motion by Schlagel seconded by Sass to approve the August 18, 2026 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Spieker, second by Hass to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026 meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Sass, second by Spieker to move into executive session according to SDCL

1-25-2 (1) at 8:12 a.m. for personnel issues. All voting aye. Motion carried. Chairman declared out at 8:27 a.m.

AUDIT: State Auditor Kasie Ingraham met with the board to inform them she is auditing 2024 and 2025 for Clark County.

FUEL QUOTES: The following fuel quotes for Diesel #2 were accepted by Clark County. Agwrx - no bid; Clark Community Oil - no bid; Vollan Oil - \$3.899; Farstad Oil - no bid; Stern Oil - no bid; Sioux Valley Coop - No bid; Cole's Petroleum Inc. - \$3.8470. The County accepted the low bid and all bids are on file in the Auditor's office.

COUNTY ROAD 8: John Grosz, Jr from Silver Lake Hutterian Brethren met with the board requesting the County apply for a Rural Development grant to be used to provide funding to pave the first mile of County Road #8 which runs South of 212 and leads to Silver Lake Hutterian Brethren facility. He discussed estimates of costs for the project and explained to the board that Silver Lake Hutterian Brethren would be willing to partially financially support the project. Highway Superintendent (HS) Eggleston talked about the stipulations of the grant and the application process. Mr. Grosz also requested consideration of a four-way stop sign one mile south of U.S. Highway 212.

PLANNING & ZONING: Luke Muller with First District met with the board to discuss an Ordinance regarding extended home occupation. The board reviewed and discussed documents presented by Luke. Also discussion of commercial and home based business in Ag district.

ORDINANCE 4-26: Chairman Gjerde conducted the first reading of

Ordinance 4-26.

An Ordinance entitled, an Ordinance amending article V definitions of the Zoning Ordinance of Clark County adopted by Ordinance 01-14, as amended. Joint public hearing will be held on September 1, 2026.

VARIANCE DISCUSSION: Chairman Gjerde requested clarification of how variances are applied.

RESOLUTION 12-26: No action taken.

BUDGET: After reviewing the 2027 Budget, Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to set hearing for the 2026 Provisional budget and allow publication. Hearing set for September 1, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

GOVERNMENT DAYS: Auditor Tarbox informed the board that 2026 Government Days for area high school seniors has been tentatively set for September 28, 2026.

CLAIMS: Motion by Sass second by Hass to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS: Election Systems, supplies 627.95; AUDITOR: Clark County Treasurer, postage, 10.20; Office Peeps, printer, 893.46; TREASURER: Clark County Treasurer, postage, 92.88; Two Trees Technology, onsite/check event logs, 445.00; STATES ATTORNEY: Department of Health, blood draw, 150.00; Sanford Watertown Medical Center, blood draw, 170.00; Thomson Reuters, West Publishing, online/software, 1,303.39; PUBLIC BUILDING: City of Clark, water, 186.70; Cook's Wastepaper, garbage, 56.76; Dakota Data Shred, shredder fees, 303.92; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 1,667.92; Star

Laundry, rugs, 111.54; SHERIFF: Clark County Treasurer, postage, 40.75; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 1,463.82; Two Trees Technology, computer setup, 2,292.60; PRISONER CARE: Codington County Auditor, prisoner care, 6,268.27; AIRPORT: Clark County Airport, fuel, 99.82; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 118.88; COUNTY POOR: Northwestern Energy, poor utilities, 635.27; NURSE: Dacotah Bank, supplies, 245.35; AMBULANCE: Bound Tree Medial, supplies, 265.10; City of Clark, water, 107.60; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 337.63; Jamey Gloe, training reimbursement, 20.00; Mia Hall, training reimbursement, 20.00; Sarah McHenry, training reimbursement, 20.00; Mindy Henderson, training reimbursement, 20.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 368.27; Tayler Sattler, training reimbursement, 20.00; Kaththea Whitney, training reimbursement, 20.00; SOC SERV FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Comm Action, comm service/August, 2,222.00; MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Dept of Rev, involuntary services, 611.63; EXTENSION: City of Clark, water 695.90; Dacotah Bank, supplies, 83.53; Office Peeps, laminating refills 173.09; Shop 4-H, reference material, 7.38; Star Laundry, rugs, 50.44; State 4-H Office, fair passes, 42.50; WEED: C&R Supply, repairs, 834.15; City of Clark, water, 83.20; Clark Community Oil, fuel, 42.34; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, 75.28; Northwestern Energy, utilities 132.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: Banner Associates, engineer fees CR 61, 47 & 46, 20,486.32; Bierschbach Equipment, heat transfer oil, 1,842.00; City of Clark, water, 107.60; Clark Community Oil, propane, 255.12; Cole's Petroleum, fuel,

34,626.85; Cook's Recycling, garbage, 75.28; Crafc0, heat transfer oil, 1,015.00; Dacotah Bank, tools/batteries/postage 711.25; Diamond Mowers Inc., parts, 1,498.35; Fleetpride, supplies, 665.98; Mac's Hardware, supplies, 168.43; Menards, supplies, 647.84; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 1,082.57; Office Peeps, supplies 11.22; Proline Inc., supplies, 204.08; Ron's Small Engine Repair, chain saw, 876.98; Running Supply, supplies, 399.00; Sanford Health, new hire physical, 147.00; Star Laundry, laundry, 100.95; 911 SERVICE: City of Watertown, 911 surcharge, 5,009.04; TOTAL: \$93,368.00.

PAYROLL: AUDITOR: 6,330.16; TREASURER: 6,333.78; STATES ATTORNEY: 5,193.91; COURTHOUSE: 3,222.90, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 6,307.59; REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3,801.83; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 442.70; SHERIFF: 10,897.50; AMBULANCE: 7,760.49; EXTENSION: 775.08; WEED: 4,311.43; ROAD & BRIDGE: 50,426.39; EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1,243.31. TOTAL: \$107,047.27.

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

AUDITOR MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER

Cash on hand.....	23,755.32
MoneyMarket.....	9,060,718.45
CD's.....	800,000.00
Checking Account.....	259,042.35
Securities.....	3,029,995.32
TOTAL:.....	13,173,511.44

These funds include all funds administered by the county includ-

ing: General Fund \$7,647,012.91; Road & Bridge: \$1,456,458.36; 911 Service Fund: 63,114.18; ED: \$22,092.39; Domestic Abuse: 200.00; 24/7 \$24,008.81; ROD Mod/Pres: 10,025.86; Opioid Settlement: 17,691.00; 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 – \$533,126.49.** TOTAL: \$13,173,511.44.

ROD Fees: July recording fees 2,170.00; Transfer fees: 2,120.00; Births: 45.00; Deaths: 190.00; Marriages: 60.00; Copy money: 67.00; Misc.: 155.00. TOTAL: 4,807.00. Sheriff fees: July 2026 – Mileage - \$13.57; Fees: \$200.00; Ambulance – May – \$14,044.78.

ADJOURN: Motion by Hass, second by Spieker to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Next regular meeting Tuesday, September 1, 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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