

July 21st, 2026

County Commissioners Meeting

at Hamlin County Courthouse (300 4th Street; Hayti, SD)

on Second Floor in Commissioners Room (go through Auditor's Office)

9:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes
9:35 Highway Department
10:20 Second Reading & Adoption (3) Ordinances
10:30 4-H Building Bids
11:00 Renew School Contracts – SRO
11:05 Public Comment
11:10 Next Meeting Date
11:15 Automatic Supplement Sheriff grants
11:20 Cash Transfer General to Emergency Management
11:25 Bills
11:30 New Hire
12:00 Count Cash Treasurer's office

Minutes:

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on July 21,2026 with the following members present: Rudebusch, Saathoff, Tulson, Buck and Popham. No one absent. John Delzer, States Attorney, and representatives from Basin Construction and East River Contracting were present.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Buck to approve the agenda as posted. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Popham seconded by Buck to approve the July 7,2026 minutes. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Bryan Pedersen Hwy Supt met with the Board. He stated the company is now mixing hot mix so they have been using that. Next week the dept will cut off the grass on the tops of the ditches. They use a disc mower so the farmers can use it. They also have been hauling gravel on some roads. He is getting ready for chip sealing. The dept will do 12 miles north of Estelline. He will get more pea rock.

FUEL QUOTES: July 16 in Hayti Diesel Hamlin County Farmers Coop 4.00 Farmers Union 4.05 July 20 in Hazel Diesel Hamlin County Coop 4.12 Farmers Union 4.09 All quotes do not contain certain taxes.

SCHOOL CONTRACTS: Chad Schlotterbeck Sheriff presented Contract law contracts for the Schools with Hamlin School 82 hours per school year at 355.33 per month, Estelline School 62 hours per school year at 268.67 per month, Castlewood School 72 hours at 312.00 per month for school year. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Tulson to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts. All members voting aye. Motion Carried. Chad stated that the next meeting he will be presenting the city and towns contracts.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Buck seconded by Popham to make an automatic supplement from Highway Safety Grant to Sheriffs Budget \$2,563.09 (101-211-411) and to revenue source (101-331.95). All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCES HEARING: Carla Heuer Zoning Officer met with the Board and went over the ordinances before them. Second Reading Ordinance #2026-03 Lake Park Commercial District Regulations. The Chairman opened the hearing for any comments for or against such. None were heard. He closed the public hearing. Motion by Buck seconded by Saathoff to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The Chairman opened the meeting for comments on Ordinance #2026-02 Seasonal commercial accessory uses subject to Section 3.12.07 No Comments for or against were heard. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Tulson seconded by Buck to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 All members voting aye. Motion Carried. The Chairman opened the meeting for comments on Ordinance #2026-05 Rezoning property. No comments for or against such were heard. The Chairman closed the public hearing. Motion by Tulson seconded by Popham to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. All of these will be fully published. The Zoning Officer presented Ordinance #2026-04 for Extended Home Occupation for its first reading. Second reading will be August 3, 2026

ZONING BOARD MEMBERS: John Pantzke resigned from the Zoning Board and Adjustment Board. The zoning officer suggested Rick Bergman to full fill the term until 2029 for the position for District 5. The Board approved the appointment.

4-H Building Bids: Abbi Rogness 4-H Advisor, Basin Construction and East River Contracting were present to answer questions. The Board asked about the growth of 4-H members which Abbi Rogness 4-H Advisor stated the amounts of members and animals was growing. The Board also asked about any other sites that could be used for shooting sports. Questions were also asked about certain things on the bids. Tulson made a motion seconded by Saathoff to take low bid of East River Contracting not to exceed \$721,101 on design -build contract for the plans drawn on June 3, 2026 Roll Call vote was taken: Tulson Yea, Buck Nay, Popham Nay, Saathoff Yea and Rudebusch Nay. Motion Failed.

Next meeting will be held on Monday August 3 due to run off election.

CASH TRANSFER: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Popham to transfer \$25,000 from General Fund to Emergency & Disaster Fund as allowed within the budget. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

CLAIMS PAID:

ELECTIONS: Election Systems repairs 376.95 Dorene Lemme election worker 19.00 mileage 9.10 Mavis Poelstra Election worker 19.00 David Schaefer Election Worker 19.00 mileage 1.40 COURT: Dakota Shred rental 11.59 Yesika Munoz interpreter 100.00 mileage 35.00 Kristin Woodall court reporting 293.25 Post office box 53.00

TREASURER: Dakota Shred rental 22.59 Twotrees repairs 100.00 Post office box 81.00

POSTAGE COPIES: Office Peeps copy machine contract 73.80 Quadient postage meter rental 290.60

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Austin, Strait, 109.80 De Castro Law 768.60

COURTHOUSE MAINT: Culligan water 110.00 Dust Tex floor mats 119.16 Ottertail Util 865.27 Visa supp 109.81

GENERAL 911: H-D Electric 911 towers elec 132.47

SHERIFF: Amazon supp 82.00 Axon Equipment 3226.38 Farmers Union Gas 44.42 Galls supp 33.32 Guardian Fleet Equipment 1660.12 Kones Korner supp 70.00 Northern Safety supp 57.97 Visa Supp 530.83 postage 63.19 Total Sheriffs expense 5768.23

JAIL: Brookings County Jail 6142.50 Prairie Lakes blood tests 505.22 SD Public Health Lab blood tests 215.00

POOR: Prairie Lakes care 814.00 LIEAP: Interlakes worker 444.92

COUNTY FAIR: 4-H Fund 2000.00 EXTENSION: Visa supp 106.34 lodging 232.83

WEED: Hamlin Bldg supp 84.04 Menards supp 34.91 Office Peeps supp 279.72 Vandiest weed chemical 10,320.00 Visa Equipment 1824.13 H-D Electric Util 53.59

ROAD: Visa parts 88.99 cell phone 1.05 H-D Electric Util 438.19

AG BUILDING: Ottertail Util 126.85 Runnings supp 325.43 Visa Supp 63.14

911: Watertown City fees from State for 911 7992.19

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Womens Resource Center marriage license & divorce fees 690.00

M&P FUND: SDACO part of Register of Deeds fees to State 346.00

DEPT OF REVENUE: money to State: Motor Vehicle fees 243,261.61 Birth Fees 120.00 Drivers License 988.00

POST AUDIT RESULTS: On June 24 three voters did the post audit as required of a drawn out precinct of Bryant: State offices drawn out was Marty Jackley 128 votes James Bialota 42 votes Timothy Begalka 70 votes Stephanie Sauder 116 votes There were 193 ballots gone through. This was the same vote count as had been recorded on Election night of the Primary June 2,2026

SEMI ANNUAL CHECK OF MONEY IN TREASURERS OFFICE: Commissioners Buck and Popham did the semi annual check of money in the Treasurers Office with a total of \$9,925,879.10

The Auditor reported the cash on hand in the Treasurer's Office as of July 1,2026

Checking Account	\$2,272,562.50
Money Markets	\$494,481.13
CD's	\$7,600,600.00
Cash on Hand	\$3,806.68
Checks on Hand	\$70,930.19
Credit Card Deposit on Hand	\$3,652.92
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Total	\$10,446,433.42

of this the following belongs to

General Fund	\$8,582,781.31
Special Revenue	\$1,127,665.17
Schools	\$336,577.49
Townships	\$88,660.15
Cities & Towns	\$39,062.43
Trust & Agency Funds	\$271,686.87
Total	\$10,446,433.42

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 until August 3,2026 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Randall Rudebusch
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor

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