

April 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)

- 09:30 Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes
- Oath of Equalization Board
- 09:35 Equalization Board
- 11:30 4-H Advisor
- 11:45 Bills

Minutes:

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on April 21,2026 with the following members present: Rudebusch, Saathoff, Tulson, Buck and Popham. No one absent. Also present was John Delzer States Attorney and Donna Rhody Director of Equalization.

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 Tulson seconded by Buck to approve the minutes of April 7,2026 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

The Board signed their Oath as Hamlin County Equalization Board . Donna Rhody Director of Equalization had prepared a booklet for each Commisisoner for the day of Equalization.

#1 Dalton Krueger had appealed to have small parcel #6895 which is now taxed as a small acreage combined with parcel 6605 which would then make it 29.10 acres and change to AG which is the priority use. Parcel is in Hayti Township Tesch Addition in SE ¼ 7-114-53 The Director has recommended to change to Ag and combine so value was 107,364 and would be 21,390 for Parcel 6895. Motion By Saathoff seconded by Popham to accept the recommendation of the Director of Equalization for Ag and value of 21,390 All members voting Aye Motion Carried.

#2 Lyle Hawkinson met with the Board appealing the value of the land based on a neighboring lot market comparison and had just had an appraisal for the property. Property is in Norden Township Northbay 15th Addition in the W ½ Lake Albert # 6195 House value 686,706 land value 641,917. He stated the appraisal was 450,000 and this was bought 12 years ago for 72,000. He is only appealing the land which he is asking for 378,348. The Director stated the land is an irregular shaped lot which had not been addressed prior. After recalculating the amount of the land she feels would be 520,066 and house stay the same. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Buck to put the value on land at 450,000 and house to remain at 686,706 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

#3 Daniel Nefzger met with the Board concerning the lot values on Lot 4 Nefzger Windbreak Addition #7706 value 54,863 Lot 5 Nefzger Windbreak Fourth Addition #7707 Value 54,863 and Lot 3 Nefzger Windbreak Third Addition #7586 House Value 186,233 lot 54,863 Norden Township. He stated he had been trying to sell such and can not get that amount for them. The Director stated the property is being treated like similar properties. Motion by Tulson seconded by Popham to put the value of 45,000 on Lot 4 and 45,000 on Lot 5 because they are bare lots. Lot 3 the house value would stay at 186,233 and lot at 54,863 due to septic tank and sewer on this lot. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

OWNER OCCUPIED: Motion by Tulson seconded by Buck to approve the filing of seven owner occupied status for 2027 and one denied due to owner occupied in Lincoln County. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Tulson to approve the 80 applications for tax exempt status such as churches, cemeteries etc. All members voting Aye. All had been published in the newspaper.

ELDERLY & DISABLED FREEZE APPLICATIONS: Motion by Buck seconded by Saathoff to approve the applications for elderly & disabled freeze of 15 new applications, 37 renewal applications and 1 denied for a total of 53 for year 2027. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. These applications must be filed each year based on income of taxpayer.

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION: Motion by Tulson seconded by Popham to approve the 6 new applications and 22 continuing applications for Disabled Veterans Exemption of 200,000 off of valuation of house only. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

FLOODED FARMLAND APPLICATIONS: Motion by Buck seconded by Popham to approve 2191 acres approved that were reduced due to water and not farmed for three years. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

RENEWABLE ENERGY: Four applications for renewable energy were received. These can be reduced for four years. Two are in their last year, one in its 2nd year and one in its first year. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Buck to approve these renewable resource property tax exemptions. All members voting aye. Motion carried. They are reduced only on the assessed value of the renewable resource.

RIPARIAN BUFFER STRIP REDUCTION: Motion by Popham seconded by Buck to approve the 23 applications that qualified for Riparian Buffer strip reduction. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION CHANGES: Record 7719 exempt of value 25,246 as Hayti Town owned and Record 7387 exempt of 22,587 value as Hayti Town owned and in Norden Township Record 6292 change value from 438,299 to 365,265 Clerical Error and Record 6291 Value 387,507 changed to 322,908 Clerical Errors. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Tulson to make these changes for the Director of Equalization. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The Board then adjourned as an Equalization Board and met as a Commissioners Board.

CLAIMS PAID:

COMMISSIONERS: Hamlin County Publishing 1669.20 COURT: Hamlin County Publishing 92.06 Dean Schaefer reporting Prof Serv 36.00

AUDITOR: Jurgens Printing supp 564.00

TREASURER: Dakota Shred rental 116.51 Office Peeps Supp 168.93 Renee Platz reimburse health insurance 875.00

POSTAGE & COPIES: Office Peeps copy machine maint 73.80 Quadient 2 months postage meter rental 290.60 COURT

APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Timothy Cummings 3056.89 COURTHOUSE MAINT: Bass Sanitation quarterly Util 242.00 Culligan Water 93.50 Dust Tex floor mats 119.16 Hamlin Coop gas 9.13 Ottertail Power Util 681.09

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Jurgens Printing sup 20.00 Office Peeps supp 606.72 REGISTER OF DEEDS: Microfilm rental 390.00

SHERIFF: A&D Graphics repairs 145.00 Tayt Alexander reimburse insurance 875.00 Amazon Supp 285.93 Axxess Gas 106.73 Farmers Union gas 116.57 Hamlin Coop repairs 262.99 gas 295.97 Language Line Util 18.73 Northern Safety Supp 100.91 Taylor Shantz travel 14.00 Total Sheriffs expense 2221.83 JAIL: Brookings County jail 2940.00 Codington County Jail 1040.00 Prairie Lakes blood tests 170.00

LIEAP: Interlakes worker 444.92

MENTALLY ILL: Lewis & Clark Prof serv 225.00

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Human Service quarterly payment 1875.00

EXTENSION: Hamlin Coop gas 88.59 Herald Enterprise supp 65.00 Jurgens Printing supp 169.00 Two trees repairs 70.00

WEED: Auto Value supp 49.10 Eastside Equipment repairs 694.42 Hamlin Coop supp 792.90 Hamlin County Publishing 148.20 Hamlin Bldg Center supp 121.70 Runnings supp 153.39 W.W. Tire repairs 953.77 Total Weed expense 2913.48

911: Watertown City fees from State for 911 from phones 7769.94

AG BLDG: Ottertail Power Util 92.35

WIC: Chantel Sprang travel 229.60

COUNTY 24/7: Twotrees Equipment 4229.29 M&P

FUND: Microfilm Imaging Register of Deeds rental 320.00 SDACO part of Register of Deeds fees to State 310.00 STATE

24/7: Sobriety testing 1279.00

SD Dept of Revenue: Motor Vehicle license 190,855.44 Births 70.00 Deaths 30.00 Drivers License 953.00 Total to State 191,908.44

4-H ADVISOR: Abbi Rogness 4-H Advisor met with the Board and gave an update on proposed building for 4-H grounds. The Board stated they thought it should be a structural report for the building. She also requested to attend 4-H Camp at Lake Poinsett, Horse Camp and State Horse Show and the State Fair in Huron if workers are needed for such. The Board approved such.

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

Checking Account	\$1,229,355.40
Money Markets	\$492,377.11
CD's	\$7,600,600.00
Cash on Hand	\$2,678.28
Checks on Hand	\$88,661.81
Credit Card Deposit on Hand	\$2,884.82
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Total	\$9,416,957.42

Of this the following belongs to

General Fund	\$7,721,863.34
Special Revenue	\$620,955.57
Schools	\$597,708.92
Townships	\$138,752.89
Cities & Towns	\$92,907.39
Trust and Agency Funds	\$244,769.31
Total	\$9,416,957.42

QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TO TOWNSHIPS: Castlewood 3214.22 Oxford 5187.87 Brantford 7556.24 Garfield 4567.58 Norden 6992.34 Estelline 5131.48 Hamlin 3721.73 Dempster 4398.41 Florence 3552.56 Hayti 4736.75 Cleveland 3890.90 Opdahl 5526.21 Dixon 5413.41 Total 63,889.70

PRO RATE TO TOWNSHIPS: Castlewood 635.71 Oxford 1026.06 Brantford 1494.48 Garfield 903.38 Norden 1382.95 Estelline 1014.91 Hamlin 736.09 Dempster 869.92 Florence 702.63 Hayti 936.84 Cleveland 769.54 Opdahl 1092.98 Dixon 1070.65 Total 12,636.14

QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TO CITIES & TOWNS: Bryant 3302.63 Castlewood 4497.39 Estelline 4161.92 Hayti 2367.99 Hazel 938.23 Lake Norden 2671.16 Total 17,939.32

PRO RATE TO CITIES & TOWNS: Bryant 821.05 Castlewood 1118.08 Estelline 1034.68 Hayti 588.70 Hazel 233.25 Lake Norden 664.06 Total 4459.82

QUARTERLY CITIES ROAD TO CITIES & TOWNS: Bryant 223.54 Castlewood 388.65 Estelline 428.85 Hayti 293.80 Hazel 68.16 Lake Norden 215.95 Total 1618.95

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 until May 5, 2026 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room Second Floor Courthouse at Hayti.

Randall Rudebusch,
Chairman

ATTEST:
Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor

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