

**March 17th, 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
- 09:35 Emergency & Disaster
- 09:50 Public Comment
- 10:00 Sheriff
- 10:30 Director of Equalization
- 11:00 Plat
- 11:05 Travel Request Sioux Valley Meeting
- 11:10 Automatic Supplement Grants Sheriff
- 11:15 Bills

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**Minutes:**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on March 17,2026 with the following members present: Saathoff, Tulson, Buck and Popham. Absent: Rudebusch Also present was John Delzer States Attorney and Jenna Aderhold reporter.

The Vice Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Tulson seconded by Buck to approve the minutes of March 3,2026 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

WEED DEPT: Cody Michalski Weed Supervisor met with the Board. He presented the contract with the State of SD to control Noxious Weeds by Weed Spraying road ditches on State Highways. He had stated on the contract an amount of 33,507.00 which is for spray, equipment and labor. Motion by Popham seconded by Buck to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the agreement with the State. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

SHERIFFS DEPT: Chad Schlotterbeck Sheriff and Tayt Alexander Deputy Sheriff met with the Board. Chad stated that Deputy Felicia Lowe had completed her schooling and was now certified and he requested her hourly wage to increase to other deputies pay. The Board approved an hourly rate for Felicia Lowe Deputy of 28.50 per hour starting in March. Tayt would like to apply for a grant as suggested by the SAFE report to add security cameras outside the courthouse, in the lobby areas of all three floors, in the hallways around the courtroom, in the courtroom, sheriffs office, basement, entryway and stairways. Small monitors in administration offices watch lobby areas as suggested by the SAFE report, larger monitors in the Sheriffs office watch everything and larger monitor in the Judges Chamber watches in and around the courtroom. Cost for cameras and installation and 2 monitors would be 29,049.20 Grants Share of the cost 21,786.90 County's Share 7262.30 Motion by Buck seconded by Tulson to apply for the grant. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was heard.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Donna Rhody Director of Equalization met with the Board. She would like to advertise for a full time position in her office. The Board stated to do that and set the hourly rate at 26.00 per hour with a 1.00 raise per hour after six months and a 1.00 per hour raise after becoming certified. She submitted a list of required schooling for the year. May 4-5 in Pierre Angela Kranz , Sept 9-10 2026 in Oacoma for Donna and Angela., June1--5 in Sioux Falls for Donna and Angela and SDAAO testing for Angela in Pierre Sept 14-18 The Board approved the required schooling.

PLATS :Motion by Buck seconded by Popham to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the following plats: Plat of Lot A and Lot B Block 1 Saaranens Addition located in Government Lot 2 of the NE ¼ of section 16,T113N R52 of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM; Plat of Lot 5C of Mundts Subdivision located in Government Lot 1 Section 31-T113N, R52W ; Plat of Nefzger Windbreak Sixth Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16,Township 113 North Range 52 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM : Plat of Nefzger Windbreak Fifth Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16,Township 113 North Range 52 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM ; Plat of Lot 11B Block 3 Eiseles Subdivision in Government Lot 1 in Section 34,Township 113 North Range 52 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> PM All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Popham seconded by Buck to approve an automatic supplement from Grant of Highway Safety for the Sheriff of 528.23 to Budget Salaries and 528.23 to Revenue Grant Reimbursement of 528.23 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

SIOUX VALLEY COMMISSIONERS ASSOC.: The Board approved the travel for the Auditor,Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Hwy Supt, Hwy Bookeeper and Commissioners to attend the Sioux Valley Commissioners Assoc. meeting in DeSmet on April 8.

CLAIMS PAID:

COMMISSIONERS: Kingsbury County Registration 42.00 SDPAA property and liability insurance 20,928.11 ELECTION: SDPAA insurance on machines 169.01

COURT: Monica Henning interpreter 25.00 travel 70.00

AUDITOR: Kingsbury County Registration 14.00 Office Peeps supp 49.96 PMB state access 29.92

TREASURER: Kingsbury County Registration 14.00 PMB state access 29.91

POSTAGE & COPIES: Office Peeps Copy machine contract 73.80

STATES ATTORNEY: Office Peeps supp 26.14

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Austin,Strait,Benson 317.20 Bratland Law 1097.00 Timothy Cummings 478.69

COURTHOUSE MAINT: Culligan water 99.25 Menards supp 179.51 Ottertail Power Util 703.58 SDPAA property & liability insurance 13,466.11 Twotrees repairs 230.25

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Office Peeps supp 6.99 SDPAA insurance 329.02

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Jurgens Printing supp 177.00 Kingsbury County Reg. 14.00 PMB state access 29.91

SHERIFF: A&D Graphics supp 120.00 Amazon Supp 169.14 Axon equipment 10,274.25 Axxess gas 115.60 Galls Supp 281.12 Hamlin Co Coop repairs 151.80 gas 311.94 SD DOT gas 1304.91 SDPAA property & liability insurance 12,856.14 Watertown City dispatch 6171.30 Farmers Union gas 123.33 Total Sheriffs expense 31,879.53

JAIL: Brookings County Jail 1365.00 Codington County Jail 390.00 Prairie Lakes blood tests 85.00 SD Public Health Lab blood tests 100.00

GENERAL 911: SDPAA insurance on 911 towers 165.80 H-D Electric towers elec 164.99

LIEAP: Interlakes Community Action worker 444.92 NURSE: SDPAA liability insurance 280.31

MENTALLY ILL: Mental Health Board Per Diem Mark Katterhagen 24.00 Val Larson 24.00 Lucy Lewno 210.74 Yankton County Sheriff serve papers 50.00

EXTENSION: Berg Family Foods supp 32.80 Hamlin Co Coop gas 58.08

WEED: C& R Supply supp 77.57 Equipment 3192.88 H-D Electric Util 237.68 Runnings supp 44.05 SDPAA property & liability insurance 3934.64

ROAD: Bryant City Util 22.51 Axxess Supp 31.98 Fuel 3476.26 LP 134.67 Farmers Union fuel 3272.67 H-D Electric util 445.23 Hamlin County Farmers Coop supp 15.75 Fuel 4150.25 parts 8.92 Hamlin Bldg Center supp 383.09 J&L Welding supp 122.55 J&M Solutions repairs 553.25 Kingsbury County Reg 28.00 Menards supp 3.98 Cold Mix 68.94 Ottertail Power Util 43.24 SDPAA Liability & property insurance 36,016.96 Transource Truck parts 465.51 W.W. Tire repairs 844.12 total Road expense 50,087.88

911: Watertown City 911 fees collected by State 8115.67

AG BUILDING: Ottertail Power Util 85.56 SDPAA property & liability insurance 3618.58

EMERGENCY & DISASTER: SDPAA property & liability insurance 922.44

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Women's Resource Center marriage licenses & divorce fees 240.00

WIC: Chantel Sprang travel 152.00

EXTENSION PASS THROUGH: Berg Family Foods supp 3.73

M&P FUND: SDACO Register of Deeds fees to state 204.00

SD Dept of Revenue: Motor Vehicle License 269,247.88 Drivers License 728.00 Birth Fees 270.00 Death Fees 20.00 Total to State 270,265.88

Meeting adjourned at noon until April 7, 2026 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Larry Saathoff  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:  
Dixie Opdahl  
Hamlin County Auditor

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