

ZIEBACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

The Ziebach County Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 PM with Rick Farlee, David Pesicka, Shane Farlee and Tucker Stocklin present. Chairman R. Farlee called the meeting to order.

The following monies were on deposit as of the end of January 2026:

Cash on Hand	\$	200.00
In Transit		807.46
1 st Financial Bank, Dupree		3,000.00
Money Market, Dupree		1,987,336.35
CD – 12 Month		153,396.35
CD – 18 Month		<u>157,804.38</u>
TOTAL	\$	2,302,544.96

The following fees were reported for the month of January 2026:

Register of Deeds	\$	909.50
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MINUTES: Comm. Tucker Stocklin moved to approve the January 7, 2026 minutes with a correction to

New Business: Job openings, discussion was held about current job openings for part-time deputy register of deeds and part-time driver's licensing making it a full-time position. As discuss previously they would like for driver's licensing to be open 2 days a week making it walk-ins available and the other days being in the register of deed's office. Once they have someone to fill that position, they will advertise new hours and location of driver's licensing., seconded by Comm. Shane Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: T. Stocklin moved to go into executive session at 2:35 PM to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Comm. D. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried. Jessica Donovan was also present. The Board came out of executive session at 2:52 PM.

GAS BIDS: The following gas quotes were received: Agtegra -SNL Gas, \$2.23. Farmers Union Oil Co-. SNL Gas, \$2.25 NL Gas, \$2.55. Comm. 5. Farlee moved to accept the quote from Agtegra, seconded by Comm. D. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

ZIEBACH/DEWEY ROAD AGREEMENT: Comm. D. Pesicka moved to approve the Agreement Between Ziebach and Dewey Counties in Regard to Border Line and Shared Maintenance Roads, seconded by Comm. T. Stocklin, all voted aye, motion carried.

DRUG POLICY: Comm. R. Farlee brought up the idea of having a drug policy for drug testing all county employees. Jessica informed the commissioner that she will be contacting David Reiss to get help with redoing the whole handbook with involvement from all department heads. Jessica told the commissioners she will have an update next meeting.

ROAD BLADING BID: State's Attorney S. Penfield informed the board that he had a meeting with a couple of commissioners and Hwy Superintendent Jeff Jensen, on what the road blading bid packet will be. He presents the bid packet to the commissioners and ask for their input. Once he has the completed bid packet with the corrections from the board and present it at the March's meeting for approval. Once approved by the board, it will be published in the West River Eagle.

ROOF REPAIR BID: Comm R. Farlee brought to the board with a request to ask Building Maintenance/Janitor Dean Little Hawk on what he thinks needs to repaired with the roof of the building. Little Hawk informed the board that the membrane that was placed up there to repair the roof after the tornados needs to be replaced. He also informed them that the bricks that are holding the membrane down are starting to disintegrate. The board let Little Hawk know we will be putting an advertisement in the paper and for him to see if he could find a company that is willing to give quotes for the repairs. Little Hawk also informed the board that the ladder that leads to the roof needs to be repaired. It is unsafe to be on it to access the roof. Commissioners told Dean to please get the ladder repaired as soon as possible so the company will be able to access the roof safely! Little Hawk also gave a maintenance

update on how he will be replacing the flooring in the 4H office and the old DSS office once we have received the flooring. Commissioners also request for Dean to continue to fix the cracks in the walls.

LEVIES: Comm. R. Farlee wanted to discuss with the board what kind of help we can find to fund road repairs, snow removal, and building repairs. The idea to put a levy on taxes to help with finding funding. SA Penfield informed the board there is an individual named Greg Vavra to come talk to the board about putting levies on. The board agreed to invited Mr. Vavra to come and present at the March 4th meeting. SA Penfield informed the board there is a limit and that they would not have to use the max you could start small and see if that helps than go from there. No action was taken as the board would like to have more information on the possibilities of how much needs to be brought into the county to help with some of the big projects coming up. SA Penfield said there will need to be a hearing and public hearing once they know what kind and how much the board is wanting to add.

BANK FRANCHISE: Ziebach County received \$175,848.43 in Bank Franchise funds for 2026. The County's share of these funds is \$64,500.76. This is a significant increase from last year.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Jeff Jensen, Highway Superintendent, presented his written update to the board. Jeff also informed the board they will hopefully see the new patrols in 3 weeks.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Gary Cudmore, Sheriff presented his monthly vehicle reports to the Board. Sheriff Cudmore also presented a quote to the board for purchase a ¾ ton pickup to pull the emergency management trailer. The board requested that he get a quote on how much he could get for the extra patrol pickup that he has to trade in for a different pickup. He said he would have that amount and possibly how much he would have to spend for a different pickup without a trade in. The board also asked if there is possibly a grant out there through Emergency Management that he could get to help with the cost of the different pickup and updated the EM trailer.

CLAIMS AUDITED: The following claims were audited and ordered paid:

PAYROLL BY DEPARTMENT- Commissioners, \$6,608.86 --- Auditor, \$8,724.24 --- Treasurer \$9,378.06 --- States Attorney, \$5,137.74 --- Courthouse, \$4,872.88 --- Director of Equalization, \$6,069.79 --- Register of Deeds, \$6,054.30 --- VSO, \$824.56 --- Sheriff, \$15,320.86 --- Coroner, O --- CHN/WIC, \$5,460.92 --- Extension --- \$2,397.93 --- Road & Bridge, \$19,196.09 - Emergency Management-\$990.48

CLAIMS:

1ST FINANCIAL BANK USA	\$849.64	JAN 2026
AGTEGRA ENERGY	\$62.92	CUST# 8131455
AT&T MOBILITY	\$224.07	ACCT# 287288138306
AXON ENTERPRISE INC.	\$3,709.30	INV# INUS410425
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$2,882.72	INV# PS0724207
CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA	\$2,574.63	2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC	\$150.96	ACCT# PR2086
COLEMAN MOORE COMPANY	\$3,531.00	INV# 0036129-IN
CONNECTING POINT	\$1,050.25	INV# 59376 CUST# 5344
CRST TELEPHONE AUTHORITY	\$861.07	JAN 2026
D & R PROPANE, INC.	\$1,140.75	SHOP PROPANE
DAKOTA BUSINESS CENTER	\$433.75	SALES# SO147719 TAX FORMS
DAKOTABILITIES	\$180.00	JAN/FEB/MAR 2026 CARE
JESSICA DONOVAN	\$107.49	TAX NOTICES 2026
DUPREE WATER DEPT.	\$222.42	ACCT# 189
RICK FARLEE	\$32.16	MILEAGE
SHANE FARLEE	\$13.04	MILEAGE
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICES	\$10.62	INV# CM 145860
MARCO, REF#QT2699834	\$5.00	# 025 1754549 000
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$306.25	CUST# 00 1715207

MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC	\$3,145.49	INV# 55873
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	\$2,000.00	2026 WEB SITE HOSTING
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL	\$204.00	INV# 484842 AND 484843
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	\$200.00	INV# 57423 122025
SD DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	\$406.26	R&B UNEMPLOYMENT
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$1,022.34	2025 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS
SDACHS	\$600.00	2026 NACE DUES
SDML WORKER'S COMP. FUND	\$20,329.00	WORKERS COMP
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC ASSURANCE	\$43,219.33	INV# 32032 4221
SERVALL	\$501.65	ACCT# 189723
TUCKER STOCKLIN	\$33.50	MILEAGE
WEST RIVER EAGLE	\$192.73	AD# 4464

MARCH MEETING: The March Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Comm. T. Stocklin moved to adjourn at 3:00 PM, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jessica Donovan, Auditor

Rick Farlee, Chairman

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