

January 6, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Clay County Jail and Law Enforcement Center, 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD. Members present: Kevin Brady, Glen Gilbertson, Geoffrey Gray-Lobe, David Thiesse, and Travis Mockler.

Chairman Mockler called the meeting to order.

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 subsection 1, appointment to the Wakonda Development Co., and a correction to the number of food trays being declared surplus as 120 instead of 100.

Mockler asked for a declaration of any conflicts of interest regarding agenda items.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025 meetings.

At 9:03 a.m., the meeting adjourned and reconvened to reorganize for the ensuing year with a motion by Brady, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried.

Auditor Carri Crum called for nominations for Chairperson. Thiesse nominated Mockler for Chairperson, and Brady seconded the nomination. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mockler.

With Chairman Mockler presiding, the following proceedings were held.

The Chairperson called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Gilbertson nominated Thiesse, and Brady seconded the nomination. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Thiesse.

Robin Schiro of Elk Point in Union County appeared as a Visitor to be Heard. She voiced concerns about human trafficking and drug activity being conducted out of her attic by unknown individuals. She said she has been asking the Clay County Commissioners for help for three years. She also spoke about former Union County Sheriff Dan Limoges and said he was the only person who helped her, but he was killed.

At 9:08 a.m., Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to enter an Executive Session for personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 subsection 1.

At 9:18 a.m., Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to exit the Executive Session.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to adopt Modern Addition of Robert's Rules of Order Original 1876 Edition by Major Henry M. Robert Completely Revised by Darwin Patnode, Ph.D. as on file with the Auditor, no restrictions on the Chair, and minutes not to record motions not seconded.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Brent Hays as Highway Superintendent for a 2-year term expiring 1/3/2028.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to appoint Layne Stewart as Emergency Management Director for a one-year term expiring 1/4/2027.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to appoint Noah Westergaard as Zoning Administrator and Veterans Service Officer for a 4-year term expiring 1/7/2030.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Brady to Fair Board.

Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Gray-Lobe as member of the Executive Board of SECOG.

Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Gray-Lobe to Board of Directors of the Clay County Youth Trust Fund and the Youth Service Council.

The Board considered appointments to the Planning Commission per Ordinance #2025-05. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Matt Olson to Seat #1, a 1-year term. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Ruslan Averain to Seat #2, a 2-year term. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Marty Gilbertson to Seat #3, a 3-year term, with Gilbertson abstaining from the vote to avoid any conflict of interest. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Cynthia Aden to Seat #4, a 4-year term. Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to appoint Thiesse to Seat #5, the County Commissioner seat on the Planning Commission, a 1-year appointment.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady to pass and adopt the following Resolution #2026-03, a Resolution Appointing Members to the Clay County Planning Commission. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-03

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, on November 13th, 2025, the Board of Commissioners of Clay County adopted Clay County Ordinance 2025-05, which shall be referred to as the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance organizes the Clay County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Ordinance provides that “the Planning Commission shall consist of four (4) members appointed and confirmed by the members of the Board of Commissioners” as well as a fifth member, who shall be a member of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Ordinance provides for the terms of each appointed member of the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clay County, South Dakota in session met this 6th day of January, 2026, and that:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby appoints and confirms the following members to serve on the Planning Commission:

Planning Commission Member

Term Expiration

Seat 1: Matt Olson
(Name)

1/4/2027
(Date)

Seat 2: <u>Ruslan Averin</u> (Name)	<u>1/3/2028</u> (Date)
Seat 3: <u>Marty Gilbertson</u> (Name)	<u>1/1/2029</u> (Date)
Seat 4: <u>Cynthia Aden</u> (Name)	<u>1/7/2030</u> (Date)
Seat 5: <u>David Thiesse</u> (Name)	<u>1/4/2027</u> (Date)

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

Auditor

Seal

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Bob Fuller to the Public Safety Board for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2028.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Gilbertson and Highway Superintendent Brent Hays to the Vermillion Basin Advisory Board.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Gilbertson to the Joint Powers Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Board.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Mockler to the VCDC Board.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Mockler to the Vermillion Now Advisory Council.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Gray-Lobe to the Clay County Park Board.

It was discussed that the Chair and Vice-Chair always serve on the ICAP Committee, so there is no motion necessary.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Thiesse to the Point of Dispensing Committee.

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to appoint Thiesse to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to appoint Brady to the UAS (Drone) Committee.

Gilbertson moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Thiesse to the County's Employee Safety Program Board.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Brady to the Wakonda Community Development Committee.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to designate the front door of the Courthouse and/or the Wakonda Post Office as the place for holding foreclosure sales, at the Sheriff's discretion regarding location.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to designate the Vermillion Plain Talk and The New Era as the official legal newspapers for the County, with the Vermillion Plain Talk being the legal newspaper for the Joint Jurisdiction Zoning Area as The New Era does not serve that area.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to designate First Bank & Trust, BMO Bank, CorTrust Bank/Vermillion, First Dakota National, Wells Fargo Bank/Vermillion, First Premier Bank/Wakonda, SD Funds Investment Trust, and Voyage Federal Credit Union as the official depositories.

Pursuant to SDCL 28-17-4, regarding county burials, the funeral director in charge shall furnish casket and outside container or cremation services and conduct the funeral services in customary manner, and the County shall allow the funeral director for merchandise and such services rendered a sum determined by the County which includes vault and opening and closing of the grave. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to set the sum at \$1,900 for services as required by SDCL 28-17-4.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to follow regulations adopted by the State Board of Finance which provide for rates in connection with travel reimbursement for meals and mileage, and if the State changes reimbursement rates during the year the County will follow suit.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried that the allowance per diem for the Commissioners appointed to serve on all Boards outside of the normal County Commission Meetings as well as the per diem for Planning Commission members be set at \$35.00 plus mileage.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to set the Treasurer's fees for Priority Mail shipping at \$13.00 in addition to fees set in statute and \$34.00 for Priority Express Mail shipping in addition to fees set in statute.

The Board considered Westergaard's recommendation for fees associated with the Planning & Zoning Office. Gray-Lobe said it looks like Westergaard made the recommendations carefully and not to make money but rather to cover the County's costs. Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to set the fees as follows: 911 Address Sign Application \$100, Building Permit Fee \$75 plus \$2 per thousand, Conditional Use Permit Application \$200, Variance Application \$100, Rezoning/Amendment Petition \$250, Board of Adjustment Appeal \$100, Plat Application \$100, and Development Application \$175.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gilbertson and unanimously carried to approve fees for boarding prisoners for other counties at \$95 per day, or per contract, fees for housing work release prisoners at \$20 per day, and daily boarding rate at \$15 per day, adult electronic GPS monitoring at \$20 per day, juvenile electronic GPS monitoring at \$10 per day, applicant fingerprinting at \$20 per 2 cards, mug shots at \$8, UA test \$10, accident reports at \$2 per page, other reports or printing e-mailed civil process to serve at

\$2 per page, production of video \$10 per CD/DVD or email/cloud share in addition to \$10 per hour for review and redaction if necessary.

After a brief discussion, Gilbertson moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to hold Commissioner meetings every other Tuesday, starting with the first Tuesday in January of each year, with additional meetings to be held as necessary, for example the Thursday after any election due to canvassing of the votes.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve SD Public Assurance Alliance as the County's liability insurance and SDML for worker's compensation insurance.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve worker's compensation insurance coverage for all interns and election workers as listed on file in the Auditor's Office and Sheriff's Reserve Deputies as listed on file in the Sheriff's Office.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to authorize the use of Sourcewell as a potential vendor source for the county.

4-H Educator Laurie Fritsch met with the Board to present her quarterly report. She said the State has removed her fleet vehicle, she shared news releases she has prepared, she will be creating an Instagram account, and she will be doing some new member orientations as well as other programs and regional projects.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady to pass and adopt the following Resolution #2026-01 for Establishment of Election Precincts/Polling Places for 2026. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-01
Establishment of Election Precincts/Polling Places for 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Clay shall establish election precincts and polling places.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that hereinafter described precincts and polling places be hereby established.

Rural Ward #1: SESD Experimental Farm, 29974 University Rd., Beresford, SD
Rural Ward #2: Gingrich-Dixon Post #13 Legion Hall, 101 Montana St., Wakonda, SD
Rural Ward #3: 4-H Center/Fairgrounds, 515 High St., Vermillion, SD
Vermillion City-All Precincts: National Guard Armory, 603 Princeton St., Vermillion, SD (Central 1 & 2/Northeast 1 & 2/Northwest 1 & 2/Southeast 1 & 2)

Commissioner Gray-Lobe moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brady.

Vote of Commission: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon which voting the resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 6th day of January, 2026.

Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse to pass and adopt the following Resolution #2026-02 for Establishment of Precinct Election Officials Fees for 2026. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-02
Precinct Election Officials Fees for 2026

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-15-11 made it the responsibility of the County Commissioners of each county to set the fee for precinct election officials of all units of government in the county.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fee for precinct election officials in Clay County be set at \$225.00, and election superintendent at \$250.00, for each election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 12-15-7 such election officials be allowed a fixed fee for attendance at a meeting called by the County Auditor for instruction on election laws and the duties of the judges and clerks of election as follows: \$30.00 compensation for election officials plus \$.67/mile, or the established county rate, roundtrip for those residing outside of city limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be one cell phone provided by one precinct worker per polling place, and a \$5.00 fee will be issued for the usage of the phone for only that day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the person delivering the poll-books and ballot boxes to the County Auditor's Office at the county seat shall receive \$.67/mile, or the established county rate, for mileage as established pursuant to SDCL 7-7-24, for miles necessarily traveled in going to and returning from making the delivery (SDCL 12-15-11).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the judges, clerks, Resolution Board, Counting Board, and any other personnel deemed necessary by the County Auditor for receiving ballot boxes, supplies, and for tabulating ballots be allowed \$75 plus \$.67/mile, or the established county rate, for travel to the ballot tabulation location for those residing outside of city limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons setting up equipment at polling places be allowed \$75 for setting up equipment and/or \$75 for taking down equipment.

Commissioner Brady moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thiesse.

Vote of Commission: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

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Auditor Carri Crum reviewed changes to the Employee Handbook with the Board. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to pass and adopt the Employee Handbook for 2026.

State's Attorney Michael Smith discussed the procedure for selling surplus property. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to declare surplus 120 food trays from the jail and authorize Sheriff Andy Howe to sell them. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Andy Howe, Layne Stewart, and Sarah Miller to appraise the food trays, 50-amp food warmer, and flag pole lights; if the value exceeds \$2,500, the sale will be noticed, and Howe can sell the items on the auction website Purplewave.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Union County for boarding of Clay County inmates in Union County.

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Howe reported he send a boarding contract to Moody County, so it will likely be on a future agenda.

The 2026 payroll to be reported in the minutes is as follows:

Last Name	Preferred/First Name	Base Rate	Per Unit
Aakre	Aaron	23.42	Hour
Aden	Cynthia	35.00	Meeting
Alvarado	Maria	22.34	Hour
Alvarado Aguero	Alfonso	22.35	Hour
Anders	Jeffrey	43.22	Hour
Armstrong	Aaron	37.95	Hour
Armstrong	Marcie	26.19	Hour
Averin	Russ	35.00	Meeting
Averin	Victoria	28.34	Hour
Barcklay	Kalie	24.06	Hour
Baylor	Rozmus	25.27	Hour
Beatty	Dawn	31.29	Hour
Biel	Tanner	24.06	Hour
Boyd	Aidan	23.47	Hour
Brady	Kevin	11.82	Hour
Brinkmann	Kristina	27.47	Hour
Brown	Melissa	24.00	Hour
Burge	Justin	24.06	Hour
Campbell	Austin	33.21	Hour
Chamberlain	Tracy	23.28	Hour
Christopherson	Kaleb	34.32	Hour
Church	Ryan	30.54	Hour
Chytka	Isaac	22.35	Hour
Crum	Carri	42.03	Hour
Doherty	Corey	31.15	Hour
Dommer	Caitlyn	47.64	Hour

Dooley	Timothy	31.31	Hour
Fries	Colton	24.06	Hour
Ganschow	Dennis	30.00	Hour
Gilbertson	Glen	11.82	Hour
Gilbertson	Marty	35.00	Meeting
Gilbertson	William	23.47	Hour
Gray	Tristan	20.50	Hour
Gray-Lobe	Geoffrey	11.82	Hour
Gregg	Sarah	25.34	Hour
Gunderson	Drew	36.80	Hour
Haglund	Alicia	19.78	Hour
Hanson	Scott	33.49	Hour
Hays	Brent	41.64	Hour
House	Myien	27.67	Hour
Howe	Andrew	58.05	Hour
Howe	Rhonda	42.03	Hour
Huber	Kyle	33.21	Hour
Huber	Savannah	24.06	Hour
Johnson	Loren	21.26	Hour
Johnson	Patrick	22.34	Hour
Jongeward	Chris	22.35	Hour
King	Kase	25.19	Hour
Kludt	Joselin	24.06	Hour
Klunder	Nicole	28.37	Hour
Kymala	Shannon	34.32	Hour
Lucas	Jenna	50.00	Call
Maassen	Darin	24.06	Hour
Miller	Sarah	29.01	Hour
Mockler	Travis	12.68	Hour
Morgan	Cameron	41.43	Hour
Olson	Lennea	42.03	Hour
Olson	Matthew	24.65	Hour
Olson	Matthew	35.00	Meeting
Passmore	Gelynn	20.77	Hour
Paulsen	Andrew	39.78	Hour
Pederson	Paul	44.27	Hour
Peterson	Ina	36.75	Hour
Pinkelman	Ashley	20.24	Hour
Pittman	John	25.87	Hour
Plaatje	Julie	30.07	Hour
Polley	Rodney	30.00	Hour
Proefrock	Robert	30.31	Hour
Rainwater	Dual	24.06	Hour
Sangster	Katie	50.00	Call
Schaeffbauer	William	37.84	Hour
Schuck	Tyler	31.61	Hour
Severson	Brianna	23.88	Hour
Smith	Michael	60.06	Hour

Smith-Dennehey	Tanner	24.06	Hour
Spulak	Isabela	24.06	Hour
Stewart	Layne	38.17	Hour
Styles	David	34.40	Hour
Sundet	Laura	25.73	Hour
Sykes	Rali	19.86	Hour
Taggart	Rhonda	28.37	Hour
Terwilliger	Lisa	42.03	Hour
Thiesse	David	11.82	Hour
Waage	Patty	50.00	Call
Walker	John	27.47	Hour
Weber	Linda	39.43	Hour
Westergaard	Noah	34.33	Hour
Whitehead	Patrick	24.06	Hour
Wingate	Michael	22.35	Hour
Wood	Lisa	32.45	Hour

At 10:29 a.m., Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to adjourn and reconvene Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD 57069.



Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

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Chairman Mockler called the meeting to order and asked for a declaration of any conflict of interest regarding agenda items.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the addition of setting the date for the annual joint ditch board meeting with Yankton County.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting.

Sheriff Andy Howe met with the Board. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve a contract with SD Game, Fish & Parks for office space rental in the Law Enforcement Center and to authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve a contract for boarding Moody County inmates at the Clay County Jail and to authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Emergency Management Director Layne Stewart met with the Board to present the SLA Quarterly Activity Report. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve the report and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Auditor Carri Crum presented a Combined Election Agreement with the City of Vermillion and the Vermillion School District. She said it saves money for all entities and increases voter turnout. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Highway Superintendent Brent Hays met with the Board. Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve a Payment Application for the Stream Bank Stabilization Project in the amount of \$58,121.41 and to authorize the Chairman to sign it.

The Board reviewed quotes for propane. Quotes were solicited from TLC Propane, SE Farmers Elevator Coop., and Butch's Propane. Quotes were received from TLC Propane for \$1.37/gallon, SE Farmers Elevator Coop. for \$1.30/gallon, and Butch's Propane for \$1.42/gallon. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to accept the low quote of \$1.30/gallon from SE Farmers Elevator Coop.

The Board discussed with State's Attorney Michael Smith the procedures for the sale of old iron, aluminum signs, and bridge planks. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to declare surplus old iron, aluminum signs, and bridge plank from the Highway Department. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to appoint Mockler, Gilbertson, and Hays as three property owners to appraise the surplus items per SDCL

6-13-1. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to authorize private sale of the items if the value is found to be under \$2,500.

Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve the annual Highway Materials bid specifications and set the opening date as 9:00 a.m. February 17, 2026.

At 9:23 a.m., Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to adjourn and convene as Clay County Ditch Board.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve an invoice from the Ulteig in the amount of \$5,931.25 for work on Clay Creek Ditch.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the final Change Order from Wieman Construction for the Clay Creek Ditch in the amount of \$40,042, which is \$1,000 less, and to authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve a Payment Application from Wieman construction for the Clay Creek Ditch in the amount of \$40,042.00 and to authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to set the date for the annual joint ditch board meeting with Yankton County as 1:00 p.m. on February 17, 2026 at the Clay County 4-H Center, 515 High St., Vermillion.

At 9:27 a.m., Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to adjourn and reconvene as Board of Clay County Commissioners.

Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve the following claims for payment.

Clay County Sheriff South Dakota	100.00	Nobles County Sheriff's Office	75.00
Clay County Treasurer	5,557.50	Olson's Pest Technicians	85.00
SD Department of Revenue	315,891.62	One Office Solution	282.64
AARMS	2,310.00	O'Reilly Auto Parts	72.79
Alternative HR, LLC	660.00	Peterson, Stuart & Klentz	14,583.33
A-Ox Welding Supply	156.45	Pharmchem, Inc.	479.25
Appeara	372.78	Pollman Excavation, Inc.	6,376.50
AT&T Mobility	56.88	Pressing Matters	268.00
Aumentum Technologies	2,720.54	Presto-X Company, LLC	228.69
AXON Enterprise, Inc.	7,071.84	Prochem Dynamics	19,221.85
Barco Municipal Products	89.06	Professional Forms & Supplies, Inc.	220.39
Mason Berens	51.00	Qualified Presort Service, Inc.	5,252.14
Bob Barker Co., Inc.	488.83	Reliance Telephone	140.00
Broadcaster Press & Plain Talk	1,491.26	Runnings Supply, Inc.	1,162.07
Brunick Service, Inc.	665.06	Santel Communicaitons Cooperative, Inc.	12.10
Buhl's Drycleaners and Linen Supply	177.10	SD Assn. of County Commissioners	6,138.09
Bureau of Administration Finance	58.00	SD Department of Health	585.00
Butler Machinery Co.	2,468.25	SD Department of Transportation	332.83
Cenex Fleet Fueling	1,985.78	SD Emergency Management Association	50.00
CentralSquare Technologies	63.58	SD Executive Management Finance Off.	11.04

Century Business Products	45.05	SD Supplemental Retirement System	100.00
Christensen Radiator & Repair	9,039.85	SDACO - M&P Fund Payment	268.00
CHS, Inc.	3,331.35	SDML Workers' Compensation Fund	63,789.00
Cintas	229.32	Software Services, Inc.	2,525.00
City of Vermillion	127.21	South Eastern Council of Governments	13,768.00
Clay Rural Water System	135.70	Southeast Farmers Coop	1,300.52
Clay-Union Electric Cooperative	703.32	Summit Food Service, LLC	8,490.82
CMoore Pit Service	100.00	SuperCom, Inc.	39.00
Dakota PC Warehouse	49.97	TEGRA Group, Inc.	1,000.00
Davis Pharmacy	101.17	Terri Lembcke Schildhauer	432.00
Dean Schaefer Court Reporting	90.00	The Emblem Authority	1,079.00
D-Ware, Inc.	6,040.00	The Lumberyard, LLC	16.09
Erickson Solutions Group	4,401.00	Thompson Law Office	548.07
Fast Auto Glass, Inc.	3,280.00	Todd's Electric Service	666.54
First Dakota Credit Card	1,462.91	Total Flooring, LLC	741.04
Fischer's Disposal, LLC	65.00	Trane Technologies	161.82
Guardian RFID	20.90	Uline	609.33
Interstate Power Systems, Inc.	1,053.92	Ulteig	5,994.75
Intoximeters, Inc.	1,200.00	Verizon Wireless	107.58
I-State Truck Center	293.91	Vermillion ACE Hardware	770.33
Billings, John	4,290.00	Vermillion Area Chamber & Dev. Co.	26,525.00
Kevin O'Dell Electric	325.51	Vermillion Ford	170.36
Lawson Products, Inc.	273.96	Vermillion Garbage Service	60.00
Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health	225.00	Wakonda Town	62.65
LexisNexis	999.96	Yankton Janitorial Supply	139.00
Lincoln County Auditor	796.00	A&B Business	228.45
Loffler Companies	419.56	Soukup Excavation Inc	58,121.41
MaintainX, Inc.	4,140.00	Wieman Construction, LLC	40,042.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	1,885.00	Lloyd Construction Company	449,790.61
MidAmerican Energy	21.45	Paylocity	378,275.78
Mid-States Organized Crime Info.	100.00	Jury & Witness Expenses	1,158.80
New Century Press	36.76		

It was reported that a Court Security Grant was awarded for more advanced door security systems in conjunction with the current Court Security Project. The grant is a state grant from the Unified Judicial System, and it requires a 25% match.

The Sheriff's Office monthly reports and the following Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer Report were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, regarding items in the hands of the County Treasurer as of January 2, 2026. I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash.

Total amount of deposits in banks:	5,159,712.49
Amount of actual cash:	946.67

January 20, 2026

Amount of checks/drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding 3 days:	11,060.93
Itemized list of checks/drafts in Treasurer's possession over 3 days:	
Checks returned and not deposited	5,014.00
Cash Items	700.00
Investments	1,151,000.00
Bond Funds	11,687,962.98
Cash Variation	0.00
Total	<hr/> 18,016,397.07

Dated this 2nd of January, 2026.

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

At 9:31 a.m., Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to adjourn and reconvene Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD 57069.



Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: 

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

February 3, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Clay County Jail and Law Enforcement Center, 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD. Members present: Kevin Brady, Glen Gilbertson, Geoffrey Gray-Lobe, David Thiesse (via Zoom), and Travis Mockler.

Chairman Mockler called the meeting to order and asked for a declaration of any conflict of interest regarding agenda items.

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting.

Rich Jahn appeared under Visitors to be Heard to voice concerns about rising assessments and property taxes and cutting spending at the County level.

A public hearing was held for renewal of the East River Electric franchise. Jerae Wire was present via Zoom on behalf of East River Electric. He said they do not have any projects planned in Clay County for the next year. The map he provided was for existing items. They need the franchise renewal in order to continue operating in Clay County. There was discussion regarding future projects, and Wire said a substation would require a conditional use permit, but new lines would likely be permitted use. They would likely cross roads, so it would require East River Electric to work with the township boards and the Highway Superintendent. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady to pass and adopt Resolution #2026-04 for Authorization to Construct Electric Transmission and Distribution Lines on the Public Highways of Clay County. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2026-04

Authorization to Construct Electric Transmission
and Distribution Lines on the Public Highways of Clay County

WHEREAS, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., of Madison, South Dakota, on the 14th day of January, 2026, filed with the County Auditor of Clay County, South Dakota, its duly verified Petition for the purpose of obtaining and acquiring one franchise for both its existing transmission lines and system and the planned extension and future expansion thereof, from Clay County, South Dakota, by and through its County Commissioners, for the right to maintain its existing and future system and to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, in, along, and over the public highways of Clay County, South Dakota, for rural electrification throughout said County and State for a period of twenty years;

WHEREAS, said application was heard and considered by the members of the Board of County Commissioners of said County of Clay, in South Dakota, on the

3rd day of February 2026, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock am., at the Clay County Law Enforcement Center, 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota, due notice of said hearing having been given by mail as provided by law to all persons, firms or corporations owning or operating transmission, telegraph or telephone lines on or along any part of the highways of said County;

WHEREAS, no person, firm or corporation having appeared in opposition to the granting of such application, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of said County that the request contained in said Petition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that the right to construct, maintain and operate poles and wires, both for its existing transmission lines and system, and also for its future extension and expansion, for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, over, upon, along and across the public highways within Clay County, South Dakota, for rural electrification, on a county-wide basis, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date and passage hereof, be, and it hereby is, granted to said East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., of Madison, South Dakota, subject to the terms and conditions of Chapter 31-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws (1984 Revisions).

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2026.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

ATTEST: _____
County Auditor

A public bid opening was held for Structure Berm Repairs and Riprap Scour Protection for Structure #14-103-090. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows: ARGO Excavating \$202,811.80, Pollman Excavating \$148,951.55, Soukup Construction \$197,653.05, 3D Digging & Trucking \$186,926.20, First Rate Excavating \$258,494.00, BX Civil & Construction \$197,840.00, 605 Companies \$150,958.05, Brock Contracting \$171,684.00, Runge Enterprises \$153,046.41, LT Companies \$181,110.00, Feimer Construction \$462,231.00, WJS Contracting \$170,521.02, Midwest Contracting \$215,855.55, and Alliance Construction \$244,110.45. Brad Stangohr, Ulteig Operations, said he will review bids for the County to ensure they meet specifications and return at the next meeting for the bid award.

Rachel Gackle of MMA met with the Board for the annual employee insurance benefits renewal. She said Wellmark give a 3% increase, but the trend is 8%. She discussed the County's claim history and costs. She also discussed ancillary insurance policies. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to renew the County's current Wellmark policy. Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to table consideration of the ancillary benefits until the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Brent Hays met with the Board to discuss highway matters. Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to pass and adopt Resolution #2026-05 for Clay County Weight Limit Enforcement. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-05
CLAY COUNTY WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT

Whereas, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and

Whereas, the Clay County Board of County Commissioners desires to protect existing Clay County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

Whereas, South Dakota Codified Law 32-14-6 allows for the reduction of the legal weight limit which may be carried upon highways within Clay County, and

Whereas, the Clay County Board of Commissioners desire the enforcement of weight limitations on Clay County roads as set forth and posted by the Clay County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That the limits on Clay County roads shall be set at six (6) ton per axle on all hard surface roads. All gravel roads shall be posted at seven (7) ton per axel, or as posted. Also, all roads hard surface and gravel will be posted "NOT to EXCEED 80,000 LBS."

That the South Dakota Highway Patrol be and hereby is authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on Clay County Roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Vote of Clay County Commission:

AYE 5 NAY 0

Dated this 3rd day of February 2026 at Vermillion, S.D.

ATTEST:

Carri R. Crum
CLAY COUNTY AUDITOR

Travis Mockler
CHAIRMAN, CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve a letter to the SD Highway Patrol requesting assistance with weight limit enforcement that will accompany Resolution #2026-05, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter.

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to pass and adopt Resolution #2026-06 for Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution for Use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #2026-06
BRIDGE REINSPECTION
PROGRAM RESOLUTION
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Clay County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Ulteig Engineering (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2026, at Vermillion, South Dakota.

ATTEST:

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of Clay County Commissioners

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve easement documents for Frog Creek Gulch Project (Structure #14-070-063), Dawson Bridge (Structure #14-108-213), and Dakota Street Bridge (Structure #14-117-214), and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents.

The Board discussed how to award Rural Access Infrastructure Fund Grant money remaining due to projects coming in under budget. State's Attorney Michael Smith reviewed the statutes and said he believes the County will need to wait until next year as the statute says the funds must be awarded prior to January 15th. There was discussion regarding which townships have received funds, and Hays said he has the additional applications on file from the townships. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to table the matter until the next meeting.

The Board discussed the purchase of a paver for the Highway Department. They discussed with Auditor Carri Crum the process for supplementing the budget to pay for the equipment. Hays said the price went down since last year's quote. The current quote is about \$24,000 less, and there is a \$30,000 trade-in allowance. There was discussion regarding trading in the old equipment vs. auctioning it. Hays said there are a lot of pavers on auction right now, and most are newer. Mockler said he would like to wait until bids are opened for the Frog Creek project. Rich Jahn asked questions about what they use the paver for, how old it is, and how much use it gets. Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to table the matter until the next meeting.

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve the following claims for payment.

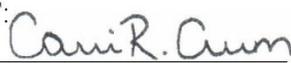
AFLAC	692.16	New York Life Insurance	258.57
Alternative HR, LLC	305.25	Olson's Pest Technicians	240.00
Andwin Scientific	8,470.00	O'Reilly Auto Parts	901.81
AT&T Mobility	56.86	Pheasantland	9.26
Avera McKennan Hospital	2,619.00	Pressing Matters	934.00
Barco Municipal Products	639.66	Presto-X Company, LLC	0.30
Beckenhauer Construction, Inc.	104,109.57	Prochem Dynamics	248.90
Blackstrap, Inc.	1,874.70	Qualified Presort Service, Inc.	1,796.59
Broadcaster Press & Plain Talk	1,016.70	Quality Motors	83.44

Brunick Service, Inc.	110.00	Quill, LLC	122.33
Buhl's Drycleaners and Linen	150.97	Runnings Supply, Inc.	120.58
Bureau of Administration Fin.	60.00	Sanford Health	11,028.98
Canon Financial Services	592.36	SD Public Assurance Alliance	265,644.53
Catalis Tax & CAMA	8,000.00	SD Retirement System	48,110.88
CentralSquare Technologies	718.22	SD Supplemental Retirement Sys.	9,210.00
Cintas	155.51	SD Supplemental Ret. Roth 457(b)	780.00
City of Vermillion	4,317.80	Security Shredding Service	40.00
Colonial Life Insurance	293.86	Stryker Sales, LLC	4,628.14
Dakota Alignment & Frame	626.67	Summit Food Service, LLC	8,433.09
Dakota PC Warehouse	85.97	Terri Lembcke Schildhauer	414.00
Davis Pharmacy	68.03	The Soap Guys	28.80
Jordanna Diver	22.00	The Standard Dental Insurance	2,309.96
Empire HVAC	2,409.70	The Standard Vision Insurance	593.04
Erickson Solutions Group	1,596.55	Transcendent Technologies	25,766.00
Fast Auto Glass, Inc.	330.00	United Way of Vermillion	280.00
FedEx	42.58	Verizon Wireless	39.73
Friberg, Nelson & Ask, LLP	150.00	Vermillion ACE Hardware	350.09
Graham Tire S.F. North	4,544.34	VOID FOR OVERFLOW	0.00
Hy-Vee, Inc.	203.06	Vermillion Garbage Service	470.00
Intoximeters, Inc.	2,216.00	Voyage Federal Credit Union Card	38.07
JLG Architects	13,640.00	Washington National Insurance	24.45
Johnsen Heating & Cooling	199.02	Yankton County Treasurer	50.00
Katie Johnson Law, PLLC	387.20	Yankton Rexall Drug	24.21
Kennedy Pier Loftus Reynolds & Brandt	1,632.37	Yankton Winnelson Company	125.13
Loffler Companies	293.59	Youngberg Law, LLC	240.00
MaintainX, Inc.	1,190.20	Paylocity	372,434.49
Microfilm Imaging Systems	1,020.00	TASC (FLEX System)	3,446.63
MidAmerican Energy	1,694.18	The Standard Life Insurance	430.49
Muth Technology	1,834.73	The Standard Short Term Dis. Ins.	1,734.25
New Century Press	784.74	Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	70,096.83

At 10:28 a.m., Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to adjourn and reconvene Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD 57069.



Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

February 17, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Clay County Jail and Law Enforcement Center, 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD. Members present: Kevin Brady, Glen Gilbertson, Geoffrey Gray-Lobe, David Thiesse, and Travis Mockler.

Chairman Mockler called the meeting to order and asked for a declaration of any conflict of interest regarding agenda items.

Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session for personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting.

A public bid opening was held for the 2026 Asphalt Surface Project. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows: Bituminous Paving \$1,068,671.40, The Road Guy Construction \$989,950.00, and ASTECH Corporation \$1,107,833.00. Brad Stangohr with Ulteig was present as the engineer for the project. He will review bids to ensure they meet specifications and return at the next meeting for awarding of the bid.

A public bid opening was held for the Frog Creek Road Culvert Project. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows: ARGO Excavating \$583,358.00, Earthworks Enterprises \$453,224.35, Loiseau Construction \$330,310.50, Pollman Excavation \$601,408.75, BX Civil & Construction \$640,000.00, 3-D Digging & Trucking \$641,587.10, Alliance Construction \$831,688.59, Precision Dirt Work \$616,817.50, 605 Companies \$786,607.25, Runge Enterprises \$647,037.37, LT Companies \$388,000.00, Lieber Construction \$514,214.26, Soukup Construction \$545,545.45, First Rate Excavate \$894,000.00. Brad Stangohr with Ulteig was present as the engineer for the project. He will review bids to ensure they meet specifications and return at the next meeting for awarding of the bid.

A public bid opening was held for highway materials for the year. Bids were opened and read aloud. The Highway Superintendent will review bids to ensure they meet specifications and return at the next meeting for awarding of the bids.

Rachel Gackle of MMA met with the Board for a follow-up to the annual employee insurance benefits renewal. She reviewed ancillary benefit quotes. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve Mutual of Omaha for dental, vision, life, and short-term disability insurance.

Tim Schreiner was present via Zoom on behalf of the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) to request that Mitchell Morse be appointed to the CCHPC. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to appoint Mitchell Morse to the CCHPC.

Highway Superintendent Brent Hays and Stangohr met with the Board for the bid award for the Structure #14-103-090 Berm Repairs & Riprap Scour Protection. Brady moved, seconded by

Thiesse and unanimously carried to award the project to the low bidder, Pollman Excavation, for \$148,951.55.

Hays said he spoke to SD Local Transportation Assistance Program regarding awarding the remaining Rural Access Infrastructure Fund Grant money, and he was told the County will need to go through the whole process. State's Attorney Michael Smith said they will need to keep that in mind this fall because there are October deadlines. Gray-Lobe said they should think about criteria and give Townships a chance to apply if they now have a higher priority project than they had last time. Smith discussed the statutes. Mockler said the bill in this year's legislative session to take back unused funds was not getting traction. Gray-Lobe asked Hays to keep track of deadlines on the calendar to help them remember.

Regarding a paver purchase, Hays asked to put it on hold as he has a lot of projects in the works and can continue to use the old one for now. Rich Jahn was present as a member of the public and asked how many hours it has on it. Hays said it has a little over 1,600.

Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to table discussion of the Agri-Business Grant Agreement. There was discussion regarding the need to find out whether the County can use asphalt, or whether it has to be concrete and whether 456 Ave. is included. Gray-Lobe said he would like clarity on the State's contribution as well. Is the \$600,000 grant for roads only, or does it include a portion of the turning lanes? He asked if there is anything in writing from SE Farmers Elevator Coop. that they are not paying a portion of the turning lanes because the State said the usual agreement is that the State pays 1/3, the County pays 1/3, and the developer pays 1/3. He would like to have a conversation about that. Gilbertson said he has done the math, and we should not ask the developer as they have spent a lot of money to build the facility. It has been an improvement and saved traffic in other areas of the County. Thiesse said we are saving blacktops that were running grain elsewhere. Brady asked when the SD Dept. of Transportation decided we need turning lanes as there are none going to Freeburg's Hay or Toby's Lounge. He questioned the need compared to other areas along Highway 50 going to Yankton. Gilbertson said it is related to the volume of trucks. Freeburg's may have a half-doze a day. Mockler said at full capacity, the grain elevator could have 8,000 trucks. Gilbertson said he came up with 1,875 truckloads of corn, and soybeans would be another 1/4 to 1/3. Traffic leaving the facility all goes onto Highway 50, so we are saving wear on the County roads.

The Board reviewed quotes for ethanol blend fuel. Quotes were solicited from Jerry's Service, Brunick's Service, CHS, SE Farmers Elevator Coop., and Vollan Oil. Quotes were received from Jerry's Service for \$2.18/gallon, Brunick's Service for \$2.17/gallon, SE Farmers Elevator Coop. for \$2.599/gallon, and Vollan Oil for \$2.146/gallon. Gilbertson moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to accept the low quote of \$2.146/gallon from Vollan Oil.

The Board reviewed quotes for 50/50 diesel fuel. Quotes were solicited from Jerry's Service, Brunick's Service, SE Farmers Elevator Coop., and Vollan Oil. Quotes were received from Jerry's Service for \$2.69/gallon and SE Farmers Elevator Coop. for \$3.49/gallon. Gilbertson moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to accept the low quote of \$2.69/gallon from Jerry's Service.

The Board reviewed quotes for propane. Quotes were solicited from TLC Propane, SE Farmers Elevator Coop., and Butch's Propane. Quotes were received from TLC Propane for \$1.32/gallon, SE Farmers Elevator Coop. for \$1.40/gallon, and Butch's Propane for \$1.35/gallon. Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to accept the low quote of \$1.32/gallon from TLC Propane.

Hays reported he will be out of the office next week.

Treasurer Rhonda Howe met with the Board. Brady moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe to pass and adopt the following Resolution #2026-07 for Establishment of Closure for Treasurer's Office Relocation. Vote of the Board: Mockler Aye, Gray-Lobe Aye, Brady Aye, Thiesse Aye, Gilbertson Aye. Motion unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION #2026-07
Establishment of Closure for Treasurer's Office Relocation

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 7-7-2, the Board of Clay County Commissioners may by resolution establish the hours of operation for County offices, and;

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office is vacating its current space and moving to a new office space;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes that the Treasurer's Office be closed on March 5 & 6, 2026 to move equipment and set up the new office space.

Dated this 17th day of February 2026.

Vote of the Board: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Attest:

Carri R. Crum, Clay County Auditor

Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of Clay County Commissioners

Facilities Manager Scott Hanson presented agreements for Fire Alarm System Check-out and Service for the Law Enforcement Center. He said it is required by code to have a contract. It was noted that one agreement did not specify a cost. Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to table the matter for clarification.

Emergency Management Director Layne Stewart met with the Board to present the Quarterly Activity Report. Gilbertson moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the report and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Sheriff Andy Howe met with the Board to present an Inmate Boarding Contract with Bon Homme County. He said it is the standard agreement that he uses for other counties. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Smith discussed closure of the State's Attorney's Office for relocation. The plan is to move out February 23rd and into the new office by February 27th. It sounds like the Fire Marshal has approved. He also said he has been working through old warrant documents that are 15 years and

older. They are not provable anymore, so he has dismissed around 20 cases. He wanted to inform the Board in case they receive any questions from the public.

Auditor Carri Crum presented a Combined Election Agreement with the Beresford School District. Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Crum requested to enter a 3-year lease agreement with KnowInk for poll pads. She explained they will take the place of the paper poll books at the elections. Several counties are using them already, and their poll workers like them. The lease cost will be reimbursed by Help America Vote Act Grant funds. Crum said she has been interested in poll pads for a few years, but the grant funds were not previously available for use on poll pads. Brady moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to allow the Auditor to enter into a 3-year lease for the poll pads and authorize the Chairman to sign the quote.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve an amendment to the WIC Contract with the SD Department of Health that would allow an extra \$6,000 to be paid to the County and to authorize the Chairman to sign it.

Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the SD Public Assurance Alliance Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign it.

At 10:20 a.m., Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to adjourn and convene as Clay County Ditch Board.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve an invoice from Ulteig in the amount of \$2,706.50 for Clay Creek Ditch.

At 10:21 a.m., Thiesse moved, seconded by Gray-Lobe and unanimously carried to adjourn and reconvene as Board of Clay County Commissioners.

Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to approve the following claims for payment.

Clay County Jail	30.00	One Office Solution	184.70
Clay County Treasurer	7,753.50	Pennington County Jail	304.62
SD Department of Revenue	334,443.55	Peterson, Stuart & Klentz	15,000.00
Anglin Handyman Service LLC	992.60	Pharmchem, Inc.	1,776.39
Appera	554.04	Pressing Matters	580.00
Automatic Building Controls	540.00	Presto-X Company, LLC	85.75
Avera McKennan Hospital	160.47	Prochem Dynamics	4,350.92
Bob Barker Co., Inc.	582.49	Qualified Presort Service, Inc.	2,542.00
Brunick Service, Inc.	162.00	Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	173.00
Budget Blinds of Sioux Falls	9,205.20	Reliance Telephone	250.00
Cenex Fleet Fueling	2,006.73	SD Attorney General	3,387.00
Cintas	34.80	SD Department of Health	1,050.00
Dakota PC Warehouse	94.99	SD Department of Revenue	1,675.00
Gapp, Debra	6,750.00	SDSU Extension	11,525.00

FedEx	16.08	Software Services, Inc.	575.00
Fischer's Disposal, LLC	75.00	Summit Food Service, LLC	8,540.35
Houska Dental Clinic	1,003.00	SuperCom, Inc.	217.75
Ilchuk Enterprises, LLC	240.00	TEGRA Group, Inc.	1,000.00
Kevin O'Dell Electric	225.51	T-Mobile	124.00
Lewno Law Office	234.74	Tri-State EMA	20.00
Lincoln County Auditor	894.51	Ulteig	2,706.50
Lloyd Construction Company	246,230.95	University of South Dakota	71.40
Loffler Companies	83.65	Larson, Val	20.00
Katterhagen, Mark	20.00	Vermillion ACE Hardware	209.90
McClure & Hardy Prof LCC	3,893.00	Wyatt Waage	37.50
Smith, Michael	40.32	Yankton County Treasurer	201.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems	60.00	Yankton Rexall Drug	24.21
MidAmerican Energy	3,691.32	Youngberg Law, LLC	292.80
Midwest Alarm Co., Inc.	119.85	CorTrust Bank	4.00
New Century Press	80.61		

The Sheriff's Office Monthly Reports and the following Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer Report were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, regarding items in the hands of the County Treasurer as of February 2, 2026. I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash.

Total amount of deposits in banks:	8,570,465.27
Amount of actual cash:	5,036.42
Amount of checks/drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding 3 days:	62,255.22
Itemized list of checks/drafts in Treasurer's possession over 3 days:	
Checks returned and not deposited	5,014.00
Cash Items	700.00
Investments	1,151,000.00
Bond Funds	9,201,902.69
Cash Variation	0.00
Total	18,996,373.60

Dated this 2nd of February, 2026.

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

February 17, 2026

At 10:23 a.m., Thiesse moved, seconded by Brady and unanimously carried to enter an Executive Session for personnel and legal matters per SDCL 1-25-2 Subsections 1 and 3.

At 11:29 a.m., Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to exit the Executive Session.

At 11:30 a.m., Gray-Lobe moved, seconded by Thiesse and unanimously carried to adjourn and reconvene Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 1250 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD 57069.



Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Carri R. Crum, County Auditor

Yankton-Clay Ditch Board
February 17, 2026

The Clay and Yankton County Commissions met jointly as the Yankton-Clay Ditch Board Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H Center, 515 High St., Vermillion, SD.

Members present—Clay County: Kevin Brady, Glen Gilbertson, Geoffrey Gray-Lobe, David Thiesse, Auditor Carri Crum, Highway Superintendent Brent Hays, and Highway Foreman Tim Dooley. Yankton County: Ryan Heine, Dan Klimisch, Wanda Howey-Fox, Auditor Patty Hojem, and Development Services Director Gary Vetter.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Travis Mockler.

A motion was made by Howey-Fox and seconded by Gray-Lobe to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 meeting as presented. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Ditch fund balances were noted as follows. Clay County Yankton-Clay Creek Ditch \$66,532.72 and Yankton County Yankton-Clay Creek Ditch \$39,120.05.

A motion was made by Gilbertson and seconded by Fox to approve the 2025 Clay County claims: Qualified Presort Service (Postage for meeting notices) \$125.09, Quill (Postcard paper for meeting notices) \$32.77, New Century Press \$44.14, Broadcaster/Plain Talk \$58.19, Complete Excavation \$2,642.50, Dakota Timber Clearing \$12,244.92, 2025 Meeting Per Diem & Mileage \$424.20. All members voted aye; the motion passed. A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Heine to approve the 2025 Yankton County claims: Feimer Construction Inc. \$72,704.21, Yankton P&D \$6.24. All members voted aye; motion passed.

Troy Walraven requested spraying of trees/weeds. Calvin Hanson requested replacement of a bridge in Norway Township, the last one in Clay County before crossing into Yankton County.

Walraven moved, seconded by Gilbertson to set the 2026 payable 2027 Yankton-Clay Creek Ditch levy at 8% for both counties. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

At 1:13 p.m., a motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Howey-Fox to adjourn and convene as Clay Creek Ditch Board. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Clay Creek Ditch Board
February 17, 2026

The Clay and Yankton County Commissions met jointly as the Clay Creek Ditch Board Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 1:13 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H Center, 515 High St., Vermillion, SD.

Members present—Clay County: Kevin Brady, Glen Gilbertson, Geoffrey Gray-Lobe, David Thiesse, Auditor Carri Crum, Highway Superintendent Brent Hays, and Highway Foreman Tim Dooley. Yankton County: Ryan Heine, Dan Klimisch, Wanda Howey-Fox, Auditor Patty Hojem, and Development Services Director Gary Vetter.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Travis Mockler.

A motion was made by Howey-Fox and seconded by Gray-Lobe to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 meeting as presented. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Ditch fund balances were noted as follows. Clay County Clay Creek Ditch \$472,776.38 (includes \$397,020.77 from FEMA) and Yankton County Clay Creek Ditch \$94,532.66.

A motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Gray-Lobe to approve the 2025 Clay County claims: Qualified Presort Service (Postage for meeting notices) \$125.10, Quill (Postcard paper for meeting notices) \$32.77, New Century Press \$44.14, Broadcaster/Plain Talk \$58.19, TrueNorth Steel \$12,633.60, Ulteig Engineering \$35,963.75. All members voted aye; the motion passed. A motion was made by Howey-Fox and seconded by Sue McClure to approve the 2025 Yankton County claims: Yankton Observer \$4.08. All members voted aye; motion passed.

Sue McClure requested trees be cut out where the lateral and private ditch meet the Clay Creek Ditch in Yankton County. There is a lot of trash where Frank Martz left his equipment. It was decided that Yankton County will handle it.

Tom Logue moved, seconded by Jeff Becker to set the 2026 payable 2027 Clay Creek Ditch levy at 40% for Clay County. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Jory Freeburg moved, seconded by Sue McClure to set the 2026 payable 2027 Clay Creek Ditch levy at 40% for Yankton County. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Klimisch moved, seconded by Howey-Fox to elect Travis Mockler as Chairman and Ryan Heine as Vice-Chairman of the Clay and Yankton County Joint Ditch Board and that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Laterals were discussed, and balances were as follows: Clay County Laterals 1A & 1B \$68,221.63, Laterals 2A & 2B \$180,082.06, Laterals 3A & 3B \$119,338.02, Prairie Center \$39,395.86, Laterals 50A & 50B \$17,490.97. Yankton County Turkey Valley \$28,692.10, Lesterville Drain \$269.86, Volin Lateral \$109,791.79, 1st Ext. Volin Lateral \$48,167.51, L&C Sewer \$1,520.15, YC Lateral #2 \$18,193.49.

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At 1:34 p.m., a motion was made by Klimisch and seconded by Howey-Fox that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Travis Mockler, Chairman

Attest:

Patty Hojem, Yankton County Auditor
Carri R. Crum, Clay County Auditor