

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet and Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – January 5, 2026
 - b. Approval of payroll claims from January 4 to January 17, 2026
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Quarterly Reports - Jail and Sheriff
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office-Dakota County, to present the 2025 Annual Report.
 - b. Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking, requesting the Board adopt a Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.
 - c. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, semi-annual report showing receipts and disbursements from the Treasurer's Office for the last preceding six months ending December 31, 2025. §33-117(3)
 - d. Board to discuss and approve process to proceed for county foreclosure on parcel 220011192, Case File CI23-47 wherein taxes on said property have not been paid since 2018 and amount due as of January 30, 2026 would be \$2,657.01. Victor Olson owns property next to this parcel and is wanting to obtain and add to his deed.
 - e. Board to discuss and approve or deny the request to put a light at the intersection of Dakota Flats Drive and Highway 20. Northeast Power District will install the light, and the County would have to keep the light up for a minimum of 5 years with a monthly cost of \$10.80.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Sheriff / Jail Departments – Quarterly Jail Report (October, November, December).
 - c. Board reminder of Grievance Board procedures and are to designate a list of 15 members to serve as potential Grievance Board members as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024. Resolution will be approved at the next meeting.
 - d. County Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to excuse Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the accounts payable claims and payroll claims and all were in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – January 5, 2026; b) approval of payroll claims for January 4 to January 17, 2026; c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) approval of accounts payable claims; e) approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court; f) approval of the quarterly reports for the Jail and Sheriff departments. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$184,958.09; Net Pay-\$134,314.45; Total Retirement-\$13,322.73; Total FICA-\$13,784.20; Health Plan-\$42,000.00; Dental Plan-\$1,520.00; Life Insurance-\$201.21; Richard Bousquet-\$1,251.25; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,297.40; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,251.25; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,251.25; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,251.25; Cherie Conley-\$2,613.74; Robin Hansen-\$1,596.00; Paola Ledesma-\$1,608.05; Kathy Abbe-\$1,578.40; Khen Chu-\$1,365.60; Maria Garcia-\$1,426.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,613.74; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,781.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,492.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,414.40; Debera Benton-\$1,618.40; Christy Abts-\$2,613.74; Melissa Collins-\$1,951.20; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,867.20; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,613.74; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,706.21; Debra Jensen-\$1,872.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.81; Rodney Soole-\$2,424.00; Todd Uhl-\$2,205.90; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,730.03; Shaun Bird-\$6,343.04; Timothy Decker-\$3,000.00; Brian Ellinger-\$2,819.67; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,480.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,542.82; Martin Guerrero-\$2,393.60; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,630.04; Jason James-\$2,495.81; Kimberly Johnson-\$773.61; Jared Junge-\$2,532.53; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Jose Magana-\$2,704.67; Keaton Mueller-\$2,676.42; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,677.84; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,009.40; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,485.68; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,312.50; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,399.41; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Jacob Acero-\$2,580.65; Summer Adair-\$2,224.77; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,193.32; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,656.99; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,049.68; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,193.42; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,744.21; Todd Hammer-\$2,532.53; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$935.64; Brenda Irwin-\$1,661.52; Daron Jackson-\$1,464.48; Dustin Johnson-\$1,812.65; Terry Johnson-\$2,005.26; Hannah Keatts-\$2,034.07; Jared Magana-\$1,878.44; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,960.75; Skyler Miner-\$2,258.07; Lucas Moulton-\$488.16; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,582.59; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,952.70; Michele Rohde-\$1,857.54; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$1,914.51; Kaden Ruring-\$1,687.56; Jeremy Russell-\$1,884.00; Jerry Santos-\$2,054.40; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,447.75; Cody Thomas-\$1,707.90; Tykell Truitt-\$803.60; Armando Valerio-\$1,759.92; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermenio-Mendez-\$1,692.86; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,416.96; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,949.10; Theresa Grove-\$2,657.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,632.00; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,676.12; State Tax-\$5,536.73; Soc Sec-\$11,171.52; Medicare-\$2,612.68; Extra Fit-\$1,571.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$9,222.84; Health Plan-\$2,300.00; Dental Plan-\$420.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$625.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,237.00; Garnishments-\$1,387.82; Flex Plan Medical-\$922.49; Flex Dependent Care-\$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$395.39; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$0.00; VSP Vision Base-\$120.24; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,455.72; Net Pay-\$16,578.05; Retirement-\$1,515.72; Total FICA-\$1,668.42; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,936.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,945.20; Robert Hacker-\$2,056.80; Scott Jorgenson-\$2,020.80; David Kneifl-\$2,044.80; Kimon Liras-\$2,080.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,936.80; Tanya Orr-\$2,020.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$2,020.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,020.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,475.03; State Tax-\$679.40; FICA-\$1,352.19; Medicare-\$316.23; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,010.54; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,694.14; Net Pay-\$1,285.05; Retirement-\$114.35; Total FICA-\$125.78; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,694.14; Health Planning Grant Employee 2502; Federal Tax-\$104.30; State Tax-\$52.77; FICA-\$101.94; Medicare-\$23.84; Retirement-\$76.24; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,870.40; Net Pay-\$1,454.64; Retirement-\$126.25; Total FICA-\$140.28; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,870.40; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$106.26; State Tax-\$48.39; FICA-\$113.69; Medicare-\$26.59; Retirement-\$84.17; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,702.20; Net Pay-\$1,240.02; Retirement-\$114.90; Total FICA-\$112.11; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,702.20; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$36.81; FICA-\$90.86; Medicare-\$21.25; Retirement-\$76.60; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$621.21; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$1,940.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$922.49; Health Plan, premium-\$44,300; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$625.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,247.12; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.76; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$201.21; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,237.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,036.73; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,545.57; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,568.40; VSP, premium-\$515.63. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,520.03; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.81; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$679.40; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,526.26; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,336.84; VSP, premium-\$69.74; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$19,640.24; Point C – admin fees, \$26,170.30; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$104.30; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.77; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$190.59; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$251.56; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$106.26; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.39; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$210.42; Social Security, FICA &

MEDI-\$280.56; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premiums - \$760.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$36.81; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$191.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$224.22; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payables: Geneal Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$372.05; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$749.70; Gretchen Hirschbach, annual prior year service-\$69.24; NACO, workshop-\$160.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$374.85; One Office, supplies-\$49.99; DC Treasurer, deposit slips-\$135.85; DAS State Acct, state software-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$101.72; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$374.85; MIPS, state software-\$1,101.13; NACO, dues-\$75.00; One Office, supplies-\$436.49; US Bank, gas, meals-\$90.85; Mark Dorcey, annual prior year service-\$46.16; One Office, office supplies-\$34.17; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$753.76; Innovative Appraisal Service, re-assmnt fld hrs-\$2,404.00; Marshall & Swift, res books-\$539.32; MIPS, software-\$2,039.95; NE Association of County Assessors, dues-\$100.00; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meeting-\$17.10; Ron Collins, mileage, meeting-\$34.90; Dakota County Star, publications-\$19.67; Tim Decker, mileage, meeting-\$56.88; Ron Gill, mileage, meeting-\$41.76; Jolene Gubbels, setting meetings up-\$100.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meeting-\$48.20; Steven Lieber, mileage, meeting-\$55.20; Marco, copier contract-\$123.08; Dick McCabe, mileage, meeting-\$33.62; Harold Moes, mileage, meeting-\$49.60; Martin Rhode, mileage, meeting-\$52.40; US Bank, posrage-\$222.50; RTI, IT support-\$5,355.20; CDC Association, dues-\$50.00; Janet Engel, annual prior year service-\$34.62; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$134.65; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$249.90; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; US Bank, meals-\$39.10; Dakota County Court, check orders-\$75.00; Marco, copier contract-\$481.40; Microfilm Imaging, software-\$153.00; Print Image Solutions, laserjet toner-\$1,502.91; US Bank, subscription, manuals-\$270.11; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$75.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$36.10; One Office, supplies-\$39.98; US Bank, dues-\$468.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,365.71; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$630.49; District Court, court cost-\$549.00; Egley, Fullner, Montag, atty fees-\$3,223.68; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$344.20; MIPS, state software-\$624.97; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$3,408.25; US Bank, supplies-\$31.57; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$3,676.28; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$200.13; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$145.21; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,353.58; NPPD, utilities-\$1,314.76; Roberston, repairs to tractor/mower-\$880.61; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; Triview Communications, additional cameras-\$2,633.00; US Bank, fuel-\$144.07; Angela Abts, mileage-\$306.98; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$147.28; Dakota County Star, publications-\$11.09; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; One Office, copier copies-\$102.07; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Patricia Stingley, annual prior year service-\$103.86; AT&T, phones-\$1,297.37; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$292.35; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$4,870.40; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$331.45; Groves Emergency Lighting, vehicle equipment-\$1,435.43; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$390.94; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$502.50; Lynn Peavey Company, blood/alchohol kits-\$60.48; MOCIC, dues-\$150.00; Nebraska Public Health, breath analysis cost-\$105.00; Physicians Laboratory, coroner-\$300.00; TransUnion Risk, search servies-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, training, office supplies-\$1,155.48; James Wagner, annual prior year service-\$46.16; Marco, copier contract-\$268.66; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$45.00; US Bank, phones-\$73.44; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; Anesthesia Consultants, medical fees-\$843.75; AT&T, phones-\$47.69; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$655.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,412.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$584.70; DAS State Acct, interpreter fees-\$9.45; Diamond Drug, medical fees-\$3,091.01; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$2,627.65; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$43.34; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,088.15; Menards, building supplies-\$176.87; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$1,933.16; MLB Health, medical fees-\$6,250.00; NPPD, utilities-\$2,265.48; Pathology Medical Service, medical fees-\$137.50; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$17.75; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$30,375.56; Th Pill Box, inmate fees-\$4.35; UnityPoint Health, medical fees-\$445.05; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$999.84; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$523.92; Wilmes, supplies-\$13.48; Dodge County Clerk, probation-\$15,643.63; US Bank, dues-\$75.00; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$374.85; US Bank, meals-\$23.24; Verizon, phones-\$39.94; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$374.85; NE Weed Control Assoc, dues-\$135.00; US Bank, meals-\$36.74; Verizon, phone-\$40.02; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Gloria Dwyer, annual prior year service-\$11.54; NSO, nursing insurance-\$2,582.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$363.32; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$174.80; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; Debera Benton, reimbursement-\$14.32; DCVSO, replenish Veteran's aid fund-\$4,500.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; F&M Bank, service fees-\$57.68; Groves Emergency Lighting, vehicle equipment-\$77.36; Im On, phones-\$802.91; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, state software-\$7,175.45; Region IV Inc, mental health services-\$5,320.25; Triview Communications, remote programming-\$240.50; US Postal Service, postage-\$4,000.00; **Road Fund:** Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$346.19; Black Hills Energy, utilities-\$254.19; Blackstrap Inc, chemical salt-\$2,269.41; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$5,458.09; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$8,734.81; DSG, blades/bits-\$1,064.18; Equipment Blades, grader blades-\$1,308.48; FASTENAL, supplies-\$303.90; H204U, water-\$55.00; Hansen Electric, building repair-\$502.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$703.79; Heavy Metal Repair, parts, labor-\$400.00; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$47.32; J&M Repair, parts, labor-\$363.59; Kim Hawk Truck, supplies, parts, labor-\$4,031.96; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; Knife River, sand loads-\$1,230.94; Lowes, supplies, tools-\$388.95; Richard McNear, annual prior year service-\$57.70; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$5.00; Menards, shop supplies-\$34.96; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$325.63; Midwest Wheel, supplies-\$14.01; NPPD, utilities-\$125.40; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$109.65; Northeast Power, utilities-\$509.37; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies, parts-\$352.26; Power Plan, parts, oil-\$73.24; RMS, supplies, parts, oil-\$491.55; Robertson, parts, labor-\$82.35; Sapp Bros, supplies, fuel-\$1,875.55; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, supplies-\$1,358.06; Siouxland Hydraulics, supplies,

parts-\$376.60; Stephan Welding, parts, labor-\$415.00; UnityPoint Clinic, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, supplies, misc, tools-\$425.75; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$443.75; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$58.41; Warren Oil, diesel-\$5,344.28; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$156.54; Ziegler's, blades-\$1,502.40; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$17,522.59; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$165.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** US Bank, lodging, workshop, phone-\$146.32; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** Hyper Reach Technology, emergency notification system-\$1,665.00; US Bank, supplies, website, misc-\$521.07; Verizon, phones-\$79.95; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$2,600.00; **2508 Health Obesity Grant:** US Bank, workshop-\$125.00; **E911 Fund:** City of So Sioux City, 911 monies-\$7,918.43; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$63,859.71.

Angela Abts, Julie Boyle, and Lynn Stolze with the Nebraska Extension Office-Dakota County, and Amy Topp, Engagement Zone 5 Coordinator presented their 2025 Annual Report and touched base on some of the highlights from the past year. The Board thanked them for their involvement in the community and dedication.

Kristi Nathaniel with Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking, requested the Board adopt a Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month

Whereas, the United States was founded under the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal;

Whereas slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity;

Whereas this problem is found even within our community;

Whereas every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problems of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, acknowledge January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, and encourage our citizens to become more familiar with the problem and to work toward solutions working with Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking organization.

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented the semi-annual report showing receipts and disbursements from the Treasurer's Office for the last preceding six months ending December 31. §33-117(3).

This item will be on the next agenda for discussion when the County Attorney is present to give the Board guidance. *“Board to discuss and approve process to proceed for county foreclosure on parcel 220011192, Case File CI23-47 wherein taxes on said property have not been paid since 2018 and amount due as of January 30, 2026 would be \$2,657.01. Victor Olson owns property next to this parcel and is wanting to obtain and add to his deed.”*

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, advised the Board that a resident requested a light at the intersection of Dakota Flats Drive and Highway 20. She did check with the Law Enforcement Center and there have not been any reported accidents at this intersection. Northeast Power District will install the light, and the County would have to keep the light up for a minimum of 5 years with a monthly cost of \$10.80. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the installation of a light at the intersection of Dakota Flats Drive and Highway 20 with Northeast Power District installing and the County paying the monthly cost of \$10.80. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from January 4 to January 17, 2026. Road Maintenance – 101 hours; Overtime hours – 14 hours; tree/debris removal – 96.5 hours; snow removal – 2 hours; magnet – 8 hours; gravel hauling – 94 hours; total tons hauled – 100; 527.67 hauled into yard; sign repair – 10 hours. 3 guys now have their CDL's. Tree removal until April 1st due to bats and bird nests. ROW notice will be in the UDSA newsletter and looking at other options to educate landowners.

Jacob Acero, Deputy/Jail Administrator, gave the quarterly report for the jail. Advised that the body scanner will be functioning this week, working on daily rates for US Marshall holds and other revenue streams for the jail.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed gave a brief update on legislation. Commissioner Rodriguez gave update on Area Agency on Aging.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Community representatives for the St. Michaels school ask the Board for a letter of support. Commissioner Rodriguez volunteered to write a letter on behalf of the Board.

Commissioners Hohenstein, Reed, Van Berkum visited the jail for the quarterly jail tour.

Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 20, 2026 at 3:45 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary