

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, February 17, 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. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet. Also present Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary.

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 – February 2, 2026
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for February 1 - 14, 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 Quarterly Report – Veterans Service Officer
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. 3:01 p.m. Public Hearing for the purpose of the second public hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comments regarding proposed changes to Section 900.4.300 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ to amend 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line. The Dakota County Planning Commission recommends approval.
 - b. Board to approve or not approve Resolution 26C-004 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances changes to Section 900.4.300 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ to amend 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line.
 - c. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requests Board to review and approve gravel pricing and gravel hauling bids for March 3, 2026 through March 1, 2027.
 - d. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, requesting approval of Resolution 26C-005 permitting pledged securities.
 - e. Kim Hansen, Dakota County Victim Assistance Program, providing update on program and requesting approval to apply for the VOCA Grant and Chair to sign Resolution 26C-006.
 - f. Chief Steve Heide with Law Enforcement Center to discuss the need for replacing the cooling tower for the LEC and requesting Board approval.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum 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. Todd McDonald-Nodaway Road, Jackson Ne, expressed concerns regarding the condition of the county roads in his neighborhood with washboards and mud. He stated that those traveling the roads are experiencing excessive flat tires and brought a bucket full of debris found on the 3 mile stretch in his area. Chair Hohenstein commented that this would be discussed with the road department and the magnet would be run more often.

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 – February 2, 2026; b) approval of payroll claims for February 1 to February 14, 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 Veterans quarterly report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$180,924.50; Net Pay-\$132,011.99; Total Retirement-\$12,923.09; Total FICA-\$13,479.48; Health Plan-\$43,120.00; Dental Plan-\$1,560.00; Life Insurance-\$206.31; 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-\$1,463.88; 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-\$1,959.75; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.80; Rodney Soole-\$2,424.00; Todd Uhl-\$2,451.73; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,677.60; Timothy Decker-\$3,265.43; Brian Ellinger-\$2,690.03; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,480.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,542.82; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$2,730.20; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,630.04; Jason James-\$2,420.64; Kimberly Johnson-\$917.76; Jared Junge-\$2,611.18; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Jose Magana-\$2,502.63; Keaton Mueller-\$2,403.29; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,573.12; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,009.40; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,044.25; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,233.92; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,380.00; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Jacob Acero-\$2,580.65; Summer Adair-\$1,944.14; Malinda Bagby-\$1,687.56; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,063.38; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,673.34; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$959.91; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,009.31; Kara Groetken-\$1,881.06; McKenna Hammer-\$1,811.22; Todd Hammer-\$2,642.64; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$803.60; Brenda Irwin-\$1,713.12; Daron Jackson-\$1,718.61; Dustin Johnson-\$1,849.38; Terry Johnson-\$2,005.26; Hannah Keatts-\$1,550.24; Jared Magana-\$1,553.33; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,754.50; Skyler Miner-\$2,042.63; Lucas Moulton-\$1,642.46; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,804.47; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,934.38; Travis Rivera-\$1,469.50; Michele Rohde-\$1,891.11; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$813.60; Kaden Ruring-\$1,558.36; Keeley Ruring-\$488.16; Jeremy Russell-\$1,962.65; Jerry Santos-\$1,797.60; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,599.53; Cody Thomas-\$1,834.61; Tykell Truitt-\$815.03; Armando Valerio-\$1,754.76; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,947.20; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,435.67; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,940.00; 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-\$10,683.36; State Tax-\$5,333.45; Soc Sec-\$10,924.55; Medicare-\$2,554.93; Extra Fit-\$1,621.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$8,911.20; Health Plan-\$2,300.00; Dental Plan-\$399.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$600.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,237.00; Garnishments-\$1,493.74; Flex Plan Medical-\$901.66; 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-\$112.42; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,699.32; Net Pay-\$16,774.78; Retirement-\$1,532.16; Total FICA-\$1,687.06; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$2,020.80; Michael Fuchser-\$2,020.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,056.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,020.80; David Kneiff-\$2,044.80; Kimon Litras-\$2,080.80; Brandon Miller-\$2,020.80; 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-\$1,501.50; State Tax-\$689.64; FICA-\$1,367.30; Medicare-\$319.76; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,021.51; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$58.36; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,704.81; Net Pay-\$1,292.75; Retirement-\$115.07; Total FICA-\$126.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,704.81; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$105.52; State Tax-\$53.23; FICA-\$102.60; Medicare-\$23.99; Retirement-\$76.72; 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; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$0.00; 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-\$1,959.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$901.66; Health Plan, premium-\$45,420.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$600.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,304.36; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.76; Hawkeye Adjustment, garnishment-\$105.92; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$206.31; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,237.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$5,833.45; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,834.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,958.96; VSP, premium-\$507.81. **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-\$1,546.50; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$689.64; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,553.67; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,374.12; VSP, premium-\$69.74; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$26,125.19; Point C – admin fees, \$26,677.36; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$105.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$53.23; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-

\$191.79; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$253.18; **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-\$150.57; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$146.86; NACREC, dues-\$50.00; One Office Solutions, toner-\$269.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; DAS State Acct, state software-\$184.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$760.70; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$70.22; MIPS, state software-\$10,169.38; One Office, supplies-\$311.99; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; Thurston County Treasurer, postage-\$10.65; US Bank, notary renewal-\$32.50; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$371.03; Cardinal Assessment Group, Reappraisal-\$14,725.00; MIPS, software-\$2,039.90; US Bank, Envelopes, Postage, Meeting-\$104.09; Dakota County Star, publications-\$150.00; ES&S, election memory device-\$1,610.00; Mundo Latino, publications-\$280.00; Secretary of State, voter cards-\$50.00; Nebraska P&Z Assco., workshop-\$235.00; US Bank, postage-\$93.60; RTI, IT support-\$5,563.50; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$144.34; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, Notary Fees-\$92.50; Dakota County Star, Subscription-\$85.00; Marco, copier contract-\$373.59; Microfilm Imaging, software-\$153.00; Print Image Solutions, Lexmark Imaging Unit-\$85.44; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, office supplies-\$280.42; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$150.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$36.10; One Office, supplies-\$73.50; Thomson Reuters-West, NE court rules-\$1,014.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,342.19; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,855.40; District Court, court cost-\$612.00; Laura Sulzbach, witness fees-\$25.07; Sarah Hamilton, witness fees-\$51.90; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$1,569.19; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$1,671.95; Pieper & Story, atty fees-\$2,013.90; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$12,556.08; Ateam Heating & Cooling, repairs-\$384.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$203.58; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$369.29; Engineered Controls Inc, service call s-\$828.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Micah Herman, built safety equipment-\$934.00; Menards, building supplies-\$307.45; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,451.10; Midwest Alarm Services, Fire Alarm inspections-\$691.68; NPPD, utilities-\$1,551.75; R Rohan, building repair-\$828.48; Roberston, salt-\$490.00; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$15.23; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel, building supplies-\$1,023.55; Angela Abts, mileage-\$103.08; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$232.70; Dakota County Star, publications-\$11.09; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; One Office, copier copies-\$72.12; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Tammy Peterson, reimbursement - monitor-\$63.58; US Bank, supplies-\$59.98; AT&T, phones-\$651.93; Billion GMC, vehicle repair-\$397.39; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$4,142.85; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$14.00; Farmers Bank, lease payment-\$17,365.22; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$2,194.27; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$1,579.93; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$635.45; Knoepfler Chevrolet, vehicle repair-\$668.36; Le Mars Chevrolet, vehicle repair-\$2,563.89; National Sheriff Assoc, dues-\$250.00; NSA/Poan, dues-\$790.00; Physicians Laboratory, autopsy-\$300.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$22,914.94; Shane's Towing, towing-\$250.00; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, fees-\$26.81; Sunset Law Enforcement, ammunition-\$394.68; TransUnion Risk, search servies-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, training, office supplies-\$1,944.31; Aaron Voss, vehicle repair-\$831.84; Woodhouse, vehicle repair-\$2,431.35; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$78.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; US Bank, cell phones-\$73.41; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; Ace/Refrigeration, building repair-\$108.00; AT&T, phones-\$47.68; Bob Barker, inmate supplies-\$696.92; Berkins Fire & Safety, extinguishers annual maint-\$582.01; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$201.70; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,822.13; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$666.56; DAS State Acct, interpreter fees-\$27.09; Diamond Drug, medical fees-\$1,550.05; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$3,227.05; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$72.12; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Micah Herman, building repair-\$934.00; Hobart Sales, tilt skillet-\$309.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$3,898.16; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,370.80; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$2,401.70; MLB Health, medical fees-\$5,000.00; NE Department of Labor, unemployment-\$3,142.59; NPPD, utilities-\$2,064.26; Phoeix Plumbing, grinder-\$100.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$168.26; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$31,746.79; TEK84 INC, body scanner training-\$2,499.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$2,125.73; Veit LLC, copier contract-\$125.38; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$788.06; Wiles, supplies-\$81.93; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$31.97; Marco, copier contract-\$123.08; Verizon, phones-\$39.94; NE Weed Control Assoc, weed dues-\$150.00; Norfolk Lodge & Suite, lodging-\$260.00; US Bank, meals-\$29.75; Verizon, phone-\$40.02; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$685.78; US Bank, website, supplies, misc-\$1,476.03; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; US Bank, Amazon Office Supplies-\$72.96; NACVSO, Membership Dues-\$50.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$501.70; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; DAS State Acct, state software-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button monthly fees-\$29.95; F & M Bank, deposit slips x3-\$135.00; Im On, phones-\$829.99; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, state software-\$1,052.16; Quadient, lease payment-\$1,088.49; Triview Communications Inc, service calls-\$263.50; Woods/Aitken, investigation-\$1,994.00; **Road Fund:** Bierschbach, equipment rental-\$200.00; Blackhills Energy, utilies-\$191.57; Bomgaars, supplies-\$1,157.23; Bosselman, fuel-\$3,247.14; Boyer Sand & Rock, gravel-\$7,650.93; DSG, blades-\$263.95; Engel's Heating & Cooling, building repair-\$150.00; H204U, water-\$55.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$528.74; Jim Hawk Truck, supplies-\$16,300.96; Scott Jorgenson, reimbursement-\$243.32; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; Knoepfler Chevrolet, supplies-\$173.25; Lyles Garage, building repair-\$140.00; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., 2025 Bridge Inspections-\$5,250.00; Marx Trailer, parts-\$23.48; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$244.00; Menards, shop supplies-\$858.98; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$374.79; Midwest

SVC, supplies-\$2,548.05; Midwest Wheel, supplies-\$27.98; NPPD, utilities-\$118.06; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$109.35; North American Truck, supplies-\$9,260.41; Northeast Power, utilities-\$492.48; O'Reilly Auto, parts-\$178.57; Tanya Orr, reimbursement-\$175.00; Power Plan, parts-\$191.10; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, fire extinguisher-\$1,447.00; RMS, oil-\$94.36; Robertson, parts-\$216.82; SAAP, supplies-\$185.00; Siouxland Hydraulics, shop supplies-\$341.24; Titan Machinery, parts, shop supplies-\$657.95; TNT Sales, supplies-\$593.00; UnityPoint Clinic, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$588.97; Van Diest, chemicals-\$250.00; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$443.75; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$84.85; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$69.07; Ziegler's, blades, supplies-\$491.96; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$17,023.41; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$165.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** US Bank, phone, workshop-\$2,739.12; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** US Bank, supplies-\$1,622.94; NE Public Environmental Lab, water testing-\$38.00; \$79.95; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,641.25; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$56,685.69

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing at 3:06 p.m. for the purpose of the second public hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comments regarding proposed changes to Section 900.4.300 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ to amend 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line. The Dakota County Planning Commission recommends approval. There were no comments in favor, opposed or neutral. Public Hearing was closed at 3:07 p.m.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 26C-004 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances changes to Section 900.4.300 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ to amend 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 26C-004

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADDITION TO DAKOTA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to amend zoning resolutions which shall have the force and effect of law pursuant to Section 508 of the Zoning Ordinances of Dakota County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners established the Dakota County Planning Commission pursuant to Regulation as set for by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114 to 23-114.05, 23-168.04, 23-172 to 23-174, 23-174.02, 23-373 and 23-376; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined it reasonable and necessary to amend 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line of Section 900.4.300 of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations of the Dakota County zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Board to enact the proposed change to 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line of Section 900.4.300 of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations of the Dakota County zoning regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Board makes the following findings of fact:

- I. A public hearing regarding the adoption of proposed change to Section 900.4.300 (3e) in the Agricultural Zoning District was held on January 20, 2026 before the Dakota County Planning Commission as required by the State of Nebraska. The Planning Commission provided its recommendation of approval as noted in the Planning Department Report Exhibit "A."
- II. A public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations, was held by this Board as required by §23-114.01(2).
- III. Notice of each of the Public Hearings described above was published at least ten (10) days prior to each respective public hearing and the proof of publication has been filed in the Office of the Dakota County Clerk.
- IV. Notice of the time and place of each hearing was also given in writing to the clerks of the local governments which have jurisdiction over land within three (3) miles of the property affected by such action as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-164.
- V. The proposed amendment and revisions to be approved by this Resolution are within Section 900.4.300 (3e) of the Dakota County Zoning Regulations. Further the Planning Department report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- VI. The proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations are consistent with the Dakota County Comprehensive Development Plan and are designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Dakota County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board, in light of the above, after due deliberation and consideration, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, adopts the proposed changes to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations Section 900.4.300 (3e), specifically approval of the amendment as shown in Exhibit "A", and directs the Planning Department to amend the Dakota County Zoning Regulations by amending Section 900.4.300 (3e) and that the same have full force and effect of law, the effective date of the aforementioned Zoning Regulations shall be February 17, 2026.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.03, the County Clerk is directed and instructed to, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Resolution, publish these Regulations in book or pamphlet form or once in a legal newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county, and the County Clerk is further directed to spread these regulations in the minutes of the proceedings of the county board.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regulations enacted by this Resolution are intended to be a complete revision of the existing Zoning Regulations, and all previous Resolutions or parts of Resolutions of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on said subjects or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed. The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 17th day of February, 2026.

PASSED and APPROVED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Exhibit A

Chair Hohenstein opened the public hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition, or make neutral comments regarding proposed changes to Section 900.4.300 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ to amend 3e under general requirements to increase setbacks from public right-of-way and residential structures/property line.

3. General Requirements

e. All CSECS25Kw+ structures shall be setback from the project boundary lines and public rights-of-way at least ~~ninety feet (90')~~ **one hundred and fifty feet (150') from the center of the road**. Additionally, all CSECS25Kw+ structures shall be setback two hundred fifty (250) feet as measured from the nearest portion of any existing and non-participating landowners' residential ~~structure~~ **property line** at the time of the application.

No comments from public. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by Ron Collins, second by Steven Lieber to approve the changes to 3e in Section 900.4.300. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requested that the Board approve the 5 gravel pricing bids for March 3, 2026 through March 1, 2027 so there are available options for the year and the gravel hauling bid. If more gravel hauling bids are received those will be brought before the Board. Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the gravel bids from Boyer Sand & Rock, Inc., L.G. Everist, Inc., Matteo Sand & Gravel, Backus Sand & Gravel LLC, and Knife River Sioux City, and the gravel trucking bid from Rohde Trucking Inc. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, request of Resolution 26C-005 permitting pledged securities. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 26C-005
APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that BANK FIRST be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust	Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip #78447AAB0	Pledge Cusip #606072LE4
Amount Pledged: \$ 2,500,000.00	Amount Pledged: \$500,000.00
Maturity: 11/25/2042	Maturity: 1/25/2061

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February , 2026.

Kim Hansen, Dakota County Victim Assistance Program, provided an update on the Victim Assistance Program and requested the Boards approval to apply for the VOCA Grant and Chair to sign Resolution 26C-006. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 26C-006 Support and Authorizing the application for the Victims of Crime Act Grant under the Dakota County Victim Assistance Program. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT UNDER THE
DAKOTA COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (THE "DCVAP")
RESOLUTION 26C-006

WHEREAS, the DCVAP was established in 1989 to serve crime victims and witnesses in Dakota County, NE;

WHEREAS, the DCVAP provides a free service offering information, practical assistance, and supportive advocacy to crime victims and witnesses of felony or misdemeanor crimes;

WHEREAS, the DCVAP has been and presently is funded by the Victims of Crime Act grant through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice;

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners acknowledges and supports the application for the Victims of Crime Act grant funds to continue services to crime victims and witnesses of crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, NE, authorize the application and submission of the aforementioned Victims of Crime Act grant.

DATED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Sheriff Tim Decker on behalf of Chief Steve Heide with Law Enforcement Center, requested the Boards approval of the bid from MTC Mechanical LLC. for \$59,950.00 to replace the cooling tower for the LEC. The So Sioux City Council approved said bid at their February 4, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the bid from MTC Mechanical LLC for \$59,950.00 to replace the cooling tower for the LEC pursuant to interlocal agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from February 1 to February 14, 2026. Tree/debris removal – 101 hours; magnet – 35 hours; sign repair – 24 hours; weed notices – 2 hours. Paving of M Avenue update – working with the Village of Hubbard and JEO to get cost estimates for the county portion of the road.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Hohenstein attended Veteran's Oversight committee meeting and Commissioner Rodriguez is working on committee regarding Rural Health.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: SSC P&Z meeting on 2-25-26 will have educational meeting on TIFs. Reminder of the Joint City/County/School meeting on March 11th.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 17, 2026 at 3:25 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary