

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 27, 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, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Rodriguez. Also present Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk Office, 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 – April 13, 2026
 - b. Approval of Payroll claims for April 12, 2026, to April 25, 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 Jail Quarterly reports
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Beth Ferrell with NACO to give legislative updates and report on NACO activities.
 - b. Dr. Rony Ortega, South Sioux City Community Schools, to present information regarding the district's facilities.
 - c. Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board, requesting approval of Special Designated Liquor Licenses for the following events: Thursday, July 30 - Tractor Pull; Friday, July 31 – Figure 8 Racing; Saturday, August 1st - Extreme Bull Riding and Sunday, August 2nd – Mexican Rodeo.
 - d. Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board, requesting approval to close a portion of Stable Drive for safety of fair attendees from Wednesday, July 29th to Sunday, August 2nd, approval to use Road Department barricades, and approval to apply mag-water on a portion of Stable Drive from Gateway Drive to East fair entrance for dust control on the County Road.
 - e. Brian Pearson, SIMPCO Facility Director/Transit Director, requesting Board to approve funding the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) busing in the amount of \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year to assist with the expense of 2500 rides per year in rural Dakota County effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 to renew in writing annually.
 - f. Point C Group Health Plans – Hannah Pares and Robert Rapp to present the 2025-26 YTD group health and dental plan reports and the renewal options available for July 1, 2026, and other plan year options as applicable. Requesting Boards approval for renewal and for Chair to sign the Employer Disclosure Form and any other health plan and dental plan renewal documents, including the group health plan reinsurance stop loss contract.
 - g. Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., requesting Board approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on May 24, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - h. Board review and approve or not approve RTI Renewal of Managed Services Agreement for 5 years.
 - i. Board to review and approve or not approve the Road Use Agreement with Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC for the Mission Clean Energy Solar Farm.
 - j. Board to review and approve or not approve final plans and specifications for the M Avenue Extension Project.
 - k. Board to review and approve or not approve awarding M Avenue Extension Project to Steve Harris Construction for \$167,424.29.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Tyler Fulkerth / Captain Acero–Jail Quarterly Report (January, February, March 2026)
 - c. 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 Reed to excuse Commissioner Rodriguez from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-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 he and Commissioner Van Berkum had gone through payroll claims. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – April 13, 2026; b) approval of payroll claims for April 12 to April 25, 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 Jail quarterly reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$191,895.30; Net Pay-\$137,914.80; Total Retirement-\$13,787.41; Total FICA-\$14,349.83; Health Plan-\$43,680.00; Dental Plan-\$1,580.00; Life Insurance-\$208.86; 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; Jennifer Enriquez Melgoza-\$1,726.56; Robin Hansen-\$1,596.00; Paola Ledesma-\$1,025.83; 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-\$1,920.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,448.80; Samantha Mitchell-\$169.81; Rodney Soole-\$1,212.00; Todd Uhl-\$4,487.44; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,677.60; Jacob Acero-\$154.56; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$3,265.43; Brian Ellinger-\$2,787.26; Penny Epting-\$3,384.62; Brian Fernau-\$2,527.32; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Martin Guerrero-\$2,707.76; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,958.82; Jason James-\$3,322.82; Kimberly Johnson-\$581.41; Jared Junge-\$2,579.72; Jose Magana-\$3,389.24; Keaton Mueller-\$4,083.05; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,519.34; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,837.74; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,567.02; Mardi Schnee-\$1,468.04; Shantel Drum-\$1,243.56; Sarah Hammond-\$2,717.42; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,401.57; Debra Schmiedt-\$4,106.35; Kimberly Watson-\$4,081.09; Jacob Acero-\$2,580.65; Summer Adair-\$1,984.70; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,887.67; Malinda Bagby-\$1,567.04; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,216.94; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,806.06; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,865.30; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,022.72; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,733.76; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$809.10; Brenda Irwin-\$1,930.90; Daron Jackson-\$1,708.56; Dustin Johnson-\$1,804.40; Terry Johnson-\$1,987.47; Hannah Keatts-\$1,697.74; Jared Magana-\$1,692.64; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,778.61; Skyler Miner-\$2,052.20; Lucas Moulton-\$1,708.56; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,117.40; Travis Rivera-\$1,727.15; Michele Rohde-\$1,807.19; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$911.74; Kaden Ruring-\$1,665.45; Keeley Ruring-\$971.24; Jeremy Russell-\$1,763.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,774.65; Cody Thomas-\$1,712.80; Tykell Truitt-\$818.67; Armando Valerio-\$1,765.08; Daniel Vasquez-\$1,871.10; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,994.26; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,454.37; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,991.62; Theresa Grove-\$2,657.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,663.88; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13;

General Fund Employee: Federal Tax-\$12,014.95; State Tax-\$5,740.56; Soc Sec-\$11,629.96; Medicare-\$2,719.87; Extra Fit-\$1,681.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$9,528.96; Health Plan-\$1,950.00; Dental Plan-\$378.00; Colonial Health-\$232.31; Sheriff Union Dues-\$700.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$3,040.00; Garnishments-\$1,779.39; Flex Plan Medical-\$871.66; Flex Dependent Care-\$312.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$389.38; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$0.00; VSP Vision Base-\$99.44;

Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$20,438.55; Net Pay-\$14,691.10; Retirement-\$1,379.57; Total FICA-\$1,488.90; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$26.52; 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-\$1,263.00; Tanya Orr-\$2,020.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$404.16; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,134.47; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,357.85; State Tax-\$606.86; FICA-\$1,206.69; Medicare-\$282.21; Extra Fit-\$65.00; Retirement-\$919.77; Health Plan-\$700.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$90.79; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$55.92; Legal Shield-\$58.34; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant**

Employer 2502: Gross Salaries-\$1,694.15; Net Pay-\$1,285.06; Retirement-\$114.36; Total FICA-\$125.78; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,694.15; **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-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$434.48; Dental Account, premium-\$1,958.00; FSA Dep Care - \$312.50; FSA Medical-\$871.66; Health Plan, premium-\$45,630.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$700.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,695.95; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$81.76; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; LVNV Funding-garnishment-\$380.21; Life Insurance, premium-\$208.86; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$3,040.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,240.56; Point C COE-

Flex admin fees - \$75.00; Principal Life Insurance-premiums - \$2,741.68; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,316.37; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,699.66; VSP, premium-\$488.82. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$90.79; Dental Account, premium-\$283.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,860.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,422.85; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$26.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$606.86; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,299.34; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,977.80; VSP, premium-\$75.44; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$30,640.05; **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; Principal Life Insurance-premiums - \$25.12; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$190.00; 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; Principal Life Insurance-premiums - \$27.56; 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; Principal Life Insurance-premiums - \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$191.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$224.22; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payables: General Fund: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$353.03; US Bank, lodging-\$220.00; Cherie Conley, mileage-\$181.25; Government Forms & Supplies, supplies-\$247.76; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$146.86; Nebraska Notary, notary-\$105.80; One Office, supplies-\$9.03; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, lodging, misc-\$123.50; DAS State Acct, state software-\$368.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$70.70; MIPS, state software-\$1,816.89; One Office, supplies-\$847.45; Security Shredding, shredding-\$120.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$290.14; MIPS, MIPS cama pkg-\$2,039.90; US Bank, postage-\$1.70; Dakota County Star, publications-\$4,461.00; ES&S, ballot coding, sample ballots-\$6,123.41; Ron Collins, mileage-\$35.08; Dakota County Star, subscription-\$15.62; Tim Decker, mileage-\$57.84; Ron Gill, mileage-\$21.09; Jolene Gubbels, meeting set up-\$100.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage-\$48.85; Steven Lieber, mileage-\$56.10; Dick McCabe, mileage-\$34.29; Harold Moes, mileage-\$50.30; Martin Rohde, mileage-\$53.20; RTI, IT support-\$5,916.40; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$149.07; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; One Source, office supplies-\$122.08; AJ Phillips, printed envelopes-\$318.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Marco, copier contract-\$373.59; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; ODP Business Solutions, office deposit-\$294.39; US Bank, water, subscription-\$113.08; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$150.00; Brimer Francis, interpreter fees-\$100.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$36.10; One Office, office supplies-\$7.46; Bryce Anderson, witness fee-\$24.35; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC, atty fees, expenses-\$2,065.66; Dakota County Court, court costs-\$2,528.98; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$567.47; Kate Jorgensen, Law Office, legal service-\$505.65; Pieper & Story, court costs-\$5,668.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$5,219.14; District Court, deposit slips-\$137.45; District Court, court cost-\$432.00; Pieper & Story, atty fees-\$408.00; US Bank, jury supplies-\$64.24; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$2,360.18; Ateam Heating & Cooling, building repair-\$993.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$203.58; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,188.03; NPPD, utilities-\$1,444.75; Phoenix Plumbing, labor & material-\$1,060.28; Trembly, pest control-\$110.00; Angela Abts, mileage-\$499.70; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$28.42; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; One Office, copier maintance, supplies-\$494.87; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Pender Times, subscription-\$55.50; South Sioux City Chamer of Commerce, dues-\$100.00; Arms Unlimited, law enfor equipment-\$81.00; AT&T, phones-\$699.81; AutoZone, supplies, materials-\$50.71; Billion GMC, car repair, equipment-\$2,278.50; Linda Carson, monthly service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,760.19; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$15.08; Dakota County Star, advertising-\$284.14; Electronic Engineering, radio repair-\$1,946.70; Fairfield, training-\$1,119.60; Faith Health, training academy-\$230.00; Fremont Tire, equipment-\$112.19; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,050.35; Jack's Unif. Equipment, law enfor. supplies-\$176.25; Le Mars Chevrolet GMC, vechicle repair-\$2,500.19; Michael P. Baker, law enfor. Training-\$920.00; N.L.E.T.C, training supplies-\$142.00; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, supplies-\$22.00; Titan Machinery, sheriff's car repair-\$4,932.86; TransUnion Risk, search services-\$123.00; Tucker's Glass Shop, vechicle repair-\$495.28; US Bank, supplies, fuel, data proc, equipment, training-\$5,676.47; Wilmes, law enfor. Supplies-\$1.68; Chesterman Company, misc-\$44.00; Jean Giest, court reporter-\$111.55; Marco, copier contract-\$461.86; US Bank, cell phones, supplies-\$210.46; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; Ace/Refrigeration, walk in freezer-\$663.50; AT&T, phones-\$47.68; Bob Barker, trousers, tumbler-\$489.66; BTX Iowa Inc., prisoners medical-\$140.00; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$701.80; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,463.33; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$382.76; Claypool Brothers, jail building repair-\$405.55; CNOS, prisoners medical-\$676.00; CW Suter Service, unit-\$7,432.93; DAS State Acct, interpreter fees-\$25.83; Diamond Drug, medical fees-\$1,324.24; Drain Specialists, grinder-\$270.00; Driven Auto Body, windshield repair-\$25.00; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$3,881.78; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Hobart Sales, equipment repair-\$246.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$2,473.06; Iowa Physicians Clinic, prisoner medical-\$427.50; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,173.65; Johnstone Supply, filters-\$213.36; McKesson Medical-Surgical, prisoners medical-\$1,897.32; Menards, building repair-\$451.85; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$1,163.62; MLB Health, medical fees-\$6,250.00; NE Dept. of Labor, unemployment-\$6,668.17; NPPD, utilities-\$2,377.97; Phoeix Plumbing, building repair-\$2,174.91; Kaden Ruring, fuel, meals-\$45.59; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Siouxland Comm. Health, prisoner dental-\$911.00; St. Lukes Dept. Lab Services, prisoner labs-\$72.86; St. Lukes Regional Med. Center, prisoners medical-\$26,651.52; St. Lukes Regional Med. Center, prisoner medical-\$930.00; Summit Food Service, food and beverage-\$48,344.95; 24/7 Locksmith Service, building repair, locks-\$167.00; Total Fire & Security,

inspections, sprinkler equip-\$3,221.00; Trembly Termite, pest control-\$200.00; Unity Point, prisoners medical-\$432.02; US Bank, prisoners medical, maint., supplies, training school, fuel, uniforms-\$2,510.59; Vance Thompson, prisoner medical-\$362.00; Veterans Memorial Fund, flag-\$95.00; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$523.92; Wilmes, jail building repair-\$21.54; WITCC, training-\$52.00; Dodge County Clerk, probation-\$15,643.63; Crowne Plaza, lodging-\$339.90; Marco, copier rental-\$123.08; Verizon, phone-\$39.92; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$419.85; US Bank, meals, study materials-\$280.49; Verizon, phone-\$40.00; Ford Motor Credit, lease payment-\$912.16; Theresa Grove, Mileage, Conference-\$161.68; Marco Technologies, copier contract-\$516.17; NACCHO, membership dues-\$295.00; US Bank, conference, supplies-\$1,008.38; Dr. Thomas Wentz, consult-\$250.00; Western Iowa Tech, CPR Cards-\$36.00; John Gunia, grave marker-\$300.00; Holiday Inn, lodging-\$389.85; Nicholas Nieman, mileage, misc-\$539.85; US Bank, online legal research-\$406.00; City of Sioux City, hazmat agreement-\$1,204.00; Civil Engineers & Constructors, NDOT project-\$6,000.00; DAS State Acct, state software-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button monthly fees-\$29.95; Im On, phones-\$799.08; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, state software-\$670.70; NIRMA, deductible-\$7,500.00; Region IV, services for the developmentally disabled-\$5,320.25; US Postal Service, postage-\$4,000.00; 0802 Road Fund TRANSFER, Transfer to 0802 Road Improvement-\$10,200.00; **Road Fund:** A-Ox Welding, oxy/acetylene-\$228.55; Blackhills Energy, utilities-\$143.80; Bomgaars, supplies-\$275.90; Bosselman, fuel-\$3,898.49; Dakota County Star, publications-\$42.55; Dakota County Treasurer, misc title-\$30.00; Tristin Eifert, reimbursement-\$114.10; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$52,413.64; H204U, water-\$8.50; Interstae Powder Coating, labor-\$365.97; Jim Hawk Truck, parts-\$1,178.73; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; Knife River, gravel-\$739.89; Lowes, tools-\$69.08; Marx Trailer, labor, parts-\$3,600.92; Roger McCoy, side dump rental-\$400.00; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$2,498.06; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$124.49; Midwest SVC, traffic signs-\$594.25; Midwest Wheel, parts-\$215.50; NPPD, utilities-\$113.06; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$117.57; Northeast Power, utilities-\$404.55; NorhtAmerican Truck & Trailer, parts-\$876.60; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies, oil/grease-\$131.18; Dean Pallas, reimbursement-\$137.56; Kevin Petersen, reimbursement-\$348.88; Power Plan, parts, supplies-\$3,558.71; RC Customs, parts, labor-\$2,523.78; Rhino Linings of Sioux City, labor-\$795.00; RMS, parts, labor-\$7,439.79; Robertson, parts-\$126.78; SAAP, supplies, fuel-\$4,641.74; Siouxland Hydraulics, shop supplies-\$451.69; Stephan Welding, parts-\$248.00; Team Trouble Chaser, misc-\$60.00; Titan Machinery, parts-\$1,078.26; Tri-State Comm, radio equipment repair-\$650.00; Triview Communications, misc camera-\$89.00; US Bank, supplies, parts, misc, oil-\$603.20; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$443.75; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.92; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$86.09; Warren Oil, diesel-\$11,160.00; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$91.77; Ziegler's, blades-\$12,970.00; **0802 Road Improvement:** JEO Consulting Group, Engineering M Ave-\$10,200.00; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$12,125.88; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$165.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Dept Program Grants:** Theresa Grove, reimbursement-\$143.55; US Bank, conference, phone-\$129.64; **2504 Health Planning Grant:** US Bank, supplies, website-\$675.50; Verizon, phone-\$79.93; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,495.00; **2508 Health Obesity Grant:** South Sioux City Optimist, reimbursement-\$1,091.40; **E911 Fund:** City of So Sioux City, 911 monies-\$6,056.97; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$31,756.76.

Beth Ferrell with NACO presented legislative updates and reported on past and upcoming NACO activities.

Dr. Rony Ortega, South Sioux City Community Schools, presented information regarding the district's facilities and their plans to move forward to building new schools and their locations, and keep the levy request increase about the same.

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Brian Pearson, SIMPCO Facility Director/Transit Director, spoke to the Board about the grant funding they have received and are building in several different locations in the extended areas of Iowa. Shared with the Board that the number of rides given in Dakota County over the last year has increased and requested Board to approve funding the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) busing in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the expense of 2500 plus rides given to residents of Dakota County for free. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve funding the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) busing in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the expense of 2500 plus rides given to residents of Dakota County for free effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Robert Rapp, Financial Services with New York Life, the County Broker working Point C Group Health Plans presented the 2025-26 YTD group health plan report and renewal options available

for July 1, 2026. He explained that our renewal this year is going down by 9% because we have had a good year with claims. He explained that because we are partially self-funded that our renewals are based mostly on claims paid throughout the year. There is one laser on this year's renewal. The same reinsurance company as last year, Fairco, is offering the best options and suggests the County approve the proposed renewal agreement. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Chair to sign the County Health and Dental Plan Renewal Agreement and Administrative Services Plan with Point C to begin July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., request for Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on May 24, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the RTI Renewal of Managed Services Agreement for 5 years from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

David Levy with Sternwheeler was present at the meeting and thanked everyone for the combined effort of getting the agreement put together. A decommission plan will be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Road Use Agreement with Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC for the Mission Clean Energy Solar Farm. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Baylor Bestgen with JEO presented the Board with the final plans and specifications for the M Avenue Extension Project. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the final plans and specifications for the M Avenue Extension project. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Baylor Bestgen with JEO presented to the Board the Steve Harris Construction final pricing for the M Avenue Extension project and stated it came in under the original quote at \$167,424.29. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve and award the M Avenue Extension Project to Steve Harris Construction for \$167,424.29. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board reviewed the Bi-weekly Road Report for April 12, 2026, to April 25, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 257 hours; Overtime – 3 hours; Tree/Debris removal – 4 hours; Culvert/Road Projects – 36 hours; Gravel hauling – 151 hours 212.06 gravel hauled; Sign Repair – 14 hours; Weed spraying – 4 hours. Road concerns: Grading-110th MM, 120th MM, R Ave MM; Gravel-200th St, Potholes-Dixon Path. Board agreed to have the Highway Superintendent issue and sign utility agreements. Jolene reported the department is requesting bids for used tractors.

Tyler Fulkerth and Jacob Acero with the Jail presented the Board with the Quarterly Reports for January, February and March 2026. They also informed that overtime costs have been decreased. There is a new website for the Sheriff and Jail. The jail tour will be moved to the next meeting.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to adjourn. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 27, 2026, at 4:05 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary