Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 26, 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. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was 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
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 – October 12, 2026
    b. Approval of payroll claims for October 11 to October 24, 2026
    c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
    d. Approval of accounts payable claims
    e. Approval of Officials Reports-Register of Deeds, County Clerk & Clerk of District Court
    f. Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2026.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
    a. Board to appoint voting delegate and alternate for election of officers at the NACO Annual meeting on December 16-18, 2026.
    b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, Quarterly Health Department Report
    c. Approve or deny free flu shots for employees at the Dakota County Health Department.
    d. Building and Grounds - Board to review, discuss and approve or not approve bids to put a lawn irrigation system in front of the courthouse using funds from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF).
    e. Sheriff Decker requesting Board approval of Union County Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Detention Services.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
    a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
    b. Jail Quarterly Report (July, August, September 2026)
    c. County Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Mike Carnes with the South Sioux City Star recognized Lulene Sebade from Emerson who has been the newspaper reporter since 1963 and congratulated her on retirement.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims and all looked in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – October 12, 2026; (b) approval of payroll claims for October 11 to October 24, 2026; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims; (e) approval of Officials Reports-Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-$191,021.76; Net Pay-$143,585.88; Total Retirement-$13,836.03; Total FICA-$14,613.17; Richard Bousquet-$1,051.25; Martin Hohenstein-$1,097.40; Jeffrey Reed-$1,051.25; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-$1,051.25; Brian Van Berkum-$1,051.25; Cherie Conley-$2,613.74; Robin Hansen-$1,680.00; Paola Ledesma-$1,919.42; Jessica Sanchez-Rojas-$667.88; Kathy Abbe-$1,633.60; Khen Chu-$1,425.60; Maria Garcia-$1,476.00; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-$2,613.74; Jalissa Hattig-$1,781.60; Brenda Landaverde-$1,544.00; Emily McNaughton-$1,476.00; Debera Benton-$1,703.20; Christy Abts-$2,613.74; Melissa Collins-$1,951.20; Joseph O'Neil-$687.83; Karen Becerra-$1,867.20; Katherine Wiltgen-$2,613.74; Louvontree Hunter-$3,706.21; Debra Jensen-$1,977.60; Samantha Mitchell-$1,506.40; Rodney Soole-$2,496.80; Brent Waldman-$2,080.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-$1,792.80; Jacob Acero-$3,225.55; Timathey Chamberlain-$2,107.88; Timothy Decker-$3,265.43; Brian Ellinger-$2,919.20; Penny Epting-$3,684.62; Brian Fernau-$2,879.76; Martin Guerrero-$2,828.64; Melvin Harrison III-$3,438.00; Jason James-$3,072.17; Kimberly Johnson-$815.27; Jared Junge-$2,779.67; Jaime Keatts-$0.00; Jose Magana-$3,350.76; Keaton Mueller-$3,236.81; Gregory Nyhof-$2,679.72; Kelsey O'Neill-$2,671.05; Cesar Ponce Robles-$2,569.37; Mardi Schnee-$1,699.20; Shantel Drum-$1,295.36; Debra Schmiedt-$4,412.78; Greta Skinner-$1,260.00; Kimberly Watson-$4,081.09; Summer Adair-$2,108.47; Itzel Aleman-$1,621.84; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-$874.80; Shaelee Barreras-$2,884.03; Samantha Carroll-$1,620.84; Charlotte Coleman-$1,858.64; Adilene Delgadillo

Alvarez-$845.85; Javier Delgadillo Alvarez-$980.64; Jennifer Fuentes-$2,070.00; Tyler Fulkerth-$2,838.72; Kara Groetken-$1,968.13; McKenna Hammer-$1,851.36; Todd Hammer-$2,555.22; Brenda Irwin-$1,630.80; Daron Jackson-$1,820.28; Dustin Johnson-$2,104.73; Hannah Keatts-$1,838.28; Jared Magana-$1,820.28; Yahye Mahamed-$1,771.56; Jennifer Marquez-$2,052.62; Skyler Miner-$2,559.98; Lucas Moulton-$1,994.35; Brandon Nunez-Diaz-$834.56; Elijah Parker-$843.60; Kimberly Peterson-$2,635.58; Jose Ramirez-$1,771.56; Travis Rivera-$1,841.28; Michele Rohde-$2,066.44; Jeremy Russell-$1,783.84; Jennifer Svendsen-$3,880.10; Cody Thomas-$2,104.73; Todd Uhl Jr-$1,536.48; Armando Valerio-$1,872.36; Daniel Vasquez-$1,798.23; Randall Walsh-$3,126.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-$2,236.29; Jolene Gubbels-$2,796.69; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-$2,062.40; Theresa Grove-$2,790.48; Johanna Marquez-$1,481.60; Courtney Swick-$1,831.68; Nicholas Nieman-$2,652.57; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-$12,678.62; State Tax-$5,977.90; Soc Sec-$11,843.36; Medicare-$2,769.81; Extra Fit-$1,371.00; Extra Sit-$420.00; Retirement-$9,578.88; Deferred Comp-$1,301.60; Garnishments-$1,494.71; Flex Plan Medical-$0.00; Flex Dependent Care-$0.00; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-$22,102.09; Net Pay-$17,001.51; Retirement-$1,491.91; Total FICA-$1,690.79; Tristin Eifert-$2,121.60; Michael Fuchser-$2,121.60; Robert Hacker-$2,157.60; Scott Jorgneson-$2,121.60; David Kneifl-$2,145.60; Kimon Litras-$2,181.60; Brandon Miller-$2,121.60; Tanya Orr-$2,121.60; Dean Pallas-$2,489.89; Robert Schmidt-$397.80; Gunner Stanwick-$2,121.60; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-$1,638.51; State Tax-$711.70; FICA-$1,370.33; Medicare-$320.46; Extra Fit-$65.00; Retirement-$994.58; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-$1,393.16; Net Pay-$1,105.67; Retirement-$94.04; Total FICA-$106.58; Chloe Coover-$1,393.16; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-$75.81; State Tax-$42.41; FICA-$86.38; Medicare-$20.20; Retirement-$62.69; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-$1,951.73; Net Pay-$1,541.19; Retirement-$131.74; Total FICA-$149.31; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-$1,951.73; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-$119.98; State Tax-$53.42; FICA-$121.01; Medicare-$28.30; Retirement-$87.83; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-$1,753.20; Net Pay-$1,490.99; Retirement-$118.34; Total FICA-$134.12; Kristin Robinette-$1,753.20; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-$49.20; FICA-$108.70; Medicare-$25.42; Retirement-$78.89; **Obesity DCHD Grant Employer 2508:** Gross Salaries-$68.00; Net Pay-$62.79; Total FICA-$5.21; Emma Ankerstjerne-$68.00; **Obesity DCHD Grant Employee 2508:** FICA-$4.22; Medicare-$0.99.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-$863.33; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$14,049.62; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-$1,301.60; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-$631.38; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$6,397.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$23,414.91; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$29,226.34. **Road Fund:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$1,703.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$711.70; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$2,486.49; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$3,381.58. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-Withdrawals, $14,441.63. **Health Fund 2502:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$75.81; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$42.41; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$156.73; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$213.16. **Health Fund 2504:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-$119.98; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$53.42; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$219.57; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$298.62. **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-$49.20; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-$197.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$268.24; **Obesity Grant 2508:** Social Security, FICA & MEDI-$10.42.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-$371.52; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-$146.86; NACO, workshop-$165.00; Nebraska Notary Association, notary renewal-$155.80; One Office, supplies-$43.46; DAS State Finance, state software-$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-$69.06; MIPS, state software-$1,114.42; One Office, supplies-$88.55; US Bank, workshop-$165.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-$12.00; Dakota County Star, subscription-$50.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-$290.14; Innovative Appraisal Service, assessment hours-$2,465.00; MIPS, state software-$2,078.78; Dakota County Star, publications-$1,440.00; ES&S, ballots, media, audio-$14,647.43; Secretary of State, I Voted stickers-$169.00; Mundo Latino, publications-$652.50; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meeting-$34.35; Ron Collins, mileage, meeting-$52.61; Dakota County Star, publications-$31.23; Tim Decker, mileage, meeting-$86.76; Ron Gill, mileage, meeting-$21.09; Jolene Gubbels, meeting steup-$250.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meeting-$48.85; Steve Lieber, mileage, meeting-$28.05; Dick McCabe, mileage, meeting-$102.86; Menards, supplies-$123.30; Harold Moes, mileage, meeting-$75.45; Joe O'Neill, mileage, postage-$169.80; Martin Rohde, mileage, meeting-$79.80; RTI, IT support-$5,583.40; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-$144.09; MIPS, state software-$100.00; One Office, supplies-$74.75; US Bank, notary renewal-$141.04; Marco, copier contract-$373.59; Microfilm Imaging, scannings-$153.00; OPD Business Solutions, office depot-$65.38; Print Image Solutions, tones-$334.99; Security Shredding, shredding-$60.00; US Bank, supplies-$674.97; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-$75.00; Lou Hunter, reimbursement-$250.79; Leaf, copier contract-$349.08; US Bank, annual meeting-$623.15; Dakota County Court, court costs-$2,150.58; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-$767.78; District Court, court cost-$589.00; Gaylen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-$688.78; Piper & Story, atty fees-$425.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-$7,749.88; Maximus, services-$700.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-$255.33; Eakes, janitorial supplies-$574.62; Gill Hauling, dumpster-$267.25; Menards, building supplies-$95.86; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-$529.36; NPPD, utilities-$2,028.47; Robertson Imp, repairs-$156.53; Spencers Lawn Care, services-$550.00; Trembly, pest control-$55.00; US Bank, supplies-$65.96; Wilmes, building supplies-$64.88; Angela Abts, mileage-$221.92; Julie Boyle, mileage-$135.74; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-$610.00; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging-$279.90; PMRNRD, monthly rent-$750.00; Tammy Peterson, mileage-$376.77; US Bank, office supplies-$254.21; AT&T, phones-$565.93; AutoZone, supplies-$21.77; Bekins Fire & Safety, annual maintenance-$279.50; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-$1,267.90; Linda Carson, prior year service-$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-$8,305.05; Crystal Oil, fuel-$2,004.05; Fremont Tire, tire repairs, grease/oil-$1,688.55; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms, LE supplies-$2,603.95; Holiday Inn Express-Hastings, lodging-$258.00; Modern

Marketing, supplies-$360.62; Mohr & Becjker-Hunt Funeral Homes, coroner-$182.36; N.L.E.T.C, training-$160.00; Northtown Automotive, vehicle repairs-$1,377.97; Physicians Laboratory, coroner-$300.00; Team Trouble Chasers, vehicle repairs-$57.00; TransUnion Risk, search services-$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies , fuel, trainings, office supplies-$3,835.45; Chesterman Co, misc-$36.00; Nebraska.gov, certified searches-$16.00; Debra Schmiedt, meals-$11.06; US Bank, phones-$75.71; Kim Watson, mileage, meals-$230.87; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-$55,914.95; Albrieo Energy, testing-$1,520.00; AT&T, phones-$79.58; ATC Group Service, mold test-$1,075.00; Bob Barker, inmate supplies-$1,011.78; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-$1,882.50; City of Dakota City, utilities-$2,359.83; City of So Sioux City, fuel-$270.20; CNO, inmate medical-$373.00; Diamond Drug, inmate medical-$1,749.11; Eakes, janitorial supplies-$3,157.55; Echo Electric, bulbs-$326.70; Ferguson, building repair-$121.08; Fremont Tire, tire repairs-$74.21; Gill Hauling, dumpster-$482.00; GPR, medical waste disposal-$53.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-$3,695.55; Kincaid, Fett, Craw, inmate medical-$160.00; Lexipol LLC, training-$3,016.25; Menards, building supplies-$173.10; Merchants Bonding, notary bonds-$40.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-$184.12; MLB Health, medical fees-$6,250.00; NE Department of Labor, unemployment-$199.46; NPPD, utilities-$3,801.77; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-$807.11; Safegaurd Bus System, office supplies-$662.57; Sentry Security Fasteners, building repair-$937.20; St. Lukes Dept. Lab Services, inmate labs-$29.61; Summit Food Service, food and beverage-$32,295.05; Trembly, pest control-$100.00; UnityPoint Health, inmate medical-$479.36; US Bank, inmate medical, building repairs, trainings, fuel, supplies-$2,281.72; Veit LLC, office supplies-$222.66; Wells Fargo, copier contract, copies-$542.01; Wilmes, building supplies-$99.97; Dodge County Clerk, quarterly county billing-$15,247.32; Marco, copier contract-$125.22; US Bank, workshop-$165.00; Verizon, phone-$39.95; Ford Motor Cerdit, lease payment-$912.16; US Bank, supplies, misc-$1,764.18; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-$250.00; John Gunia, grave markers-$700.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-$360.24; City of Sioux City, hazmat agreement-$1,201.50; Dakota County Treasurer, petty cash-$50.00; Dakota County Veterans, replenish veterans aid fund-$4,500.00; DAS State Acctg, state software-$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-$29.95; Im On, phones-$780.95; MIPS, state software-$774.70; NACO, LB644 postcard-$6,436.84; Region IV Inc., services for the developmentally disabled-$5,320.25; US Bank, link, postage-$4,230.76; Road Improvement Fund, budget transfer-$2,312.44; **Road Fund:** BC Murphy Enterprises, equipment roller-$25,900.00; Blackstrap Inc, chemical salt-$7,166.40; Bomgaars, shop supplies-$1,112.99; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-$10,545.93; Boyer Sand & Rock INC, gravel-$29,667.32; Cornhusker International, parts-$406.76; Dakota County Star, publications-$72.73; Dakota Supply Group, culverts-$553.15; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-$52,413.63; Samuel Gubbels, reimbursement-$125.00; H204U, water service-$57.10; Bob Hacker, reimbursement-$400.00; Hansen Electric, building repair-$1,025.00; Heartland Tire, tires-$7,695.68; Interstate All Battery, parts-$313.90; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers Inc, parts, labor-$136.79; John R Anderson Trucking Inc, gravel-$12,212.98; Kings Disposal, dumpster-$74.55; Marx Trailer, parts-$616.46; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-$83.25; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-$4,786.16; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-$10.84; Midwest Wheel, parts-$15.30; Midwest Service & Sales, traffic signs, bridge planks, materials-$8,790.82; NPPD, utilites-$115.71; Northeast NE Telephone, phone-$116.09; Northeast Power, utilites-$347.65; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-$93.91; Power Plan/ Murphy, supplies-$791.14; Robertson Imp, parts-$146.58; Sapp Bros Petroleum, supplies-$3,339.89; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-$797.88; Siouxland Well Company, building repair-$1,247.60; Stan Houston Equip, asphalt-$947.50; Steffen Truck Equipment, parts, labor-$632.24; Stephan Welding, parts-$95.00; Titan Machinery, oil-$125.25; US Bank, parts, misc, traffic signs-$791.26; Verizon Connect, gps-$351.05; Verizon Wireless, cell phone-$39.95; Village of Emerson, utilites-$80.55; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-$148.62; Ziegler's, blades-$6,204.03; **0802 Road Improvement:** Veenstra & Kimm, N Bluff road patching-$2,312.44; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-$27,532.02; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-$165.00; MIPS, state software-$638.01; **2502 Health Dept Program Grants:** Chole Coover, mileage-$439.28; US Bank, phone, meetings, misc-$460.71; **2504 Health Planning Grant:** IHeartMedia, radio ad-$2,070.00; US Bank, website, supplies-$581.39; Verizon, phone-$79.96; **E911 Fund:** City of So Sioux City, 911 monies-$7,708.89; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-$48,004.75

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to appoint County Clerk Cherie Conley, as the voting delegate and Commissioner Jeff Reed as the alternate for election of officers at the NACO Annual meeting on December 16-18, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, Quarterly Health Department Report. Vaccinated 192 kids/adults. Partnered with the Optimist Club on National Night Out and gave away 263 bike helmets and 38 bikes at the bike rodeo. Working on grants.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve free flu shots for employees at the Dakota County Health Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Building and Grounds provided three bids for lawn sprinkler systems for the front of the courthouse. The Board reviewed and discussed three bids: Jensen Sprinkler, LLC for $11,515.00; Hollands Lawn Care Inc. for $18,500.00; and Irrigation Innovation for $15,000.00. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Jensen Sprinkler, LLC bid for $11, 515 to put a lawn irrigation system in front of the courthouse using funds from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Union County, South Dakota, Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Detention Services should there ever be a need for such service. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for October 11 to October 24, 2026. Total Road Maintenance – 290.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 10 hours; bridge maintenance – 30 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 16 hours (Likuwanta drive); gravel hauling – 106 hours; total tons hauled – 825 on roads; sign repair – 3 hours. Several road concerns. Grader bids at next meeting. Jackson East Bridge needs to be replaced, or an alternative road will be built and permanently close the bridge.

Tyler Fulkerth, Jail Captain, presented the Board with quarterly report for July, August, September. The Federal inmates are down, but the ICE inmates are up a bit.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed attended the Legislative conference. Commissioners Reed and Van Berkum attended County Government Day. Commissioner Bousquet encouraged the Board to attend the SSC meeting on October 28th at 4:00 p.m. regarding the casino TIF.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None

Commissioners conducted the quarter jail tour. Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn, Commissioner Bousquet seconded. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of October 26, 2026, at 3:40 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary