

## March 10, 2026

The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in special session on March 10, 2026, in the Miner County Courthouse Commission Room. Members present: Joe Bechen, Kathy Faber, Tim Neises, Kari Jo Carlson and Mike Clary. Members absent: None. Also present for portions of the meeting: Brittany Yanish, Cora Schwader, Rob Eggert, Jessica Charles and Tami Severson.

Chairman Bechen called the meeting to order. The flag pledge was recited. Motion by Clary, second by Neises and carried to approve the agenda. The minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed. Corrections noted replacing “trunk” with “truck” in the sentence “Eggert plans to surplus the old Dodge truck and keep the Durango as a spare,” and an incorrect date used in a motion for a payroll increase. Motion by Faber, second by Clary, and carried to amend the motion from March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 regarding the level increase for Barb Esser to be effective on March 1, 2026, rather than February 22<sup>nd</sup>, to better align with the payroll schedule of Miner County for salaried employees. With these corrections, the minutes were approved.

Brittany Yanish met with the board to inform them she made an offer to Mariah Jacobson for the Deputy Treasurer position; she will begin Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Level 1.

During public comment, Director of 911 & Dispatch Services Cora Schwader presented information regarding the 911 transition and handed out materials to the commissioners. Emergency Manager Kent Terwilliger had acquired price quotes from Two Way Solutions which were included in the materials handed out. Cora Schwader met with State 911 Coordinator Jason Husby, and the timeline for turning in requests to the state 911 board is rapidly approaching. A booster solution to the Carthage area is being researched. Accurate membership numbers will need to be gathered from the area fire departments; Clary volunteered to gather this information. Schwader will talk to Alliance about acquiring more robust internet for Carthage’s fire hall. There will need to be uniformity in the purchase of radios, pagers, and monitors that the county orders for the area emergency responders. The administrative subcommittee meets Tuesday to decide if what grant requests will go forward to the grant committee. Schwader will report back at the next meeting, unless the 911 committee would like to meet sooner.

Motion to move to executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) by Faber, second by Carlson and carried at 6:10pm. The board returned to regular session at 7:35pm. The Commissioners called Barb Esser and offered her the position of Director of Equalization with a salary of \$52,767, with a review after the 6-month probationary period. Esser accepted the position.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned until March 17th. Dated this 10th day of March, 2026.

Joe Bechen, Chairman  
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, Miner County Auditor