

September 8, 2026

The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in special session on September 8th, 2026, in the Miner County Courthouse Commission room. Members present: Joe Bechen, Kathy Faber, Tim Neises and Mike Clary. Absent: Kari Jo Carlson.

Chairman Bechen called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was moved by Neises, seconded by Faber, and carried to approve the agenda. The minutes of the September 1st meeting were approved.

No report of meetings attended. No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Clary, seconded by Faber and carried to authorize the auditor to pay the following claims: Santel \$30.00 **911 CHARGES**; Feldman Fencing \$5,889.58, SD DOT \$4,056.01 **CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE**; Lammers, Kleibacker, Dawson & Miller \$888.40 **COURT APPT ATTY**; Avera \$75.40 **DRUG TESTING**; HFCA \$32,804.03 **FUEL**; Davison Co Sheriff \$3,255.00 **PRISONER CARE**; Office Ally \$44.95 **PROCESSING FEE**; Dust-Tex \$185.84, Microfilm Imaging \$620.00 **RENT**; Office Peeps \$87.34, Prostrullo Auto Mall \$242.46, Twotrees Tech \$2,115.00 **REPAIRS**; White Cap \$132.20 **ROAD MATERIALS**; Homestead Building Supply \$23.92, Krug Products \$136.12, McLeod's Printing \$268.87, Office Peeps \$1,252.85, Rusty's \$116.45, Shane's Hardware \$60.72, Twotrees Tech \$260.00 **SUPPLIES**; Alliance \$853.59, Verizon \$95.13 **TELEPHONE**; Marie Bales \$117.80 **TRANSCRIPTS**; Ramkota Hotel \$121.00 **TRAVEL**; City of Howard \$288.61 **UTILITIES**.

The following correspondence was received: Delta Dental 2027 rates.

Motion by Faber, second by Neises, and carried to give Bechen the authority to sign the Law Enforcement Policies and Procedures Agreement with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance.

Motion by Clary, second by Neises, and carried to authorize Bechen to sign the prisoner housing agreement with Beadle County for 2026.

Commissioners approved the closure of the courthouse offices for the duration of the Homecoming Parade on September 25.

Either Joe Bechen or Tim Neises will attend the Xcel Energy meeting on Tuesday, September 29th.

The county held a public hearing for the 5-Year Transportation plan, as advertised. No members of the public appeared. Krempges is waiting for a report to prioritize the projects. Pavement marking is done. There are two townships applying for RAIF funding for 2027 projects: Clearwater Township and Canova Township. Gravel crushers should be coming in the next week or two. Krempges will publish the bale removal notice in the paper for two weeks, starting next week. Krempges is talking to James Valley Landscaping to make the mowing easier on the property with the shop and highway office. The quote was for \$3,061.88, with additional costs for concrete edging and added rock. Krempges thought the highway department

could handle the rock themselves. Commissioners suggested getting the concrete edging, rather than plastic. Commissioners instructed Krempges to check if the quote could be locked in with a signed agreement for next year and report at the next meeting. Krempges reported on upcoming meetings he will attend.

Faber moved to enter executive session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel matters, seconded by Neises and carried at 9:54am. Returned to regular session at 10:16am.

Boyd Schulz, South Dakota Realty Supervisor for US Fish & Wildlife, met with the board regarding the purchase of grassland easements. Schulz stated their grassland easements are landowner friendly. Use of Land and Water Conservation funds must now be approved at the local level. Seven million dollars was given to US Fish & Wildlife to use in the grasslands area for this year. Clary made a motion to authorize US Fish & Wildlife to use Land and Water Conservation funds to purchase grassland easements in the county. Motion seconded by Faber and passed unanimously.

A lien compromise request was received by the board; commissioners denied the request.

Schwader gave a 911 departmental update to the board. The next 911 agency meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 8th. Schwader will order TVs for the first responding agencies; she asked Clary for assistance with this. Schwader inquired about her salary for 2027 due to the changes in the 911 service; Commissioners plan to leave her salary as is. Schwader would like a member of the public, separate from the Commissioners, on the 911 advisory board; she asked Commissioners to consider that before the next meeting.

Motion to move into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) by Faber, second by Neises, and carried at 11:01am. Returned to regular session at 11:20am.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, September 22nd. Dated this 8th day of September, 2026.

Joe Bechen, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, Miner County Auditor