

NOVEMBER 18, 2025 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Dinger, Wiese, Gage and Sutton. Commissioner Dinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Wiese moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lynn Brennan Executive Director of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance gave a plaque, recognition, and thanks to Commissioner Wiese for his 25 years of service on the Board of Directors for South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance.

Senator, Carl Perry informed the Commission of the Youth Awards given out by the Exchange Club of Aberdeen for November: Young Citizen Awards went to Harrison Bode & Elizabeth Bain from Aberdeen Roncalli; Willa Vogel & Mahn Awar from Holgate; Stella Drangstveit & Wyatt Nicolai from Simmons and Nora Fliehs from Aberdeen Christian. Youth of the Month Awards went to Hannah Anderson from Aberdeen Central; Claire Crawford from Aberdeen Roncalli and Iszy Helm from Aberdeen Christian.

ORDINANCE #302 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Michael, the developer working for Wind Energy reviewed the ordinance and in section 2A, there were some changes that were noted to have setbacks measured from property lines from property line of a tower parcel to the property line of a non-participating residence parcel. The way it is currently written makes it difficult for a developer on their end to site the turbines and where they're going to be going. Right now, ordinance 2A specifically modified the existing language to be from the tower itself to a building that's not participating, and it modified it to be from property lines. On the graphic Michael shared, each of the squares represents a 40-acre parcel and it illustrates how a single 40-acre parcel that's non-participating has the ability with only a 1600 ft setback to eliminate or essentially be unusable for development of a wind project. The way the ordinance is written is it's four times tip height from the property lines. If they estimate their turbines are 589 feet to tip height, that means that this setback would increase from 1,600 feet to 2,350 feet so it would be even larger than this. Motion by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to postpone action on the second reading possible adoption of this ordinance, send it back to Scott for further amending the language and then bring it back to the commission for approval. Roll call vote: Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Dennert-naye. Motion passes.

ORDINANCE #312 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #312. Applicant Tim & Judy Siedschlag/Gerald & Kathy Goldade to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Siedschlag First Addition" and Lot 2, "Gehrke 1st Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37910, 37926 & approx. 37930 127th Street; Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #313 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #313. Applicant Sub Thirty Ventures, LLC – Brett Deibert/Brock Ball to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 2, "Greg Hoffman Addition" in the E ½ of Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126757 W Shore Dr., Ravinia Twp.) All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #314 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #314. Applicant Michael Carrels to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "Jerke's

First Addition" in the SE 1/4 of Section 24-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379710 N Shore Dr, Ravinia Twp). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #315 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #315. Applicant Vision Quest Real Estate LLC / Brad Meehan to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 5C, "Gederos' Replat of Lots 5 & 7 of Evelo's Outlots" in the SE 1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (602 Buick Dr. SW, Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #316 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #316. Applicant Sea Atwood to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "Lowary Family First Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2208 S Highway 281; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #317 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #317. Applicant Paul Larson to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Paul Larson Second Addition" in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13653 389th Avenue; Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SCOTT MEINTS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR - DISCUSS MCPHERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Scott was approached by Mcpherson County to write a possible contract to take on their emergency management duties. This was brought to the commission to see what the thoughts are and is looking for advice about if we proceed or not. Scott met with them, and they are looking but don't have anybody to fulfill their position which is required by law. When asked if this is something he could handle, Meints state it would be a stretch. It was mentioned to Mcpherson County that there would possibly need to be a deputy up there or someone who could respond to the immediate needs and we would take care of more of the administrative side. Chairman Sutton stated we have been in favor of a certain amount of consolidating where we can for services. Motion by Dinger, second by Wiese to authorize our emergency management director to continue to pursue the possibility of a joint venture with McPherson County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the application submitted by Northern Electric Cooperative for occupancy to install primary electrical infrastructure to Brown County 11 in Section 35-T125-R64, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the application submitted by Midcontinent Communications for occupancy to install cable services to Brown County 15, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the application submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy to install telecommunications to Brown County 14 in Section 16 15-T123-R63, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, gave an update they are still mowing and are shouldering Highway 27. On Brown County 10 they have been testing a couple of different road chemicals and have determined what they

have been using is the best. They are still patching with cold mix and can't get hot mix anymore. On November 6th the wall where the Jim River and Lower Crow Creek meet was at 92 down from the top, both sides. Almost to 7 1/2 feet down. Road 16 bridge will be taken out as soon as they can in the spring.

LEASE OPTION RENEWAL FOR FAIRGROUNDS HAY LAND:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the lease option renewal for Fairgrounds Hay Land. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GROUND LEASE FOR WIRELESS TOWER AT FAIRGROUNDS:

Moved by Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the ground lease for wireless tower at the Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HUB CITY RADIO CONTRACT FOR 2026 BCF:

Moved by Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Hub City Radio Contract for 2026 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALL SEASON MOTORSPORT CONTRACT FOR 2026 & 2027 BCF:

Moved by Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the All-Season Motorsport Contract for 2026 & 2027 at the Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FINAL DOCUMENTS FOR CDBG YMCA GRANT:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the final documents for CDBG YMCA Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Claims/Payroll:

Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$506.65; Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. \$2,089.60; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$192.00; Boyce Law Firm \$165.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental Care, LLC \$784.73; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,155.00; CGI, LLC \$2,250.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,424.00; Day County \$2,945.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$3,612.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$5,220.00; Helms & Associates \$7,582.62; IMEG Corp \$5,600.00; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$6,168.00; Kuck Law Office \$4,915.00; Kylee Boomsma \$564.00; Language Line Services, Inc \$524.87; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$540.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Mission Possible \$1,185.00; Network Center, Inc \$3,057.77; North Star Solutions, LLC \$378.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$3,762.50; Northern Plains Animal Health \$311.57; Northern Plains Psychological Associates, LLC \$150.00; PharChem, Inc \$1,743.30; Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) \$170.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$75.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$2,018.00; Sanford Health \$4,659.00; SD Dept of Health \$2,130.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$14,808.00; Taylor Bell \$601.70; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$595.49. Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$1,520.00; Groton Daily Independent \$518.27; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$2,598.24. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$62.55; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$259.20; Vestis \$274.48. Repairs & Maintenance: A-1 Locksmithing \$620.50; Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$881.00; Convergint Technologies LLC \$15,937.04; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$434.00; Dakota Doors Inc \$1.73; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$25.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$12,000.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$165.33; Graham Tire Inc \$393.00; House of Glass \$11,102.54; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$549.15; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$488.52; Kirk's Auto \$666.66; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$1,419.68; Olson's Pest Technicians \$260.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$281.20; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$1,655.31; RDO Equipment Co \$48,355.72; Spellman Painters \$1,123.02; Steven Lust Automotive \$308.08; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$2,177.53. Supplies: A-1 Locksmithing \$52.00; Advance Auto Parts \$29.36; Agtegra Cooperative \$39,979.54; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$2,102.57; Auto Value Aberdeen \$784.29; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$30.00; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$633.35; Bob Barker Company Inc \$102.15; Butler Machinery Company \$209.57; Central Network Retail Group LLC \$137.27; Century Business Products \$1,484.72; Christina

M. Flack \$1,025.00; Cole Paper Inc \$1,001.06; Cook's Correctional \$79.90; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$1,605.32; Dakota Doors Inc \$85.00; Dakota Electronics LLC \$1,013.10; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$986.17; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$11.85; Double D Body Shop \$4,500.00; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$1,268.46; Fire Safety USA, Inc \$805.00; Frederick Fire Department \$805.00; Geffdog Designs \$216.00; Great Western States Supply, LLC \$994.00; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$84.00; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$47.97; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$20,567.70; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$158.15; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$33.21; Kessler's \$171.44; Kirk's Auto \$41.16; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$1,167.39; Kuck Law Office \$129.81; LabSource, Inc \$416.12; Lien Transportation Company \$15,126.30; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$171.50; M & T Fire and Safety \$898.15; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$234.10; Menards \$207.09; Midwest Card and ID Solutions LLC \$1,750.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$32.00; NVC \$29.11; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$92.00; Performance Oil \$336.24; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$1,310.01; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$620.76; RDO Equipment \$4,377.91; Runnings \$1,001.93; Safety Service \$408.95; Schwan Welding \$52.00; Sound Decisions \$ 128.74; St. Mark's Episcopal Church \$2,000.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$34.95; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$8,481.92; Tri-State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$12,428.13. Travel & Conference: Austin Ball \$14.00; Brandon Mills \$54.00; CGI, LLC \$31.50; Kent Karlen \$14.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$40.00; Neil Bittner \$28.00; Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center – Pierre \$224.00; Sarah J Jesz \$37.80; Scott Kolb \$14.00; SDSU Extension \$145.20; Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Inc. \$470.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$141.05; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$2,530.57; Northern Electric \$93.50; Northwestern Energy \$2,171.09; NVC \$3,003.11; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$82.00; T-Mobile USA Inc \$577.98; Town of Frederick \$77.00; Verizon Wireless \$600.29; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$150.51. Other: SD Assoc of County Officials \$932.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$7,133.19. Other: Julius Albrecht \$58.77 Payroll: Commission \$4,896.51; Elections \$2,027.61; Auditor/Welfare \$11,393.92; Treasurer \$16,816.14; SA \$37,189.25; Public Defender \$10,488.06; Maintenance \$12,842.47; Assessor \$16,594.59; Register of Deeds \$10,905.91; VSO \$4,721.83; GIS \$2,946.49; IT \$10,005.68; HR \$5,419.29; Sheriff \$53,966.86; Jail \$70,146.81; Coroner (Voucher) \$1,500.00; Court Security \$8,692.10; JDC \$29,400.35; Museum \$13,110.49; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,506.36; Fair Board \$4,601.45; 4-H \$834.80; Weed \$5,705.37; Planning & Zoning \$8,062.16; Highway \$48,156.35; Dispatch \$37,586.44; Emergency \$5,498.56; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,858.77; Landfill \$19,745.72; Meal Benefits \$34.00; FICA \$27,405.16; Medicare \$6,409.29. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Allison Tunheim, Human Resources Director:

- Resignation of Alexis Gearey as Brown County Jail Detention Officer; FT – effective November 10, 2025.
- Last day for temporary PT worker Kristine Scherbenske, Brown County Auditor's Office – effective November 7, 2025.
- Last day for Seasonal Workers, Brown County Highway – effective October 30, 2025
 - Kendell Titze

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for October 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: McKenzie Bierman, Conald Burgard, Dan Stevens, Dwight Guthmiller, Jeff Kippley, Katie Moulsoff, Misty Dosch, Nancy Radke, Rachel Kippley, Rhonda Tetzlaff, and Trevor Meints Fairboard Members to attend Heartland Convention on November 20-22, 2025 in Huron; Pat Wolberg, IT Director to attend NVision Cybersecurity Tech Conference on November 13, 2025 in Fargo; Derek Hoefert, Deputy Sheriff to attend The Whole Truth Training on November 19, 2025 in Mobridge; Lynn Heupel & Stephanie Jacobson, Brown County Auditor's to attend Municipalities & School meeting & Auditor Workshop on November 18-20, 2025 in Pierre. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:

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Moved by Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for September 2025: Total Cash and Check on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$17,435,141.53; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,310,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$11,279,270.64; Grand Total Cash & Balances: \$30,032,559.59. General Fund Cash & Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$13,398,964.37; Road & Bridge Fund \$3,888,542.39; Road & Bridge Fund Restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$895,992.67; Emergency & Disaster \$78,516.02; Domestic Abuse \$1,449.79; Federal/State Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$122,289.76; Truancy Court \$110.99; 24/7 Sobriety \$96,051.45; ROD M&P \$95,446.19; Rural Access Infrastructure \$559,577.54; Tif Debt Service \$76,292.73; Landfill + Cash Change \$6,681,099.63; Landfill-Restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$4,138,193.95; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$30,032,599.59. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Work is proceeding to get the fire and smoke alarms updated at the Odde and Expo building. Three bids have been received.

Rachel Kippley with the Fair said American Legion would come back and do their Monday burger night during the Brown County Fair. The Legion liked the partnership and the Commission agreed they received good feedback, and we would like to have the Burger Night in 2026 at the Brown County Fair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Personnel and Contracts and Legal updates. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:26 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Erin Kumpf, Chief Deputy Auditor

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