

FEBRUARY 24, 2026 – 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, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DISCUSS LOAD LIMITS/RESOLUTION #2026-14:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commission to discuss Load Limits. Dirk recommended that Load Limits go on effective Monday, March 2nd.

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution as of March 2, 2026:

RESOLUTION #2026-14

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-24 authorizes the proper authority to establish maximum axle and axle group loadings during the period of each year from February 15th to April 30th, inclusive, and

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-24 further provides that if highway and climatic conditions warrant, the proper highway authority may extend the time period mentioned by ordinance or resolution.

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-25 authorizes the proper authority to reduce the maximum weight and load of vehicles on specific roads without formal resolution where such road would be damaged or destroyed by heavy traffic by reason of thawing or excessive moisture.

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-25 further provides that notice shall be given by placing proper signage indicating the limitations of the gross weight of the vehicle on such specific roads.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission requests the South Dakota Department of Public Safety and the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce Annual Seasonal Load Restrictions on over weight limits, over width load limits, and speed limits on Brown County Roads during the February/March/April Spring thaw and breakup period that the roads are posted.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that all Brown County Oil Roads are posted at 6-ton per axle and truck speed of 40 MPH, except for the following:

1. Belt Loop around the City of Aberdeen
2. Road 4 from 24th Ave, North 1.0 mile to CR 13
3. Road 7 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Barnard and County Road 10
4. Road 9 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Westport and County Road 10
5. Road 9 from SD Highway 37 East 7.0 miles to Brown/Marshall County Line
6. Road 10 from County Road 13 (Prairiewood Road) South 1.0 mile to Road 15
7. Road 10 from County Road 19 (Melgaard Road) South 1.0 mile to County Road 14W
8. Road 11 from County Road 16 West 10.0 miles to US Highway 281
9. Road 11 .50-mile East of SD Highway 37 to Huffton
10. Road 11 from County Road 16 East 1 mile
11. Road 12 from 24th Ave NE 1 mile to County Road 13
12. Road 12W will not be posted from County Road 19 East to US Highway 281 (2.0 miles)
13. Road 12WA from US Highway 12 North 2.0 miles
14. Road 12WB from US Highway 12 North to County Road 12W
15. Road 13 from County Road 14 West 5.0 miles to US Highway 281
16. Road 14 from 126th St. South 7 miles to US Highway 12

17. Road 14W from US281 East 1.5 miles
18. Road 15 from US Highway 281 East 1 mile to County Road 10
19. Road 15 from 385th Ave East .50 mile
20. Road 15 from County Road 12 (Roosevelt Road) East 1.0 mile to County Road 19
21. Road 16 from the Town of Columbia South 0.5 miles to County Road 11
22. Road 16C from County Road 23 South 1 mile to Stratford
23. Road 19 from the JCT of CR 19 and CR 17 (8th Ave NE) North 1.0 mile to CR 15
24. Road 20 from County Road 9 South .02 miles to the railroad tracks
25. Road 23 from US Highway 281 East 1.0 mile to Warner and County Road 10
26. Road 23 from US Highway 281 West .25 miles
27. Road 23 from Road 16C for 10 miles East to SD Highway 37
28. Road 23B the Town of Ferney West to SD Highway 37
29. Road 27 from SD Highway 281 West 2.0 miles to the town of Mansfield
30. Frederick Main Street from US Highway 281 East 0.5 miles to the Frederick City Limits
31. Road 14W from Road 19, West 2.5 miles – 3 ton per axle

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Brown County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Brown County Highway Department Superintendent to place signage providing adequate notice of the reduced maximum weight of any vehicle on any improved highway of this County which, in his opinion, would be damaged or destroyed by heavy traffic by reason of thawing or excessive moisture until the expiration of the 2026 seasonal load restrictions. SDCL 32-22-25.

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert.

Roll call vote: Commissioners Dennert-aye, Dinger-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR BR. CO. LANDFILL:

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Annual Compliance Certification Report for Brown County Landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATION REPORT – AIR EMISSION INVENTORY:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Operational Report – Air Emission Inventory. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the General Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Claims/Payroll:
 Claims: Insurance: SDACC \$16,552.00. Professional Fees: Brick's TV and Appliance \$2,423.75; Certified Languages International LLC \$590.70; CGI, LLC \$1,012.50; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$35,638.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$682.40; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$168.00; Healthstream, Inc \$524.00; IMEG Corp \$17,817.01; Kuck Law Office \$5,731.20; Lewis & Clark BHS \$450.00; Lucy Lewno \$216.00; Manuel J. De Castro, Jr. \$716.00; Mark Katterhagen \$40.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$460.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$1,411.40; Valerie Larson \$40.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$307.50; US Bank \$3,010.29. Publishing: McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$124.02; SD Snow Queen Festival \$300.00; US Bank \$37.09. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00. Repairs & Maintenance: EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$118.47; Jason's Electric Inc \$1,811.50; Sign Solutions USA, LLC \$482.50; US Bank \$2,500.62. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,265.39; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$798.13; Century Business Products \$350.33; Cole Paper Inc \$1,278.06; Dakota Electronics LLC \$349.00; Dakota Supply Group \$550.00; FedEx \$21.52; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$3.64; Hanlon Brothers, LLC \$50,814.68; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$167,476.93; Kessler's \$55.75; Kuck Law Office \$171.54; Lucy Lewno \$3.50; Marco Technologies, LLC \$53.57; Menards \$355.32; Runnings \$125.96; Sign Solutions USA, LLC \$2,099.00; US Bank \$8,645.55. Travel & Conference: CGI, LLC \$11.39; Ian Cole \$527.25; Makendra Ochsner \$19.00; Midwest Motels of Mitchell II \$459.00; Neil Bittner \$19.00; Sarah J Jesz \$371.20;

Scott Kolb \$19.00; Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Inc. \$495.00; US Bank \$6,471.78. Utilities: CenturyLink \$152.32; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,603.17; City of Hecla \$308.59; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$55.54; Northwestern Energy \$7,293.91; T-Mobile USA Inc \$3,494.92; Verizon Wireless \$460.29; US Bank \$5,380.67. Payroll: Commission \$5,165.81; Elections \$2,044.00; Auditor/Welfare \$12,026.88; Treasurer \$18,078.22; SA \$38,363.00; Public Defender \$14,449.33; Maintenance \$13,932.29; Assessor \$17,518.62; Register of Deeds \$11,511.04; VSO \$5,006.27; GIS \$3,110.76; IT \$10,766.94; HR \$5,721.14; Sheriff \$60,214.20; Jail \$74,211.41; Coroner (Voucher) \$1,250.00; Court Security \$8,524.90; JDC \$32,593.55; Museum \$14,106.17; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,382.66; Fair Board \$4,858.37; 4-H \$881.59; Weed \$1,245.44; Planning & Zoning \$8,510.51; Highway \$52,809.06; Dispatch \$39,668.73; Emergency \$5,788.98; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,015.01; Landfill \$17,127.34; FICA \$28,887.34; Medicare \$6,755.89; HSA \$2,412.04. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

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

- Employment ending for John Peterson, Brown County Highway Truck Driver, FT; effective February 19, 2026. Request to fill.
- Transfer of Haydn Podoll as Brown County 911 Shift Supervisor to 911 Training and Quality Assurance Coordinator, FT; effective March 1, 2026.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR RICHMOND LAKE HOUSE:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Rental Agreement for Richmond Lake House. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Abatements: For Tax Year 2026: Parcel #31813 - \$72.27; Parcel #31794 - \$72.27; Parcel #31316 - \$1,432.84; Parcel #25090 - \$778.49; Parcel #17526 - \$1,052.80; Parcel #28564 - \$213.47; Parcel #5359 - \$38.59; Parcel #28662 - \$38.59; Parcel #5365 - \$38.59; All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held on March 17, 2026 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #322, applicant Donna Keatts for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Keatts Tenth Subdivision to Richmond Lake" in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 37840 Richmond Drive; Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

KEATTS TENTH SUBDIVISION TO RICHMOND LAKE PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2026-15

Commissioner Dinger brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Keatts Tenth Subdivision to Richmond Lake" in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in the accordance with the Provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Personnel. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:20 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Erin Kumpf, Chief Deputy Auditor

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