

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on August 18th, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Jay Grabow presiding. Those present were Commissioners Jay Grabow, Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Harry Mewherter and Judith Homan. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker and a few members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck was absent as he was chip sealing. Parker presented the letter of contract for structure 20-050-273. Grabow explained the SDDOT informed the county that the existing BIG Preservation funds cannot be used for a box culvert, and the county will need to re-apply for BIG Replacement funding. Broksieck and Banner would like to re-apply for the BIG Replacement funding for a cast-in-place box culvert instead of a precast box culvert. There is an \$18,000 difference in the contract from July to the current contract for the extra time needed to design the cast-in-place box. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the contract for structure 20-050-273. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #2 Veteran Service Officer Lynna Speier

Speier gave her quarterly report. Speier reported 21 veterans served, which is increased from last year. Speier believes word of mouth is helping as a lot of the veterans are from throughout the county now, not just Clear Lake. Estimated annual impact is \$51,576.48, with six open claims right now. Speier talked about a training she needs to attend in Sioux Falls that she needs approval for. 3) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve travel and lodging for Annual Benefits Training on September 15 in Sioux Falls. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #3 Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen

Theisen discussed posting pre-approved minutes on the website just like the Auditor does for the Commission meetings. This idea was presented at the last zoning board meeting by members of the public. The commission chose to keep approving the minutes before they are published.

Theisen presented five plats. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the plat entitled **“Hazy Moon Ranch Second Addition located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 116 North, Range 50 West of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** and Resolution 26-15. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“Hazy Moon Ranch Second Addition located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 116 North, Range 50 West of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners,
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

County Auditor, Deuel County, South Dakota

5) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the plat entitled **“Jaeger Pasture Addition location in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 117 North, Range 50 West of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** and Resolution 26-16. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“Jaeger Pasture Addition location in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 117 North, Range 50 West of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners,
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

County Auditor, Deuel County, South Dakota

6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the plat entitled **“LOT 1A, TOLRUD ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 19, T113N, R48W OF THE 5TH P.M., DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA”** and Resolution 26-17. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 26-17

It was moved by Harry Mewherter, seconded by Steven Rhody, motion carried, the **“LOT 1A, TOLRUD ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 19, T113N, R48W OF THE 5TH P.M., DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA”**, as described above and hereon be approved an accepted and the Chairman is hereby instructed to endorse on such plat.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2026.

CHAIRMAN, DEUEL COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

COUNTY AUDITOR
DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the plat entitled **“Boeke’s Second Addition located in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 115 North, Range 48 West of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** and Resolution 26-18. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“Boeke’s Second Addition located in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 115 North, Range 48 West of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners,
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

County Auditor, Deuel County, South Dakota

8) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the plat entitled **“PLAT OF SCHMIDT’S ADDITION, in the Southeast ¼ of Section 26, T114N, R48W of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota”** and Resolution 26-19. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISION RESOLUTION
#26-19

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat herein PLAT OF SCHMIDT’S ADDITION, in the Southeast ¼ of Section 26, T114N, R48W of the 5TH P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota, Prepared by Brian D. Ernst, Registered Land Surveyor of the State of South Dakota be and the same is hereby approved.

I, Courtney Parker, County Auditor for Deuel County, South Dakota, do certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the Board of County Commissioners, Deuel County, South Dakota, at the regular meeting on the 18th day of August, 2026.

Deuel County Auditor

Item #4 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg discussed with the board on items to purchase from the 2025 Homeland Security Grants. Ballistic shield in the amount of \$3,366.00 and two headsets for \$2,998.00 all from Stricherz. These items help outfit the two deputies on the special response team. There was a gap from when the items were quoted to when the funds were received so Deuel County is responsible for \$120 out of pocket after grant. 9) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the purchase of a ballistic shield and two headsets in the amount of \$6,364 with Deuel County being responsible for \$120. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #5 9:32 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the cleaning invoices for the bowling alley in the amount of \$1,732.50 to Jodie Engesser and \$1,798.91 to Rachel Hinsvark. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #6 9:55 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Personnel Matters

12) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:36 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

13) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Connect Care/TwoTrees Managed Services Contract at \$2,436.00 per month for one year. All voted yes and the motion carried.

14) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the July Cash Balance Sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER
END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE- JULY 2026**

CASH TOTAL		\$	1,216.30
CHECKS TOTAL		\$	16,519.36
CASH ITEM		\$	-
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF		\$	50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND		\$	17,785.66
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$	287,236.29
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO		\$	7,051,637.57
SD FIT		-	
CREDIT CARDS		\$	2,489.19
CD	DNB	\$	250,000.00

				FB&T	-
INTEREST EARNED: \$17,599.69					
REVOLVING LOAN				\$	46,037.42
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS				\$	7,655,186.13
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:					
GENERAL FUND				\$	5,674,574.97
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				\$	1,548,828.74
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS				\$	431,782.42
Townships	\$52,188.91	Cities	\$14,252.50		
Schools	\$34,656.89	Rural Fire	\$49,342.97		
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH				\$	7,655,186.13

Difference = \$ -

15) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to write off the liens due to Death without assets and bankruptcy in the amount of \$211,974.74. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

16) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to pay all of the warrants as presented. All voted yes and motion carried.

Paid Early: CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 835.00 LIQUOR LICENSE, DUININCK INC 216,666.67 SETTLEMENT, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 53.40 UTILITIES, H-D ELECTRIC 673.85, ITC 1,561.75 INTERNET, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 15.18 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 37.28 UTILITIES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 ANNUAL FEE

Transmittals: SCHOOLS 34,656.89, TOWNSHIPS 2,713.72, TOWNS 1,498.19, EDWD 100.03, RURAL FIRE 629.19

Warrants: A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 59.85 RENTALS, ADRDL-ANIMAL DISEASE BLDG SDSU 223.65 LAB, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 19464.24 PROF SERVICES, BROOKINGS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE 682.50 HOUSING, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 114.80 UTILITY, BJERKE SANITATION 80.00 GARBAGE, BOBCAT OF BROOKINGS 2024.44 REPAIRS, BOWES CONSTRUCTION INC 27409.32 CONTRACT WORK, CENTURY LINK 341.40 UTILITIES, CHUCK RINGKOB 416.00 JUDGE, CINTAS CORP 535.61 PROF SERVICE, CL BUILDING CENTER & RENTAL 234.74 SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 377.00 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE AREA DEVELOPMENT 5000.00 SUPPORT FUNDS, COLE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS 4551.00 SUPPLIES, COUNTRYSIDE AUTO BODY & SALES 6895.64 REPAIRS, COWBOY COUNTRY STORES 36.03 FEUL, DAKOTA DATA SHRED 95.19 SHREDDING, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 225.00 SUPPLY, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 4132.16 SUPPLY, DIANE ANDERSON 112.35 JUDGE, FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD 1080.00 PLAT BOOKS, FIRST BANK & TRUST 2115.12 CREDIT CARD, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 794.18 REPAIR, GALLS, LLC 703.33 SUPPLIES, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 344.02 UTILITY, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1379.75 SUPPORT, INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS 1240.73 REPAIR, JAMES ANDERSON 50.00 JUDGE, JEN ZIRBEL 126.85 JUDGE, JIM EFFLING 114.50 JUDGE, JOLENE KRAUSE 50.00 JUDGE, JOSHUA JOHNSON 144.95 JUDGE, L G EVERIST INC 5324.39 SUPPLIES, MARY NOSBUSH 73.20 , MAYNARDS 106.55 SUPPLIES, MENARDS 47.97 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 1170.00 RENT, NAPA 72.94

August 18th, 2026

Regular Meeting

SUPPLIES, NAPA AUTO PARTS 162.38 SUPPLIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 1027.22 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1826.31 UTILITY, PAM LUECKE 50.00 JUDGE, POWERPLAN OIB 2477.46 REPAIR, RANDY SCHWEER 136.25 JUDGE, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 425.00 JUDICIAL, ROCHELLE SCHMIDT 150.05 JUDGE, SANFORD HEALTH 3333.34 NURSE, SANFORD CLINIC 192.00 BAL, SO DAK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 250.00 BLOOD DRAW, SD DEPT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT 22736.00 AUDIT, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 765.69 PROF SERVICE, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 155177.51 DEED, DMV, DL, SDACO 150.00 MP JULY, SKYWALKER ROOFING 69873.00 ROOF REPAIR, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 2193.75 REPAIR, TIGH LESSMAN 224.00 JUDGE, CITY OF WATERTOWN 6330.77 911 SURCHARGE,

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 17) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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