

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
May 5, 2026

The meeting of the Mellette County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Brown in the Commissioner Room in the Mellette County Courthouse at White River, SD on May 5, 2026 at 9:04 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wes Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited

All motions are to be considered unanimous unless otherwise stated.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Schmidt, seconded by Brandis.

Open Visitors/Public Comment: None present.

Road & Bridge – Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte joined the meeting to update the Commission on work progress for April and discussed future projects. Iyotte also discussed with the Commission that the Norris blade is in Pierre for diagnosis of what is wrong with it. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way was received from Golden West to upgrade service to residence on High Hill Road. Motion by Schmidt to approve the application, second by Brandis. Commission discussed the speed limit on 256th Street east of Rodeo Road 3 miles to the corner and from the intersection of 256th Street and 271st Avenue south to Highway 44, a resolution to change the speed limit will be present at the next Commission meeting.

Unfinished Business: Emergency Manager Cassie Beckwith joined the meeting to discuss with the Commission what their expectations of her are and the progress of the PDM plan. Treasurer Rose Moran joined the meeting and discussed with the Commission changing the deputy treasurer position that is currently held by Darci Cox as a temporary position to a permanent position making her eligible for full time benefits since she is a shared employee with the Register of Deeds office. Motion by Schmidt to make Darci Cox a permanent employee eligible for benefits.

New Business: The Zoning board approved recommending that the Commission approve a Conditional Use Permit for White Rock Holdings to build a cell phone tower in Bad Nation township per the conditions in the ordinance that the tower will be taken down and removed if not used for 12 consecutive months. Motion by Schmidt to approve the Conditional Use Permit per the Zoning Boards recommendations, second by Brandis. Auditor Galbraith discussed the authorized county representatives with signatory authority on the county bank account and what needs to change. Motion by Schmidt to remove Hilary Nesheim and Nikki Bryan from all accounts including Mellette County Treasurer Account, Register of Deeds Account, CD's, and Safe Deposit Box; Jenny Galbraith and Rose Moran will be the only county representatives with signatory authority on Mellette County Treasurer Account, CD's and Safe Deposit Box; Jenny Galbraith, Rose Moran, and Stanley Krogman Sr will be the only representatives with signatory authority on the Register of Deeds account; second by Brandis. Commission reviewed Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine license renewals from Karla's Last Kall and Sweet Structures; all real property taxes are paid to date at both entities. Motion by Brandis to approve the renewal of both licenses, second by Schmidt. Commission discussed the ambulance service inventory and it was decided that a list will be presented at the next meeting to surplus all ambulance inventory.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from March 3 & 18 and April 7, 2026; motion by Schmidt to approve the proceedings, seconded by Brandis.

Commission reviewed claims for May and claims paid out of meeting in April. Motion by Schmidt to approve the claims as follows, second by Brandis.

ELECTIONS

ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	THERMAL EXPRESS VOTE CARDS	62.82
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	AUDIO FOR EXPRESS VOTE	573.40
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	THERMAL PAPER DS200	77.48
AUDITOR		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	23.97
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	46.50
FIRST BANK & TRUST	MICROSOFT365	46.02
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
TREASURER		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	MICROSOFT365	46.01
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
COURT APPOINTED ATTY		
DIANA BONI	47CRI26-000011	256.20
AISHA CARR	47CRI25-009	462.31
AISHA CARR FILE	47JUV25-017	880.85
KELSEY RUBY FILE	47CRI26-0928	1478.15
KELSEY RUBY FILE	47CRI26-22	673.90
SDACC	2ND QUARTER CLERP	582.00
COURTHOUSE		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	188.68
H & O ELECTIC & SHEETMETAL, IN	REPAIR COVE HEATERS	1993.30
RUNNINGS	PAINT/YARD SUPPLIES	219.93
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	MICROSOFT365	46.02
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	195.00
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MCLEOD'S	MORTGAGE RECORD	428.80
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
PHONE/INTERNET		
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00061477-3	415.27
SHERIFF		
ALL AROUND GRAPHIX	DEPUTY SHIRTS	272.00
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES & RADIOS	315.92
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	INVOICE INSU429020	1299.67
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	INVOICE INSU404218	1299.67
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	INVOICE INSU430573	34.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	INVOICE INSU432734	414.00
CAPITAL CITY FORD	FORD EXPLORER	65.30
CAPITAL CITY FORD	WHITE FORD	433.09
CENEX FLEET FUELING	SHERIFF FUEL	1942.88
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	VEHICLE REPAIRS	831.75
FIRST BANK & TRUST	MICROSOFT365	138.05
THE LODGE DEADWOOD	SHERIFF CONVENTION	690.00
W.W. TIRE SERVICE INC	WHITE FORD REPAIRS	642.69
JAIL		
CITY OF WINNER	MARCH PRISONER HOUSING	10640.00
CITY OF WINNER	MARCH PRISONER TRANSPORT	474.96
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER	32.00
WINNER PHARMACY	MB PRESCRIPTIONS	10.57
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AMBULANCE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY	MED OXY	36.15
ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	46.50

BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	CAT117 REPAIR	1700.00
CENEX FLEET FUELING	HIGHWAY UNLEADED	284.33
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	GARBAGE	74.34
CORKYS AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	245.99
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	916.72
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	TRUCK REPAIRS	210.89
TRIPP COUNTY WATER	WOOD SHOP	16.00
WEX BANK	HIGHWAY UNLEADED	88.76
E-911 SERVICES		
CITY OF WINNER	FEBRUARY 911 SURCHARGE	2305.92
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00077890-7	52.66
FIRE PROTECTION		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	25.50
FIRST BANK & TRUST	CARPET EMS BLDG	571.32
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00006912-5	36.26
EMERG/DISASTER SERV		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PHONE CASE & SCREEN PROTECTOR	19.99
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	25.50
FIRST BANK & TRUST CARPET	EMS BLDG	571.32
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00006912-5	36.26

PAYROLL

April 3, 2026

Commission	1133.14
Auditor	2685.26
Treasurer	1748.46
States Attorney	2624.38
Courthouse	1626.31
Director of Equalization	2079.56
Register of Deeds	3079.28
IT-Website	340.97
Sheriff	11802.17
Highway	6256.96

April 17, 2026

Commission	2126.71
Auditor	3164.01
Treasurer	2341.58
States Attorney	3217.48
Courthouse	2201.81
Director of Equalization	2487.83
Register of Deeds	3408.58
IT-Website	428.02
Sheriff	13675.96
Highway	8687.56

Commission reviewed the following reports:

Register of Deeds collected \$5069.50 for the month of April. Clerk of Courts collected \$2523.01 for the month of March 2026. Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of March 31, 2026 is as follows: Actual cash \$500.00; Checks \$6015.88; Credit Card Payments \$132.00. First Fidelity Checking \$1,620,238.06; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$1,977,135.94.

Next meeting scheduled to be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 5th day of June 2026

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor