

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
June 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 June 5, 2026 at 9:05 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wes Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith, States Attorney Kirby Krogman, and Sheriff Trevor Willcuts.

The pledge of allegiance was recited

All motions are to be considered unanimous unless otherwise stated.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of SD511 and City of White River addresses under new business by Schmidt, seconded by Brandis.

Open Visitors/Public Comment: None present.

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte provided an update to the commission on work completed in May. Auditor Galbraith presented Butler Equipment Maintenance Plans for all CAT equipment since the current contracts are expiring. Motion by Schmidt to purchase three year plans for the CAT 950GC loader for \$4209, CAT 140M motor grader for \$13,278, and CAT 150-15AWD motor grader for \$11,328; second by Brandis. Will wait on the CAT 140M that is currently in the shop in Pierre. Commisison discussed purchasing pit run gravel from the Green Pit for \$2 per ton. Motion by Schmidt to purchase the quantity of gravel they have available, second by Brandis. Commission reviewed Resolution 2-2026 to change a speed limit. Motion by Schmidt to approve the following resolution, second by Brandis.

RESOLUTION 2-2026
MELLETTE COUNTY SPEED LIMIT
271st Avenue & 265th Street

WHEREAS, Pursuant to SDCL 32-24-9.1, the Board of County Commissioners may determine and establish speed zones upon all or any part of the highways under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Mellette County Commission, has received a request from the Mellette County Highway Department to post the speed limit below the default 45 mph due to safety concerns of the county roads, and

WHEREAS, it appears necessary to reduce the speed limit on Mellette County Highway 271st Avenue from SD Hwy 44 North two (2) mile to 265th Street and from 271st Avenue and 265th Street interesction West one and a half (1.5) miles to provide for the safety and welfare of the residents and travelers on such highways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the speed limit on Mellette County Highway 271st Avenue from SD Hwy 44 North two (2) mile to 265th Street and from 271st Avenue and 265th Street interesction West one and a half (1.5) miles be set at 35 MPH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of this resolution as provided by state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Mellette shall request and authorize the Mellette County Sheriff to strictly enforce the speed restrictions, as established by this resolution.

Vote of Mellette County Commission:

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Dated this 5th day of June, 2026 at White River, South Dakota.

Commission discussed the rates for the Road Groom, Disc, and Retreiver. Motin by Schmidt to set the rate for the Road Groom and Disc at \$100 per hour; and to set the rate for the Retreiver on the motor grader at \$200 per hour, second by Brandis.

Unfinished Business: Commission discussed ambulances, cots, and other supplies. Motion by Schmidt to surplus both ambulances, cots and other supplies that are not needed; items will be sold by auction on Purplewave, second by Brandis. Commission discussed the renewal of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and what is currently being worked on with it.

New Business: States Attorney Kirby Krogman discussed with he Commission a conflict for the Equalization Appeals that are being addressed in Circuit Court. Chairman Brown called for executive session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(3) to discuss legal at 9:17 am; Chairman Brown declared executive session ending at 9:39 am. Motion by Schmidt to have Zach Pahlke of Pahlke Law Office represent the county, second by Schmidt. SD Game Fish & Parks joined the meeting to present the Commission with an update of fiscal year 2025 Wildlife Damage Management. Auditor Galbraith discussed with Commission transferring money from the County checking account at First Fidelity Bank to a Money Market account to earn higher interest. Motion by Schmidt to transfer \$800,000 with Auditor Jenny Galbraith and Treasurer Rose Moran being the official signatory authority on the account, second by Brandis. Commission discussed the sheriff and highway superintendent being able to participate in the SD511 system, Emergency Manager Cassie Beckwith is working on gaining them access to this. Motin by Schmidt to have her proceed with getting their access, second by Brandis. Sheriff Trevor Willcuts joined the meeting to discuss the current Sheriff's Office fleet and requested to purchase 2 vehicles from Chicago Motors, vehicles will be equipped except for radar and radios. Motion by Brandis to purchase 2 vehicles a 2021 Ford Explorer and 2021 Dodge Durango and declare the 2019 Ford Explorer as surplus to be traded in for a total of \$46,790.00, second by Schmidt.

2026 Primary Election Canvass: Commission reviewed the DS200 tabulation tape, precinct recap sheets, and official canvass from TotalVote. No discrepancies were found. Motion by Schmidt to approve and sign the canvass certificate, second by Brandis.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from May 5 & 21, 2026; motion by Schmidt to approve the proceedings, seconded by Brandis.

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

COMMISSIONERS

MELLETTE COUNTY NEWS	MAY PROCEEDINGS	152.76
MELLETTE COUNTY NEWS	EQUALIZATION BOARD NOTICE	37.24
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ELECTIONS

STANA BLACKWELL	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
STANA BLACKWELL	ELECTION MILEAGE	9.80
JERRY BOTTGER	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
JERRY BOTTGER	ELECTION SCHOOL	40.00
NIKKI BRYAN	PRIMARY COUNTING/RESOLUTION	75.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION SUPPLIES	460.76
ALEXIS GALBRAITH	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
JENNY GALBRAITH	ELECTION MAIL	12.50
JENNY GALBRAITH	ELECTION DAY MILEAGE	163.80
ALYSSA GALBRAITH	PRIMARY COUNTING/RESOLUTION	75.00
NELL HEYING	PRIMARY ELECTION SUPER	285.00
NELL HEYING	ELECTION SCHOOL	40.00
NELL HEYING	ELECTION SCHOOL MILEAGE	28.00
NELL HEYING	ELECTION DAY MILEAGE	33.60

VANESSA HIGHT	PRIMARY ELECTION SUPER	285.00
VANESSA HIGHT	ELECTION MILEAGE	2.80
DAWN LETELLIER	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
DAWN LETELLIER	ELECTION DAY MILEAGE	7.00
CHARLENE LOLLEY	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
CHARLENE LOLLEY	ELECTION SCHOOL	40.00
MELLETTE COUNTY NEWS	ELECTION PUBLISHING	672.65
MELLETTE COUNTY NEWS	ELECTION PUBLISHING	35.91
DEANNA MURRA	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
DEANNA MURRA	ELECTION MILEAGE	1.68
NORRIS TOWNSHIP HALL	HALL USE PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE	25.00
NORRIS TOWNSHIP HALL	HALL USE ELECTION NOVEMBER	25.00
CLEONE RASSMUSSON	PRIMARY COUNTING/RESOLUTION	75.00
LORI SCHMIDT	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
LORI SCHMIDT	ELECTION SCHOOL	40.00
LORI SCHMIDT	ELECTION DAY & SCHOOL MILEAGE	51.80
PATTI STROMER	PRIMARY ELECTION SUPER	285.00
PATTI STROMER	ELECTION SCHOOL	40.00
SUSAN TAFT	PRIMARY ELECTION SUPER	285.00
SUSAN TAFT	ELECTION SCHOOL	40.00
SUSAN TAFT	ELECTION DAY & SCHOOL MILEAGE	88.20
SHAWN TUTTLE	PRIMARY ELECTION	275.00
SHAWN TUTTLE	ELECTION DAY MILEAGE	22.40
AUDITOR		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	223.81
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DESK MAT	34.99
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	46.50
FIRST BANK & TRUST	EMAIL RENEWAL	31.85
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
TREASURER		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	EMAIL RENEWAL	31.85
ROSE MORAN	MILEAGE PIERRE WORKSHOP	218.40
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
COURT APPOINTED ATTY		
AISHA CARR	ATTORNEY FEES	6046.98
FISCHER LAW OFFICE LLC	47CRI25-21	1606.88
KELSEY RUBY FILE	47CRI25-66	549.55
KELSEY RUBY FILE	47CRI26-000013	1049.25
SANDY STEFFEN	47CRI21-75	820.68
COURTHOUSE		
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	PAPER PRODUCTS & TRASH BAGS	323.52
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	341.98
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	MOWING FUEL	46.69
FIRST BANK & TRUST	FLOOR SUPPLIES	150.99
MID-AMERICAN CHEMICAL	CLEANING SUPPLIES	511.08
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	EMAIL RENEWAL	31.85
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	ANNUAL SERVICE	3375.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	EMAIL RENEWAL	31.85
FIRST BANK & TRUST	CONFERENCE HOTEL	104.38
STANLEY KROGMAN SR	PIERRE WORKSHOP MILEAGE	109.20
PREDATORY ANIMAL		
SD STATE TREASURER GFP	PREDATORY ANIMAL	1982.19

PHONE/INTERNET

GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES

SHERIFF

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES

AT&T MOBILITY CELL

CAPITAL CITY FORD

CAPITAL CITY FORD

CENEX FLEET FUELING

FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC

FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC

FIRST BANK & TRUST

GILLEN'S STATION

JEFF'S GUN VAULT

SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SDML - AFFILIATES

VERIZON

WEX BANK

JAIL

CITY OF WINNER

CITY OF WINNER

CITY OF WHITE RIVER

WINNER PHARMACY

WINNER PHARMACY

WINNER PHARMACY

CORONER

KATHERINE O'BRIEN

MENTALLY ILL

MINNEHAHA CO

ROAD & BRIDGE

AT&T MOBILITY

BUTLER MACHINERY CO.

CENEX FLEET FUELING

CHANDLERS INC

CITY OF WHITE RIVER

FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC

GILLEN'S STATION

GILLEN'S STATION

HARRY K NAPA

RUNNINGS

TRIPLE N CONSTRUCTION

TRIPP CO. WATER USER DISTRICT

TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES

VERIZON

WEX BANK

E-911 SERVICES

GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES

FIRE PROTECTION

CITY OF WHITE RIVER

GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES

TWO WAY SOLUTIONS INC

EMERG/DISASTER SERV

AT&T MOBILITY

CITY OF WHITE RIVER

GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES

PHONE/INTERNET

SUPPLIES

UNIFORM PANTS

PHONES & RADIOS

VEHICLE REPAIR

VEHICLE REPAIRS

FUEL

SUPPLIES

WASHER FLUIDS

EMAIL RENEWAL

FUEL

QUALIFYING AMMO

LAB FEES

SHERIFF'S CONVENTION

ASSET MANAGEMENT

UNLEADED FUEL

PRISONER BOARD

PRISONER TRANSPORT

WATER/SEWER

PRISONER MED

PRISONER MED

PRISONER MED

MILEAGE - SERVING PAPERS

MENTALLY ILLNESS EXPENSE

CELL PHONE

REPAIRS

FUEL

BLADE DOOR GLASS

GARBAGE

SHOP SUPPLIES

BATTERY

2 TIRES

SHOP SUPPLIES & TOOLS

SHOP SUPPLIES

HAUL MOTOR GRADER TO FT PIERRE

WATER WOOD SHOP

SERVER RETENTION

ASSET MANAGEMENT

UNLEADED FUEL

PHONE

WATER/SEWER

PHONE/INTERNET

INSTALL WHO'S RESPONDING

CELL PHONE/RADIO

WATER/SEWER

PHONE/INTERNET

411.83

103.04

97.46

315.90

32.39

61.49

1637.75

8.99

6.04

31.85

70.00

191.94

235.00

270.00

63.51

425.83

15124.00

857.00

32.00

23.79

54.09

10.57

45.50

176.83

46.50

1569.21

285.71

405.00

74.34

417.17

229.95

298.00

341.72

86.41

1052.64

14.40

48.75

79.39

439.38

52.66

31.11

36.26

459.99

63.53

31.11

36.26

MELLETT COUNTY NEWS	MEETING NOTICE	15.96
STATE MOTOR VEH.COLL		
SD STATE TREASURER	TREAS MOTOR VEH FEES	41642.40
SD STATE TREASURER	ROD VITAL REC TO VITAL REC FUN	394.00
SD STATE TREASURER	ROD VITAL REC TO GF	248.00
SD STATE TREASURER	BIRTH FEE - CHILD TRUST ADD ON	88.00
SD STATE TREASURER	DRIVER LICENSING	2263.00
SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	MAY M&P	58.00

PAYROLL

May 1, 2026

Commission	1133.14
Auditor	2689.85
Treasurer	2846.51
States Attorney	2624.36
Courthouse	1611.20
Director of Equalization	2055.29
Register of Deeds	2813.92
IT-Website	340.95
Sheriff	11000.32
Highway	6419.26
Emergency Management	248.43

May 15, 2026

Commission	2070.47
Auditor	2984.94
Treasurer	2313.46
States Attorney	3189.37
Courthouse	2191.31
Director of Equalization	2610.70
Register of Deeds	3605.30
Sheriff	13169.03
Coroner	355.24
Highway	7633.96
Emergency Management	248.42

May 29, 2026

Commission	894.53
Auditor	2644.11
Treasurer	2832.78
States Attorney	2624.38
Courthouse	1613.72
Director of Equalization	2103.24
Register of Deeds	3232.93
Sheriff	10943.77
Highway	6677.85
Emergency Management	248.42

Commission reviewed the following reports:

Register of Deeds collected \$5506.50 for the month of May. Clerk of Courts collected \$3357.59 for the month of April 2026. Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of April 30, 2026 is as follows: Actual cash \$599.60; Checks \$88,774.69; Credit Card Payments \$74.40. First Fidelity Checking \$2,085,464.12; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$2,525,162.81.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 5th day of June 2026

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor