

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
July 30, 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 30, 2026 at 9:15 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wes Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith and States Attorney Kirby Krogman.

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 Ambulance and Sheriff's Office by Schmidt, seconded by Brandis.

Visitors Present: Lonnie Schultz and Brandon Watson. Schultz discussed signs that he wanted to put up by his residence on the county road, this will be added to the agenda on the August 4, 2026 meeting. Watson stated he was present for the Sheriff's Office.

2026 Primary Run Off 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.

Ambulance: Commission discussed the ambulance service and the ambulances that were surplus and currently listed on Purplewave Auction Service. Motion by Schmidt to pull the red ambulance from the auction and to leave the blue ambulance, second by Brandis.

Sheriff's Office: Commission discussed the current employee status of the Sheriff's office. Willcuts was unable to hire previously approved deputy and requested that Brandon Watson be hired. Motion by Schmidt to hire Watson with an effective date of July 30, 2026 at starting deputy wage for the 6 month probationary period, second by Brandis.

Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 4th day of August 2026

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor