

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
August 4, 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 August 4, 2026 at 9:04 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wes Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith, States Attorney Kirby Krogman, Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte, Sheriff Trevor Willcuts and Deputy Sheriff Lonnie Schultz.

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 PDM Plan, WebSite Management and EMS building generator 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 July and updates on equipment and equipment needs. Commission discussed the City of Murdo has some a retriever for a motor grader listed on Big Iron that the county may be interested in. Tre will check this equipment out and see if it would be useful. Motion by Schmidt to bid on the item up to \$5000, second by Brandis.

2027 Provisional Budget: Commission reviewed the 2027 provisional budget. Motion by Schmidt to approve the provisional budget, second by Brandis. Budget hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Unfinished Business: Commission discussed a resident that was requesting signs placed on their road. Motion by Schmidt to allow the cautionary signs "Watch Children" installed by the county highway department as long as the resident pays for the signs, second by Brandis. States Attorney Krogman discussed with Commission that per state law the Treasurer although appointed needs to be paid salary and not hourly. Motion by Schmidt to change Treasurer back to salary, second by Brandis.

New Business: Clerk of Courts received a request from UJS State of South Dakota to allow a TV to be mounted in the courtroom, they will provide the equipment and the county will install. Motion by Schmidt to approve the request, second by Brandis. Auditor Galbraith requested that the election precinct workers who handled three precincts be paid an additional amount. Motion by Schmidt to pay each one an additional \$50, second by Brandis. Auditor Galbraith requested that the Commission meetings be recorded and posted live on the website. Commission discussed different platforms, Auditor Galbraith will check into different ones before the September meeting and have full details then. Commission discussed WebSite management and options. Motion by Schmidt to no longer pay Haley Gallant for managing the website and Factor360 will be paid for any major updates, second by Brandis. Commission discussed that the backup generator at the EMS building is not working, Auditor Galbraith will contact someone to service it and look at service contracts.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Willcuts informed the Commission that the county is receiving a K9 grant from the State of SD for obtaining a drug dog. Commission discussed with Willcuts the need to hire another deputy. Willcuts has been talking with a person who is interested and has a drug dog that he would like to use while employed here. Motion by Schmidt to allow Willcuts to hire and terminate staff as he sees fit to maintain the Sheriff's Office, second by Brandis. Motion by Schmidt to insure the drug dog if Willcuts can hire the deputy that is interested, second by Brandis. Willcuts discussed with the Commission the need to update firearms in the Sheriff's Office. A quote was received from Jeff's Gun Vault for 4 Springfield Echelon 9mm's with 8 extra magazines and trading in of the current firearms for \$2734.88. Motion by Schmidt to purchase these from Jeff's Gun Vault, second by Brandis.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from July 7, 15, and 30, 2026; motion by Schmidt to approve the proceedings, seconded by Brandis.

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

COMMISSIONERS

IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	20.00
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ELECTIONS

ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ABSENTEE, CODING & SAMPLE BALLOTS	143.07
FIRST BANK & TRUST	POSTAGE	15.92

AUDITOR

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
FIRST FIDELITY BANK	ACH PAYROLL FEE	50.00
IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	10.00
DEPT OF TREASURY	941 FILING PENALTY	654.86
AMAZON	PAPER	63.40
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75

TREASURER

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	15.00
AMAZON	PAPER	63.40
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75

STATE'S ATTORNEY

IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	10.00
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COURT APPOINTED ATTY

AISHA CARR	ATTORNEY FEES	2130.98
KELSEY RUBY	ATTORNEY FEES	1136.25
SANDY STEFFEN	ATTORNEY FEES	5850.67

COURTHOUSE

CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	326.90
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	MOWER FUEL	35.62
IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	10.00
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE	754.22

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION

AMAZON	3-RING BINDERS	37.62
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	10.00
AMAZON	PAPER	63.40
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75

REGISTER OF DEEDS

IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	5.00
AMAZON	PAPER	63.40
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPY MACHINE	35.00

IT & WEBSITE

FACTOR360	WEBSITE DESIGN	2480.00
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PHONE/INTERNET

SHERIFF

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GUN CLEANING/DUTY BELTS/BADGE HLD	311.91
CENEX FLEET FUELING	FUEL	3178.03
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	REPAIRS/WASHER FLUID/FUEL	98.73
FIRST BANK & TRUST	HATS/NAME PATCHES/FORMS	682.74
WEX BANK	FUEL	601.12
IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	30.00
AMAZON	DUTY BELTS	94.98
FIRST BANK & TRUST	POSTAGE	51.90

MODERN MARKETING	STAR STICKERS	483.34
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPY MACHINE & OFFICE SUPPLIES	217.66
JAIL		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER	32.00
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE	111.47
CITY OF WINNER	JUNE INMATE HOUSING	11476.00
CITY OF WINNER	MAY INMATE HOUSING	10716.00
CITY OF WINNER	JUNE INMATE TRANSPORT	329.08
CITY OF WINNER	MAY INMATE TRANSPORT	578.22
CRS	INMATE INSURANCE	210.00
CRS	INMATE INSURANCE	217.00
CRS	INMATE INSURANCE	275.10
DAVIDSON COUNTY	INMATE HOUSING – COURTESY HOLD	105.00
WINNER PHARMACY	INMATE PRESCRIPTION	34.36
HISTORICAL MUSEUM		
MC HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ANNUAL SUPPORT	250.00
ROAD & BRIDGE		
BUTLER	BLADE REPAIR	5581.76
CENEX FLEET FUELING	FUEL	477.77
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	GARBAGE	74.34
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	GREASE/HYD FLUID/OIL/SUPPLIES	681.33
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	SEMI REPAIR	188.14
TRIPP CO WATER	WATER/WOOD SHOP	16.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
WEX BANK	FUEL	368.61
IBC	MERP ADMIN FEE	10.00
AMAZON	PAPER	53.38
CHERRY TODD	WR & WOOD SHOP ELECTRIC	177.57
CHS	DYED DIESEL	2957.58
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	TRUCK REPAIRS	188.14
HARRY K NAPA	PARTS	105.99
LACREEK ELECTRIC	NORRIS SHOP ELECTRIC	85.47
NATIONAL SIGN COMPANY	SIGNS	352.94
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	102.40
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
E-911 SERVICES		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET	20.28
FIRE PROTECTION		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BUILDING	18.50
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE EMS BLDG	86.17
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE WOOD	196.98
EMERG/DISASTER SERV		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BUILDING	18.50
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS	RADIO TOWER	14926.18
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS	RE-LICENSING FREQ. CHANNEL	850.00
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE EMS BLDG	86.18
SD STATE TREASURER		
SD STATE TREASURER	JUNE REVENUE SUBMISSION	42766.57
JUNE TAX APPORTIONMENT		
WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DSIT	APPORTIONMENT	47348.41
CITY OF WOOD	APPORTIONMENT	691.37
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	APPORTIONMENT	2421.80
BADNATION TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	370.16
BLACKPIPE TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	2387.25
BUTTE TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	321.57

CODY TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	610.08
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	695.57
MOSHER TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	128.76
NEW SURPRISE VALLEY	APPORTIONMENT	230.08
NORRIS TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	225.53
PROSPECT TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	64.02
REDFISH TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	411.76
ROCKYFORD TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	354.30
ROSEBUD TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	539.10
RUNNINGBIRD TOWNSHIP	APPORTIONMENT	192.80
SURPRISE VALLEY	APPORTIONMENT	102.60
WEST RIVER WATER	APPORTIONMENT	300.62

PAYROLL

July 8, 2026

Commission	1171.22
Auditor	2589.19
Treasurer	2720.22
States Attorney	2624.36
Courthouse	1783.60
Director of Equalization	2039.31
Register of Deeds	2904.35
Sheriff	10830.60
Highway	7232.21
Emergency Management	248.43

July 22, 2026

Commission	2064.02
Auditor	3501.46
Treasurer	3180.56
States Attorney	3184.32
Courthouse	760.07
Director of Equalization	2492.61
Register of Deeds	3441.05
IT/Website	422.03
Sheriff	16608.83
Highway	7874.80
Emergency Management	248.41

Commission reviewed the following reports:

Register of Deeds collected \$5359.00 for the month of July. Clerk of Courts collected \$2129.21 for the month of June 2026. Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of June 30, 2026 is as follows: Actual cash \$768.37; Checks \$15,183.30; Credit Card Payments \$343.73. First Fidelity Checking \$1,166,552.07; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$2,333,097.47.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 1st day of September 2026

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor