

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 1, 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 September 1, 2026 at 9:04 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wes Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith, Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte, and Highway Maintenance Matt Bartlett.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

All motions are to be considered unanimous unless otherwise stated.

A motion was made by Schmidt to approve the agenda with the addition of Ambulance – David Larson, second by Brandis

Visitors & Public Comment: Cleone Rasmusson discussed her concerns with the YouTube video that was done with law enforcement and how it portrayed Mellette County. Deputy Lonnie Schultz attended the meeting and Deputy Brandon Watson and Sheriff Trevor Willcuts joined the meeting later.

2027 Provisional Budget Hearing: No public appeared in regard to the proposed 2027 budget and no changes were made to the Provisional Budget. Budget will be reviewed along with funding sources at the meeting scheduled for September 22, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte provided an update to the commission on work completed in August. Iyotte discussed with the Commission that Highway Maintenance worker Matt Bartlett is at the end of his 6-month probationary period. Commission reviewed Bartlett's current wage of \$18.00 per hour. Motion by Schmidt to increase wages to \$21.00 per hour, second by Brandis. Commission discussed the county's 5 Year Highway Plan update. Will work with Brosz Engineering and compete update at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Galbraith discussed with the Commission recording of the meetings via a YouTube Channel with a link on the website and Facebook. No decision made and will revisit at October meeting. In regard to the generator at the EMS building not working, Dakota Power Services was contacted and they will come out and perform repairs and add it to their annual maintenance schedule. Commission discussed the PDM plan update and where it is currently at in the process.

New Business: Auditor Galbraith discussed with Commission removing a couple of trees on the north west corner of the courthouse block, they are leaning toward the street and one is leaning over the old library. Galbraith will get a quote and discuss at next meeting. Galbraith informed the Commission that the downspouts from the roof are becoming disconnected and leaking into the building, will contact Andrew at Heart City and see what the fix for this will be. Galbraith discussed with the Commission the updated employee manual and that there were a couple more changes that should be made, will upload to Google Drive and discuss further at the September 22nd meeting after Commission reviews. Commission discussed a YouTube video that was published about Mellette County, Commission will discuss further with Sheriff Willcuts. Regarding the Mellette County ambulance, David Larson purchased it from Purplewave Auction and wants to sell it back to the county as he feels that the county needs an ambulance. Motion by Schmidt to purchase the ambulance back for \$3100, second by Brandis.

Sheriff's Office: Commission reviewed timesheets for the Sheriff's office but did not have the logs from asset management, Commission will discuss with Willcuts having these at the next meeting.

Chairman Brown called for executive session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel at 11:09 am. Chairman Brown declared executive session ending at 1:02 pm.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from August 4, 2026; motion by Schmidt to approve the proceedings, seconded by Brandis.

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

COMMISSIONERS

MELLETT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	142.12
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ELECTIONS

PRECINCT WORKERS & COUNTING BOARD	PRIMARY RUN OFF ELECTION	2358.70
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COURTS

PHOENIX INVESTIGATIONS	INVESTIGATION	3213.04
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AUDITOR

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	FILE FOLDERS	55.29
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PAPER	59.95
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE - 2 MONTHS	95.34
FIRST BANK & TRUST	COUNTY CONVENTION	250.00
FIRST BANK & TRUST	ADOBE SUBSCRIPTION	229.41
FIRST BANK & TRUST	LATE FEES	106.06
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
MELLETT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	190.32
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	24.27

TREASURER

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ENVELOPES	28.76
FIRST BANK & TRUST	COUNTY CONVENTION	250.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	24.27

COURTHOUSE

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PAPER PRODUCTS	15.35
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	185.68
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	CLEANING SUPPLIES	653.96
PYE-BARKER	FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	568.12
CHERRY TODD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	919.51
CHS	PROPANE	798.23

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	24.27

REGISTER OF DEEDS

FIRST BANK & TRUST	COUNTY CONVENTION	250.00
UP NORTH RECYCLING LLC	SHRED BIN	8.75
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	35.00
SDACC	M&P RELIEF FUND JULY	60.00

PHONE/INTERNET

GOLDENWEST	PHONE/INTERNET SERVICE	398.87
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SHERIFF

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GUN LIGHTS	329.56
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TACTICAL HOLSTER & DUTY BELT	346.94
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES/RADIOS - 2 MONTHS	717.44
CENEX FLEET FUELING	UNLEADED FUEL	1954.66
WEX BANK	UNLEADED FUEL	531.45

JEFF'S GUN VAULT	FIREARMS/MAGAZINES	2734.88
OFFICE PRODCUTS	COPIER	35.00
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	LAB FEES	385.00
VERIZON	ASSET MANAGEMENT	64.62
JAIL		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER	32.00
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE	166.14
CHS	PROPANE	414.01
MENTALLY ILL		
HORN LAW OFFICE	MENTAL HEALTH EVAL	189.10
YANKTON CO SHERIFF	SHERIFF FEES - CIVIL PAPERS	50.00
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	MENTAL HEALTH EVALS	1327.94
ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE - 2 MONTHS	95.34
CENEX FLEET FUELING	UNLEADED FUEL	90.32
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	GARBAGE	74.34
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	OIL/FILTERS/BRAKE VALVE	1108.65
SD DOT FINANCE OFFICE	INVOICE S00148777 BRIDGE INSP	1567.99
TRIPP CO. WATER USER DISTRICT	WOOD SHOP WATER	16.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES SERVER	RETENTION	48.75
WEX BANK	UNLEADED FUEL	320.25
A&A TIRE	TIRES & SERVICE CALL	2229.73
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE	134.72
CHS	PROPANE & DIESEL	8835.42
GOLDENWEST	INTERNET	66.32
LACREEK ELECTRIC	NORRIS SHOP ELECTRIC	64.61
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	24.26
VERIZON	ASSET MANAGEMENT	100.63
DEBT SERVICE		
FIRST FIDELITY BANK	24 CAT PRINCIPAL PMT	58712.68
FIRST FIDELITY BANK	24 CAT INTEREST PMT	8278.22
E-911 SERVICE		
GOLDENWEST	PHONE SERVICE	31.01
FIRE PROTECTION		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	58.66
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE EMS BLDG	74.01
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE WOOD FH	124.34
GOLDENWEST	PHONE/INTERNET	37.04
EMERG/DISASTER SERV		
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE & RADIO - 2 MONTHS	81.15
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	58.66
MELLETTE COUNTY NEWS	PUBLIC MTG NOTICE	9.00
CHERRY TODD	ELECTRIC SERVICE EMS BLDG	74.00
GOLDENWEST	PHONE/INTERNET	37.04
STATE MOTOR VEH COLLECTION		
SD STATE TREASURER	JULY TREASURER MOTOR VEH	38602.86

Commission reviewed the following reports:

Clerk of Courts collected \$12049.90 for the month of July 2026. Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of July 31, 2026 is as follows: Actual cash \$744.80; Checks \$2170.30; Credit Card Payments \$417.90. First Fidelity Checking \$1,036,076.08; First Fidelity Money Market \$800,000; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$2,189,659.08.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 22nd day of September 2026

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor