

Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting

Date: October 7, 2025
Present: Commissioners Foster, Campbell, Schweitzer, Henderson, Carmichael and Finance Officer Stadler
Others Present: Cody Green, Kelly Serr, Tracy Collins, Ida Sander, Tracy Hafner, Shane Penfield and Arlis Seim, press.

Call to Order
Chairman Carmichael called the Regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Conflict of Interest
There was no Conflict of Interest to declare.

Approval of the Agenda
Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes
Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the Minutes from the September 2nd Regular Meeting, motion carried.

- Monthly Reports
- Finance Officer’s Account with the Deputy Finance Officer - To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Perkins County: I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the Deputy Finance Officer of this County as of September 30, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,152,557.09, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$25,725.13; Certificates of Deposit \$507,535.83; Total \$3,686,018.05. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each government entity after being apportioned.
 - Sheriff’s Fees in the amount of \$233.46 were reviewed.
 - Motor Vehicle fees for the month of September were reviewed.
 - Register of Deed’s fees in the amount of \$1,722.50 were reviewed.
 - Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: T. McCartney 10-1

Correspondence – Blessed Sacrament Church - raffle

- Highway Department – Cody Green
- Monthly Project & Maintenance Report – Superintendent Green reported on graveling Chance Road and Rolling Hills Road. Green reported that the last 6 miles of Chance Road to Highway 20 will be completed in the next week. The crew has been working on mowing for the Fall/Winter and if time and weather allows 2 Operators will be blading county roads.
 - RAIF Application – Superintendent Green reported that he received a RAIF application from Fredlund Township to request funding for 3 culvert projects. They are requesting funding for \$79,278.82. Applications will be approved or denied in January of 2026. Superintendent Green is also going to request RAIF funding for 2 culverts with riprap in Pleasant Valley Township. Green is anticipating a request for \$24,000 and will contract out the project.

10:30 am – Surplus Property Sealed Bid Auction
Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to open all received sealed bids, motion carried. The following bids were received:

2013 Ford Explorer (VIN ending in 1070)		2015 Ford Explorer (VIN ending in 8741)	
Tanner Johnson	\$3,005	Linda Hamand	\$1,500
Elyssa Barkman	\$2,850	Tanner Johnson	\$3,505
Travis Ismay	\$2,000	Noah Richards	\$3,007
Chase Williams	\$5,500	Elyssa Barkman	\$3,250
Evan Lopez	\$2,800	Tracy & Heidi Collins	\$8,100
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Foster moved, Henderson seconded to accept the high bid on the 2013 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FM5K8AR0DGC21070 of \$5,500 from Chase Williams, motion carried.

Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to accept the high bid on the 2015 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FM5K8AR7FGC08741 of \$8,100 from Tracy & Heidi Collins, motion carried.

DOE – Tracy Hafner

- Advertise for Hire – Hafner requested to hire a part-time employee to assist in the Director of Equalization office. Foster moved, Campbell seconded to allow Director of Equalization Hafner to advertise for hire effective immediately, motion carried.

Ida Sander – 2026 Wellmark Renewal

Insurance Agent Ida Sander was present to inform Commissioners that the insurance premiums for next year will increase 5.22% for Perkins County. Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to accept the 2026 Wellmark Renewal of the SimplyBlue 6000 Health Insurance Plan through Wellmark and to authorize Finance Officer Stadler to sign the 2026 renewal, motion carried.

Highway 5-Year Plan

Superintendent Green reviewed the Highway 5-Year Plan with the Commissioners. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to approve the Highway 5-Year Plan, Roll Call vote: Schweitzer aye, Campbell aye, Foster aye, Henderson aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr

- Sheriff's Mileage Rate – Sheriff Serr was in to request Commissioners allow the maximum allowable by law which is \$.08 above the State Rate. Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to set the mileage rate for the Sheriff's office to the maximum allowable by law, motion carried.
- Executive Session – Campbell moved, Foster seconded to declare Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) (3) (4) (6), motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 12:33 p.m.
- Law Enforcement Contracts – no action taken

States Attorney – Shane Penfield

- Open Meeting Laws - States Attorney Penfield reviewed open meeting laws with the Commissioners.

Finance Office - Sara Stadler

- Set November Meeting Date – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to set the November regular meeting date to Wednesday November 12th at 10:00 a.m. due to the 1st Tuesday following the 1st Wednesday being Veterans Day, motion carried.
- Adjust 5% and Cash Applied on 2026 Budget – Finance Officer Stadler discussed with the Department of Revenue about the 5% formula, which was incorrect. Stadler was advised to let Commissioners know that the approved Budget has the following adjustments. General Fund Cash Applied was 29,480 and has been corrected to 31,032. The General Fund 5% was 143,942 and was corrected to 145,494. The Road and Bridge Fund Cash Applied was 138,772 and is now corrected to 146,076. The Road and Bridge Fund 5% was 155,432 and was corrected to 162,736.
- Mileage Reimbursement increasing to \$.70/mile effective 10-1-2025. Finance Officer Stadler just wanted to inform the Commissioners of the updated increase of the State Rate mileage to \$.70/mile.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment September payroll: 84,854.92; IRS, FICA, 8,173.33; SD Retirement, 6,601.15; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico Life, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 20,375.48; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 252.01; HRA, reimbursements, 7,784.82; A&B, maint/supplies, 289.17; Americinn, travel, 343.05; Avera, prof. fees, 36.60; AT&T, utilities, 310.32; Beckman Tire, repairs, 1,968.25; Bison County Club, chemical, 101.50; Bison Courier, publishing, 92.87; Bison Grain, repairs, 29,533.06; Bison Imp, repairs, 4,321.69; Brosz, prof. fees, 3,575.00; Butler, repairs, 10.63; L. Carda, weed spraying, 850.00; CAVA, subsidy/collections, 1,790.00; County Drug, jail meds, 34.34; Current Conn, supplies/maint/equip, 3,404.41; Dakota Feed, chemicals, 1,575.00; Dakota Herald, publishing, 130.73; Legislative Audit, prof. fees, 23,312.00;

Floyd’s, repairs, 101.23; G&O, supplies, 682.70; Gooseneck, repairs, 746.05; Governors Inn, travel, 218.00; Grand, utilities, 1,304.39; Horizon, amb rent, 600.00; J. Stadler, cont. services, 300.00; Laufer Vermeer, maint. 70.96; Lemmon EMT, travel, 769.57; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 17.28; Lemmon Jr. Livestock, subsidy, 3,000.00; Matheson, supplies, 55.45; McLeod’s, supplies, 842.40; Meade Co, jail board, 3,135.00; Melling & Roseland, crt appt. atty, 2,330.64; National Sheriff’s Assn, dues, 125.00; NW Farm, supplies, 67.97; NW Tire, supplies, 7,799.68; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Perkins County Amb, travel, 1,690.73; Pitney Bowes, maint, 490.53; RDO, repairs, 7,555.11; Rushmore Comm, repairs, 1,258.50; SD Dept. of Health, prof. services, 490.00; SD Dept. of Public Safety, repairs, 2,340.00; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SD DOT, prof. fees, 26,916.16; Servall, supplies, 197.54; Tennant’s, repairs, 278.20; Town of Bison, utilities, 325.37; Verizon, utilities, 40.01; Visa, supplies/utilities, 3,504.96; West Group, law books, 494.17; WRCTC, utilities, 1,216.46.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman