

**Perkins County Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Date: February 10, 2026**

**Present: Commissioners Carmichael, Foster, Schweitzer, Henderson and Deputy Finance Officer Keller**

**Not Present: Commissioner Campbell and Finance Officer Stadler**

**Others Present: Cody Green, Dr. George Shipley, Doug Wessel, Joshua Beckman, Daniel Beckman, Tracy Hafner, 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

Henderson moved, Foster seconded to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Minutes from the January 6, 2026 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 January 31, 2026, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,867,953.48, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$25,728.37 Certificates of Deposit \$511,607.47; Total \$4,405,489.32. 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 \$1,333.85 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of January 2026 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$4,355.50 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: H. Stevens, C. Green.

Correspondence – none

Highway Department

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report. Green reported on repairs on gravel trailers and semi's, signing on all county roads, the completion of test spots on Prairie City Road, and the crew did spot gravel on the Bakke Road. Weather permitting, Green hopes to work on tree trimming.

- Set Equipment Rates – Foster moved, Henderson seconded to approve the 2026 Equipment Rates as follows:
 

○ Graders – MGo1, MGo6, MG15, MG16, MG16B, MG22, MG22A	\$120.00/hr
○ Graders with Snowplows	\$140.00/hr
○ Loaders – RTL19, RTL84, RTL95	\$100.00/hr
○ Loaders - TL24	\$75.00/hr
○ Snow Blowers – SB97	\$175.00/hr
○ Bobcat Blower	\$125.00/hr
○ Ridge Mulchers – RM02, SM23, SM23A	\$75.00/hr
○ Disk – DM18, DM25, DM25A	\$50.00/hr
○ Trucks – T14, T14A, T03A, T07A, T99, T02, T03, T14, T14A	\$90.00/hr
○ Trucks with Snowplow	\$100.00/hr
○ Gravel Trailers – GT02, GT07, GT92, GT99, GT14	\$45.00/hr
○ Tractors – MT19, MT19A, RT24	\$30.00/hr
○ Mowers – FWM3, FWM4, FWM5	\$30.00/hr

- Pickups \$30.00/hr
- Trailers – FB07, LB95, LB99 \$35.00/hr
- Packers – WRP14, WRP22, WRP23, WRP23A, WRP24 \$20.00/hr
- Astrolight Machine – DP21 \$200.00/hr
- 1000-Gal Oil Tanker – DT11 \$25.00/hr
- Sand Spreaders – SS12(T03A), SS97 (T14A), SS24 (T14) \$25.00/hr
- motion carried.
- Let Bids out for Gravel Crushing – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to let Bids out and advertise for gravel crushing for 50,000 Ton, motion carried.
- 2026 Bridge Inspection Resolution 2026-02 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the Bridge Reinspection program Resolution 2026-02 for use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts, Roll Call: Henderson aye, Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-02

Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution

For Use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts

*WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.*

*THEREFORE, Perkins County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.*

*The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineers, Inc (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.*

- Brosz – Bridge 53-281-151/ White Butte Rd over Lodgepole Creek – Doug Wessel with Brosz Engineering was present to give an update on the box culvert they are wanting to install. Total structure cost is \$3.1 million, while the detour cost is \$645,000. State will cover 81.95% of the cost, while Perkins County will be responsible for 18.05%. This percentage is calculated based off the tribal land within the state. Total cost to Perkins County will be \$675,000; of that \$560,000 will be paid towards the actual structure and \$115,000 will go towards Perkins County’s share of the detour. Wessel would like to let bids out next winter and construction done in 2027.
- Easements for Gravel Crushing - Henderson moved, Foster seconded to have Chairman Carmichael sign the Easement agreements for Bingaman Pit 1A and 1B, with royalty in the amount of \$.80/ton for gravel crushed and stockpiled, motion carried.

Finance Officer – Sara Stadler (via telephone)

- Election Worker Wages – tabled till next month
- SDPAA Intergovernmental Contract – Foster moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler to sign the SDPAA Intergovernmental Contract, motion carried.
- SDPAA Renewal – no action taken
- Macy Schiley – 4-H Internship Docusign – Finance Officer Stadler wanted to inform Commissioners that she signed the 4-H Docusign for Macy Schiley to do an internship through SDSU. Stadler had States Attorney Penfield approve the Docusign prior to her signature.

Director of Equalization – Tracy Hafner

- Open Position – Hafner would like to change her advertised part-time position to a full-time position, as she is unable to get any applicants currently. Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Hafner to advertise for a full-time position in the Director of Equalization Office, motion carried.
- Possible Plat for Cell Phone Tower – Hafner was concerned if she needed to Plat out the land where the cell phone has been constructed.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr

- Glock Update – Sheriff Serr would like to update their Glock pistols. The last update was from 2014. Serr wanted to confirm Commissioner approval as he will trade in the older Glock pistols.
- Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(3) Consult on a Legal Matter – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to declare an Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(3) to consult on a legal matter, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.

Set Gravel Rates for 2026 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the following Gravel Rates for 2026: Gravel \$6.60/Ton, Gravel to Private Individuals \$6.93/Ton, Chips \$13.20/Ton, and Sand at 6.60/Ton, motion carried.

Open Forum – Dr. George Shipley was present to request a proclamation to honor Joyce Waddell and her many years in education.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, January payroll: 79,988.32; IRS, FICA, 7,786.44; SD Retirement, 6,239.52; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico Life, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 21,951.10; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 252.01; HRA, reimbursements, 9,989.93; A&B Business, maint, 62.49; A&B Solutions, supplies, 95.37; American Engineering, prof. fees, 4,309.75; Auto Value, repairs, 9.40; Avera, prof. fees, 109.80; AT&T, utilities, 314.32; BH Council, fees, 1,575.00; Bison Courier, publishing, 218.20; Bison Fire, subsidy, 20,000.00; Bison Food, supplies, 75.99; Bison Grain, supplies, 149.76; Bison Imp, repairs, 1,715.94; Butler, repairs, 364.61; Credit Collection Bureau, prof fees, 26.25; Central Senior Citizens, subsidy, 4,000.00; Contractors Supply, supplies, 59.40; County Drug, jail meds, 16.10; Current Conn, supplies, 2,967.15; Dakota Herald, publishing, 243.71; Digital-Ally, repairs, 5,250.49; Discovery Benefits, prof fees, 1,026.00; Eagle Nest, repairs, 14,489.32; Fedex, postage, 80.61; G&O, supplies, 715.50; Godfrey, repairs, 347.31; Gooseneck, repairs, 5,910.05; Grand, utilities, 1,660.42; Hamand Tire, maint, 180.00; Karen Paige Hunt, crt. appt atty, 1,760.00; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 615.65; Kinney Law, crt appt atty, 2,390.41; LACED, subsidy, 15,000.00; Laufer Vermeer, repairs, 1,726.10; Lemmon EMT, travel, 628.37; Lindskov, repairs, 9,444.71; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 553.64; Matheson, repairs, 170.68; Meade Co, jail board, 5,035.00; M. Kronberg, contr. services, 380.00; Newman Signs, supplies, 1,032.37; NW Farm, supplies, 219.99; NW Tire, supplies, 972.62; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Planning and Dev. Districts, prof. fees, 500.00; Print Shop, supplies, 495.00; Ramkota, travel, 141.00; RDO, repairs, 6,753.92; Runnings, supplies, 455.40; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 60.00; SD DOT, prof. fees, 948.49; SD Assn. of CO Hwy, dues, 600.00; SDEMA, dues, 100.00; SDPAA, ins, 64,809.62; Servall, supplies, 421.77; Swanston, repairs, 1,520.44; Three Rivers, subsidy, 6,000.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 325.84; US Record, supplies, 7,272.84; J. Vanvactor, supplies, 68.67; Verizon, utilities, 40.01; Visa, supplies/utilities, 2,029.38; West Group, law books, 494.17; West River Vet, k9, 383.98; Western Communications, repairs, 120.00; WRCTC, utilities, 1,242.82.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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 Bridget Keller, Deputy Finance Officer

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 Kyle Carmichael, Chairman