

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: October 13, 2026

Present: Commissioners Carmichael, Foster, Campbell, Schweitzer and Finance Officer Stadler

Not Present: Henderson

Others Present: Cody Green, Tracy Hafner, Becky Krause, Noma Welter, Jerry Seidel, Arlis Seim, press.

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the Regular 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.

Agenda

Foster moved, Cambell seconded to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the Minutes from the September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting & the Special Teleconference Meeting on September 16, 2026, 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, 2026, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks 3,981,584.75. Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$12.50; Certificates of Deposit \$542,694.15; Total \$4,524,491.40. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each entity of government after being apportioned.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of September 2026 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$3,445.00 were reviewed.
- Sheriff fees in the amount of \$1,189.86 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: T. Mc Cartney 10-1.

Correspondence – Received from DANR (Dept of Agricultural & Natural Resources), Department of Revenue Senate Bill 96 Letter

Becky Krause – Hurry & Hustle Club – Becky Krause was in to request permission to put two solar signs for students passing from the Bison School to the Public Library across Coleman Ave. Commissioners agreed it was a good idea but have no control within the town of Bison.

Burn Ban – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to remove the Burn Ban effective today, 10-13-2026, Roll Call: Foster aye, Schweitzer aye, Campbell aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

5-year Highway Plan – Superintendent Green presented his 5-year Highway Plan. Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the 5-year Highway Plan and to authorize Chairman Carmichael and Finance Officer Stadler as signatories, motion carried.

Highway – Cody Green

Superintendent Green presented his Monthly Project & Maintenance Report. Green reported the crew is working on maintenance and repairs of equipment as needed. The crew is currently working on hauling gravel in the northwest & north central areas of the County, mowing along County roads, and have completed the ditch work on White Hill Road.

- Work Order for Brosz – Bixby Road Bridge structure #53-189-391 – near Brad Besler's – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the Work Order for Brosz, Bixby Road Bridge structure #53-189-391, motion carried.

Moratorium on Data Centers – Rusty Foster/Planning & Zoning Board – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to implement a 6-month moratorium effective today and to revisit the topic in 5 months, motion carried.

Register of Deeds – Heidi Stevens

- Surplus Property – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to have Chairman Carmichael appoint 3 real property owners to give value to the following items: keyboard, Dell Monitor, serial #CN-OT9M33-74445-17N-A571, Dell Tower, serial # CWY5FW2, Intel Tower, serial # 7LVC32, Calculator, serial #5D003338, motion carried.

Finance Office

- Quiet Title for Dacia Hilkemeier – Carmichael Signatory – tabled till next month
- Unorganized Castle Butte Township CD – Dacotah Bank requesting additional documentation from Commissioners and authorization of redemption
 - Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to accept the dissolution of Castle Butte Township from 4-13-2010, motion carried.
 - Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler to redeem the unorganized Castle Butte Township CD in the amount of \$12,467.20 and to place it in the Unorganized Township Fund to be used on Castle Butte Township roads only, motion carried.
- Contingency Transfers
 - Court Appointed Attorney – table until the last meeting in December 2026.
 - GIS Computer Programs – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve a Commissioners Contingency (101-112-429) transfer of \$50.00 to fund number 101-170-426.28 GIS Computer Programs due to an increased bill, motion carried.
- State Mileage Rate increasing to \$0.76/mile on October 1, 2026 – Finance Officer Stadler wanted to inform Commissioners of the increase in mileage reimbursement to \$0.76/mile effective 10-1-2026.
- Schedule November Meeting after General Election of Nov. 3rd – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to schedule the November Regular Commissioner Meeting to Wednesday, November 4th at 10 a.m., to canvass the General Election results, motion carried.
- Alcoholic Renewal License - Retail (on-sale) Liquor – Bison Country Club – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to renew the Retail (on-sale) Liquor license for the Bison Country Club for the year of 2027, motion carried.
- Lease Printers – Finance Officer Stadler consulted with Commissioners about possibly leasing printers. No action was taken at this time.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr (via phone)

- New Hire – Truainton Newsome – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to set Truainton Newsome's wage to \$22.87/hour effective his hire date of 10-6-2026, motion carried.
- Greg Karels – pending resignation – Sheriff Serr wanted to inform Commissioners of Greg Karels upcoming retirement in the next couple months.
- Byrne Jag Grant – Sheriff Serr would like to apply for a grant for tasers, and would like to request half of the cost, which would be around \$20,000. Commissioners gave Sheriff Serr permission to apply.
- Federal Immigration Program – Sheriff Serr wanted to consult with the Commissioners about an ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) program, known as the 287G Program. He is considering researching participating in this program and asked for the Commissioners' thoughts. The Commissioners concurred with the Sheriff in researching this further. If adopted, the Sheriff's Office would enter a Memorandum of Understanding with ICE regarding the program, and it could also provide some financial support to the Sheriff's Office.

Public Comment – Noma Welter was in to share some thoughts on Data Centers.

Executive Session

Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to declare Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(3) to discuss Legal Matters at 12:44 p.m., motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.

Quiet Title for Dacia Hilkemeier – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to sign the admission of Service for the Quiet Title for Dacia Hilkemeier, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were approved: September payroll: 85,492.35; IRS, FICA, 8,062.02; SD Retirement, 6,474.71; Delta Dental, ins, 960.75; Medico Life, ins, 126.17; Wellmark, ins, 22,219.40; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 243.26; HRA, reimbursements, 324.24; American Business, supplies, 112.68; AT&T, utilities, 241.74; BH Psych, supplies, 750.00; Bison Ag, supplies, 36,873.01; Bison Courier, publishing, 238.41; Bison Grain, supplies, 921.25; Bison Implement, rep/suppl/maint, 789.45; Butler, repairs, 851.72; Butte Co. Equip, repairs, 297.97; CAVA, domestic abuse, 200.00; Cedar Shore, travel, 568.88; County Drug, jail meds, 216.87; Current Connection, suppl/maint, 1,378.42; Dakota Herald, publishing, 110.56; D. Beckman, chemical reimb, 471.03; Eagle Nest Ranch, chemical rebate, 680.00; Eagle Nest Truck, repairs, 3,997.97; ES&S, supplies, 879.03; Executive Mgmt, maint, 43.01; Gooseneck Impl, repairs, 2,316.74; Grand Electric, utilities, 1,467.14; Grimm’s Pump, supplies, 1,509.52; Hamand Tire, car maint, 157.00; Hunt, crt appt. atty, 768.80; Jensen Rock, contract, 10,565.54; Lemmon EMT, travel, 1,032.34; Lemmon Market, supplies, 23.98; McLeod’s, supplies, 2,509.61; Monument Health, jail med fees, 2,258.38; Natl Sheriff Assn, dues, 125.00; Nippon, supplies, 56.50; NW Farm, supplies, 39.99; NW Tire, supplies, 25,181.10; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pennington Co, transportation, 191.40; Pitney Bowes, maint, 490.53; Pitney Bowes, postage, 5,000.00; Ramkota Hotel, travel, 1,120.00; RDO, repairs, 386.62; RDO Equip, repairs, 326.57; SD Dept. of Health, prof. service, 100.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, prof fees, 2,340.00; SD Dot, prof. fees, 9,857.45; SDACO, dues, 100.00; Servall, supplies, 231.30; T. Henderson, chemical rebate, 352.50; Town of Bison, utilities, 330.59; US Records, supplies, 1,043.69; J. VanVactor, supplies, 42.57; Verizon, utilities, 40.01; Visa, suppl/travel/maint, 3,308.71; West Group, law books, 561.95; WRCTC, utilities, 1,686.21; WR Funeral, prof. services, 723.75; West River Health Services, prof. fees, 43.00.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 4th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman