

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: June 10, 2025

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

Others Present: Macy Schiley, Bob Parker, Brent Dirk, Harlan Hess, Chad Abel, Jackie Daniels, Jason Lillich, Jackie Kuhn, Koreen Anderson, Jack Anderson, Kelly Serr, Cody Green, Wayne Braun, Roberta Braun, Dale Olson, Dala Olson, Brad Hlebechuk, Bart Honeyman, Donny Burke, Ted Uecker, Mark Thompson, & Debbie Thompson.

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Minutes for the May 13, 2025 Regular meeting as presented, 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 May 31, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,281,404.25, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$25,718.68; Certificates of Deposit \$500,657.54; Total \$3,807,980.47. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each entity of government after being apportioned.
- Sheriff's Fees in the amount of \$1,062.20 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of May were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$7,045.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: G. Karels 6-1, B. Kari 6-28, B. Escott 6-27

Correspondence – Received from Alya & Myah Bauer and Kacie Becker.

4-H Temporary New Hire – Macy Schiley – Foster moved, Henderson seconded to set the wage for Macy Schiley as the new 4-H Coordinator at \$16.00/hour effective 5-22-2025, motion carried.

2026 Budget Requests

- Bob Parker was present on behalf of the Lodgepole Fire Department to request \$4,500.
- Brent Dirk and Harlan Hess were present on behalf of the Lemmon Fire Department to request \$27,500. Mr. Dirk also requested \$10,000 to help cover the costs of the radios purchased through a grant for all departments in Perkins County.
- Jason Lillich & Jackie Kuhn were present on behalf of Three Rivers Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Center to request \$7,500.
- Koreen Anderson & Jack Anderson were present on behalf of the Boss Cowman Rodeo Committee to request \$1,000.

Special Liquor License – Boss Cowman Rodeo – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Special Liquor License for the Boss Cowman Rodeo on July 11, 12, 13th, motion carried.

Commercial Club – Gala Days – Inflatables on Courthouse lawn – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to grant the Commercial Club access to the Courthouse lawn and electrical outlets June 20-21, contingent upon them obtaining the necessary liability insurance, motion carried.

Highway Department – Cody Green

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of May. The motor grader that needed the transmission replaced has been repaired, no additional warranty was included. The crew has been working on blading & pulling shoulders, spot graveling on the Chance Rd, and mowing. BL Contracting repaired a culvert on Divide Rd and Halonen Construction repaired a culvert on Hudgins Rd.

- Bridge 53-281-151 (over Lodgepole Creek on White Butte Rd) – Discussion on Detour – Superintendent Green received a quote from Brosz on engineering costs for the detour road for approximately \$66,700 in engineering costs. To complete the detour, there would be an additional \$100,000. No action was taken.
- Excavator Rental Quotes – Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with an excavator rental quote from Butler Cat. The cost will be \$4,200 per week or \$10,000 per month. After discussion it was advised to reach out for other quotes and reach out to contractors for additional quotes to complete the work. Discussion was tabled until next month.
- New Hire – Shawn Jeffers – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to set new hire Shawn Jeffers wage at \$20.00/hour effective 6-4-2025, motion carried.
- Possible Part-time help – no action taken
- Spraying right-of-ways – Superintendent Green said there is spurge growing along Theatre Road and we need someone to spray for the County. Discussion was had to talk with Loyson Carda about getting the spraying done.

Road & Bridge Levy – Resolution 2025-06 – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to implement and adopt Resolution 2025-06 “Road & Bridge Levy” in the amount of .90/\$1,000 in taxable valuation for tax year 2025 pay 2026 and 2026 pay 2027, Roll call: Foster aye, Campbell aye, Henderson aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2025-06
Road & Bridge Levy
Attention Taxpayers:**

Notice of Property Tax Increase of \$.90 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation

The Governing Board of Perkins County states that it is unable to properly maintain, repair, construct, and reconstruct roads and bridges in Perkins County. SDCL 10-12-13 now permits the county to establish a tax amount which may be levied, and such amount can increase each year with the amount of inflation and new construction. Therefore, the board of County Commissioners of Perkins County does now establish a base property tax increase of .90 per \$1000 of taxable valuation starting with calendar year 2025 taxes payable in the calendar year 2026 and ending in calendar year 2026 taxes payable in the calendar year 2027. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the County and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the second publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread a levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount, allowing for percentage increases from inflation and new construction in subsequent years.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr

- Jail Inspection – During the recess Commissioners Schweitzer and Campbell did a Jail Inspection with Sheriff Kelly Serr.
- 2024 Report – Sheriff Serr presented his 2024 report to Commissioners.

Finance Officer - Sara Stadler

- Memo of Understanding with Dakota State University – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the Memo of Understanding with Dakota State University, motion carried.
- Equitable Optional Life Insurance Quote – Collin Palmer – Henderson moved, Foster seconded to switch our Optional Life Insurance Policy to Equitable and cancel the current Optional Life Insurance policy with SunLife, motion carried.
- Dakota State University (DSU) – Project Boundary Fence Agreement – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler as signatory on the Project Boundary Fence Agreement with DSU, motion carried.
- Schedule Possible Budget Meeting – tabled till next month.

Commissioner Carmichael recessed the meeting at 1:10 pm and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Wayne Braun – West Cabin Road and Boat Dock Road – various taxpayers were present to discuss their concerns on the condition of the West Cabin Road and Boat Dock Road. Residents requested more gravel be added and taxes be lowered.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment: May payroll: 73,906.69; IRS; FICA, 7,307.39; SD Retirement, 5,952.90; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico Life, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 20,159.05; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 252.01; HRA, reimbursements, 6,271.68; A&B, maint/supplies, 68.10; Auto Value, supplies, 52.77; AT&T, utilities, 271.53; Bison Courier, publishing, 307.90; Bison Fire, subsidy, 20,000.00; Bison Grain, supplies, 42,861.74; Bison Imp, repairs, 955.03; Bob Barker; supplies, 111.60; Boss Cowman, subsidy, 1,000.00; CASA, subsidy, 1,500.00; Clubhouse, travel, 261.00; County Drug, jail meds, 34.34; B. Crow, prof fees, 350.00; Current Conn, supplies, 1,151.99; Dakota Feed, supplies, 30.00; Dakota Herald, publishing, 137.91; Dakota Prairie, subsidy, 1,000.00; Faith Amb, subsidy, 1,000.00, Five Countries, prof. fees, 400.00; G&O, supplies, 1,275.50; Government Forms, supplies, 317.54; Grand El, utilities, 1,252.64; Halonen, secondary rds, 3,680.00; Hamand Tire, maint, 265.50, John Deere, labor, 1,405.31; Kinney Law, crt app. atty, 9,193.81; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 38.93; Lemmon Senior Citizens, subsidy, 1,500.00; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 1,131.00, Meade County, jail board, 2,850.00; Melling & Roseland, crt app. atty, 840.60; Newman Signs, supplies, 2,889.20; NW Farm, supplies, 69.88; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Perkins Co. Cons, subsidy, 9,075.00; Perkins Co. Fair, subsidy, 15,000.00; Pheasantland, supplies, 319.98; Pitney Bowes, supplies, 82.99; RDO, labor, 4,604.81; Redwood Toxicology, supplies, 25.00; Runnings, supplies, 260.16; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SD Public Health, prof fees, 140.00; Servall, supplies, 196.21; Sorum Fire, subsidy, 4,000.00; J. Stadler, prof fees, 300.00; State Animal, pred. animal, 4,156.24; Sturgis Resp, equip, 75.98; Town of Bison, utilities, 346.2; Tri-County Cons, subsidy, 2,850.00; Truenorth, supplies, 16,744.00; US Post. Service, supplies, 508.00; Verizon, utilities, 80.02, VISA, supplies/travel, 1,710.03; West Group, law books, 1,915.19; WRCTC, utilities, 1,295.73.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman