

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: August 12, 2025

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

Not Present: Henderson

Others Present: Angie Thompson, Shawnda Carmichael, Dr. George Shipley, Paden Sexton, Chauncey Jorgensen, Steven Nash, Shane Penfield, Kelly Serr, Cody Green, 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

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Minutes from the July 8th Regular Meeting and the July 29th Special Meeting with the correction on July 8th Minutes to change the following under the Highway Department “Lodgepole Creek Bridge Detour – Superintendent Green & Chairman Carmichael researched the temporary detour they were looking at on White Butte Road over Lodgepole Creek Bridge; after researching it was discovered that it would be directly over a small creek spring. It has been decided to leave the detour as it is now.”, 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 July 31, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,624,393.08, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$25,721.89; Certificates of Deposit \$505,480.47; Total \$4,155,795.44. 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 \$1,187.53 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of July were reviewed.
- Register of Deed’s fees in the amount of \$1,740.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: A. Larson 8-1, T. Buer 8-5.

Correspondence – Received from Anchor’d Recovery, Scott Wheeler, and Penfield Law Firm.

PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) – Chairman Carmichael asked for any public comment from any attendees on the \$490,843 PILT received from the Department of Interior. Comment was received from Bison Superintendent Dr. George Shipley and the Lemmon Superintendent Shawnda Carmichael. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to give the Lemmon and Bison Schools a total of \$206,000, which comes to \$65,697.52 for the Bison School and \$140,302.48 for the Lemmon School based off federal acreage in each respective school district, motion carried.

BHCLG (Black Hills Council & Local Government) – Performance Contract – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the BHCLG Performance Contract for the Perkins County Natural Hazard Mitigation & Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update, motion carried.

Open Meeting Laws – States Attorney Penfield will do a presentation on Open Meeting Laws at the October Commissioner Meeting.

Rural Attorney Contract – Paden Sexton was present to request the Commissioners approve the Rural Attorney Recruitment Contract. This program encourages recent law graduates to open their new practice in a rural community. Mr. Sexton is hoping to have an office in the town of

Bison but does have an office at his home currently. Perkins County would reimburse Mr. Sexton for 5 years at a yearly rate of \$4,379.76 for practicing law within Perkins County. Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to sign the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program agreement with the SD Unified Judicial System, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-07 Vance Trogstad Plat – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve Resolution 2025-07 “Plat of Lots 1A and 1B of Block 5 of the Behrmann Mork Addition to the City of Lemmon,” roll call: Foster aye, Schweitzer aye, Campbell aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-07

**Plat of Lots 1A and 1B of Block 5 of the Behrmann Mork Addition to the City of Lemmon
formerly Lot 1 of Block 5, Less the South 5 ft of Lot 1, of the Behrmann Mork Addition
and a Vacated portion of the Right-of-Way; all lying in the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 29,
T23N, R16E, BHM, City of Lemmon, Perkins County, South Dakota.**

Be it resolved by the County Commission of Perkins County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Lots 1A and 1B of Block 5 of the Behrmann Mork Addition to the City of Lemmon formerly Lot 1 of Block 5, Less the South 5 ft of Lot 1, of the Behrmann Mork Addition and a Vacated portion of the Right-of-Way; all lying in the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 29, T23N, R16E, BHM, City of Lemmon, Perkins County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of South Dakota Compiled Law, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

Resolution 2025-08 Bison Public Library Plat – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve Resolution 2025-08 “Bison Public Library Plat - Plat of Tract A-1,” roll call: Campbell aye, Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-08 Bison Public Library Plat

Plat of Tract A-1

Being a Subdivision of Tract A,

**Located in the SE1/4 NW1/2 of Section 13, Township 18 North,
Range 13 East of the B.H.M., in the Corporate Limits
Of the Town of Bison, Perkins County, South Dakota**

Be it resolved by the County Commission of Perkins County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Tract A-1, Being a Subdivision of Tract A, Located in the SE1/4 NW1/2 of Section 13, Township 18 North, Range 13 East of the B.H.M., in the Corporate Limits Of the Town of Bison, Perkins County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of South Dakota Compiled Law, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

11:00 a.m. Secondary Road Bid Opening – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to open bids received for mowing Secondary Roads, motion carried. Lone bid received was from MoBro Services LLC as follows:

NW Corner – 48.5 miles X \$170/mile = \$8,245.00
NE Corner – 86.6 miles X \$170/mile = \$14,722.00
SW Corner – 48.75 miles X \$170/mile = \$8,287.00
SE Corner – 75.2 miles X \$170/mile = \$12,784.00
TOTAL = \$44,038.00

Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to accept the lone bid received from MoBro Services LLC for a total cost of \$44,038.00, motion carried.

Highway Department – Cody Green

- Monthly Project & Maintenance Report – Superintendent Green reported that the crew has been working on blading township roads, graveling the Chance Road and Rolling Hills Road, and they have started mowing for the fall/winter season.
- Pleasant Valley Township Bridge – Superintendent Green reported that he closed the Fredlund Road for ½ mile in Pleasant Valley Township due to the bridge being deemed unsafe for use. Commissioners Foster and Carmichael voiced taking the bridge out completely and putting in a culvert. Green thought putting in 2 4-foot culverts should work.

No taxpayers have called to discuss its closure. Commissioners will leave as it is for now. If the repair is done, funds from the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund could cover the cost.

Finance Office - Sara Stadler

- Contingency transfer – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to move \$8,553.44 from the Commissioners Contingency 101-112-429 to the Lemmon Fire Department 101-221-454.02 to cover the check written for the County-wide radio purchase, motion carried.
- Surplus – Campbell moved, Foster seconded to dispose of the secretary desk and printer from the VSO office due to 3 real property owners finding no value over \$2,500 in either item, motion carried.
- New National Opioids Settlement – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler to sign the new National Opioids Settlement agreement with Purdue, motion carried.
- Publish Provisional Budget – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to publish the 2026 Provisional Budget with the adjustments made today, motion carried.

Public Comment

Chauncey Jorgensen was in to discuss the accidental firearm discharge in the Sheriff’s office with the Commissioners.

Executive Session

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to declare Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(3) for Legal Matters at 11:47 a.m, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:26 p.m.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, July payroll: 82,682.59; IRS, FICA, 8,119.87; SD Retirement, 6,519.53; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico Life, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 20,375.48; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 243.26; HRA, reimbursements, 6,800.00; A&B, maint, 62.49; A&B, supplies, 24.64; Active Data, repairs, 900.00; All Nation’s Interpreters, prof. fees, 28.50; American Business, supplies, 26.02; Artz Equip, repairs, 111.28; AT&T, utilities, 286.77; Bison Courier, publishing/supplies, 165.59; Bison Food, supplies, 20.47; Bison Grain, repairs, 1,410.39; Bison Imp, repairs, 1,889.88; BL Contracting, repairs, 16,836.77; Brosz, prof. fees, 925.00; Butler, supplies, 443.76; Chapman’s, repairs, 95.00; County Drug, jail meds, 17.17; Current Conn, supplies, 1,129.49; Dakota Herald, publishing, 118.02; Door Security, contractual services, 300.00; ESRI, computer program, 460.00; Fedex, postage, 36.66; Five Counties, prof. fees, 300.00; G&O, supplies, 202.60; Grand, utilities, 1,259.73; Hamand Tire, maint, 267.00; HR Direct, supplies, 74.30; J. Stadler, contractual services, 300.00; Kinney Law, crt appt atty, 403.16; Lemmon EMT, travel/subsidy, 2,854.80; Lemmon Fire, radio reimb, 8,553.44; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 30.15; Lodgepole Creek Ranch, chemical rebate, 397.25; Meade County, jail board, 2,850.00; Newman Signs, supplies, 1,173.82; Northern Fire, supplies, 137.50; NW Farm, supplies, 6.98; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pheasantland, supplies, 192.51; Powder River, repairs, 574.00; RDO, labor, 950.62; Runnings, supplies, 248.00; SD Develop. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SD DOT, prof. fee, 3,436.46; SD Public Health Lab, prof. services, 150.00; SDAAO, dues, 50.00; SDACC, dues, 440.00; Servall, supplies, 197.54; Simon, supplies, 2,977.50; Stateline Designs, supplies, 416.68; Tennant’s, repairs, 39.99; Town of Bison, utilities, 339.70; Tyler, computer program, 475.94; Ultra, computer programs, 11,120.00; Vanguard, computer program, 10,850.00; J. Vanvactor, supplies, 16.95; Verizon, utilities, 46.48; Visa, supplies/utilities, 323.18; Waeckerle Law, crt appt. atty, 960.00; West Group, law books, 494.17; Western SD Senior Services, subsidy, 2,500.00; WRCTC, utilities, 1,263.68.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman