

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: May 12, 2026

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

Not Present: Commissioner Henderson

Others Present: Lexy Kindsvogel, Cody Green, Tracy Hafner, Renita VanVactor, Kelly Serr

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, Campbell seconded to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

- Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Minutes from the April 14th, 2026 Regular Meeting with correcting the minutes to reflect the Earl Smith Abatement amount to \$739.50 from the original motion of \$1,500.00 due to following the classification of NA (Non-Ag), motion carried.
- Campbell moved, Foster seconded to approve the Minutes from the April 14th, 2026 Equalization Meeting Minutes with the correction of the Owner Occupied motion to read “removed Owner Occupied on parcels #13346 & 13696 and to add Owner Occupied to parcels #'s: 15193, 13490, & 12870,” motion carried.
- Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Minutes from the April 23rd, 2026 Special Teleconference 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 April 30th, 2026, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$6,233,922.86, total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union \$25,731.54; Certificates of Deposit \$511,607.47; Total \$6,771,461.87. 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 \$2,663.70 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of April 2026 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed’s fees in the amount of \$2,895.50 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: T. Hafner 5-1, D. Aukland 5-26.

Correspondence – none

Bison Commercial Club – Lexy Kindsvogel – Gala Days/Courthouse –Lexy Kindsvogel was in on behalf of the Bison Commercial Club to request use of the courthouse lawn during Gala Days. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to grant permission to the Bison Commercial Club to use the courthouse lawn for a business and vendor kids carnival during Gala Days on June 13th, as long as they list Perkins County as an additional payee, motion carried.

Tax Deed – Move to June Meeting - Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to move the Tax Deed Sale to June 4th at 11:30 a.m for the following properties, due to missing a publication deadline:

- Record #2021- Martin Township, NE of Section 27, Township 14, Range 14, Perkins County, South Dakota
- Record #2601 - Wyandotte Township, NW of Section 20, Township 15, Range 10, Perkins County, South Dakota
- Record #13592 - City of Lemmon, Lemmon's 3rd Addn, Blk 2, Lot 9, Perkins County, South Dakota
- Record #13217 - City of Lemmon, Lemmon's Original Blk 19, Lot 10, Perkins County, South Dakota
- Record # 13218 - City of Lemmon, Lemmon's Original Blk 19, Lot 11, Perkins County, South Dakota
- Record #13420 - City of Lemmon, Lemmon's 1st Addn, Blk 3, Lot 5, Perkins County, South Dakota
- Record #16346 - Jones Township, Tract in SENW Section 3, Township 17, Range 10 (Cont. 1.04 AC), Perkins County, South Dakota, motion carried.

Highway Department

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report. Green reported on continuing maintenance and repairs as needed. The Highway Crew has been continuing to work on spring blading, pulling shoulders, and patching asphalt roads. Green reported that Morris Inc. is here and started stripping topsoil to start crushing gravel. Load limits were removed on May 1st.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr

Sheriff Serr was in to discuss some upcoming changes in Personnel, no action taken.

Register of Deeds – Heidi Stevens

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve the destruction of the following items if the documents are all electronically saved:

- Transfers 1995-2006
- Old marriage license applications 2013-2016
- Division of Taxation Forms 1963-1971
- PT-33 Forms 1980-1983, motion carried.

Director of Equalization – Tracy Hafner

- Performance Review – Tabled till next month

Finance Officer – Sara Stadler

- June Commissioner Meeting Date – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to set the June meeting for Thursday, June 4th to canvas the Primary Election results, motion carried.
- July Meeting – Possible meeting in Lemmon – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to set the July meeting at the Three Rivers Conference Room on Tuesday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m, motion carried.
- Amanda Larson – Leave without Pay – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve Leave without Pay for Amanda Larson until she returns to the Finance Office, motion carried.
- Security Assessment Agreement with DSU – Project Boundary Fence. Finance Officer Stadler informed the Commissioners she signed the Security Assessment Agreement with Dakota State University after it was approved by State's Attorney Penfield and Jack Anderson.

Custodian – Renita VanVactor

- Bushes behind Electronic Sign- Custodian VanVactor was in to request permission to get the dead bushes behind the sign removed. Commissioners suggested the highway crew remove the bushes.
- Yard Maintenance – Custodian VanVactor would like to contract with James Stadler to do a yard maintenance of spraying weeds in the rocks, around the propane tank, etc. VanVactor also informed the Commissioners of the repairs on the dumpster. VanVactor also reported on the corners of the building starting to deteriorate, other concerns are the rain gutters need to be sealed as they are leaking right next to the building.

Executive Session – Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to enter into Executive Session for Personnel at 11:41 a.m, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared out of Executive Session at 11:56 a.m.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, April payroll: 84,198.67; IRS, FICA, 8,240.45; SD Retirement, 6,643.24; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico Life, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 21,951.10; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 252.01; HRA, reimbursements, 4,366.99; A&B Business, maint, 71.86; AmericInn, travel, 112.00; AT&T, utilities, 1,514.61; Auto Value, supplies, 43.32; Bison Courier, publishing, 372.27; Bison Economic, subsidy, 5,000.00; Bison Food Market, supplies, 23.30; Bison Grain, supplies, 1,603.00; Bison Implement, suppl/maint, 1,169.56; Butler, repairs, 1,129.97; Capital I Industries, repairs, 4,450.00; Christ Stang Hydraulics, repairs, 584.37; Contractors Supply, supplies, 72.20; B. Crow, contractual service, 375.00; Current Connection, suppl/maint, 1,894.41; Dakota Herald, publishing, 184.25; Eagle Nest Truck, repairs, 8,389.48; Election Systems, supplies, 904.67; Floyd's Truck Center, repair, 319.38; G&O, supplies, 1,141.05; Grand Electric, utilities, 1,545.90; J Green, prof fees, 43.00; Horizon, rent, 600.00; KBJM, publishing, 200.00; Kinney Law PC, crt appt atty, 13,580.00; Laufer Vermeer, supplies, 116.99; Lemmon EMT, travel, 728.11; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 7.99; Live Inc, subsidy, 3,000.00; Lodge of Deadwood, travel, 230.00; Meade County, jail board, 2,052.00; Melling & Roseland, crt appt atty, 3,615.45; Mid America Research Chemical, supplies, 1,016.66; Mid-State Org Crime, dues, 100.00; National Medical Resource, jail meds, 350.00; Nippon Sanso Natheson, supplies, 56.50; Northern Fire & Safety, supplies, 585.75; Northwest Farm, supplies, 48.97; Northwest Tire, repair, 1,607.86; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pitney Bowes, postage, 5,000.00; Ramkota Hotel, travel, 282.00; RDO Equip, repairs, 3,163.93; Runnings, supplies, 436.16; SD Developmental Center, subsidy, 60.00; Servall, supplies, 231.30; Simon North, supplies, 2,896.00; Sorum Fire Dept, subsidy, 4,000.00; T Spring, prof fee, 43.00; J. Stadler, cont service, 300.00; H Stevens, supplies, 111.12; Sturgis Responder Supply, supplies, 169.98; Tennant's Auto, maint, 1,101.57; Town of Bison, utilities, 334.48; Two Lane Tactics, dues, 199.98; J VanVactor, supplies, 113.82; Verizon, utilities, 40.01; VISA, suppl/travel/maint, 1,538.14; Waeckerle Law, crt appt atty, 1,500.00; West Group, law books, 494.17; WRCTC, utilities, 1,367.69.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Thursday, June 4th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman