

Perkins County Commission Regular Meeting

Date: January 6, 2026

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

Others Present: Cody Green, Arlis Seim (press)

Call to Order

Finance Officer Stadler 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.

Election of Officers

Finance Officer Stadler called for nominations for Chairman. Schweitzer nominated Kyle Carmichael, Henderson seconded. There were no other nominations. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Kyle Carmichael as Chairman, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael took over the meeting and called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Schweitzer nominated Rusty Foster, Campbell seconded. There were no other nominations. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Rusty Foster as Vice Chairman, motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

There was no Conflict of Interest to declare.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2025 Regular meeting and the December 30, 2025 Year-End Special 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 December 31, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,660,726.76, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$25,728.37 Certificates of Deposit \$507,535.83; Total \$4,194,190.96. 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 \$588.60 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of December 2025 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$3,240.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: S. Penfield 1-1, M. Jorgensen 1-1, B. Keller 1-6, J. Aukland 1-9.

Correspondence – received from the Dept of Natural Resources

Highway Department

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report. He reported on maintenance and repairs on equipment as needed. He has a couple crew members working on replacing signs destroyed in the wind. Green reported that some of the crew is working on graveling a section of the Prairie City Road today and will continue next week. Green reported that he is hoping to get some gravel crushing done at the Bingaman Pit and plans to put out bids.

- Summerville Road – Agreement with GF&P – Superintendent Green presented Agreement #2026-53-1 where Perkins County would do a 50% cost share with Game Fish & Parks (GF&P) to cover the cost of asphalt surface treatment, fog seal and striping application during the 2026 construction season. Estimated cost is \$100,000.00. Henderson moved, Foster

seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to sign Agreement #2026-53-1 with SDGF&P, motion carried.

- RAIFF Distribute Money to Townships & Secondary Roads – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to reimburse 80% upon retrieval of bills received through the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund (RAIFF) Grant Application, from Fredlund Township, Englewood Township and Secondary Roads, and to complete the work by end of 2026 to qualify for the reimbursement, motion carried.

2026 Spring Load Limits – Resolution 2026-01

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve Resolution 2026-01 “Perkins County Weight Limit Enforcement Resolution,” and to give Superintendent Green the ability to decide when to implement and end the weight limits, Roll Call: Campbell aye, Henderson aye, Foster aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-01

PERKINS COUNTY WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, causing serious and expensive damage to occur, and

WHEREAS, the Perkins County Board of County Commissioners desire to protect existing Perkins County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars and,

WHEREAS, the Perkins County Board of County Commissioners desire the enforcement of weight limitations on Perkins County Roads as set forth and posted by the Perkins County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

WHEREAS, the spring load restrictions on Perkins County Highways shall be set at six (6) tons per axle on County Highways C-9 (White Butte Rd), C-9A (Bixby Rd), C-25 (Lemmon Airport Rd), C-2 (Summerville Rd), C-19 (Theatre Rd), and C-25 (Gregorian) during the spring thaw period and when limit signs are in place. The South Dakota Highway Patrol is hereby requested to enforce these spring weight restrictions on Perkins County Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Finance Office – Sara Stadler

Appointments

- Perkins County Fair Board - Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to appoint the following Perkins County Fair Board Members: TW Schalesky, Tracy Buer, Bev Heier, Max Matthews, Julia Brixey, Faye Schalesky, Dan Anderson, Jens Hansen, Ida Sander, and Todd Campbell, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Perkins County Weed Board – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to appoint the following to the Perkins County Weed Board: Chuck Anderson, Kyle Kennedy, Tim Smith, Eric Sander, and Rusty Foster, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Perkins County LEPC Board – Campbell moved, Foster seconded to appoint the following people to the Local Emergency Planning Committee: Kelly Serr, Tamara Buer, Harlan Hess, Alan McGinnis, Greg Karels, David Kopren, Keith Mutschler, Heidi Stevens, and Mike Schweitzer, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Perkins County Comprehensive Planning Board - Foster moved, Campbell seconded to appoint the following to the Perkins County Comprehensive Planning Board: Robert Parker, Chauncey Jorgensen, John Paul, Dave Johnson, Vaughn Meyer, Reggie Kennedy, Chuck Anderson, Luke Clements, and Rusty Foster, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Mental Health Board – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint Lacy Hoff and Patty Benson to the Mental Health Board, motion carried.
- Veteran’s Service Officer – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to appoint Bridget Keller as the Veterans Service Officer, motion carried.
- Appoint Legal Newspapers – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint the Bison Courier & Dakota Herald as the official newspapers of Perkins County, motion carried.
- NW Area Landfill Board– Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to appoint Todd Campbell as Commissioner Representative on the NW Area Landfill Board, motion carried.

- 4-H Board -Campbell moved, Foster seconded to appoint Kyle Carmichael as Commissioner Representative on the 4-H Board, motion carried.

Set Fees/Rates:

- Per Diem Rate – Foster moved, Henderson seconded to set the per diem rate at the State per diem rates for mileage and meals, motion carried.
- Set Coroner Rates – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to set Coroner rates at \$75.00 plus mileage, if applicable, motion carried.
- Set Indigent Burial Rates – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to set the Indigent Burial rates at the current rate: Earth Burial - \$2,580.00 (which covers the cost of the casket, outside container and conducting a service.) Cremation - \$1,860.00 (which will include the Funeral Home providing services for Cremation, transportation, filing of the legal paperwork and conducting a memorial service.) In addition, the cost of the grave opening and closing by a local grave digger will be paid by the funeral home with a copy of the invoice provided to Perkins County for reimbursement, motion carried.

Workers Compensation Coverage for Fire Departments/EMT & listed volunteers - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to cover Volunteer Fire Departments and EMTs, on Perkins County's Workman's Compensation, (lists are on file in the Finance Office), motion carried.

Delinquent Property Tax List – Commissioners reviewed the Delinquent Property Tax List.

Annual Publications of Salaries

Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to increase Perkin's County wages by 3% for each full-time and part-time employee listed below, effective January 1, 2026, motion carried.

Name	Position	Wage/Salary
Rusty Foster	Commissioner	\$7,610.26/year
Wayne Henderson	Commissioner	\$7,610.26/year
Todd Campbell	Commissioner	\$7,610.26/year
Mike Schweitzer	Commissioner	\$7,610.26/year
Kyle Carmichael	Commissioner	\$7,610.26/year
Shane Penfield	State's Attorney	\$65,332.33/year
Joanna Seim	Administrative Asst	\$18.37/hour
Sara Stadler	Finance Officer	\$60,815.73/year
Amanda Larson	Deputy Finance Officer, Deputy ROD	\$20.57/hour
Bridget Keller	Deputy Finance Officer/VSO	\$19.68/hour
Kristy Doty	Custodian Fill in	\$16.48/hour
Heidi Stevens	Register of Deeds	\$54,862.07/year
Tracy Hafner	Director of Equalization	\$54,124.62/year
Misty Jorgensen	Deputy Director of Equalization	\$21.30/hour
Kelly Serr	Sheriff	\$70,616.08/year
Tamara Buer	Administrative Deputy	\$22.48/hour
William Merchen	Deputy Sheriff	\$23.97/hour
Gregory Karels	Deputy Sheriff	\$25.07/hour
Matthew Kindsvogel	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.67/hour
Noah Richards	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.27/hour
Peter Schmeling	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.07/hour
Timothy McCartney	Deputy Sheriff	\$23.97/hour
Kirby Chapman	PT Deputy Sheriff	\$22.70/hour
Loyson Carda	Noxious Weed Supervisor	\$300/month
Brenda Kari	Noxious Weed Supervisor	\$300/month
Brenda Kari	Highway Administrative Assistant	\$19.44/hour
Cody Green	Highway Superintendent	\$62,063.02/year
Bailey Escott	Highway Foreman	\$22.95/hour
Joe Green	Highway Maintenance	\$24.68/hour
Cody Gruwell	Highway Maintenance	\$22.13/hour
Joseph Aukland	Highway Maintenance	\$20.96/hour
Daroll Aukland	Highway Maintenance	\$22.72/hour
Lynn Green	Highway Maintenance	\$22.03/hour
Tristan Springs	Highway Maintenance	\$21.47/hour
Shawn Jeffers	Highway Maintenance	\$20.96/hour

Macy Schiley	4-H Coordinator	\$16.48/hour
Jailer	Certified	\$17.51/hour
Jailer	Non-certified	\$16.48/hour
4-H Advisory Board	Board Members	\$35.00/meeting
Weed & Pest	Chairman	\$125.00/meeting
Weed & Pest	Board Members	\$100.00/meeting
Comprehensive Planning	Board Members	\$50.00/meeting

Henderson moved to pay Renita VanVactor \$17.40/hour as the fill-in Custodian. Motion died for lack of a second. Campbell moved, Foster seconded to give Renita VanVactor a 3% increase on her current wage of \$17.07, which will make her new wage, effective 1-1-2026, \$17.58/hour, Henderson nay, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, December payroll: 82,646.53; IRS, FICA, 7,625.36; SD Retirement, 6,471.57; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico Life, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 21,951.10; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 252.01; HRA, reimbursements, 2,923.43; A&B, maint./supplies 161.85; Active Data, comp. programs, 1,012.30; AT&T, utilities, 314.32; Bison Courier, publishing, 251.38; Bison Imp, repairs, 3,511.44; Corporate Warehouse, supplies, 559.85; Current Conn, supplies, 1,260.75; Dakota Battery, repairs, 73.61; Grand, utilities, 1,555.66; J. Green, fuel, 16.70; Laufer Vermeer, repairs, 1,060.14; Lemmon EMT, travel, 743.51; Lemmon Fire, subsidy, 20,000.00; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 6.99; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 2,364.93; Meade County, jail board, 2,850.00; Newman Signs, supplies, 877.69; NW Farm, supplies, 18.99; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Perkins County Ambulance, travel, 1,345.91; Pharmchem, testing, 31.95; Pitney Bowes, maint, 490.53; Runnings, supplies, 491.92; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 60.00; SDAW&PS, dues, 950.00; TLC, repairs, 285.60; Town of Bison, utilities, 332.77; Vanguard, comp. prog. 2,887.00; Verizon, utilities, 40.01; Visa, supplies/utilities, 128.84; West Group, law books, 494.17; WRCTC, utilities, 1,294.51.

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 Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman