

**Perkins County Commission
Special Budget Meeting**

Date: July 30, 2026

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

Others Present: Kelly Serr, Shane Penfield, Cody Green, Tracy Hafner, Heidi Stevens.

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the Special Budget Commissioner Meeting to order at 8:00 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 with the addition of Courthouse Elevator, motion carried.

Perkins County Burn Ban

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to pass Resolution 2026-07, "A Resolution Prohibiting or Restricting Open Burning in Perkins County," Roll Call: Schweitzer aye, Henderson aye, Foster aye, Campbell aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-07

A Resolution Prohibiting or Restricting Open Burning In Perkins County.

Whereas Perkins County has been impacted by drought conditions of varying degrees and those conditions may worsen throughout the months ahead, in order to protect the public health and safety,

Be It Resolved that the Perkins County Commissioners, pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20(18) hereby adopt a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning in those areas of the County, excluding municipalities as follows:

A ban or other restrictions on open burning may be imposed at the discretion of the Perkins County Emergency Manager after consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials. Likewise, the Emergency Manager shall have the authority to lift the restrictions or ban upon consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials. Notice of the ban or restrictions will be provided to local media, including newspapers and radio stations, and the public may call the Emergency Management Office at 605-244-5243 regarding the status of open burning restriction in the county.

The County Commission urges all residents and visitors to Perkins County to use common sense and exercise caution with any activities that involve or may cause fires due to dry conditions.

Chip Sealing Courthouse Parking Lot

Chairman Carmichael would like to get a quote from Jensen Rock & Gravel to chip seal the Courthouse Parking Lot, as Jensen will be in the Town of Bison in September doing City streets. Chairman Carmichael asked Highway Superintendent Green to pursue a quote and bring to the meeting in August.

Landscaping in Courthouse Yard

Chairman Carmichael wanted to inform the board that Ben Davidson has been hired to clean out the rock bed behind the sign in the SW Corner of the yard along with some tree upkeep. His quote for removing the bushes & laying rock around the sign, grinding 3 tree stumps and trimming evergreens will be approximately \$3,600.

Courthouse Elevator

Commissioner Foster received a letter concerning the courthouse’s lack of an elevator. Commissioners discussed possible options.

Canvass Primary Runoff Election 7-28-2026

The Canvass of the 2026 Primary Runoff Election was conducted. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to approve and sign the Certificate of Election for the 2026 Primary Runoff Election, motion carried.

Commissioner Henderson left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Work on the 2027 Budget

Various department heads discussed with the Commissioners a potential budget for 2027.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman