

**AGENDA**  
**Codington County Board of Commissioners**  
**Codington County Court House, 14 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Watertown SD**  
**Commission Chambers, Room #114**  
**9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call for public comments. Public comment may be submitted in person or via telephone at 605-882-6248 or 605-882-6297
3. Conflict of interest items
4. Action to approve September 23, 2025, agenda
5. Action to approve September 16, 2025, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Public Hearing on 2026 Codington County Provisional budget
7. Action to adopt the 2026 Codington County Provisional budget and accompanying resolution 2025-13
8. Monthly Reports
  - a. Emergency Management
  - b. Sheriff
  - c. Facility Manager
9. Action to approve updated Search and Rescue Team member's roster
10. Action to approve Resolution 2025-14, cancelling unclaimed checks and warrants per SDCL 7-22-17
11. Action to approve claims for payment
12. Action to approve automatic budget supplements
13. Action to approve personnel changes
14. Action to approve travel requests
15. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:
16. Old Business
17. New Business
18. Open
  - a. Public Comments
  - b. Commission Comments
19. Action to enter into Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2
  - (1) Discussion of personnel issues (SDCL 1-25-2(1))
  - (2) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2(3))
  - (3) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives (SDCL 1-25-2(4))
  - (4) Discussion of pricing or marketing strategies when public disclosure may harm the competitive position of the county owned business (SDCL 1-25-2(5))
  - (5) Discussion of information pertaining to the protection of public or private property (SDCL 1-25-2(6))

**20. Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items**

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County of Codington  
Codington County Court House  
14 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE  
Watertown, SD 57201**

September 23, 2025

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Randall Schweer and Troy VanDusen; Chair VanDusen, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Auditor, Brenda Hanten.

**CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS**

Chair VanDusen called for public comments to be taken up during the open portion of the meeting; none were offered. There were no conflict-of-interest items to note.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve the agenda for September 23, 2025, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025; all voted aye; motion carried.

**2026 PROVISIONAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board held a public hearing, as previously advertised, to allow any and all interested parties to comment on the 2026 Codington County Provisional Budget. Chair VanDusen opened the public hearing at this time. No comments were offered by persons present for this hearing. Chair VanDusen closed the public hearing at this time.

**2026 ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to adopt the 2026 Provisional Budget and accompanying budget levy resolution 2025-13 with the following changes: change the amount of the Bond Redemption Fund from \$2,403,125.00 to \$2,406,062.00 and change the amount of the Capital Project Fund from 17,370,277.00 to \$23,212,117.00; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado**, updated the Board; since the last update, I had a monitoring visit with Randy, our regional coordinator from the state, we went over the LEMPG requirements, to ensure we were on track for meeting our end-of-year requirements; on September 8<sup>th</sup>, I went to the town meeting at Kranzburg to talk about the pre disaster mitigation plan, it led to talks more specifically about a community storm shelter; Cheri and I attended the SD EMA conference in Sioux Falls on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, most speakers were logical partners, IE CAP, state radio, DOH, NWS, etc., my favorite speaker was the Adjutant General for the state of SD, he discussed preparedness at the individual level and preparing for infrastructure disruptions due to geopolitical threats; September 12<sup>th</sup>, Cheri and I met with representatives from the Watertown Community Foundation and Watertown United Way, the main thing we discussed was donation management in disasters and ways they could be assets with their relationships with existing volunteers and volunteer organizations; September 16<sup>th</sup>, we had our LEPC meeting, it was business as usual, after the meeting had good collaboration with city officials, we had discussions about newer personnel around for flood fight, with the record rainfall this year (most rain

through the month of August in the past 131 years, per the US Drought monitor) there is some discomfort with the lake and river levels going into the winter, currently, the lake is about 8" over full, we will have just a brief touch point on that with key officials; Cheri and I brought HAZMAT spill kits to the County Highway Shop, this was the project the LEPC voted on; one of the neighboring EM's brought some FEMA folks to our office for a meeting they had regarding the SWO disaster declaration, I learned that mitigation project funding is getting tougher to come by, it sounds like several of the most recent disasters have been denied HGMP funding, which has in the past years been almost always gone through, with the BRIC grant being discontinued earlier this year, Mitigation project funding streams are becoming harder to come by, which makes our Mitigation plan imperative, we really need to be ready on projects if that becomes available again.

#### **SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATE**

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the updated Search and Rescue Team Membership Roster, this would include to add the names of Jordan Knippling and Cheyanne Yurkovich, as recommended by Emergency Manager, Andrew Delgado; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUT-DATED CHECKS/WARRANTS**

Resolution #2025-14

The following unclaimed checks and warrants are being presented, for cancellation to the Board of County Commissioners of Codrington County, pursuant to SDCL 7-22-17.

NUMBER	NAME	AMOUNT
167148	HEATHER VANORNY	\$10.84
167149	ANNA KATHERINE HOLLAND	\$25.50
167150	KEGAN HENRICKSON	\$ 3.00
167469	ADAM GENGLER	\$46.00
167545	SDEMA	\$25.00
167623	ADAM KRANZ	\$19.00
167649	ASHLEY ANN HESSE	\$30.00
167699	TARA DAHL	\$12.04
167812	SHERRI REMMERS	\$12.04
167869	KATHRYN WILLIAMS	\$12.00
167908	RACHEAL RIES	\$20.00
167919	JORDAN BETHKE	\$10.00
167920	TERESA MICKEY	\$25.00
167921	AW VENTURES LLC	\$ 7.50
167971	MARK BAUER	\$13.06
167980	DARRELL BOYLE	\$12.04
168114	PAIGE O'DONNELL	\$17.14
168205	KEVIN WARNTJES	\$12.04
168433	DUSTIN VANCLEVE	\$14.00
168492	SUSAN KOOB	\$13.67
168497	NAGABHARANA HEGGADDE	\$97.67
168554	DONGFANG ZHAO	\$32.50
168560	JULIE OR HOWARD STREGE	\$10.00
169064	SKY LOGISTICS	\$22.50
169103	THOR GREEN	\$11.02
169105	SARAH HANKS	\$11.02
169182	DONALD CLAPHAM	\$10.00

169291	AUSTIN JAMES TURBES	\$26.00
169394	DREW DE LA PENA	\$20.00
169427	ROBERT HOSPES	\$11.02
169497	BRANDON ROBERTS	\$22.00
169579	ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT	\$23.75
169598	CHASE PETERSON	\$17.50
169879	JASON BURNS	\$10.00
169881	LENNON CAMERON	\$15.10
169939	MANUEL HERNANDEZ	\$10.00
169956	FRANKLIN KENNEDY	\$12.04
169960	TORIE KRICK	\$11.02
170062	CHAD STEINER	\$11.02
170072	MALLORY TOWLE	\$11.02
170104	TIMOTHY WOODS	\$12.04
170109	JODIE YOUNG	\$13.06
170117	RYAN LUCAS	\$32.00
170243	NATHAN FORD	\$13.06
170734	MIKE SAUER	\$11.50

Total Remitted as Unclaimed Property \$816.71

Motion by Gabel, second by Schweer; to approve the above and foregoing resolution; on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025; all voted aye; motion carried.

Troy VanDusen

Chairman, Codington County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Codington County Auditor

### CLAIMS

Motion by Schweer, second by Gabel, to approve for payment the following new jail claims for payment; all voted aye; motion carried. GEOTEK ENGINEERING - \$3,405.10, MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE - \$37,500.00.

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following list of claims; all voted aye; motion carried. HEALTHEQUITY - \$84.00, SDN COMMUNICATIONS - \$1,026.00, EMC INSURANCE CO - \$121.00, RELIABANK VISA - \$63.50, WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION - \$1,191.92. Also noted that previous claim approved check #174887 made out in error to Codington Connects was voided and made out to Tifanie Petro check #175040 for the same amount of \$500.00.

### OPEN

**Commission Comments** - Commissioner Gabel gave an update on the construction progress at the new jail site.

### ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 9:23 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten  
Cordington County Auditor

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