

AGENDA
Codington County Board of Commissioners
Codington County Court House, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown SD
Commission Chambers, Room #114
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 30, 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 December 30, 2025, agenda
5. Action to approve December 23, 2025, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Public Hearing and action to approve formal supplements to the 2025 E911 Budget and 2025 General Fund Budgets
7. Discussion/possible action to authorize Chair to sign Commercial Lease Agreement between Michael Cole and Codington County Department of Health
8. Discussion/possible action with Rauville Township Officers for additional RAIF funding
9. Discussion/possible action to approve a grant request for SD Opioid funds for phone and transportation for individuals in Pre-trial Services in the amount of \$5,000
10. Action to designate surplus funds for future building projects
11. Action to approve Commissioner Contingency transfers
12. Action to approve 2026 monthly rate wage scale
13. Action to approve abatement applications
14. Action to approve claims for payment
15. Action to approve automatic budget supplements
16. Action to approve personnel changes
17. Action to approve travel requests
18. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:
19. Old Business
20. New Business
21. Open
 - a. Public Comments
 - b. Commission Comments
22. 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))

23. Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items

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**Official Proceedings
County of Codington
Codington County Court House
14 1st Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201**

December 23, 2025

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 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 Human Resource Director, Natalie Remund.

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 Gabel, to approve the agenda for December 23, 2025, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-24 VACATING A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN POLZE SUBDIVISION

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve Resolution 2025-24 to approve vacating a portion of right-of-way in Polze Subdivision, Planning and Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, explained to the Board that the petitioners Michael Bunkers, Diane Bunkers, Joseph Bevers and Janet Bevers, to have Codington County vacate the public access road lying between Lots 10 through 12 of the Plat of Lots 1 through 13, of Polze Subdivision in Government Lot 4, Section 17, Township 116 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Codington County, South Dakota; and Lot 14C of the Plat entitled: Schwandt's Pelican View Subdivision in the County of Codington, in Government Lot 4 of Section 17, Township 116 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Codington County South Dakota agrees to dedicate an emergency access/turnaround easement. Chair VanDusen opened the public hearing at this time. No comments were offered by persons present for this hearing. Chair VanDusen closed the hearing at this time; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-24

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, a Petition for the Vacation of Right-of-Way has been presented to the Codington County Board of Commissioners. Said right of way petitioned for vacation is described as:

Public access road located between Lots 10 through 12 of the Plat of Lots 1 through 13 of Polze Subdivision in Government Lot 4 of Section 17, Township 116 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P. M., Codington County, South Dakota; and Lot 14C of the Plat entitled: Schwandt's Pelican View Subdivision in the County of Codington, in Government Lot 4 of Section 17, Township 116 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P. M., Codington County, South Dakota

And is displayed on "Exhibit Drawing" attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, Michael Bunkers, Diane Bunkers, Joseph Bevers, and Janet Bevers have signed the Petition for Vacation of Right-of-Way indicating that they have reviewed the Petition and consent to the vacation of the right-of-way described in the Petition.

WHEREAS, The owner of Lots 10 through 12 of the Plat of Lots 1 through 13 of Polze Subdivision in Government Lot 4 of Section 17, Township 116 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P. M., Codington County, South Dakota; and Lot 14C of the Plat entitled: Schwandt's Pelican View Subdivision in the County of Codington, in Government Lot 4 of Section 17, Township 116 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P. M., Codington County, South Dakota agrees to dedicate an emergency access/turnaround easement.

WHEREAS, pursuant to public notice, hearing was held before the Board of County Commissioners on December 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., at which time the Petition for vacation was submitted for examination and no protest having been made, motion was made and seconded that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of West Pelican Drive right-of-way/public access road described above shall be and is hereby vacated, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution as a matter of record.

Dated at Watertown, South Dakota this 23rd day of December, 2025.

The above and foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McElhany, and upon roll call, all voted aye; thereupon the Chairman declared the same to be duly passed and adopted.

Troy VanDusen, Chairperson

Attest:

Brenda Hanten, Auditor

DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Senator, Glen Vilhauer, informed the Board of the upcoming legislative session which will begin on January 13, 2026, there more than likely will be 500-600 bills again this year so please reach out to him if there are any bills that concern you so he can pay close attention to them, big topics this year will most likely be property tax, budget, economic development, and then some things you don't expect, Glen expressed that he want to hear from people back home about issues that concern them.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado, updated the Board: Homeland Security Monitoring visits for Watertown Fire Rescue and Watertown School District; Crisis tracking went away from paper and is all electronic, have over half of the townships enrolled; delivered cots to South Shore and Waverly; Cheri updated or printed over 90 credentialling cards; finished up conference room project. **Sheriff, Brad Howell**, provided the Board with the following statistics, compiled from activity in the month of November 2025, for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office: office fees were collected in the amount of \$10,347.50, and were retained by the County; ATM, Kiosk, and Commissary items sold with a commission fee to the County in the amount of \$4,342.55; 526 cases/calls for service; 39 accident reports were completed; 45 warrants served; 220 sets of civil papers served; 1,719 transport miles; average daily

inmate population 50.57 (high ADP 56 and low ADP 43); 15 individuals wearing SCRAM (security continuous remote alcohol monitor) bracelets; 12 individuals using remote breathalyzers; 49 individuals testing twice daily PBT'S; 43 individuals reporting twice weekly for UA Drug testing; 0 individuals wearing a sweat patch; 171 bookings; \$11,857.18 collected in fees for out of county prisoner contracts; \$1,420.00 collected in work release fees; \$10,224.00 collected in fees for the 24/7 program; and 0 collected in SCRAM fees; the community project for this year is called "Deputies with Donuts" visiting 10 schools, is aimed at building trust with children in local elementary schools, donations are being accepted at Reliabank.

HAZMAT PLAN UPDATE AGREEMENT

Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to authorize Chair to sign an agreement with the First District Association of Local Governments for the development to update the HAZMAT plan. The contract cost is \$7,500.00 HMPG grant funds will cover \$4,800.00 of the cost with the remaining cost of \$2,700.00, \$1,200.00 will be covered through the County's annual dues paid to First District and then the unfunded \$1,500.00 will need to be covered by the County. Gabel, McElhany, VanDusen, and Schweer voted aye; Johnson was recused; motion carried.

JOHNSON CONTROLS 5-YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve a 5-year service contract, with Johnson Controls, for the County's heating and cooling operations at the Courthouse and Detention Center, in the amount of year 1 -\$24,530.00; year 2 - \$25,512.00; year 3 - \$26,533.00; year 4 - \$27,595.00; and year 5 - \$28,699.00, as presented by Facilities Manager, Steve Molengraaf; all voted aye; motion carried.

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES COLA

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve a 2.6% COLA, effective January 1, 2026, for all non-union County employees, excluding Board of County Commissioners salaries, which will be approved at the Boards January 6th, 2026, meeting; all voted aye; motion carried.

2026 WAGE SCALE

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the 2026 hourly wage scale as prepared with a 2.6% COLA added to each grade and step, paid in 2025, within the scale; all voted aye; motion carried.

Grade	Title	Department	Step A	Step B	Step C	Step D	Step E	Step F	Step G	Step H	Step I	Step J	Step K	Step L	Step M	Step N	Step O
01	Seasonal Weed Sprayer	Weed Control	\$18.66	\$19.99	\$19.30	\$19.81	\$19.91										
01	Seasonal Memorial Park - Custodian	County Park															
01	Seasonal	Weed/Park															
02	Seasonal Memorial Park - Technician	County Park	\$20.55	\$20.86	\$21.17	\$21.47	\$21.78										
03	Matron	Deputies	\$22.60	\$22.91	\$23.22	\$23.53	\$23.83										
04	Seasonal Assistant Weed Supervisor	Weed Control	\$27.66	\$28.35	\$29.06	\$29.78	\$30.53										
05	Custodian	Maintenance	\$18.64	\$19.31	\$19.79	\$20.26	\$20.79	\$21.31	\$21.84	\$22.38	\$22.96	\$23.55	\$24.11	\$24.72			
06	Custodian	Maintenance	\$20.24	\$20.85	\$21.37	\$21.91	\$22.45	\$23.01	\$23.59	\$24.17	\$24.79	\$25.39	\$26.03	\$26.68			
07	Administrative Support	State's Attorney	\$21.98	\$22.50	\$23.06	\$23.64	\$24.23	\$24.84	\$25.47	\$26.10	\$26.78	\$27.42	\$28.11	\$28.82			
07	Administrative Support	Treasurer															
07	Administrative Support	Auditor															
07	Facilities Technician I	Maintenance															
07	Health Administrative Tech	Health															
08	Administrative Assistant	Evaluation	\$23.71	\$24.31	\$24.91	\$25.54	\$26.17	\$26.83	\$27.50	\$28.18	\$28.89	\$29.61	\$30.35	\$31.11			
08	Administrative Support	Community Services															
08	Community Care Coordinator	Community Services															
08	Financial Assistant	Auditor															
08	Public Health Assistant	W.I.C.															
08	Public Safety Support Tech	Sheriff/Corrections															

Job Title	Department	Step A	Step B	Step C	Step D	Step E	Step F (m)	Step G	Step H	Step I	Step J	Step K	Step L
Administrative Specialist - Community Services	Community Services	\$25.61	\$26.25	\$26.80	\$27.68	\$28.27	\$28.97	\$29.70	\$30.44	\$31.20	\$31.98	\$32.78	\$33.60
Administrative Specialist - Emergency Mgmt	Emergency Mgmt												
Administrative Specialist - Equalization	Equalization												
Administrative Specialist - Extension	Extension												
Administrative Specialist - RDO	Register of Deeds												
Administrative Specialist - SA	State Attorney												
Administrative Specialist - Veterans	Veterans												
Appraiser I	Equalization												
Facilities Technician	Maintenance												
Highway Maintenance Tech I	Highway												
Second Deputy - Treasurer	Treasurer												
Accountant Administrator	Auditor	\$27.64	\$28.35	\$29.06	\$29.78	\$30.53	\$31.70	\$32.07	\$32.87	\$33.69	\$34.54	\$35.40	\$36.28
Correctional Officer	Sheriff/Corrections												
Correctional Officer (PI)	Sheriff/Corrections												
Court Security	Sheriff												
Deputy Transport	Sheriff												
Facilities Technician - Lead	Maintenance												
Highway Maintenance Tech II	Highway												
Legal Records Specialist	State Attorney												
Payroll Specialist	Auditor												
Records Administrator	Sheriff												
Sr Administrative Specialist	Extension												
Sr Administrative Specialist	Highway												
Sr Administrative Specialist	Register of Deeds												
Appraiser II	Equalization	\$29.85	\$30.63	\$31.40	\$32.16	\$32.96	\$33.80	\$34.64	\$35.50	\$36.39	\$37.31	\$38.24	\$39.19
Deputy Sheriff	Sheriff												
Deputy Veteran Service Officer	Veterans												
Emergency Mgmt Deputy Director	Emergency Mgmt												
First Deputy Register of Deeds	Register of Deeds												
First Deputy Treasurer	Treasurer												
Highway Maintenance Tech III	Highway												
Mechanic	Highway												
Sr Maintenance Tech	Maintenance/Jail												
Substance Use and Justice Programs Coordinator	Community Services												
Equalization Data Base Coord	Equalization	\$32.25	\$33.06	\$33.89	\$34.74	\$35.61	\$36.51	\$37.42	\$38.35	\$39.31	\$40.29	\$41.30	\$42.33
Correctional Sergeant	Sheriff/Corrections												
Victim Witness Services Coordinator	State Attorney												
Shop Foreman Mechanic	Highway												
Assistant Highway Superintendent	Highway	\$34.85	\$35.73	\$36.62	\$37.53	\$38.46	\$39.43	\$40.41	\$41.42	\$42.46	\$43.51	\$44.60	\$45.72
Sergeant - Sheriff	Sheriff												
Veterans Services Director	Veterans	\$36.60	\$37.51	\$38.44	\$39.41	\$40.39	\$41.40	\$42.44	\$43.49	\$44.56	\$45.70	\$46.84	\$48.01
Community Services Director	Community Services												
Chief Deputy	Sheriff	\$38.43	\$39.40	\$40.35	\$41.38	\$42.43	\$43.45	\$44.57	\$45.69	\$46.83	\$48.00	\$49.20	\$50.43
Chief of Corrections	Sheriff/Corrections												
Director of Facilities	Maintenance												
Director of Emergency Management	Emergency Mgmt												
County Auditor	Auditor	\$42.27	\$43.23	\$44.22	\$45.22	\$46.00	\$47.83	\$49.69	\$50.25	\$51.51	\$52.80	\$54.12	\$55.48
County Treasurer	Treasurer												
Deputy State Attorney	State Attorney												
Director of Equalization	Equalization												
Register of Deeds	Register of Deeds												
Highway Superintendent	Highway	\$44.37	\$45.49	\$46.62	\$47.79	\$48.98	\$50.20	\$51.45	\$52.74	\$54.06	\$55.41	\$56.80	\$58.22
Sheriff	Sheriff	\$53.04	\$54.37	\$55.72	\$57.12	\$58.54	\$60.01	\$61.51	\$63.05	\$64.63	\$66.24	\$67.89	\$69.58
State Attorney	State Attorney	\$59.40	\$60.88	\$62.40	\$63.96	\$65.56	\$67.20	\$68.89	\$70.61	\$72.37	\$74.18	\$76.04	\$77.93

PERSONNEL CHANGE

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve the following personnel change: Tyler Fish, Part-time Deputy Sheriff, G40/Step C, \$31.40 per hour, effective 1-01-2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gabel informed the Board that there was an electrical change order in the amount of \$5,312.16, there will be a meeting this afternoon in regard to the precast panels for the new jail project.

OPEN

Public Comments – Toby Morris, Managing Director, Colliers Securities LLC updated the Board on the bond investments, since the closing of the bonds in September the summery of investment income is \$520,101.57.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 9:36 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

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Commercial Lease Agreement

1. Names

This lease agreement is made and entered into this 1/1/2026 day of JANUARY 1st 2026, by and between Michael Cole (Landlord) and Codington County Department of - Health (Tenant). In consideration of their mutual covenants, the parties agree as follows:

2. Premises Being Leased

The parties here to agree to enter into a written Lease Agreement were by Landlord is leasing to Tenant, and Tenant is leasing from Landlord, the following commonly described property:

104 1st Ave NW
Watertown, South Dakota, 57201

3. Term of Lease

Tenant hereby rents the above described real estate from landlord for a term of 5 year(s). This begins on 1/1/2026 and ends on 1/1/2031, on the terms and conditions herein provided:

4. Rent

Tenant agrees to pay Landlord cash rent of \$2,100.00 per month due and payable on the first day of each and every month. Payments will be mailed by Tenant to Landlord at 201 E. Kemp Ave, Apt 1, Watertown, SD 57201. Tenant shall pay a late fee equal to \$50.00 for each payment that is not paid within 6 days after the due date for such late payment. Tenant shall pay \$5.00 per day for additional late fees after day 6.

2025 RAIF FUNDING ALLOCATION TO GRACELAND, HENRY, PELICAN, RAUVILLE AND WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

Motion by Schweer, second by Johnson, to approve an application from Graceland Township and award RAIF (Rural Access Infrastructure Funds), to Graceland Township, for one 2025 culvert project, the first project is to replace a bridge on 438th Avenue, with a current estimated cost of \$78,571.57. The cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$62,857.26 and Graceland Township 20% - \$15,714.31; upon vote of the Board; all voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve four applications from Henry Township and award RAIF (Rural Access Infrastructure Funds), to Henry Township for a 2025 cement box culvert project on 439th Avenue, with a current project cost of \$49,970.50. The cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$39,976.40 and Henry Township 20%, - \$9,994.10; to Henry Township for a 2025 cement box culvert project on 177th Street, with a current project cost of \$40,631.20, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$32,504.94 and Henry Township 20% - \$8,126.24; to Henry Township for a 2025 box culvert project on 440th Avenue, with a current project cost of \$25,020.96, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - 20,016.76 and Henry Township 20% - \$5,000.76; to Henry Township for a 2025 box culvert on 174th Street, with a current project cost of \$17,932.69, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$14,346.15 and Henry Township 20% - 3,586.54; all voted aye; motion carried. Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve one application from Pelican Township and award RAIF (Rural Access Infrastructure Funds) to Pelican Township for a 2025 box culvert project on 451st Avenue, with a current project cost of \$70,000.00, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - 56,000.00 and Pelican Township 20% - 14,000.00; all voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve one application for Rauville Township and award RAIF (Rural Access Infrastructure Funds) to Rauville Township, contingent that Rauville submit either their Township Board minutes or complete a resolution stating their intent to apply for RAIF funding, for a culvert project on 457th Avenue, with a current project cost of \$100,000.00, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$80,000.00 and Rauville Township 20% - \$20,000.00; all voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Schweer, second by McElhany, to approve two applications for Waverly Township and award RAIF (Rural Access Infrastructure Funds) to Waverly Township for a 2025 box culvert project on 462nd Avenue, with a current project cost of \$57,000.00, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$45,600.00 and Waverly Township 20% - \$11,400.00; to Waverly Township for a 2025 culvert project on 465th Avenue, with a current project cost of \$40,000.00, the cost share will be RAIF 80% - \$32,000.00 and Waverly Township 20% - \$8,000.00; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board had discussion with Kranzburg about their application and decided that they need more information and to have it on the January 21st, 2025 agenda for consideration.

TITLE VI COORDINATOR APPOINTED

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to appoint Human Resource Representative, Natalie Remund, to the position of Codington County Title VI coordinator; all voted aye; motion carried.

TITLE VI POLICY STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to authorize the signing of the Codington County Title VI Policy Statement and advertise the Codington County Notice of Public Rights; all voted aye; motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the following list of 2025 Liaison appointments; County Appointed Board Assignments and other duties; and State/Regional Board appointments; all voted aye; motion carried.

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MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2025; all voted aye; motion carried.

2025 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve the minutes of the 2025 County Board of Equalization and the 2025 Consolidated Board of Equalization; all voted aye; motion carried.

ADDITIONAL RAIF FUNDING FOR RAUVILLE TOWNSHIP

Rauville Township Board members, Scott Lentz, Supervisor and Bret Henricks, Chairman, appeared before the Board to request additional RAIF funding from the original amount of \$100,000.00 that was approved at the January 14, 2025 Board meeting which the cost share of 80% RAIF funding was \$80,000.00. They are requesting an additional \$52,000.00 from RAIF funding, which would be 80% RAIF funding and Rauville Township covering 20%, due to the increased cost of the culverts and the extra gravel that will be needed; Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve the additional amount of \$52,000.00, of which RAIF funding will cover 80% - \$41,600.00 and Rauville Township will cover 20% - \$10,400.00 for the total amount of \$52,000.00 requested; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado, updated the Board: hosted the Lake Area Radio Club for their March meeting, discussion on Field Day and photos and turned in credentialing Cards, to man a lark radio during a severe weather incident; completed two of three quarterly reports for HMEP grants; hosted two weather spotter training classes with 57 attendees over two sessions, DJ, Search and Rescue Commander and myself attended a Basic Inland Search and Rescue Course with instructors being from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Custer Search and Rescue team took us out on a mapping mission using their drone on some of the different terrain, had a policy meeting for Search and Rescue and starting to look at the policies that are in place to update and expand them with eight policies for the board to review for adoption. **Sheriff, Brad Howell**, provided the Board with the following statistics, compiled from activity in the month of March 2025, for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office: office fees were collected in the amount of \$14,889.59, and were retained by the County;