

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, August 04, 2026

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 August 04, 2026, agenda
5. Action to approve July 30, 2026, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Tax Deed property auction
7. Discussion/possible action with Paul Larson to temporarily release County Lien
8. Action to approve a request to sell alcohol at a wedding event at the Extension Center Borkhuis/Waters
9. Monthly Reports
 - a. 4-H Educator
 - b. Veterans Service Officer
 - c. State's Attorney
 - d. Coroner
10. Review of 2027 budget requests
11. Action to approve abatement applications
12. Action to approve claims for payment
13. Action to approve automatic budget supplements
14. Action to approve personnel changes
15. Action to approve travel requests
16. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:
17. Old Business
18. New Business
19. Open
 - a. Public Comments
 - b. Commission Comments
20. 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(2))
 - (3) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives (SDCL 1-25-2(3))
 - (4) Discussion of pricing or marketing strategies when public disclosure may harm the competitive position of the county owned business (SDCL 1-25-2(4))

(5) Discussion of information pertaining to the protection of public or private property (SDCL 1-25-2(5))

21. 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**

July 30, 2026

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 30, 2026, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel (Via Zoom), Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Randall Schweer, and Troy VanDusen; Chair VanDusen, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Emergency Manager, Andrew Delgado.

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 Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the agenda for July 30, 2026, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado, updated the Board: assisted a local entity with a vulnerability assessment for a grant they were applying for, this included rating some of their plans, training, physical security, etc., identifying strengths and areas for improvement; Search and Rescue assisted with Camp Chance, giving jet ski and boat rides to participants; Cheri and I hosted the region EMs and other public safety personnel at the Extension Center for a Salamander Credentialing System exercise, Salamander is an program for tracking personnel and equipment, it most frequently is used in large scale incidents, but it also prints out our credentialing cards; Cheri attended the Region Homeland Security Grant meeting, where we review and agree to regional projects, based on what is allocated to the region; a group is working on making a local Volunteer Coordinator position, I attended one of their meetings and provided input, I think this has the potential to be a valuable resource to the community and for emergency management. **Sheriff, Brad Howell**, provided the Board with the following statistics, compiled from activity in the month of June 2026, for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office; office fees were collected in the amount of \$24,752.95, and were retained by the County; ATM, Kiosk, and Commissary items sold with a commission fee to the County in the amount of \$2,409.28; 565 cases/calls for service; 9 accident reports were completed; 50 warrants served; 239 sets of civil papers served; 3,265 transport miles; average daily inmate population 62.4 (high ADP 74 and low ADP 55); 14 individuals wearing SCRAM (security continuous remote alcohol monitor) bracelets; 9 individuals using remote breathalyzers; 49 individuals testing twice daily PBT'S; 45 individuals reporting twice weekly for UA Drug testing; 1 individual wearing a sweat patch; 186 bookings; \$19,495.20 collected in fees for out of county prisoner contracts; \$3340.00 collected in work release fees; \$10,085.00 collected in fees for the 24/7 program and SCRAM fees; some deputies attended DARE instructor school in Pierre, so will now have 3 DARE instructors trained; National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, at City Park from 5-8 pm; applied for a grant to purchase radios, will find out in August if we receive the grant; Sheriff Howell also provided Flock Safety statistics. **Register of Deeds, Ann Rasmussen**, reported that as of July 1st, 2026, that underage marriage license will now need a court order in order to apply for a marriage license; the State will be implementing a new Vital Records system; sales have been up and down; see an increase in electronic submissions. **Treasurer, Carol Maloney**, informed the Board that she has included in her 2027 budget to hire a new employee due to possibly someone

leaving her office; otherwise doing normal business; will be taking a couple tax deed properties but will then need to wait to hold the sale in 6 months.

2027 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed 2027 from the Emergency Manager, Sheriff, Detention Center, 24/7, Youth at Risk, Register of Deeds and Treasurer.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN AMENDMENT FOR BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDS

Highway Supt., Randy Falvey, presented the Board with a Resolution authorizing 5 Year Plan Amendment for BIG Program for their approval. Highway Supt. advised the Board that the bridges submitted for replacement need to be added to the 5-Year Plan and they are located on 455th Avenue (Hwy 11), 0.1 miles north of 164th Street (Hwy 6) and on 455th Avenue (Hwy 11), 1.0 miles north of 164th Street (Hwy 6). Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve Resolution 2026-21 to amend the 5-year county plan for BIG Improvement Grant funds; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-21

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 5 YEAR COUNTY PLAN AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, Codington County wishes to amend their previously approve 5 Year County Plan for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

ADDITION OF STRUCTURE NUMBER AND LOCATION:

Str. No. 15-190-099
455th Avenue (Hwy 11), 0.1 miles north of 164th Street (Hwy 6)

-AND-

Str. No. 15-190-111
455th Avenue (Hwy 11), 1.0 miles north of 164th Street (Hwy 6)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the Amended 5 Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, previously approved on Oct. 16, 2025.

Vote of Commissioners: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Watertown, SD, this 30th day of July 2026.

Troy VanDusen
County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

Codington County, 30 July 2026

PART-TIME FACILITIES TECH I FOR COURTHOUSE

Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve hiring a part-time Facilities Tech I for the courthouse, Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf, informed the Board that he would like to hire a part-time position to get them trained due to a retirement next year; all voted aye; motion carried.

PLAT RESOLUTION APPROVED

Zoning Office, Luke Muller, provided the Board with documentation for the plat for their approval. Commissioner Johnson reviewed the plat with the Board. The Board took the following action:

RESOLUTION 2026-22

A Resolution to approve the plating of Andrew C. Rossow Addition in the County of Codington, South Dakota

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota, as follows:

That an examination has been made of the plat entitled:

Andrew C. Rossow Addition located in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 16, Township 119 North, Range 54 West of the 5th P.M.; Codington County, South Dakota (Dexter Township), and that the County Planning Commission of the said County has recommended approval of the said plat, and it also appearing that the plat and survey accompanying the same has been executed according to law.

NOW, THEREFORE, said plat is hereby approved and the County Auditor of Codington County, South Dakota, is hereby authorized to endorse on the said plat a copy of the Resolution and to certify to the same thereon.

The above and foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Johnson, and second by Commissioner McElhany; all voted aye; whereupon the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners declared the same to be duly passed and adopted.

Dated this 30th day of July 2026, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

Troy VanDusen

Commission Chair, Codington County, South Dakota

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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COUNTY OF CODINGTON

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed, elected, qualified, and acting County Auditor of Codington County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2026-22, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota.

Dated this 30th day of July 2026, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

Brenda Hanten

County Auditor, Codington County, South Dakota

CANVASS OF 2026 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION RESULTS

The Board conducted the canvass of the 2026 Primary Runoff Election results. Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the canvass and vote totals as announced; all voted aye; motion carried.

SALARY CLAIMS

Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve for payment the following July salary claims; all voted aye; motion carried.

Commissioners: 12,489.89 total salaries. Auditor: 26,130.36 total salaries. Co. Treasurer: 45,264.86 total salaries. States Attorney: 62,226.83 total salaries. Court Appt. Atty: 8,581.80 Gov. Buildings: 23,326.11 total salaries. Dir. Equalization: 56,434.36 total salaries. Reg. of Deeds: 34,353.83 total salaries. Veterans Service: 13,682.68 total salaries. Sheriff: 153,154.65 total salaries. Jail: 196,213.27 total salaries. Coroner: 4,736.60 total salaries. Welfare: 38,429.19 total salaries. CO. Nurse: 6,589.66 total salaries. Park: \$6,401.44 total salaries Ag. Bldg.: 13,672.51 total salaries. Co. Extension: 14,885.83 total salaries. Weed: 12,628.79 total salaries. Planning Board: \$375.73 total salaries. Road & Bridge: 125,927.26 total salaries. Emergency Management: 17,083.63 total salaries. Crime Victim: 9,539.11 total salaries. W.I.C.: 6,061.33 total salaries. 24/7: 7,985.90 total salaries Total 899,175.62

Breakdown of withholding amounts which are included in the above:

S.D. Retirement 83,991.26; VSP 965.03 eye insurance; S.D. Supplemental Retire. 3,745.00 suppl. retire.; Sanford 118,283.65; Reliance Standard Life Insurance 1,228.67 life ins.; Delta Dental 7,990.24 ins.; Codington County 9,290.43 employee HSA contribution; AFSCME Council 65 482.04 employee union dues; AFLAC 3,948.40.; VSP 381.12 eye insurance; John Hancock 3,515.00 suppl. retire.; AFLAC 1,554.70 ins.; Sioux Valley Credit Union 22,622.42 employee payments; John Hancock Roth 400.00 suppl. retire.; SDRS Supplemental Retirement 5,880.00 Roth retirement; Teamsters Local Union 120 318.00 employee union due; Codington County Deputy Sheriff's Association 120.00 employee union dues; ReliaBank Dakota 61,349.14 federal withholding; ReliaBank Dakota 82,384.48 social security; ReliaBank Dakota 19,267.34 Medicare; Texas Child Support 106.01; Division of Child Support 375.84; United Way 25.00 employee contributions; Health Equity 9,290.43 employee HSA contribution.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve a travel request for the Community Service office staff to attend training and the Nurse's office staff to attend clinics; all voted aye; motion carried.

OPEN

Public Comments – Zach Thompson mentioned to the Board to take a deeper look at efficiencies, he noticed that the court appointed attorney and government buildings budgets have been rising, he also mentioned US Postal Service problems and using digital submission products for submissions.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 9:54 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

Codington County, 30 July 2026

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CODINGTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

06/18/2026

14 1 AVE SE
WATERTOWN SD 57201
(605) 882-6274

PROPERTY OWNER: CODINGTON COUNTY

14 1 AVE SE
WATERTOWN SD 57201-

Property Address: STR 26-2-
MH Serial #:

Title #:

Legal: KAMPESKA TOWNSHIP VERA
LOTS 26-28 & W1/2 VAC ALLEY LY ELY SAID LOTS 26-28
& S1/2 VAC ALLEY LY NLY SAID LOT 28 BLK 2
VERA 1-116-54 + 2-116-54

26 - 2 - 0 - 0

Record #: 1996

Total Acres/Lots: .31

Filed: 12/16/2025
Deed Type: TX
Lot Size: 90 X 150

Instrument: 12/16/2025 Book: 427 Page: 2285
Sequence: 25-1146 Sale Codes: 2 - 2026 - 28 Year Built: 0
Last known Selling Price: Parcels Sold: 1

TAXING DISTRICTS

Town/Township: 8 KAMPESKA TOWNSHIP
School: 14-4 WATERTOWN SCHOOL

Special Districts -

1: 0	4: 0	7: 0
2: 1 EAST DAKOTA WATER	5: 0	8: 0
3: 1 HAMLIN CODINGTON LIBRARY	6: 0	9: 0

			2027	2026
			F & T	Last Year
Ag Building Exemption:				
AG	BR	AG-C1		
	BC	AG-CC2		
	LR	AG-C		
	LC	AG-CC		
NA	BR	NA-C1		
	BC	NA-CC2		
	LR	NA-C		
	LC	NA-CC		
	MH	NA-CM1		
OO	BR	NA-C1-S		
	LR	NA-C-S		
	MH	NA-CM1-S		

TOTALS: 0



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55555

20344

2007

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086720026000200000000000

CODINGTON COUNTY

5050

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PARCEL NUMBER
086720026000200000000000
Parent Parcel Number

Property Address

Neighborhood
502581 Kampeska Township (Platted)
Property Class
5050 5050-Vacant/Rural/Residential

TAXING DISTRICT INFORMATION

Jurisdiction 014
Area 001
District 14-4

OWNERSHIP

CODINGTON COUNTY
14 1 AVE SE
WATERTOWN, SD 57201

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Tax ID 1996

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Date

12/16/2025

CODINGTON COUNTY TREASURER
Doc #: 25-1146

Printed 06/25/2026 Card No. 1 of 1

RESIDENTIAL

VALUATION RECORD

Assessment Year	03/01/2021	03/01/2022	03/01/2023	03/01/2024	03/01/2025	03/01/2026	Worksheet
Reason for Change							

VALUATION	1	10875	11325	14949	15696	17266	18129
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Site Description

Topography:

Public Utilities:

Street or Road:

Neighborhood:

Zoning:

Legal Acres:
0.3099

LAND DATA AND CALCULATIONS

Rating	Measured	Table	Prod. Factor	Base	Adjusted	Extended	Influence	Value
Soil ID	Acreage	150	-or-	Rate	Rate	Value	Factor	
-or-	-or-	Effective	Depth Factor	Rate	Rate	Value		
Actual	Effective	Depth	-or-	Rate	Rate	Value		
Frontage	Frontage	Depth	Square Feet	Rate	Rate	Value		
90.0	90.0	150.0	1.00	402.87	402.87	36258 U	-50%	181

LOT: Lot Size
90 x 150
SP21: Sp District 2-1: East Dakota
SP31: Sp D 3-1: Codgtn/Hamlin Library
XFR: Supplemental Transfer Info
2008: Add vac alley
2022: Add vacated alley for 2023 assessment yr

Supplemental Cards
MEASURED ACREAGE

Supplemental Cards
TRUE TAX VALUE

18129

Supplemental Cards
TOTAL LAND VALUE

18129

086720026000200000000000

CODINGTON COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PARCEL NUMBER
086720026000200000000000
Parent Parcel Number

Property Address

Neighborhood
502581 Kampeska Township (Platted)
Property Class
5050 5050-Vacant/Rural/Residential

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Area 001
District 14-4

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Legal Acres:
0.3099

1 Small Acre: NA-C1 OIL 0.3100 1.00 45721.00 45721.00 14174 14174

LAND DATA AND CALCULATIONS

Rating Measured Table Prod. Factor
Soil ID Acreage 150
-or- Depth Factor
Actual Effective
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Rate Rate Value Factor

Value

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