

**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, August 11, 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 11, 2026, agenda
5. Action to approve August 04, 2026, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Action to approve a resolution 2026-23 for the sale of tax deed property
7. Action to authorize the Auditor to issue a quit claim deed or tax deed property sold on 8/04/2026
8. Discussion/possible action to authorize Chair to sign contract for temporary release of county lien
9. Monthly Reports
  - a. Director of Equalization
  - b. Auditor
  - c. Coroner
10. Review of 2027 budget requests
11. Action to approve Auditor's Acct. w/Treasurer and note monthly Register of Deeds fees
12. Action to approve a resolution 2026-24 combining precincts for the 2026 General Election
13. Action to approve abatement applications
14. Action to approve claims for payment
15. Action to approve automatic budget supplements – Emergency Management - \$115,006.60
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(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))**

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

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

August 04, 2026

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 04, 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 Commissioner Johnson.

**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 August 04, 2026, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the minutes of July 30, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

**TAX DEED PROPERTY AUCTION**

The Board held a public auction, as previously advertised, for one parcel of land acquired by Quit Claim Deed. Commissioner VanDusen conducted the live bid auction, and the following bid was received:

| Parcel # | Bidder         | Bid Amount                         |
|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1996     | Andrew Delgado | \$6,000 plus \$30.00 recording fee |

Andrew Delgado, Watertown SD, was determined to be the successful bidder for this parcel. The Board will take action to approve the sale and issue a quit claim deed to the successful bidder at their August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting.

**TEMPORARY RELEASE OF COUNTY LIEN**

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to have the State's Attorney draw up a contract with Paul Larson and the lienholder to temporarily release the lien until the loan is finalized and then agree to have the lien put back on and to put the contract on next week's agenda for approval, Paul Larson, the current property owner would like to sell the property to the lienholder but isn't able to do so until the lien would be temporarily removed, when the lien would be put back on there would now be collateral attached to the county lien, State's Attorney, Alison Baken, and Treasurer, Carol Maloney were part of the Board's discussion; all voted aye; motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO SELL ALCOHOL AT EXTENSION FOR A WEDDING EVENT**

Kara Borkhuis and Jaron Waters met with the Board to request authorization for alcohol sales at the Borkhuis/Waters wedding scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2027, at the Codington County Extension Center Complex. The liquor license held by Cloud 9 will be transferred for this event. Cloud 9 will be regulating all alcohol sales, security, and minor control. Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve the request for alcohol sales on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Extension Center Complex, as requested; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**4-H Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer**, updated the Board: she brought along James Kahnke, he going to be a 4-H graduating member, achievement days are going this week, a big thank you to all the volunteers and judges along with the 4-H supporters and sponsors who make this a great success; SD State Fair is Sept. 2-7,

2026, all the results will be found on the extension@sdstate.edu under 4-H and state fair, co-chair of special foods, fashion review, and youth and action committee; congratulations to all of our 4-H members; our new 4-H year begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026; James explained his experience as a 4-H member with the public speaking project was his beyond ready project which had the biggest impact on him, James also volunteered with the dog project. **Veterans Service Officer, Jay Roberts**, updated the Board: metrics for the month, 127 open claims (working claims) 48 pending action from VA, 178 completed (YTD), Hamlin 20 open (working claims) 10 pending from VA, 22 completed (YTD), currently working for 7 veterans and have completed 11 claims for veterans from outside our county; \$11,081 for the month July 2026, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase \$109,420; \$41,315 for the month of July 2026, retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$588,988; 2 veteran DAV transports in July, 0 - currently scheduled for August, currently 3 drivers with 1 individual came in to become a driver; CURRENT – The internet service at our new office at the 10 N Broadway location will cost \$140.00 monthly as the County requires a dedicated service line due to the VPN tunnel to the servers at the courthouse, the additional cost will be \$82.00 more a month, will be moving on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026; FUTURE – meeting with the commanders on August 4, 2026, at the VFW; radio shows KWAT – 8:30 and KXLG – 9:05 on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026; plan to attend the Military Officers Association of America on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Outreach event; will be attending the SDDVA 2026 Annual Benefits School, the office will be closed September 15-18<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Nominations for Veteran of the Year are due from the local veteran's organizations, the Veteran of the Year will be presented at the Veteran's Day Program in November 2026. **State's Attorney, Alison Trauba**, informed the Board: that she has a name change which she has also updated her last name on her law license; gave the jail population numbers for August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026; the Juvenile Justice Diversion application has been submitted; mentioned National Night Out is tonight at City Park from 5-8 pm; will be having a high school student shadow her; will be speaking at a conference on child abuse; with school starting will be addressing truancy issues; in reference to questions about Ordinance #83 the county isn't able to give legal advice since it would be considered an ethical conflict and individuals will need to seek independent legal counsel; as of July 1<sup>st</sup> a new law went into effect related to sexual assault exams, Prairie Lakes currently aren't able to perform them due to the new law change, looking into ways to address this and come up with a good solution; due to crime increasing there is an increase in public defender costs; be aware of sophisticated fraud emails; due to an employee moving to partial retirement I have added it to 2027 to hire an attorney to get them trained.

## **2027 BUDGET REVIEW**

The Board reviewed 2027 budgets from the State's Attorney, mandated and non-profits.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by Schweer, to adjourn at 9:56 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Brenda Hanten  
Codyington County Auditor

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## RESOLUTION 2026-23

### APPROVING THE SALE OF COUNTY LAND ACQUIRED BY QUIT CLAIM DEED

**WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO DIRECTION FROM** the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota, the County Auditor did heretofore offer for sale, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026, the hereinafter described real property belonging to said County, which was acquired by said Quit Claim Deed, and

**WHEREAS**, it now appears from the said County Auditor's report of sale on file herein and from the proof of publication of Notice of Sale attached to said report and on file herein that all the proceedings necessary to a legal sale have been completed and the following have offered the following price for the following described real property to-wit.

**Purchaser:** Andrew Delgado and Brookney Delgado, 1918 9 St. NE, Watertown, SD

**Legal Description:** Lots 26, 27 and 28 in block 2 in the Town of Vera, now known as Kampeska, and the W1/2 of the vacated alley lying easterly of said Lots 26-28 & the S1/2 of the vacated alley lying northerly of said Lot 28, Codington County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof. Record 1996

**Purchase Price:** \$6000.00

Which full amount of the purchase price has been deposited with the County Treasurer;

NOW THEREFORE, be it and it hereby is resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota in regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026, that the sale of said premises to the above be and the same is hereby approved and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of said Codington County, South Dakota is hereby authorized and directed to execute and the County Auditor to attest a Quit Claim Deed to said real property in the name of said County, and deliver said Quit Claim Deed to said purchaser conveying to said purchaser all of the right, title, and interest of said County therein.

Dated 11th day of August 2026

Motion by, second by, to approve the above and foregoing resolution, all members present voted aye; motion carried.

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Troy VanDusen, Chair

ATTEST:

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Brenda Hanten, Auditor

## **RESOLUTION 2026-24**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota, is required by the provision of SDCL 12-14-1 to provide for election precincts throughout the County and shall designate polling places within such precincts, and

**WHEREAS**, a General Election is to be held on November 3, 2026, and where the Board of County Commissioners may change the boundaries of election precincts already established and where it has been determined it would be in the best interest of County taxpayers to combine several current precincts for said election.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following precincts will be combined for the County-wide 2026 General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Precincts A3 & A4  
Precincts B1, B4, & E5  
Precincts B2, B3 & C1  
Precincts C2, D2, D4, & Elmira Township  
Precincts C3, C4 & Pelican Township  
Precincts E1, E4 & Lake Township  
Precincts E2 & E3  
Precincts Dexter & Fuller/Florence  
Precincts Germantown & Rauville  
Precincts Kampeska & Richland

The above and foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner, second by Commissioner; all voted aye; motion carried.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026

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Troy VanDusen, Chair

ATTEST:

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Brenda Hanten, Auditor