

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, September 08, 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 September 08, 2026, agenda**
- 5. Action to approve September 01, 2026, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners**
- 6. Public Hearing on 2027 Codington County Provisional budget**
- 7. Discussion with Kranz Insurance regarding employee health renewal rates**
- 8. Monthly Reports**
 - a. 4-H Educator**
 - b. Auditor**
 - c. Community Service Director**
- 9. Action to approve Auditor's Acct. w/Treasurer and note Register of Deeds fees**
- 10. Note the Board will not meet on September 15th, 2026, due to SDACO/SDACC annual convention**
- 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**

September 08, 2026

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 08, 2026, 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 Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf.

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 Schweer, second by Gabel, to approve the agenda for September 08, 2026, as posted adding to authorize Auditor's office to process necessary claims due to not meeting until September 22, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the minutes of September 01, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

2027 PROVISIONAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Board held a public hearing, as previously advertised, to allow any and all interested parties to comment on the 2027 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. The Board will conduct public hearings again, during their regular meetings on September 22nd, 2026. The provisional budget will be adopted during the Board's regular meeting on September 22nd, 2026, at which time the budget may be amended upon action by the Board.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN REVIEW

Kranz Insurance representatives, Ray Kranz and Jamie Riley, Julia Andresen, Sanford Health Plan, Group Account Manager, Joe Weber, Sanford Health Plan, Account Manager and Stephen Brua, Graber & Associates, Broker, met with the Board to review the County's employee health insurance plans and renewable premium rates for 2027 coverage.

MONTHLY REPORTS

4-H Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer, updated the Board: Congratulations to all the 4-H youth; Codington County had a great representation at the State Fair; this weekend is the State Fall Shoot in Mitchell where youth will compete in Trap, Skeet and Muzzleloader; the SDSU Extension Conference is coming up; 4-H youth will now be applying for awards and completing their 4-H record books; the new 4-H year begins on October 1st, 2026; **Auditor, Brenda Hanten**, informed the Board: Ballots have been ordered; letters have been mailed out to precinct workers; received centrally assessed utilities allowing the calculation of property tax levies for taxes pay 2027. **Community Service Director, Sara Foust**, updated the Board: Medicaid Reimbursement - \$2,180.00 billed in July & August; DOH CHW Grant reimbursement - \$2,517.00 in July & August; Community Service Office – attended a facilitation training in Sioux Falls Aug. 11th & 12th; Angie is working with Prison & Parole to develop a reentry process and program for people returning from prison; Tiffany has been seeing clients and is having great results, this is also increasing referrals to CHW's, Cassidy has started her CHW certification program and has developed a curriculum for Emerging adults, her and Paige plan to start groups for this after she is done with the CHW program, Paige is updating the procedures for county processes; continue to see higher financial needs and very limited resources in the community, as a reminder, the county has very strict criteria for eligibility, must be a county resident, last resort, must agree to participate in case management

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and will have a lien placed; submitted the grant for ESG and we will likely receive some funding to help with rent and housing assistance, the housing proposal for Transitional Housing was selected by SDHDA to be part of the South Dakota application, waiting for HUD to resolve the latest law suit before the state application can be submitted, having staff training on Sept. 18th for a few hours, so the door will be locked, will answer the phone; Systems of Care/Codington Connects – Interagency meeting this Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club at 10:00 a.m.; Central Location – Asbestos remediation is done, working on finalizing funding, there have been some challenges; Childcare – meets next week, three priorities are: employer engagement, education and finding staff; Check out Codington Connects at www.codingtonconnects.com for more events and information about the community.

AUDITOR'S ACCT. W/TREASURER AND REGISTER OF DEEDS FEES

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the Auditor's Account of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer as of the last business day of August 2026, all present voted aye; motion carried.

Cash on hand	\$ 6,846.50
Checks in Treasurers' possession	\$ 69,616.44
less than 3 days	0.00
Credit Card Charges	\$ 15,365.69
Cash Items	\$ 425.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$ 92,253.63
RECONCILED CHECKING	
Reliabank (Memorial Park)	\$ 1000.00
Reliabank Dakota	\$ 25,692,588.89
INVESTMENTS	
SD Public Funds Investment	\$ 1,130.58
Plains Commerce Bank CD's	\$ 0.00
Colliers Securities	\$ 16,536,519.21
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 42,323,492.31
General Ledger Cash Balance by Funds	
General	\$ 9,063,343.33
General restricted cash	\$ 500,000.00
Sp. Revenue	\$ 8,355,405.26
County Jail Build	\$22,953,824.81
Bond Redemption Fund	\$ 295,809.47
Custodial	\$ 1,155,109.44
(schools \$184,666.17, townships \$57,863.11; city/towns \$252,971.99)	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	\$ 42,323,492.31

The Board noted Register of Deeds fees, in the amount of \$48,389.70, were collected in the month of August 2026.

NOTE BOARD WILL NOT MEET SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2026, DUE TO SDACO/SDACC ANNUAL CONVENTION

AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PROCESS NECESSARY CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve the Auditor's Office to process necessary claims for payment, Auditor, Brenda Hanten, explained to the Board due to the SDACO/SDACC conference the Board will not be meeting September 15th, 2026, and with the early deadline for claims this month that the office will be able to process any claims that need to be paid and then approved at the September 22nd, 2026, meeting; all voted aye; motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & 493.97 MAINT, 605 PROPERTY SOLUTIONS, LLC 1099.02 RENT, A-OX WELDING 82.96 SUPPLIES, ACCREDITATION, AUDIT AND 165.00 SVC, A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 346.02

MAINT, ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL 21229.67 SVC, ADVANTAGE RV'S & TRAILERS INC 35.19 MAINT, AGTERRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC 1260.00 SUP, ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEMS 900.70 SVC, AUSTIN LAW OFFICES LLP 29536.39 SVC, AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS 885.00 MAINT, AUTO VALUE 53.99 SUP, BANNER ASSOCIATES, INC 9054.58 REPAIRS/MAINT., BATTERIES UNLIMITED 48.00 SUP, BATTERIES UNLIMITED 905.00 REPAIRS/MAINT., BEACON CENTER 1000.00 PMT, BLACKBURN FOUNDATION REPAIR 4546.44 MAINT, BLUEPEAK 339.71 UTIL, BLUME FIREWOOD 1200.00 SUP, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 8926.58 PMT, BRATLAND LAW 6819.80 SVC, BROTHERS & SISTERS BEHIND BARS 4664.65 RENT, BROWN CLINIC 1496.00 SVC, C&R FIRE SUPPRESSION 125.00 MAINT, CEDAR SHORE RESORT 327.92 TRAV, WHITNEY CHILSON 52.80 JURY, DARRIN CHRISTENSEN 50.00 CELL, CODINGTON COUNTY CLERK OF COUR 79.25 REIMB, COKO PROPERTIES 350.00 RENT, COLE PAPERS, INC. 2220.17 SUP, ANGIE COLLIGNON 40.00 CELL, JOANN COMES 71.00 JURY, LISA COMES 72.40 JURY, COMMUNITY TRANSIT OF WATERTOWN 24.00 TRAV, JODI K HOFFMANN 1419.80 SVC, CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL 18424.42 SUP, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 163.07 SVC, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 50.90 SVC, CULLIGAN OF WATERTOWN 367.75 SUP, JAN DAILEY 25.00 CELL, DAKOTA GROUP PSYCHOLOGICAL 2645.00 SVC, LAVERNE D DALLY(CHARLIE) 25.00 CELL, MATTHEW DARGATZ 25.00 CELL, KATHRYN JANE DEJONG 400.00 SVC, MARK DEROUCHAY 57.00 JURY, DETCO 1106.59 SUPPLIES, DIEBOLD NIXDORF INC 877.50 MAINT, JAMIE DOLEN 25.00 CELL, DOUG'S ANCHOR MARINE 2463.48 SUP, PAMELA DRAKE 59.80 JURY, KEITH EISCHENS 25.00 CELL, ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 381.25 SVC, EMBERLINE PRESS INC 169.95 POST, EMBERLINE PRESS INC 3251.44 POST, JERAD ENGELS 845.80 MAINT, FACE IT TOGETHER INC 3332.31 SVC, RANDALL G. FALVEY 40.00 CELL, FAMILY DENTAL CENTER 1255.00 SVC, TOWN OF FLORENCE 1.55 UTILITIES, SARA FOUST 40.00 CELL, BRIANA FRENCH 51.40 JURY, MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI 161.50 SVC, GRAINGER 243.26 SUP, GREEN OVIATT LAW FIRM LLP 19394.00 SVC, GUARDIAN ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGIES 125.00 SVC, JUSTIN HALAJIAN 40.00 CELL, MERIL HAMBLIN 52.80 JURY, RON HARTLEY 25.00 CELL, HARTWIG HEATING 2872.33 MAINT, HEALTHSOURCE OF WATERTOWN 300.00 REPAIRS/MAINT., DAVID HEDDING 25.00 CELL, HELSPER, MCCARTY & RASMUSSEN 37064.80 SVC, TOWN OF HENRY 219.11 UTILITIES, PAUL HERTING 51.40 JURY, CODY HOFF 25.00 CELL, JIMMY HOLDAHL 51.40 JURY, HYVEE #1871 ACCTS RECEIVABLE 99.02 SVC, I STATE TRUCK CENTERS 170.57 REPAIRS/MAINT., JON INGALLS 25.00 CELL, INTERLAKES COMMUNITY ACTION 1926.00 SVC, INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER 2160.80 SUP, JEBRO INC. 266133.21 SUPPLIES, ADAM JENSON 51.40 JURY, JOHNSON CONTROLS BUILDING 422.24 MAINT, WADE JORDAN 25.00 CELL, MITCHELL KALLHOFF 25.00 CELL, KENNEDY PIER LOFTUS & REYNOLDS 378.20 SVC, ERIK KOSAK 25.00 CELL, JOSEPH LAFRAMBOISE 25.00 CELL, LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC 35.39 SVC, THE LOFTS 1585.50 RENT, MAC'S, INC 37.70 SUP, MAC'S HARDWARE 4.41 REPAIRS/MAINT., RONI MACK 64.00 JURY, MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC 877.53 MAINT, MASTERS TELECOM LLC 355.94 UTIL, MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL 168.41 SUP, MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUP 498.74 SUP, MENARDS 713.47 SUP, MENARDS 431.13 SUPPLIES, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS 324.88 UTIL, KLAYTON MILLER 25.00 CELL, MINNEAPOLIS FORENSIC 2818.75 SVC, MULTI BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC 5665.00 SVC, MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 82.45 UTIL, MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 20168.02 UTIL, NAPA CENTRAL 286.21 REPAIRS/MAINT., NELSON & ERICSSON LAW OFFICE 7094.00 SVC, CHRISTA NELSON 52.80 JURY, JULIE NELSON 52.80 JURY, NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS ACCOUNTS 1030.39 SUPPLIES, SHAWN NILLS 40.00 CELL, NORTHERN CON-AGG 23524.67 SUPPLIES, NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY 1462.90 EQUIP, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 54.78 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS, INC. 3523.32 SUP, OFFICE PEEPS 13.30 SUPPLIES, OREILLY AUTO PARTS 15.27 SUP, OTTERTAIL POWER CO, 43.14 UTILITIES, MICHELLE PEDERSON 40.00 CELL, PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES 139.11 SUPPLIES, PITNEY BOWES 1700.00 SUP, POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC. 2048.90 REPAIRS/MAINT., PPWIX WEBSITE SERVICES 1016.75 SVC, PRAIRIE LAKES HEALTH CARE CENT 2298.77 SVC, PRINT 'EM NOW 45.00 SUP, ANN RASMUSSEN 304.20 TRAV, REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY 2013.27 SUP, RIBSTEIN & HOGAN LAW FIRM 5566.58 SVC, RIDDLE'S GLASS INC 138.95 MAINT, RUNNINGS 38.97 SUP, SABER SHRED SOLUTIONS 4170.40 REPAIRS/MAINT., SAFETY BENEFITS 225.00 SVC, SANFORD WATERTOWN MED CENTER 3675.00 SVC, SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY 918.51 MAINT, SD ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE 1375.50 SVC, SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 6295.00 SVC, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF TRANSPOR 103652.12 REPAIRS/MAINT., SD STATE TREASURER 632323.47 AUGUST REMITTANCE, SDACO 786.00 PMT, SDN COMMUNICATIONS 1026.00 UTIL, SDRS SPECIAL PAY PLAN 6451.31 PMT, SDVSOA 200.00 TRAV,

MELISSA SEARS 40.00 CELL, HEIDI SELCHERT 40.00 CELL, SHARP AUTOMOTIVE 1028.87 MAINT, SIGNPRO 575.00 MAINT, SIOUX RURAL WATER SYSTEM 39.50 UTIL, SIOUX VALLEY COOP 7404.59 SUP, SIOUX VALLEY COOP 1539.02 SUPPLIES, SIRCHIE LLC 49.57 SUP, SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL 246.35 SUPPLIES, LAW OFFICE OF ALEXANDER SOCIA 16692.36 SVC, LYNN SOLBERG 40.00 CELL, SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE 3213.69 SVC, STEVE STAHLKE 25.00 CELL, STAR LAUNDRY 2783.17 SUP, STAR LAUNDRY 132.44 SUPPLIES, STATE 4-H OFFICE FAIR PASSES 85.00 TRAV, SCOTT SWANSON 25.00 CELL, TEAM LAB 47971.50 REPAIRS/MAINT., TECHNIQUES INC 100.59 SUP, TEESDALE LAW OFFICE, PLLC 1006.50 SVC, THE PULSE ADVANTAGE 1800.00 SVC, THOMSON REUTERS-WEST 501.01 SVC, DOUGLAS D. TORSTENSON 25.00 CELL, JAMES TORSTENSON 20.00 CELL, TRAFFIC SAFETY STORE 465.05 SUP, TRANSOURCE 2615.75 SUPPLIES, ALISON TRAUBA 40.00 CELL, TRAV'S OUTFITTER INC 149.99 SUP, TRUENORTH STEEL 15660.80 SUPPLIES, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 9681.00 MAINT, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 37.00 SUPPLIES, VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 847.36 SUP, VERIZON WIRELESS 1251.08 UTIL, VERIZON WIRELESS 298.97 UTIL, VERIZON WIRELESS 1689.88 UTIL, VERIZON WIRELESS 75.06 UTIL, VERIZON 40.01 UTILITIES, RELIABANK VISA 79.23 SUP, RELIABANK VISA 1116.23 SUP, RELIABANK VISA 195.94 SUP, RELIABANK VISA 971.98 SVC, RELIABANK VISA 189.99 SUP, RELIABANK VISA 976.06 SUP, RELIABANK VISA 11.31 SVC, RELIABANK VISA 772.09 SUP, RELIABANK VISA 292.35 TRAV, RELIABANK VISA 228.10 UTIL, RELIABANK VISA 237.49 REPAIRS/MAINT., MARLONIE VOGELSANG 25.00 CELL, GERALD VOLK 54.20 JURY, GAIL WAHL 1640.00 PMT, SCOTT WAHL 1640.00 PMT, WARNE PLUMBING 406.13 MAINT, WATERTOWN CURRENT LLC 32.24 PUB, WATERTOWN CURRENT LLC 1036.51 PUB, WATERTOWN LAWN & GARDEN 236.50 MAINT, BRETT WENDLER 54.20 JURY, JOHN WEST 51.40 JURY, WESTERN DETENTION 1100.75 MAINT, FLEETPRIDE, INC. 1290.68 REPAIRS/MAINT., SARAH WILKENS 65.40 JURY, TREY WITTENBERG 54.20 JURY, WW TIRE SERVICE INC 106.14 MAINT

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel to approve the following jail claims for payment; all voted aye; motion carried.
Watertown Municipal Utilities \$150.00

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the following Personnel changes: all voted aye; motion carried.
Noah Felderman, part-time Corrections Officer, Detention Center, Grade 35/Step A, \$27.66 per hour, effective 9-14-2026,
Chad Stricherz, part-time Corrections Officer, Detention Center, Grade 40/Step E, \$32.98/per hour, effective 8-24-2026,
Keirsten Anglin, part-time Corrections Officer, Detention Center, Grade 35/Step A, \$27.66 per hour, effective 9-15-2026,
Donnie Miller, part-time Maintenance Tech I, Government Building, Grade 20/Step A, \$21.96/per hour, effective 9-8-2026.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve a travel request for Emergency Management staff to attend conference and pre-conference training; State's Attorney staff to attend board meeting; all voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gabel informed the Board that the shell space Area A the plumbing and concrete costs are reasonable and should be less than \$40,000 to plumb and lay concrete.

OPEN

Commission comments – Commissioner Johnson announced that he attended the SD Retirement meeting and mentioned that it is still 100% funded, had discussion about the COLA and inflation for 2027.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 10:02 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Codington County Auditor

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