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, October 06, 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 October 06, 2026, agenda**

5. **Action to approve September 22, 2026, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners**

6. **Action to approve Resolution 2026-26 Codington County 5-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan**

7. **Action to approve plat resolutions**
   a. **Wyatt Endres Addition 2026-27**
   b. **Three Oakes Farms Addition 2026-28**

8. **Monthly Reports**
   a. **4-H Educator**
   b. **Veteran Service Officer**

9. **Action to surplus 2019 Dodge Caravan and 2020 Ram pickup for trade**

10. **Discussion/possible action to approve radio system and radios for Detention Center, as budgeted**

11. **Action to approve purchase of an I-mop scrubber**

12. **Discussion/possible action to approve quotes for Meraki firewall for Auditor and Veteran Service Offices**

13. **Action to approve Resolution 2026-29, cancelling unclaimed checks and warrants per SDCL 7-22-17**

14. **Action to approve cell phone stipend for new courthouse maintenance employee, Donnie Miller**

15. **Review of Codington County employee health insurance proposals**

16. **Note Native American Day Codington County office closures**

17. **Action to approve abatement applications**

18. **Action to approve claims for payment**

19. **Action to approve automatic budget supplements**

20. **Action to approve personnel changes**

21. **Action to approve travel requests**

22. **Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:**

23. **Old Business**

24. **New Business**

25. **Open**

a. **Public Comments**
b. **Commission Comments**

26. **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))

27. **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

October 06, 2026

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 06, 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 Veteran Service Officer, Jay Roberts.

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 October 06, 2026, as posted adding discussion possible action to extend deadline for Codington County employee health insurance proposals; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED
Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the minutes of September 22, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-26 FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN
Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve Resolution 2026-26 and to authorize the Chair to sign the certification form for the Five-Year Codington County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-26

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CODINGTON COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that in order to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan;
and

WHEREAS, Codington County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Codington County held a public meeting on September 22nd, 2026, to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CODINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE CODINGTON COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR CODINGTON COUNTY.

Dated at Codington, South Dakota this 6th day of October 2026.

Troy VanDusen, Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten, Auditor

PLAT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

Zoning Office, Luke Muller, provided the Board with documentation for two plats for their approval. The Board took the following action:

RESOLUTION 2026-27

A Resolution to approve the plating of Wyatt Endres 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:

Wyatt Endres Addition located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 118 North, Range 52 West of the 5th P.M.; Codington County, South Dakota (Rauville 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 6th day of October 2026, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

Troy VanDusen
Commission Chair, Codington County, South Dakota

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
§
COUNTY OF CODINGTON

Codington County, 06 October 2026

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 2026-27, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota.

Dated this 6th day of October 2026, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

Brenda Hanten
County Auditor, Codington County, South Dakota

RESOLUTION 2026-28

A Resolution to approve the plating of Three Oaks Farms 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:

Three Oaks Farms Addition located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 119 North, Range 52 West of the 5th P.M.; Codington County, South Dakota (Rauville 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 Schweer; all voted aye; whereupon the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners declared the same to be duly passed and adopted.

Dated this 6th day of October 2026, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

Troy VanDusen
Commission Chair, Codington County, South Dakota

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
§
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 2026-28, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota.

Dated this 6th day of October 2026, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

Brenda Hanten
County Auditor, Codington County, South Dakota

MONTHLY REPORTS

4-H Educator, Jodi Loehrer, updated the Board, the new 4-H year began on October 1, 2026, and youth need to re-enroll and new youth can now enroll; Cloverbuds are ages 5-7 and 4-H members are 8-18, call the Extension Office if interested in joining 4-H; It's National 4-H Week and Codington County youth are beyond ready, ready to lead and ready for life; It's treat Tuesday and Jodi brought treats for the Board; 4-H Award applications are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 7th with the 4-H Recognition Event on Sunday, October 25th at 2 PM; Cloverbuds will begin in November 2026; I will be attending the National 4-H Conference in Missouri with ten other colleagues from South Dakota, and I will be presenting with educators from other states about Ag Safety. **Veterans Service Officer, Jay Roberts,** updated the Board: : metrics for the month, 124 open claims (working claims) 48 pending action from VA, 229 completed (YTD), Hamlin 16 open (working claims) 7 pending from VA, 31 completed (YTD), currently working for 9 veterans and have completed 15 claims for veterans from outside our county; $18,892 for the month Sept. 2026, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase $140,290; $103,748 for the month of September 2026, retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments $683,001; 0 veteran DAV transports in September, 1 - currently scheduled for October, currently 3 drivers and we have one application for someone to become a VA volunteer as a driver; CURRENT - We are in our new office at 10 N Broadway "Executive Suites on Broadway" 104, Eric and I each have individual offices, so veterans need to make sure to check each office in the hallway; attended the SDDVA 2026 annual benefits school in September; FUTURE - meeting with the commanders on October 6, 2026, at the VFW; radio shows KWAT - 8:30 and KXLG - 9:05 on October 8th, 2026; the Codington County Vets council will vote on the 2026 Veteran of the Year the Veteran of the Year will be presented at the Veteran's Day program on November 11th,2026, at the Watertown Civic Arena; November 7th and 8th, 2026, there will be a Veteran event and Veteran Family Camp at Joy Ranch with a 9:00 a.m. arrival with luncheon being served at 11:30 a.m., November 7th, 2026, there will be a FAB Retiree Summit, brief personnel coming up on retirement within the next year on possible VA Benefits; November 19, 2026, there will be a Legislative Roundtable at the American Legion around 11:30 a.m.; November 20th & 21st, 2026, there will be a Military Appreciation night for the Watertown Shamrocks.

SURPLUS VEHICLES IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the surplus of two vehicles in the Sheriff's Office, to be traded: 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan, serial #2C4RDGBG6KR654685; and 2020 Ram 1500 Classic Pickup, serial #1C66RR7XT0LS153757; Sheriff, Brad Howell informed the Board that these vehicles are being traded for the purchase of vehicles which were budgeted items; all voted aye; motion carried.

RADIO SYSTEM AND RADIOS FOR DETENTION CENTER

Motion by Gabel, second by Schweer, to approve the purchase of Jail Radio System, from DSC Communications, in the amount of $55,327.77, Sheriff, Brad Howell, informed the Board that this is a closed-circuit system with 14 radios and a consolette; all voted aye; motion carried.

I-MOP SCRUBBER FOR DETENTION CENTER

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve the purchase of an I-mop scrubber, from Cole Papers, Inc., in the amount of $5,197.72, Sheriff, Brad Howell, provided the Board with information about the I-mop scrubber; all voted aye; motion carried.

FIREWALLS FOR AUDITOR AND VETERAN SERVICE OFFICES

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve Meraki firewalls for the Auditor and Veteran Service Offices, from TwoTrees, in the amount of $3,284.00 for the Auditor's Office and $1,379.00 for the Veteran Service office; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUT-DATED CHECKS/WARRANTS

Resolution #2026-29

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

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NUMBER	NAME	AMOUNT
170875	BRIAN HARRINGTON	$12.04
173521	NOAH PRICE	$ 14.02
170984	COLE TAKEN	$11.02
170756	ANDREW TURBAK	$ 3.00
Total Remitted as Unclaimed Property		$40.08

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the above and foregoing resolution; on this 6th day of October 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

Troy VanDusen
Chairman, Codington County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

CELL PHONE STIPEND
Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve a monthly cell phone stipend, effective October 1st, 2026, in the amount of $25.00, to Maintenance Tech, Donald Miller, as requested by Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf; all voted aye; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURACE QUOTES
Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to extend the deadline for the Codington County employee health insurance quotes to October 13th, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

NOTE NATIVE AMERICAN DAY CODINGTON COUNTY OFFICE CLOSURES
Note that the Court House and all County offices will be closed on Monday, October 12th, 2026, in observance of Native American Day.

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

Commissioners: 12,489.86 total salaries. Auditor: 24,759.34 total salaries. Co. Treasurer: 44,124.67 total salaries. States Attorney: 62,223.35 total salaries. Court Appt. Atty: 8,555.45 Gov. Buildings: 29,485.89 total salaries. Dir. Equalization: 57,258.26 total salaries. Reg. of Deeds: 34,350.00 total salaries. Veterans Service: 13,682.67 total salaries. Sheriff: 150,170.17 total salaries. Jail: 185,296.18 total salaries. Coroner: 5,167.20 total salaries. Welfare: 38,429.18 total salaries. CO. Nurse; 6,754.06 total salaries. Park: $6,754.11 total salaries Ag. Bldg.: 7,356.38 total salaries. Co. Extension: 14,885.82 total salaries. Weed: 12,390.59 total salaries. Planning Board: $281.94 total salaries. Road & Bridge: 137,539.33 total salaries. Emergency Management; 17,083.61 total salaries. Crime Victim: 9,539.09 total salaries. W.I.C.: 6,061.33 total salaries. 24/7: 5,338.32 total salaries. Total 892,803.57

Breakdown of withholding amounts which are included in the above:
S.D. Retirement 82,856.44; VSP 907.87 eye insurance; S.D. Supplemental Retire. 3,955.00 suppl. retire.; Sanford 124,252.33; Reliance Standard Life Insurance 1,240.92 life ins.; Delta Dental 7,799.74 ins.; Codington County 9,610.63

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employee HSA contribution; AFSCME Council 65 482.04 employee union dues; AFLAC 4,444.59.; VSP 404.94 eye insurance; John Hancock 3,545.00 suppl. retire.; AFLAC 2,119.73 ins.; Sioux Valley Credit Union 21,577.42 employee payments; John Hancock Roth 500.00 suppl. retire.; SDRS Supplemental Retirement 5,080.00 Roth retirement; Teamsters Local Union 120 318.00 employee union due; Codington County Deputy Sheriff's Association 120.00 employee union dues; ReliaBank Dakota 58,622.05 federal withholding; ReliaBank Dakota 80,795.14 social security; ReliaBank Dakota 18,895.74 Medicare; Texas Child Support 29.88; Division of Child Support 105.95; United Way 25.00 employee contributions; Health Equity 9,610.63 employee HSA contribution.

CLAIMS

Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve for payment the following list of claims; all voted aye; motion carried. SVC, ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 1579.00 SUP, HEALTHEQUITY 74.25 SVC, LINCOLN CO TREASURER 1869.96 SVC, MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUP 253.34 SUP, MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR 715.73 SVC, SOUTH SHORE GAZETTE 994.14 PUB, RELIABANK VISA 671.92 TRAV, WATERTOWN CURRENT LLC 1036.51 PUB, FIRST DISTRICT ASSN OF LCL GOV 6,300.00

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by McElhany, second by Johnson, to approve a travel request for Public Health Nurse staff to attend flu shot clinics; voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gabel gave an update on the new jail project and informed the Board that construction is moving along and inside construction is taking shape; curb and gutter will be starting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 9:30 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

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