

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 2, 2025

The meeting of the Mellette County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Brown in the Commissioner Room in the Mellette County Courthouse at White River, SD on September 2, 2025 at 9:03 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wesley Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith.

Visitors: Leroy Greaves

All motions are to be considered unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Schmidt.

Provisional Budget Hearing was held; no public appeared regarding the proposed budget. Commission will meet on September 22, 2025 for final approval.

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte provided the Commission with a written update on work that has been completed over the last month and work that they are planning on for the next month. Leroy Greaves joined the meeting to request from the Commission to cross a county road in order to get water to his pasture located 9 miles north of Cedar Butte on County Road 6. There was discussion of his intentions on how and exactly where the water line would cross. Motion was made by Schmidt to allow him to cross the road at the requested location as long as the water line was bored under the road instead of digging a trench, second by Brandis. Greaves will work with Tre on this project and keep him updated.

Auditor: Auditor Galbraith requested travel to attend the election workshop in Pierre on October 29-30, 2025. Motion by Schmidt to allow travel with reimbursement for mileage, second by Brandis.

Sheriff: Sheriff Gildemaster requested travel to Watertown for the Sheriff's conference September 29, 2025 – October 1, 2025 to include hotel stay and mileage. Motion by Schmidt to approve travel, second by Brandis.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-1: Brown requested executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Schmidt to enter executive session at 9:57 am, second by Brandis. At 11:00 am Chairman Brown declared executive session over.

Unfinished Business: Commission discussed updates to the employee handbook. The update of the leave accrual policy Section 402A and 404A will be changed from 8 hours per month to 4 hours per pay period since payroll was switched to bi-weekly. Motion by Schmidt to make this change effective September 1, 2025, second by Brandis.

New Business: Auditor Galbraith discussed the need for some changes to the courtroom and Clerk of Courts office, painting and carpet. Will discuss with the maintenance person and see if he is willing and will get some prices together for the October meeting.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) re. personnel: Motion by Schmidt to go into Executive Session at 12:14 pm, second by Brandis. Chairman Brown declared executive session over at 12:40 pm

Approval Of Proceedings: Motion by Brandis to approve the proceedings August 5 and August 21, 2025, seconded by Brandis.

Claims: Commission reviewed claims presented and claims paid out of meeting. Motion by Brandis to approve the following claims, seconded by Schmidt:

SDACC	COUNTY CONVENTION	660.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS	DENTAL/VISION INS	38.28
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	98.30
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	20.66
AUDITOR		
DEPT OF TREASURY IRS	PENALTY FOR LATE DEPOSIT	284.68
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.76
SDACC	COUNTY CONVENTION	220.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS	DENTAL/VISION INS	13.68
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	49.15
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	46.19
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	9.40
UP NORTH RECYCLING	SHRED BIN	7.00
TREASURER		
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.76
SDACC	COUNTY CONVENTION	220.00
BEAM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS	DENTAL/VISION INS	18.58
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	49.15
AMAZON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	346.33
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	9.40
UP NORTH RECYCLING	SHRED BIN	7.00
STATE'S ATTORNEY		
BEAM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS	DENTAL/VISION INS	6.02
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	49.15
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	9.40
COURT APPOINTED ATTY		
AISHA CARR	FILE 47JUV25-10 & 47CRI22-001	1030.93
COURTHOUSE		
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T84109083 ELECTRIC SERVICE	792.76
CHS	PROPANE TANK RENTAL	75.00
CHS	609.1 GAL PROPANE	907.56
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	49.15
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	560.06
FIREWATCH OUTPOST	FUEL	17.10
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREIMIUM	9.40
WEX BANK	FUEL	92.62
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.76\
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	49.15
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	9.40
SDAAO	WORKSHOP REGISTRATION	25.00
UP NORTH RECYCLING	SHRED BIN	7.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	35.00
SDACC	COUNTY CONVENTION	220.00
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	3.76
UP NORTH RECYCLING	SHRED BIN	7.00
PHONE/INTERNET		
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	PHONE/INTERNET	609.35
SHERIFF		
ALL PRO TOWING & REPAIR LLC	TOW 24 FORD TO PIERRE	542.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DEPUTY SUPPLIES	331.48
D & E FOOD & FUEL	UNLEADED FUEL	66.90
LAFE GILDEMASTER	QUALIFICATION SUPPLIES	90.25
MURDO CAR SALES & SERVICE	2018 FORD EXP BELT	68.99
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	35.00

BEAM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS	DENTAL/VISION INS	4.11
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	196.63
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES & READIOS	317.60
FEDEX	EVIDENCE SHIPPING	30.08
GALL'S LLC	HANDCUFF CASE	117.29
GALL'S LLC	UNIFORMS	571.82
THOMAS KELLER	UNIFORM ACCESSORIES	52.94
MCLEOD'S	TRAFFIC TICKETS	208.95
MURDO CAR SALES & SERVICE	A/C REPAIR – FORD EXPLORER	189.68
NORTHERN SAFETY TECH INC.	EQUIPMENT – 2025 CHEVY PICKUP	3760.38
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	37.60
WEX BANK	FUEL	1905.79
JAIL		
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55113902 ELECTRIC SERVICE	143.23
CHS	237.6 GAL PROPANE	354.02
CITY OF WINNER	JULY PRISONER HOUSING	2220.00
CITY OF WINNER	JULY PRISONER TRANSPORT	161.98
CRS	JULY PRISONER INSURANCE	40.61
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	PHONE/INTERNET	104.41
HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE	JULY 2025 JUV HOUSING	9240.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY	JAIL PRISONER HOUSING - 13 DAYS	1365.00
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER	32.00
CORRECT RX PHARMACY SERVICES	PRISONER MEDICATION	10.08
PENNINGTON CO. JAIL	PRISONER TRANSPORT	111.30
AMBULANCE		
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T68586628 ELECTRIC EMS BLDG	40.53
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	PHONE/INTERNET EMS BLDG	24.14
CC MEDICAL BILLING	AUGUST BILLING	45.00
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	34.66
WEX BANK	FUEL	107.17
MENTALLY ILL		
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION	387.38
PENNINGTON CO. STATES ATTORNEY	MENTAL ILLNESS	215.00
COUNTY EXTENSION		
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.75
UP NORTH RECYCLING	SHRED BIN	7.00
ROAD & BRIDGE		
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	MOWER BLADE PINS/BOLT PIN	154.80
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	DRIVE JOINT	951.84
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	CLUTCH REPAIR-MOWER	401.16
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	MOWER DRIVE	2126.60
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	MOWER CROSSBAR ASSEMBLY	1252.11
BACON REPAIR	TRUCK BRAKE REPAIRS	1802.54
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55143446 ELECTRIC WR SHOP	77.37
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55143441 ELECTRIC WOOD SHOP	55.53
CHS	PROPANE TANK LEASE	50.00
CHS	840 GALLONS DIESEL	2570.40
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	INTERNET	67.31
LACREEK ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC - NORRIS SHOP	64.41
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.76
SDACC	COUNTY CONVENTION	220.00
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	46.19
BACON REPAIR	TRUCK BRAKE REPAIR	1243.80
BUTLER MACHINERY	REPAIR CAT956 LOADER	2123.92
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	GARBAGE	74.34
CORKY'S AUTO	SHOP SUPPLIES	270.69

RAYMOND DRIEWBAUGH	MILEAGE	54.94
FIREWATCH OUTPOST	SHOP SUPPLIES	5.11
GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT	TRACTOR – TIRE REPAIR	331.09
HARRY K NAPA	DOOR HANDLE	55.21
HARRY K NAPA	SHOP SUPPLIES	222.98
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INS PREMIUM	24.91
ALVIN STROMER	MILEAGE	300.53
TRIPP CO WATER	WATER WOOD SHOP	16.00
RANDY VRBKA	MILEAGE	40.20
WEX BANK	UNLEADED FUEL	844.22
DEBT SERVICE		
FIRST FIDELITY BANK	24 MOTOR GRADER PRINCIPAL	56212.99
FIRST FIDELITY BANK	24 MOTOR GRADER INTEREST	10777.91
E-911 SERVICES		
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	PHONE LINE	52.54
CITY OF WINNER	JUNE 911 SURCHARGE	235.84
FIRE PROTECTION		
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55115492 ELECTRIC WOOD FD	119.97
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T68586628 ELECTRIC EMS BLDG	40.54
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	PHONE/INTERNET EMS BLDG	24.15
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	34.66
EMERG/DISASTER SERV		
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T68586628 ELECTRIC EMS BLDG	40.53
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	PHONE/INTERNET EMS BLDG	24.14
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	34.66
24/7		
INTOXIMETERS	TESTING SUPPLIES	798.00

JULY TAX & SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPORTIONMENT:

BADNATION TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	859.99
BLACKPIPE TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	1451.24
BUTTE TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	817.46
CITY OF WOOD	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	1440.16
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	3790.63
CODY TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	1350.09
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	817.46
MOSHER TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	859.99
NEW SURPRISE VALLEY TWP.	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	162.75
NORRIS TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	573.33
PROSPECT TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	162.74
REDFISH TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	1037.56
ROCKYFORD TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	900.69
ROSEBUD TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	1370.43
RUNNINGBIRD TOWNSHIP	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	490.10
SURPRISE VALLEY TWP.	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	532.64
WEST RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	31.93
WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DIST. 47-1	JULY 2025 APPORTIONMENT	5494.47

AUGUST 8, 2025 PAYROLL

Commission	2176.33
Auditor	2571.95
Treasurer	2571.94
States Attorney	3041.59
Courthouse	2244.02
Dir. of Equalization	2339.35
Register of Deeds	2273.26
VA Office	225.85

Sheriff	10374.02
Highway	6827.84
Emergency Mgmt.	190.74

AUGUST 22, 2025 PAYROLL

Commission	871.98
Auditor	2054.22
Treasurer	2325.72
States Attorney	2523.87
Courthouse	1442.70
Dir. of Equalization	1909.32
Register of Deeds	2054.23
Sheriff	11358.96
Highway	9397.76
Emergency Mgmt.	190.75

Commission reviewed the following reports: Clerk of Courts collected \$4772.49 for the month of July 2025.

At 11:53 am Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 22nd day of September 2025.

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor