

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 22, 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 22, 2025 at 9:00 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown and Wesley Schmidt; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith, States Attorney Kirby Krogman, and Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte.
Visitors: Daniel Cichosz with Brosz Engineering, Maurice Gustafson, and Shayna Dillon.

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, second by Brown.

Mellette County Five Year Plan: The public meeting for the five-year highway and bridge improvement plan was held, no public was present. Commission reviewed plan; motion by Schmidt to approve the plan for 2026-2030, second by Brown.

Road & Bridge: Daniel Cichosz from Brosz Engineering presented the bridge inspection report for structure number 48-480-313; the only concern is to remove the debris from under the bridge.

Maurice Gustafson and Shayna Dillon joined the meeting to discuss gravel at the Gustafson gravel pit.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(3) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel: Brown requested executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion by Schmidt to enter executive session at 9:34 am, second by Brown. At 10:00 am Chairman Brown declared executive session over.

Commission agreed to purchase gravel from Gustafson as follows: a total of 296 loads of gravel for \$130 per load, 148 loads (\$19,240) will be paid for upon execution of the contract and the other 148 loads (\$19,240) will be paid by January 15, 2026. The county has until December 31, 2026, to haul all 296 loads. Motion by Schmidt to approve the purchase, second by Brown.

Commission discussed MOU received from Rosebud Sioux Tribe for the purchase of gravel out of the Two Kettle gravel pit. Will discuss further at October 7th meeting.

Unfinished Business: Commission reviewed proposed 2026 budget, no changes were made since budget hearing was held on September 1, 2025. Motion by Schmidt to approve the 2026 budget, second by Brown. Commission discussed positions of Emergency Manager, Ambulance Coordinator, and Veteran Service Officer; Commission reviewed applications received and will discuss further at October 7th meeting. Commission discussed the ambulance and that after discussing with the state and going through ambulance supplies it was decided that the service will be put into first responder only status. Motion by Schmidt to notify the state that the ambulance service will go to first responder only status, second by Brown.

Monthly reports: Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of August 31, 2025 is as follows: Actual cash \$761.00; Checks \$4086.00; Credit Card Payments \$1668.58. First Fidelity Checking \$1,550,469.60; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$1,907,235.18. Register of Deeds collected \$6802.00 for August 2025.

At 12:03 pm Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 7th day of October 2025.

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor