

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
February 18, 2026

A Special Meeting of the Mellette County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Brown in the Commissioner Room in the Mellette County Courthouse at White River, SD on February 18, 2026 at 10:05 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wes Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

All motions are to be considered unanimous unless otherwise stated.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of appointing Zoning Board Members and Hwy Superintendents Short Course under New Business by Schmidt, seconded by Brandis.

Open Visitors – Public Comment: None present

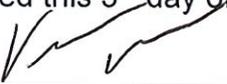
New Business: Commission reviewed applications received for the position of Treasurer.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) re. personnel: Brown requested executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Brown to enter executive session at 10:13 am, second by Schmidt. At 11:09 am Chairman Brown declared executive session over.

After reviewing applications received all applicants will be called to interview on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Auditor Galbraith discussed with Commission that she was contacted by the State EMS Association regarding the ambulance service and that it needed to be closed due to not being able to provide service 24/7. Motion by Schmidt to start the process to begin the closure of the ambulance effective March 31, 2026, second by Brandis. Commission discussed Zoning Board members whose terms expired on December 31, 2026. Motion by Brandis to reappoint Roger Kingsbury and Ross Koile to 3 year terms from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, second by Schmidt. Commission discussed sending Tre Iyotte and Ray Driesbaugh to the Hwy. Superintendents Short Course in Deadwood March 17 – 19, 2026. Motion by Schmidt to send both employees, second by Brandis.

At 11:29 am Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.

  
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Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

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Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor