

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
March 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 March 18, 2026 at 9:10 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 he addition of Holidays under new buiness by Schmidt, seconded by Brandis.

Open Visitors – Public Comment: None present

Unfinished Business: Commission discussed the closure of the ambulance service and that any contracts with adjoining counties will need to be available by that date. Commission discussed the position of Emergency Manager, options were discussed and will be decided upon at the next commission meeting.

New Business: Treasurer Rose Moran joined the meeting to discuss applicants with the Commission.

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 9:53 am, second by Schmidt. At 10:33 am Chairman Brown declared executive session over. After reviewing applications and discussing it was decided upon to readvertise the position and to hire an applicant on a temporary part time status. Motion to hire Darci Cox as a part time temporary deputy treasurer at \$17.00 per hour, second by Brandis. Commission discussed granting MGM Coalition Opioid Settlement Funds for the year 2026 in the amount of \$5000.00, second by Schmidt. SDACO Spring Workshop is to be held May 6-7 in Pierre. Register of Deeds and Treasurers office are planning to attend, cost is \$200 per person. Motion by Schmidt to pay registration fees, second by Brandis. Commission discussed repairing the radio tower, insurance money has been issued and cost to Mellette County will be \$500. Motion by Brandis to have B&L Communications complete the work, second by Schmidt. Commission discussed holidays that are paid by the county and that all holidays and administrative leave issued by the President of the United States or the Governor of South Dakota shall be observed by Mellette County.

At 11:02 am Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 7th day of April 2026.

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor