

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
April 7, 2026

The 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 April 7, 2026 at 9:00 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 Wood Fire Department radios under unfinished business and claims by Schmidt, seconded by Brandis.

Open Visitors/Public Comment: Chuck Kierstead, Sarah Kline, Spencer Earl, Shayna Dillon, and David Reiss.

Road & Bridge – Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte joined the meeting to update the Commission on what the Highway department has done in March and planned work for April.

CSDED – David Reiss updated the Commission on what the district has been doing and potential upcoming projects that would fit within the county. Reiss also discussed the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan renewal, what the next steps will be, and who should be a member of the planning committee.

Auditor: Galbraith discussed hiring a seasonal election worker.
Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) re. personnel: Galbraith requested executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Brandis to enter executive session at 11:40 am, second by Schmidt. At 11:59 am Chairman Brown declared executive session over.
Motion by Brandis to hire Alyssa Galbraith as a seasonal election worker, second by Schmidt.

Unfinished Business: Commission discussed the emergency manager position. After consideration of potential employees Brandis made a motion to hire Cassie Beckwith at \$500 per month or \$6000 per year, second by Schmidt.

New Business: Director of Equalization, Haley Gallant requested approval of travel to attend DOE conference in Sioux Falls June 2-5, 2026. Motion by Schmidt to approve travel, second by Brandis. Commission reviewed an estimate from Direct Digital Control to upgrade the courthouse's building automation system for \$6950. After it was discussed no action was taken.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from February 3, 18, and 19, 2026; motion by Schmidt to approve the proceedings, seconded by Brandis.

Commission reviewed claims for April. Motion by Schmidt to approve the claims as follows, second by Brandis.

COMMISSIONERS		
MELLETT CO. NEWS	PUBLISHING	152.09
ELECTIONS		
MCLEOD'S	SUPPLIES	133.52

AUDITOR		
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER & REMOTE SERVICE	216.53
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	195.00
TIMECLOCK PLUS	TIMECLOCK	26.71
TREASURER		
TIMECLOCK PLUS	TIMECLOCK	26.71
COURT APPOINTED ATTY		
KELSEY RUBY	ATTORNEY FEES	921.23
COURTHOUSE		
CHERRY TODD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	655.83
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
AMAZON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	131.46
SDAAO	MEMBERSHIP DUES	300.00
TIMECLOCK PLUS	TIMECLOCK	13.35
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	35.00
TIMECLOCK PLUS	TIMECLOCK	26.71
SHERIFF		
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES & RADIOS	409.04
OFFICE PRODUCTS	COPIER	35.00
VERIZON	ASSET MANAGEMENT	79.39
GALL'S	FINGERPRINT PADS	55.75
TIMECLOCK PLUS	TIMECLOCK	40.05
JAIL		
CHERRY TODD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	102.30
CITY OF WINNER	PRISONER HOUSING & TRAVEL	8637.20
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	104.56
WINNER PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDICATION	31.71
AMBULANCE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET	72.58
ROAD & BRIDGE		
CHERRY TODD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	144.07
FIRST BANK & TRUST	CONFERENCE HOTEL	355.60
LACREEK ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE NORRIS	70.22
DANR-FISCAL OFFICE	ENVIRONMENTAL FEES	800.00
TIMECLOCK PLUS	TIMECLOCK	53.40
WEX BANK	UNLEADED FUEL	819.88
E-911 SERVICES		
CITY OF WINNER	SURCHARGE FEE	2384.64
FIRE PROTECTION		
CHERRY TODD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE – WOOD	322.08
EMERG/DISASTER SERV		
CHERRY TODD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	250.79
STATE MOTOR VEHICLE		
SD STATE TREASURER	FEBURARY MOTOR VEH FEES	44,069.14
M&P FLOW THROUGH		
SDACO	FEBRUARY M&P	36.00
FEBRUARY TAX APPORTIONMENT		
WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DIST 47-1		86,378.89
CITY OF WOOD		47.21
CITY OF WHITE RIVER		5215.62

BADNATION TOWNSHIP	209.69
BLACKPIPE TOWNSHIP	680.85
BUTTE TOWNSHIP	166.31
CODY TOWNSHIP	381.11
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	237.51
MOSHER TOWNSHIP	195.41
NEW SURPRISE VALLEY TWP.	618.64
NORRIS TOWNSHIP	391.42
PROSPECT TOWNSHIP	33.11
REDFISH TOWNSHIP	217.50
ROCKYFORD TOWNSHIP	183.24
ROSEBUD TOWNSHIP	453.49
RUNNINGBIRD TOWNSHIP	99.71
WEST RIVER WATER DEVELOPMENT	622.77

PAYROLL

March 6, 2026

Commission	1133.14
Auditor	2721.90
Treasurer	2878.75
States Attorney	2624.36
Courthouse	1611.20
Director of Equalization	2058.49
Register of Deeds	3001.52
Sheriff	8669.12
Highway	5122.01

March 20, 2026

Commission	2126.68
Auditor	2884.93
Treasurer	2341.58
States Attorney	2668.65
Courthouse	2211.88
Director of Equalization	2648.42
Register of Deeds	2969.37
Sheriff	11604.55
Highway	7043.10

Commission reviewed the following reports:

Register of Deeds collected \$4773.00 for the month of February 2026 and \$5981.16 for the month of March 2026. Clerk of Courts collected \$186.012 for the month of February 2026. Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of February 28, 2026 is as follows: Actual cash \$1164.86; Checks \$6716.58; Credit Card Payments \$866.37. First Fidelity Checking \$1,616,770.34; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$1,975,768.15.

Auditor Galbraith informed the Commission that Mellette County will be hosting the May Randall Reservoir Meeting on May 18, 2026 in White River. At 12:26 pm Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 5th day of May 2026

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor