

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 4, 2026

Sanborn County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00 am, with Chairman Jeff Ebersdorfer presiding. Present were Steve Larson, Earl Hinricher, Gary Blindauer, and Duane Peterson. Auditor Kami Moody was also present. Motion by Larson, seconded by Peterson, to approve the minutes from the February 17 meeting, as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Blindauer, seconded by Hinricher to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT:

No public was in attendance for input.

REPORTS & BILLS:

Auditor and Treasurer in all accounts	\$1,958,697.35
Register of Deeds	\$ 5,600.00

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by Hinricher, to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

Payroll before Deductions:

Commissioner	\$6,652.93
Auditor	\$9,962.68
Treasurer	\$10,587.72
States Attorney	\$6,409.14
Courthouse	\$5,022.89
Assessor	\$11,180.74
Register of Deeds	\$11,470.12
Sheriff	\$22,047.25
Public Welfare	\$1,008.87
Ambulance	\$5,434.88
Extension	\$2,522.43
Weed	\$4,171.59
Drainage	\$129.18
Planning & Zoning	\$258.36
Road & Bridge	\$49,082.96
Emergency Management	\$773.25
Sobriety	\$217.36
First National Bank SD	Tax Liability \$3,345.36
Accounts Management	Employee Garnishment \$43.50
FNBO	Direct Deposit Fee \$27.56
Wellmark BCBS	Insurance \$23,509.43

AFLAC	Insurance	\$2,062.16
BEAM	Insurance	\$479.84
Bank West HAS	Insurance	\$575.00
SD Retirement System	Retirement	\$11,823.62
Delta Dental	Insurance	\$1,233.10
Small Business	Insurance	\$25.00
Sanborn County Treasurer	Taxes in Trust	\$4,393.93
Cincinnati Insurance Co.	Insurance	\$492.89
Colonial Life	Insurance	\$126.30
First National Bank SD	Tax Liability	\$17,355.47
Deadwood Lodge	Travel	\$420.00
Clayton's Repair	Supplies & Repairs	\$1,882.51
AT&T	Utilities	\$493.38
Bound Tree	Supplies	\$1,204.95
Express 2	Fuel	\$502.88
FNBO	Supplies	\$434.39
Horizon Health Care	Employee Drug Test	\$95.00
KO'S Pro Service	Repairs	\$137.50
McLeod's Printing & Supply	Supplies	\$499.80
Miner Co Dispatch	911 Services	\$4,160.00
Mid-States Organized Crime	Membership	\$100.00
Office Peeps	Supplies	\$48.20
Physicians Claims Company	Services for January 2026	\$1,213.83
Santel Communications	Utilities	\$1,214.03
SDACC	1st Quarter - Clerp	\$1,648.00
Sanborn Weekly Journal	Publishing	\$756.85
Tech Solutions	Utilities	\$3,609.98
Verizon	Utilities	\$40.04

HIGHWAY:

Stacey Mendenhall and Sheri Kogel, Highway Department, met with the board. Further discussion on a ladder or pole shed for the highway shop. Motion by Blindauer, seconded by Hinricher, to rent a crack sealer and purchase two pallets of block sealer from Bierschbach to crack seal roads. Motion carried.

9:30 AM – Hot Patch Mix	Hot	Cold
Asphalt Paving -	\$75-\$78	NA
Commercial Asphalt -	\$73	\$120-\$170

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by Hinricher, to accept both bids presented. Motion carried.

9:35 AM – Road Patch

Commercial Asphalt - \$105

Motion by Hinricher, seconded by Peterson, to accept the Commercial Asphalt bid. Motion carried.

9:40 AM – Chip Seal

Road Guy Construction - \$288,300.00 total / \$33,933.00 per mile

Bituminous Paving - \$314,235.00 total / \$34,915.00 per mile

Midwest Coatings - \$393,243.30 total / \$36,045.00 per mile

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Hinricher, to table the bids till the March 17th meeting. Motion carried.

9:45 AM – Crane Work

Hallaway Construction - Bid was placed with a breakdown of equipment use and labor costs.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Peterson, to accept the Hallaway Construction bid. Bid breakdown is available in the Auditor’s office for viewing purposes. Motion carried.

9:50 AM – True North Steel

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by Hinricher, to accept the True North Steel bid Packet

PERSONNEL MANUAL

A section of the personnel manual was reviewed for clarity, as recommended by Insurance, with further discussion with State’s Attorney Pilcher.

LORI COWMAN, DISTRICT III

Lori Cowman gave a yearly update to the board regarding what District III offers and how Sanborn County had benefited from their presence; In hopes that Sanborn County can utilize District III even more than we already do. They offer loans for Governor’s housing, Meat & Poultry Processors Loan Funding, Small business low interest loans, and much more. District III can help with grant writing and submitting for many purposes for Sanborn County and other taxing entities within Sanborn County. More information can be obtained from the Auditor’s office.

OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Planning & Zoning minutes from March 2 were reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Drainage Board minutes from February 11 were reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Hinricher, to sign the Purchase Agreement with Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. for the purchase of Lots Twelve through Fourteen (12-14), Block Two (2), Thaxters First Addition to the Town of Artesian, Sanborn County, South Dakota and Lots Fifteen through Eighteen (15-18), Block Two (2), Thaxters First Addition to the Town of Artesian, Sanborn County, South Dakota. Motion carried. A county owned dispatch tower is located on this property that prompted purchase by the county.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Peterson to approve Legislative Audit to conduct the audit for calendar years 2024 and 2025. Motion carried.

Barry Selland, Forestburg resident, was present to discuss some property in Logan Township, located in Forestburg Village. State’s Attorney Pilcher will do some research on efforts to assist Logan Township with some property cleanup.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by Peterson, to close the Courthouse on Friday April 3rd (Good Friday) & Monday April 6th (Easter Monday) as declared by Governor Rhoden, to observe the Easter holiday. Motion carried.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources was received and reviewed by the board.

There being no further business before the board, motion by Larson, seconded by Hinricher, to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 pm. Motion carried. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday March 17, 2026.

Kami Moody

Jeff Ebersdorfer

Sanborn County Auditor

Chairman of the Board, Sanborn County