

**Minutes of the Custer County Commission Meeting, Final Budget Hearing,
Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Mike Linde, Michael Busskohl, Craig Hindle and Commission Legal Counsel Aaron Davis and Dawn McLaughlin, Finance Officer.

A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Adopting of the agenda

1. Motion to approve Agenda made by Linde; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

C. Finance Office

1. **Resolution 2025-24 Adoption of Annual Budget for Custer County, South Dakota (2026)**
2. Finance Officer, Dawn McLaughlin, presented Resolution 2025-24 for Commission approval. Motion to approve made by Hindle; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

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D. Human Resources

1. HR Director, Amber Maidens, discussed annual employee performance reviews and confirmed that the Commission would like to receive them by the last meeting in November (11-19-25). Department Head reviews will be completed before the employee reviews.

E. Auditor

1. Finance Officer McLaughlin requested approval to reschedule Commission meeting dates as follows:
 - a) reschedule 12-3-25 meeting to 12-10-25. Motion to approve made by Busskohl; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
 - b) reschedule 12-17-25 meeting to 12-30-25. Motion to approve made by Hartman; seconded by Linde; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

F. Public Comment –

1. Lea Anne McWhorter stated that there was a property tax task force meeting (copy of agenda can be found on LRC page). Plans to decouple school student funding from property tax were discussed. A local tax group is concentrating on TIFs. Also discussed at the tax force meeting was additional sales tax as alternative funding; receipt tax; and options from state parks. October 22nd will be the last tax task force meeting—a decision will need to be made whether to move a bill forward.
2. Mark Hartman asked Mike Bielmaier about possible East Ambulance District formation and after talking with Hermosa Connects, this may have to be re-evaluated as progress is at a standstill. Hermosa Connects was originally planning on writing a resolution but feels they have acted hastily in the matter. Bielmaier said that he has been in contact with Rapid City Ambulance, and they will continue to service east Custer County.

G. Adjourn

Motion by Linde and seconded by Busskohl to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 AM. The next meeting will be at 8:00 AM, October 8, 2025 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: _____

Barbara Cox, Custer County Deputy Auditor

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