



Custer County Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 | Commission Meeting Room
420 Mount Rushmore Rd.
Custer, SD 57730

- A. Call to Order at 8:00 AM
 - I. Pledge of Allegiance

- B. Approve Agenda

- C. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approve Minutes of 3-25-26 Commission Meeting
 - 2. Vouchers
 - 3. Travel Requests
 - 4. Monthly Reports

- D. Conflict of Interest Declarations

- E. Highway Department
 - 1. Completion of the Buffalo Gap Bridge Replacement Project
 - 2. Update on 7-II Road Project
 - 3. Cheyenne River Bridge BIG Grant Improvement Project Update

- F. Emergency Management
 - 1. Update on Custer County Wildfire Protection Plan
 - 2. Commission Chair signature for the Custer County Wildfire Protection Plan
 - 3. Countywide Burn Ban

- G. Conservation
 - 1. Update on the Forest Plan Revision for the Black Hills National Forest
 - 2. Commission input on the yet to be formed Species of Conservation Concern Working Group

- H. Auditor's Office
 - 1. Abatement and freeze processes
 - 2. 2025 Financial Report
 - 3. Supplemental budget

- I. Elections
 - 1. Approval to hire election staff for the Primary Election (Absentee Board, poll/precinct workers, assistance on election night, and office temps)

- J. Equalization
 - 1. Application for Abatement of Property Taxes for Rick Wheeler, Lot #015501, Current Total Valuation \$679,168, and Abatement \$599,799
 - 2. Discussion and seeking remedy to reduce (prorate) the valuation on the homes burned down or take them off all together for AY26 payable 2027





K. Public Comment

Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are open to the public. The audience will be allowed to comment on specific agenda items during the time allotted on the agenda for those items, according to established procedures of the Commission. This is a time for members of the public to express concerns or discuss issues having relevance to the County. Anyone wishing to address the Commission during this time shall be asked to identify themselves. The number of presentations and time allotted to individuals may be limited by the Chairman and individuals shall refrain from discussing personalities. The Chairman, at his discretion, may recognize patrons at other times during the Board meeting. No action will be taken by the Commission on any issue raised without being first placed on a future agenda, by the Commission, to allow for proper notice.

L. Maintenance

1. Fairgrounds hail repair update and completion totals
2. 1881 Courthouse Museum Project update
3. Pending insurance claims
 - a. S&R roofing hail claim
 - b. Courthouse west light pole wind claim
4. Emergency lighting project- 75% UJS grant
5. HVAC trouble update

M. Veteran's Department

1. Custer County VSO Semi-Annual 2026 Report

N. Lakota View Lane

1. Petition request for county maintenance on Lakota View Lane

O. Commission Legal Counsel

1. Public Hearing and approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 06 RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT AND VOTE TO BE HELD FOR FIRE PROTECTION
2. Public Hearing and approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 08 RESOLUTION INITIATING THE FORMATION PROCESS FOR A PROPOSED EAST CUSTER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SDCL CHAPTER 34-11A

P. Commission

1. Mail call
 - a. "Thank you" letter
 - b. Office of the Governor letter
 - c. Recognition of county library workers per National Library Week & Workers Day
 - d. Surface Water Discharge Permit Public Notice
2. Meeting schedule
3. Meeting reports

Q. Executive Session

1. Executive Session as per SDCL I-25-2(3) Contract

R. Adjourn

1. Adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting Date: April 22, 2026

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