

**Minutes of the Custer County Commission Special Meeting, Thursday,
June 18, 2026**

Members present:

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

**A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM followed by the
Pledge of Allegiance.**

B. Adopting of the agenda

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

C. Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of the 6-4-2026 Commission meeting
2. Vouchers dated 6-11-26 approved as follows:

COMMISSIONERS: ASBSD \$775; City of Rapid City/Ambulance Service \$2,000;
Golden West Telecom \$97.69; Pitney Bowes \$502.25; Southern Hills Publishing
\$292.25; Valhalla Legal, PLLC \$3,960.

AUDITOR: Golden West Telecom \$172.41.

ELECTIONS: Arlene Kallis \$290.80; Candi Chavez \$68.50; Carl Hansen \$108;
Catherine Brickey \$136; Custer Ace Hdwe \$84.61; Custer Senior Center \$96; Dave
Swanson \$239.60; David Olson \$45; Julie Drussell \$130.20; Election Systems &
Software \$1,936.41; Gaylon Baker \$142.22; Richard Geeting \$133.50; Diane Geeting
\$112.50; Ginger Baumann \$110.70; James Brickey \$108; John Zolnowsky \$96.20;
Kenneth Reifenrath \$41.20; Lana Huber \$240.90; Lavonne LaFollette \$173; Marcia
Eisenbraun \$242.80; Marcia Kenobbie \$204.40; Mary Boots \$126; Nina Nielsen
\$134.40; Patricia Conway \$50.60; Peggy Lindbloom \$346.60; Quill \$104.96; Randy
Chavez \$164; Ruth Ann Olson \$45; Sally Chord \$401.10; Southern Hills Publishing
\$27.27; Southern Hills Publishing \$3,339.62; Wayne Boots \$190.20.

TREASURER: Golden West Telecom \$153.68.

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Culligan \$18.95; Golden West Telecom \$147.78; RELX \$491.

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Husted Law Office \$1,132.40; Southern Hills Law
\$924.98; Williams Law PC \$2,797.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Golden West Telecom \$221.67; Smyth Automotive \$102.56; Splish Splash Car Wash \$18.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Golden West Telecom \$98.52; State of SD \$40.25.

VETERANS SERVICES: Golden West Telecom \$24.63.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Golden West Telecom \$24.63.

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$28,625.70; Golden West Telecom \$729.62.

SHERIFF: AdTech Fire Protection \$106.20; Battle Mt. Humane Society \$1,583; Golden West Telecom \$295.56; Lamonte's Auto Center \$2,504.50; LexisNexis \$210.50; Motorola Solutions \$33; Pure Forge Brakes \$1,540.68; Southern Hills Publishing \$66.75

PRISONER CARE: Linda Nohr \$200; Mike Bielmaier \$225; Monument Health \$684.21; Pennington County Sheriff's Office \$20,290; Ruth Airheart \$150.

AIRPORT: Brenden Hendrickson \$4,692.08; Custer Ace Hdwe \$15.18; Golden West Telecom \$115.17; Hali-Brite, Inc. \$165.37; Kieffer Sanitation \$31.79; QT Pod \$293.87.

LIBRARY: BH Library Consortium \$20.33; Custer Ace Hdwe \$29.98; Golden West Telecom \$24.63; Kieffer Sanitation \$125.83; McGas \$282.50.

EXTENSION: Golden West Telecom \$93.53.

NURSE: Golden West Telecom \$61.67.

WEED & PEST: Benita Trump \$239.98; Culligan \$6.95; Golden West Telecom \$24.63; James Nielsen \$74.50; Ken Spring \$148.63; Leon Johnson \$59.98; Mike Cole \$20.36; Sara Warnke \$104.99.

PLANNING: Golden West Telecom \$123.15.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: Golden West Telecom \$210.12; Brosz Engineering \$3,260; Butler Machinery \$49,488.76; CBH Cooperative \$13,948.74; Culligan \$6.95; Custer Ace Hdwe \$27.94; Floyd's Truck Center \$134.90; French Creek Supply \$169; Lamb Chevrolet \$49,128; Newman Traffic Signs \$759; Pheasantland Industries \$63.18; Running's Supply \$2,360.97; Servall \$225.44; Town of Buffalo Gap \$90.92; Trail King Industries \$887.79.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: French Crk Supply \$58.65; Golden West Telecom \$46.22; Rushmore Communications \$713.40.

COUNTY BUILDINGS: Custer Ace Hdwe \$47.15; Freeman's Electric \$19,750; G&R Controls, Inc. \$14,489.12; O'Connor Company \$519.27; Southern Hills Publishing \$36.16; Thyssenkrupp Elevator \$100.

MAINTENANCE: BH Chemicals \$737.94; BH Energy \$3,583.07; Custer Ace Hdwe \$75.96; French Crk Supply \$212.34; Golden West Telecom \$24.63; Kieffer Sanitation \$229; McGas \$807.89.

EMERGENCY LINE: BH Energy \$29.10; Golden West Technologies \$200; Golden West Telecom \$621.25; Range \$51.98.

SEARCH & RESCUE: BH Energy \$275.48; Golden West Telecom \$99.95.

D. Conflict of Interest Declarations – none.

E. Public Comment

1. Sheriff Marty Mechaley thanked the Commission for their continued support over the years.

F. Finance Office

1. Finance Officer, Dawn McLaughlin, requested Commission approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for 2026-2027 renewal for Moreton Airpark, LLC dba Eagles Landing Lodge; 12046 US Hwy 16, Custer, SD; retail on-off sale Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine. (\$300). Motion to approve made by Busskohl; seconded by Linde; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

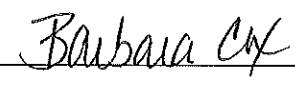
G. Sheriff

1. Approval to appoint Derrick Reifenrath as Sheriff of Custer County, due to Sheriff Mechaley's retirement on 6-18-26 was requested. This position pays a salary of \$92,718.00 annually (current Sheriff's salary) and will be effective 6-18-26. Motion to appoint Reifenrath as Sheriff effective 6-18-26 made by Hindle; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Derrick stated he appreciates working with the Commission. Reifenrath will be sworn in at 2:00 PM today

H. Adjourn

- Motion by Hartman and seconded by Busskohl to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM. The next meeting will be at 8:00 AM, June 24, 2026 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.


Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: 

Barbara Cox, Custer County Deputy Auditor



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