



**Custer County Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
420 Mount Rushmore Rd.
Commission Meeting Room
Custer, SD 57730**

A. Call to Order at 8:00 AM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approve Agenda

C. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of 7-22-26, 7-24-26, 7-30-26, 8-5-26 and 8-12-26 Commission Meetings
2. Vouchers
3. Monthly Reports
4. Travel Requests as follows: Dawn McLaughlin, Michelle Zerfas, Paula Arthur and Jesse Doyle to attend SDACC 2026 County Convention 9-16 & 9-16 in Pierre SD at a cost of \$2,059; revised Travel Request from Todd Fish, VSO to include lodging at an additional cost of \$550 (total cost \$1,109.56).

D. Conflict of Interest Declarations

E. 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.

F. 8:05 AM Public Hearing

1. Request Vacation of Plat 13; Plat 28; Fountain Tract North and Fountain Tract South, located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 5, T6S, R4E, BHM Custer County, SD; Parcels 015913 & 015914; Tony Calhoun.
2. **RESOLUTION 2026-13; A Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County, South Dakota, to vacate the Plat of Fountain Tract North and Fountain Tract South.**

G. 8:10 AM Public Hearing

1. New Cell Tower Application re: Parcel 000532 Elevated Towers.

H. Planning Department

1. Final Plat of: TRACT WILLIAMS REVISED OF SWEDLUND SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE W ½ NE ¼ OF SECTION 17, T4S, R4E, BHM, CUSTER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA Parcels 006014 & 006015 Windsong Valley LLC.

I. Highway Department

1. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Custer Limestone Rd/CS284 S1 T3S R2E.
2. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Mud Springs Rd/NFSR282 S1 T3S R2E.
3. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Pleasant Valley Rd/CS715 S23 T5S R3E.
4. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Spring Valley Rd S2 T6S R3E.
5. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at High Plains Rd S30 T4S R3E.
6. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at W Argyle Rd S5 T6S R4E
7. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Cottonwood Cutoff/CS21 & 148th Ave S18 T6S R9E
8. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Ditch Creek Rd/FS291 S4 T3S R3E
9. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Jewell Road S17 T4S R3E
10. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Newell Road S16 T4S R3E
11. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Pass Creek Road/CS273
12. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Ruby Road S20 T3S R4E
13. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Saginaw Road/CS 285
14. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Hart Road S10 T6S R4E
15. ROW Occupancy request from Black Hills Energy re: Argyle VFD for utility installation at Argyle Loop Road S9 T6S R4E

J. Finance Officer

1. July 2026 End of Month Financial Report
2. Approve formation of new proposed road district re: Wind Dance Ranch Road.

K. Argyle VFD

1. Request building permit fees be waived.

L. Custer VFD

1. Acknowledge updated 2026 VFD Roster

M. Weed & Pest

1. Authorize Chairman's signature on written complaint re: prairie dog encroachment into Custer County ROW, Granite Heights Drive.

N. Equalization

1. Clarify verbiage from prior discussion dated 6-24-26 to state “all future staff to be certified”.

O. Emergency Management

1. Discuss Countywide Burn Ban.
2. Travis Hartshorn burn ban exemption approval for special events.
3. Moritz Espy request burn ban exemption approval for special events.

P. Search & Rescue

1. Approve 2025 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$11,079.40 to purchase digital radios.

Q. Old Business

1. Approve new Retail On-Sale Liquor License Application re: Courtney Phillips and Andrea Kelly dba Butte Bar, 14193 E French Creek Road, Fairburn, SD (\$15K)

R. Commission Legal Counsel

1. Authorize Legal Counsel to draft and send letter on behalf of Custer County to Alan Akers re: unauthorized improvements to section line.
2. Update and discussion of Custer County Budget Policy.

S. Commission

1. HVAC
2. Mail call—BH Works Foundation Gala Invitation; letter from Disability Rights SD re: polling locations in Custer County.
3. Meeting schedule
4. Meeting reports

T. Executive Sessions

1. Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2(3) Legal
2. Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2(4) Contract
3. Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel

U. Actions Taken Outside of Executive Session

V. Adjourn

1. Adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting Date: September 9, 2026 at 1881 Courthouse Museum Courtroom

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*****BUDGET WORK SESSION TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING*****