



**Custer County Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 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. Approve Minutes of 9-23-2026 and 9-30-2026 (2026 Budget Hearing)
Commission Meetings
2. Vouchers
3. Travel Requests

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. CHS – Employment Program: Amber Maidens, Human Resources Dir.

1. Approve CHS Employment Program, Project Skills

G. Liens: McKinsey Scroggin, Lien Clerk/Accounts Payable

1. Present yearly numbers for the liens position with a brief explanation.
2. Discuss and approve adoption of new poor guidelines.

- H. County Christmas Party:** Amber Maidens, Human Resources Dir.
1. Discussion and approval of 2026 County Christmas Party
- I. Emergency:** Steve Esser, EMS Director
1. Approve Chairman's Signature on LEMPG 85-25 Single Signature form to be signed by Commission Chair.
- J. East Custer County Ambulance District**
1. Approval and signature by Commission Chair on Amended Order for Organization and Incorporation of the East Custer County Ambulance District.
- K. Airport**
1. Approve the Chairman's signature on County letter to the FAA regarding covenants on airport property and of sending the letter by email to the FAA.
- L. Sheriff:** Derrick Reifenrath, Sheriff
1. Acknowledge the hiring of Quintin Gilg as a full-time Deputy Sheriff, fully benefited, with starting wage of \$26.32 and a start date of October 19, 2026.
- M. Highway:** Jesse Doyle, Highway Superintendent
1. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Cross Road S2 T4S R4E
 2. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Mill Drive S14 T4S R4E
 3. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Ridgeview Springs Road S31 T6S R6E
 4. Discussion/action on Granite Heights development.
 5. Discussion and approval of a new tow-behind air compressor.
- N. Finance**
1. Acknowledge new State Mileage Rates effective October 1, 2026. Rates are as follows: \$0.76/mile; or, \$0.34/mile if a state employee chooses to use their personal vehicle when a fleet vehicle is available.
- O. Human Resources:** Amber Maidens, Human Resources Director
1. Discussion and approval of a Temporary addendum to 3.13 of the Handbook.

2. Discussion and approval of Human Resources Change in Hours of Operation.

P. Commission

1. HVAC
2. Mail call – Invitation from South Dakota Pork Producers Council for October 28, 2026 Swine & Dine Event
3. Meeting schedule
4. Meeting reports

Q. Executive Sessions

1. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Legal
2. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) Contract
3. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel

R. Actions Taken Outside of Executive Session

S. Adjourn

1. Adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2026

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