CUSTER COUNTY

Custer County Commission Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 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 10-21-2026 Commission Meeting
2. Vouchers
3. Monthly Reports
4. 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. Certification of November 3, 2026 General Election

G. 8:05 Public Hearing: Terri Kester, Planning Director

1. Larus Section-Line Improvement: Applicants – Kenneth & Kathleen Larus. Applicant is petitioning to improve a portion of a 66' wide Section Line Highway Right-of-Way starting at the end of Missile Rd W; located in the SW ¼ of Section 13 and Balance of NW¼ of Section 24 and W ½ NW¼ NW¼ of Section 24, all within T3S, R7E, BHM, Custer County, South Dakota.

2. Approach Permit Inspection Process

3. Approve new hire – Megan Rice as full-time Planning Technician at a rate of $19.04/hour beginning 10-27-2026. Fully benefited position.

H. Finance Office: Dawn McLaughlin, Finance Officer
1. Sign and Approve Tyler Contract including Cloud Services at no additional cost.

I. SIEM Cybersecurity Layer: Aaron Davis, Legal Counsel
1. Discussion and approval of SIEM Cybersecurity Layer from Golden West Technologies. Quoted at $726./mth ($8712./year) to cover the County's 21 servers, 95 workstations, and 5 firewalls. Three-year commitment.

J. State's Attorney: Tracy Kelley, State's Attorney
1. Discuss and Approve Public Records Request Policy

K. Library: Sarah Myers, Library Director
1. Approval to let AARP tax prep use the Pine Room during tax season at no cost. Myers presenting on behalf of the AARP tax volunteers.

L. Sheriff: Derrick Reifenrath, Custer County Sheriff
1. Acknowledge the hiring of Richard Heidorn and Joshua Telkamp as uncertified Deputy Sheriffs, full-time benefited, at a rate of $26.32/hr and a start date of November 2, 2026.

M. Highway: Jesse Doyle, Highway Superintendent
1. Bridge Inspection report w/Brosz Engineering
2. ROW Occupancy permit applications from Golden West
    a. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Pass Creek Rd/Co Hwy273; S16 T4S R3E
    b. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Deer Ridge Rd; S6 T4S R4E
    c. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Ridgeview Springs Rd; S31 T6S R6E
    d. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Mill Dr. S14 T4S R4E
    e. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Aviation Way/CS 392; S2 T4S R4E
    f. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for utility installation at Spring Valley Rd & Bolt Ln S1 T6S R3E

N. Maintenance: Joe Panza, Building & Grounds Maint. Director
1. Discuss and Approve 911 UPS Upgrade
2. Clean Agent System Update

3. IT Server Rm-Data Aire
4. Library Projects Update

O. Human Resources: Amber Maidens, Human Resources Director

1. Personnel and Contract

P. Commission

1. Payroll: Issues and Discussion
2. HVAC
3. Mail call – South Dakota Dept. of Revenue, New County Tax Change Effective January 1, 2027.
4. Meeting schedule
5. Meeting reports

Q. Executive Sessions

1. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel
2. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Legal
3. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) Contract
4. Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-13.42 Indigent

5. Actions Taken Outside of Executive Session

6. Adjourn

1. Adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2026

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