CUSTER COUNTY

2027-2031 Five Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan



COVER FORM AND CERTIFICATION

The following text shall be included on the front cover of the County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan:

Certification: As approved this 23 day of September, 2026
Custer County Commission

By: _____
County Commission Chairperson

Attest: SEAL (COUNTY AUDITOR, CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA)

Barbara C, Dep Auditor
County Auditor or Clerk

County Contact Person: Jesse Doyle
Highway Superintendent
Phone Number: (605) 673-5678
Email Address: jdoyl@custercounty.com

Received by SDDOT on _____
Approved by SDDOT on _____

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL UPDATE

✓ Certification Form

✓ Projected Revenue Available per year

✓ 5-year Project List (Programmed Projects – must include SNBI 8-digit structure number that bridge improvement grant will be for)

✓ Project Status List

✓ Township coordination letters/notice (sample letter and mailing list is acceptable)

There are no organized townships in Custer County

✓ Attendance list from public meeting (all attendees – not just commission members)

✓ Public Comments (if no comments are received, clearly indicate that in the plan submittal) **See Meeting Minutes, no comments received.**

REVENUES AND PROGRAM

2027 - 2031 CUSTER COUNTY

REVENUE SOURCES TABLE (Show amounts in thousands of dollars)

Account Description	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Local Funds					
General Funds-property tax	$ 700	$ 620	$ 620	$ 620	$ 620
Motor Vehicle Licenses	$ 272	$ 600	$ 600	$ 600	$ 600
Wheel Tax	$ 180	$ 180	$ 180	$ 180	$ 180
Annual STBGP Payout Funds	$ 275	$ 240	$ 240	$ 240	$ 240
Intergovernmental Funds					
Township Services					
State Funds					
PE - BIG (planning to apply for)					$ 82
PE - BIG (awarded by DOT)					
Preservation - BIG (planning to apply for)					
Preservation - BIG (awarded by DOT)	$ 457				
Rehab/Repl - BIG (planning to apply for)					
Rehab/Repl - BIG (awarded by DOT)					
DOT/Custer State Park Access Road Funding	$ 35				
Other (Match on STBGP Projects, Pavement Marking Prj.)					
Federal Funds					
TAP					
ER/FEMA					
OTHER (STBGP, Bridge, Signing, Hazard Elimination, SIB Loans)					
TOTAL	$ 1,919	$ 1,640	$ 1,640	$ 1,640	$ 1,722

Note:

- For State and Federal Funds, only enter the applicable amount (i.e. 80% of total project cost).
- Include both BIG funds awarded and BIG funds that will be applied for but not yet received.

2027 - 2031 CUSTER COUNTY

FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMMED PROJECT LISTING

Project Location	Project Description	Year	Proposed Five-Year Project Funding Information (in thousands of dollars)						Total Cost of Project
			Local Funding	Federal Funding	State Funding	Unfunded	Anticipated Grant	Total Funding	
11.7 E & 0.8 N of Buffalo Gap Structure No 17-496-252	BIG Preservation Project	2027	115		457			572	572
County wide & near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2027	100					100	100
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	2027	165		35			200	200
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2027	900					900	900
County wide & near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2028	100					100	100
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2028	900					900	900
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	2028	200					200	200
Sidney Park and Playhouse Road	Chip Seal	2028	250					250	250
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2029	900					900	900
County wide & near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2029	100					100	100
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	2029	200					200	200
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2030	900					900	900
County wide & near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2030	100					100	100
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	2030	200					200	200
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2031	900					900	900
County wide & near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2031	100					100	100
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	2031	200					200	200
3.3 Mi. E. and 0.1 Mi. N of Custer Structure No 17-263-069	PE - BIG (planning to apply for)	2031	16				66	82	82

Local Funding Includes: Match on BIG funding, traditional BRO & BRF projects, TAP projects, etc., and some shortfalls/balances on misc. projects. Also STBGP Payout funds.

Federal Funding Includes: 100% of Signing & Delineation projects, and approx. 82% of STBGP, BRO, BRF, and TAP projects. Federal portion of ER/FEMA projects.

State Funding Includes: Up to 80% of awarded BIG projects, and approx. 18% match on STBGP projects.

Anticipated Grant (BIG): Up to 80% of total

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PROJECT STATUS LIST

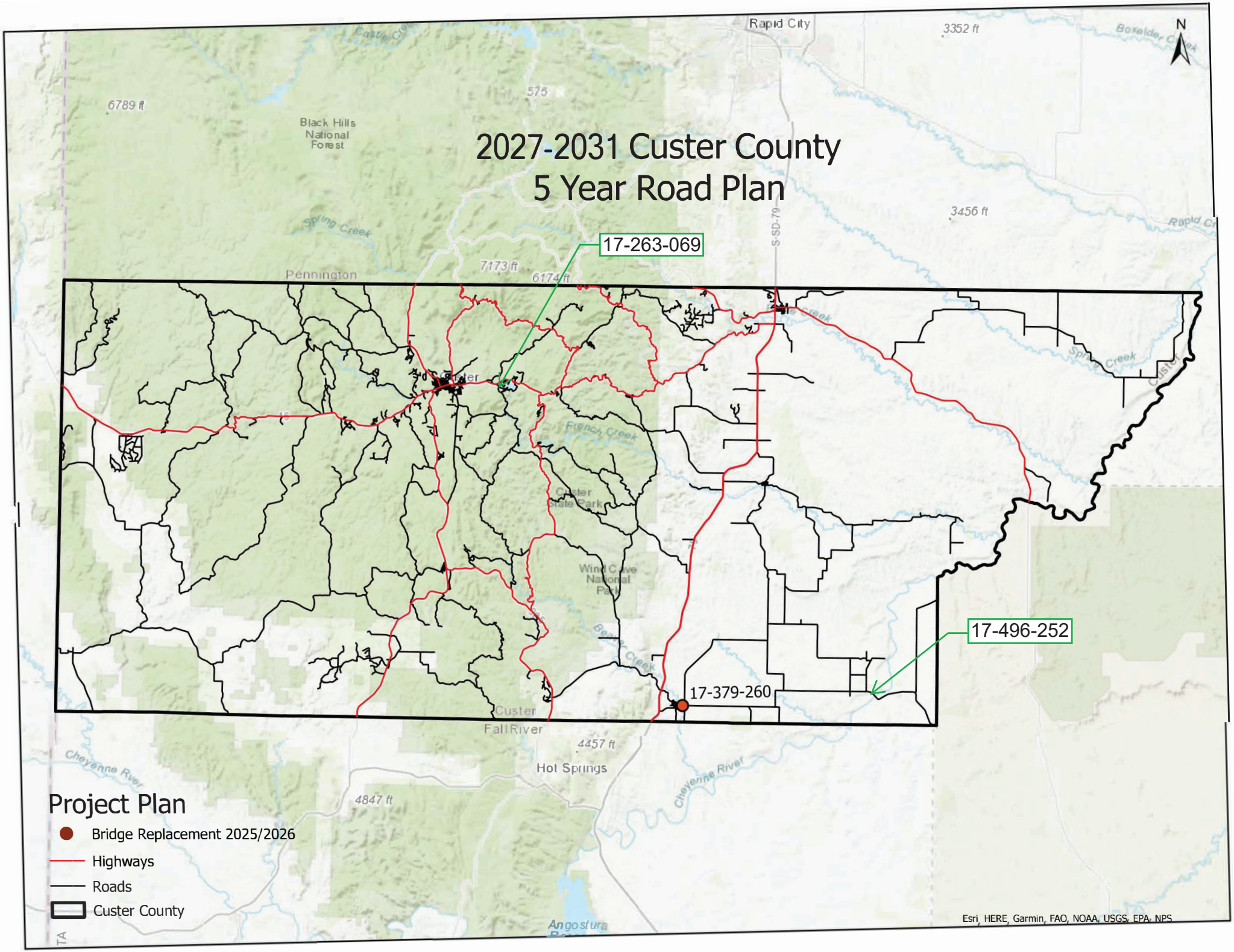
Project Location	Annual Listing of Programmed Projects Project Description	Year	Status
County Wide	Magnesium Chloride Treatments	2027	Future Project
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing, Approximately 40 Miles	2027	Future Project
11.7 E & 0.8 N of Buffalo Gap Structure No 17-496-252	BIG Preservation Project	2027	Future Project
County Wide & Near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2027	Future Project
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2028	Future Project
County Wide & Near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2028	Future Project
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	2028	Future Project
Sidney Park and Playhouse Road	Chip Seal	2028	Future Project
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	2029	Future Project
County Wide & Near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	2029	Future Project
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3.3 Mi. E. and 0.1 Mi. N of Custer Structure No 17-263-069	PE - BIG (planning to apply for)	2031	Future Project

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Project Needs List

Project Location	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Prioritization Ranking (Optional)
County Wide	Magnesium Chloride Treatments	$ 200	
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	$ 900	
11.7 E & 0.8 N of Buffalo Gap Structure No 17-496-252	BIG Preservation Project	$ 572	
County Wide & Near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	$ 100	
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	$ 900	
County Wide & Near Hwy 79	Small Structure, Structure Replacement	$ 100	
County Wide	Mag Chloride / Dust Stabilization	$ 200	
Sidney Park and Playhouse Road	Chip Seal	$ 250	
County Wide	Grading and Aggregate Resurfacing	$ 900	
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MAPS


2027-2031 Custer County
5 Year Road Plan
17-263-069
17-496-252
17-379-260
Rapid City
3352 ft
6789 ft
Black Hills
National
Forest
575
3456 ft
Spring Creek
Pennington
7173 ft
6174 ft
S SD-79
Custer
French Creek
Custer
State Park
Wind Cave
National
Park
Beaver Creek
Custer
Fall River
4457 ft
Hot Springs
Cheyenne River
4847 ft
Angostura
N
Project Plan
Bridge Replacement 2025/2026
Highways
Roads
Custer County
Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA, NPS

PUBLIC INPUT

2027 - 2031 CUSTER COUNTY

There are no organized townships in Custer County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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Affidavit of Publication

State of South Dakota)
)ss.
County of Custer)

Jerry Lee Lenander of said county, being duly sworn, on oath says that he is publisher of the Custer County Chronicle, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Custer City, said County of Custer and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona-fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said County for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein, mentioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication: that the

Custer Co. Highway Dept.
Notice of Public Meeting

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for two successive week(s), on which said newspaper was regularly published, to wit:

Sept 9, 2026; Sept 16, 2026;

_____, _____; _____, _____;

_____, _____; _____, _____;

_____, _____; _____, _____;

_____, _____; _____, _____;

the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is $ 15.12.

_____

Subscribed and sworn to me before this 16th

of September, 2026;

Jeanne Fuerstenberg
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: NOV 30 2027

SEAL JEANNE FUERSTENBERG NOTARY PUBLIC State of South Dakota SEAL

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9/9, 9/16

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Custer County Commission Meeting

Commission Room

Place/Room: Custer County Court House

Date: 09/23/26

	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SPEAK - Y/N	EMAIL
1.	Jess Doyle				
2.	Patricia Conway				
3.	Amber Maiden			N	
4.	Connie Curry			N	
5.	DANIEL CICHOSZ			N	
6.	Deb Hanagan				
7.	Mark Sullivan	ANGLE		N	
8.	Travis Hartshorn	Hermosa			
9.	Alex Dewey	Custer		Y	
10.	Monica McGoon			N	
11.	Teri Morgan				
12.	Dale Ruzicka	Hermosa		N	
13.					
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Draft Minutes of the Custer County Commission Meeting, Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

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

A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Adopting of the agenda

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

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion by Busskohl; seconded by Hindle to approve the minutes of 08-26-26 and 09-09-26 Commission meetings and the following vouchers; vote taken; all aye; motion carried.
2. Monthly reports as follows:



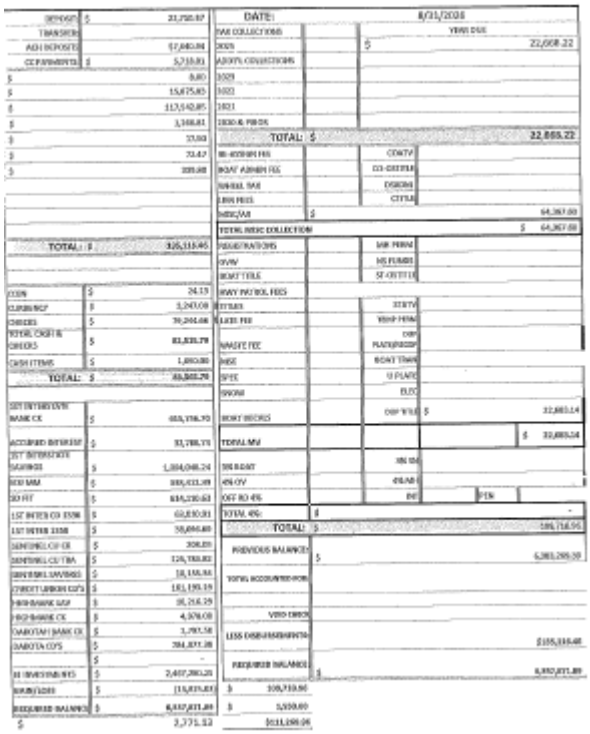
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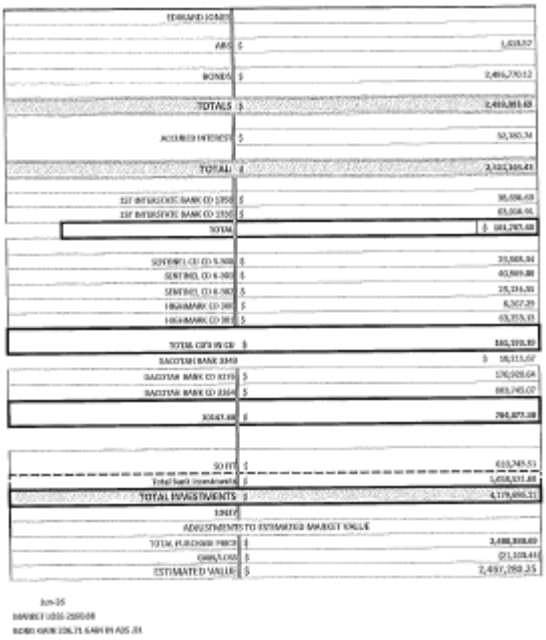
THE BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

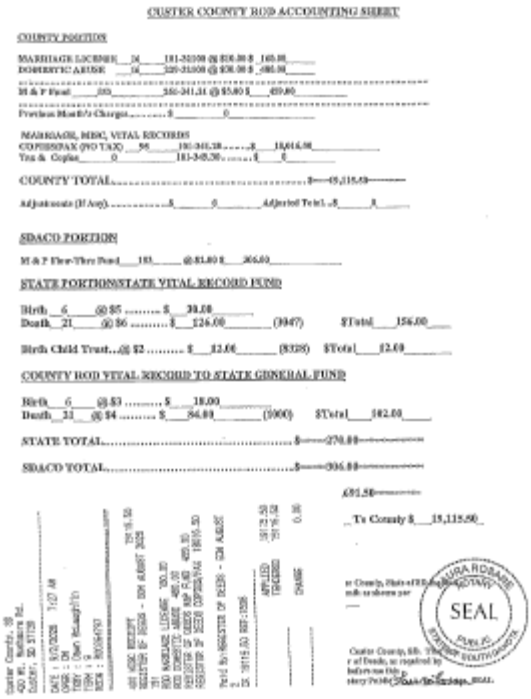
I hereby submit the following report to my examination of cash and cash items in the hands of the Custer County Treasurer's Office of this county as of AUGUST 2026.

Total amount of actual cash	$83,595.79
First Interstate Checking	$815,756.70
First Interstate Savings	$1,004,048.24
Edward Jones MM Acct	$338,412.39
SD FIT	$814,110.63
First Interstate CD's	$101,707.80
Sentinel FCU Checking	$266.03
Sentinel FCU TBA	$125,783.62
Sentinel Savings Acct	$10,155.34
Credit Union's CD's	$161,193.19
Highmark FCU Savings	$10,216.29
Highmark Checking	$4,978.00
Dakotah Bank Checking	$2,797.50
Dakotah Bank CD's	$784,877.38
Edward Jones Investments	$2,467,280.25
Accrued Interest	$22,780.74
Balance:	$6,357,871.89

Dawn McLaughlin, Custer County Finance Officer







CUSTER COUNTY ROD ACCOUNTING SHEET

COUNTY PORTION

MARRIAGE LICENSE 34 181-20100 @$30.00 $ 180.00
DOMESTIC ABUSE 34 320-21000 @$30.00 $ 480.00
M & P Fees 102 181-341.31 @$5.00 $ 510.00
Previous Month's Charges $ 0
MARRIAGE, MISC, VITAL RECORDS
COMMISSAK (NO TAX) 96 181-341.30 $ 16,016.00
Tax & Copies 0 181-345.20 $ 0
COUNTY TOTAL $ 15,115.00
Adjustments (If Any) $ 0 Adjusted Total $ 0

SDACO PORTION

M & P Fees-Thru Post 183 @$1.80 $ 306.00

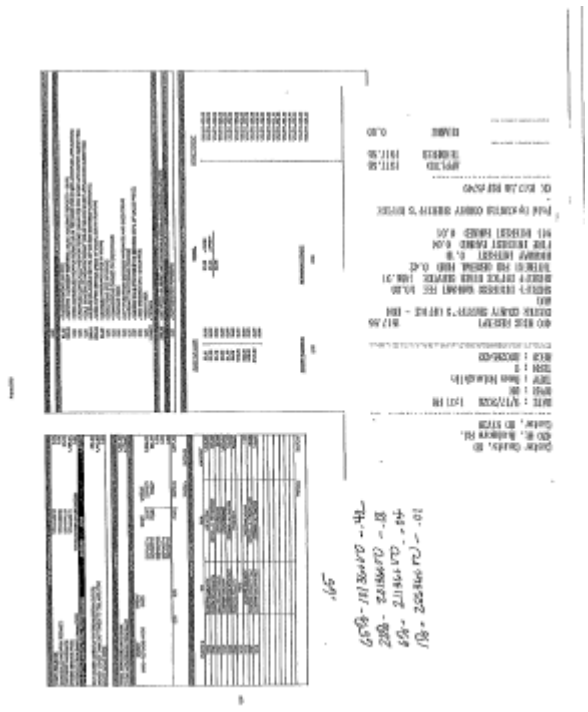
STATE PORTION/STATE VITAL RECORD FUND

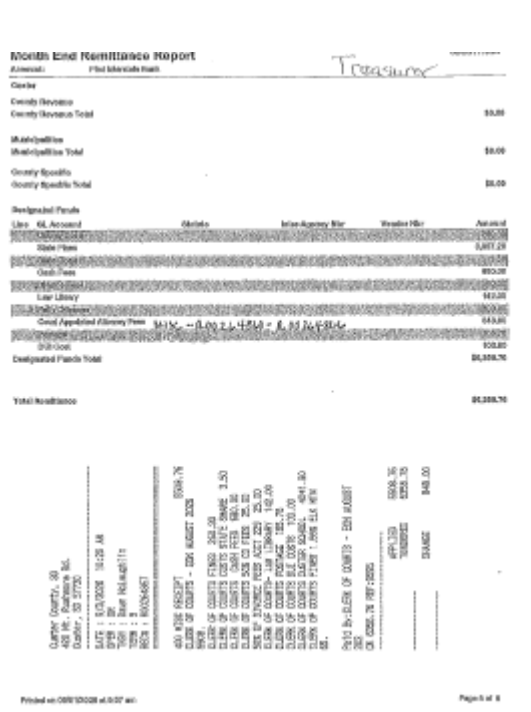
Birth 6 @$5 $ 30.00
Death 21 @$6 $ 126.00 (3047) $Total 156.00
Birth Child Trust...@$2 $ 12.00 (8320) $Total 12.00

COUNTY ROD VITAL RECORD TO STATE GENERAL FUND

Birth 6 @$3 $ 18.00
Death 33 @$4 $ 84.00 (1000) $Total 102.00

STATE TOTAL $ 270.00
SDACO TOTAL $ 306.00
$591.00
To County $ 15,115.00





Month End Remittance Report

3. Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: 09-23-2026: Safety wages $134.23; Commissioners $7,356.25; Auditor $13,915.19; Treasurer $13,183.11; Info Systems & Tech $3,536.99; States Attorney

$14,828.25; Courthouse Building $10,018.95; Director of Equalization $13,389.52; Register of Deeds $5,763.54; Veterans Service $2,946.52; Human Resources $2,760.34; Sheriff $56,392.43; Coroner $1,068.83; Nurse $626.95; Library $12,122.11; Conservation $825.87; Weed & Pest $3,636.74; Planning $5,398.14; County Road & Bridge $33,524.38; Emergency Management $3,173.75; Emergency Line F $16,880.95

COMMISSIONERS: A&B Pure Water $75.39; Golden West $96.75; Pitney Bowes/Purchase Power $502.25

COURT APPOINTED ATTY: J. Barber $901.80; G. Reuling $296.80

AUDITOR: Best Western Ramkota Hotel $220.; Golden West $160.58; Kieffer Sanitation $11.96; Quill LLC $86.97

TREASURER: Best Western Ramkota Hotel $220.; Golden West $150.74

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Culligan Water $32.85; Golden West $144.04; Tritech Software Systems, Central Square Company $4,608.11; Western Stationers $60.98; MASTERCARD: USPO $15.80

MAINTENANCE: Black Hills Electric Coop $687.89; Black Hills Energy $4573.34; Custer Ace Hardware $39.54; Golden West $23.69; MASTERCARD: Maint Furn/Equip $279.; Maint Supplies $347.88; Court House Supplies $500.13; Library Supplies $31.16; Maint Phone/Utility $345.98

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Golden West $216.25; Golden West $990.; Melissa Bradford $23.00; Splish Splash Car Wash $34.; MASTERCARD: Lamontes Oil Change $164.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Golden West $95.90; SD Assoc of County Officials $100.

VETERANS SERVICES: Golden West $23.69

HUMAN RESOURCES: Golden West $23.69

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West $680.

GIS: Golden West $48.14

SHERIFF: A&B Pure Water $54.98; Battle Mtn. Humane Society $1,183.00; FedEx $106.84; French Creek Supply, INC $182.99; Golden West $288.08; Lamonte's Auto Center $4,219.61; Li's Recovery & Transport, LLC Towing Service $550.; Rob Steele $625.35; SD Department of Public Safety $2,700.; Sherry Weber $194.;

MASTERCARD: Dollar General $12.74; Amazon Flex Flat Cable, Note Cards, Mag Hooks & Key Rings $64.29; Dairy Queen $10.71; Uniforms $884.41; Postage $8.05

DISPATCH: A&B Pure Water $54.97; Golden West Telecommunications $210.; Golden West $207.74; SD Department of Public Safety $2,700.; Tritech Software Systems, Central Square Company $27,278.; MASTERCARD: Amazon Repair Kit, Air Purifier & Keyboard $513.80

SEARCH & RESCUE: Custer Ace Hardware $224.07; Monthly Phone Bill $99.95; MASTERCARD: Amazon Traffic Cones & Warning Tape $135.89; Starlink $133.28

PRISONER CARE: Correct RX Pharmacy Services, INC $219.74; Mary Seifert $100.; T. Popkes $4,349.84; C. Benedict $1,320.; S. Blacksmith $1,320.; D. Crombie $110.; D. Dean $3,410.; T. Debter $330.; M. Fox $330.; T. Gabel $220.; A. Harlan $110.; C. Hyatt $220.; K. Kelly $220.; M. Lujan $110.; L. Newcomb $880.; P. Nielsen $3,410.; S. Redwing $1,430.; G. Reuling $330.; L. Waltman $220.; J. Wicke $3,410.; SD Department of Health $200.

NURSE: Golden West $61.67

CORONER: Clinical Lab of the Black Hills $6,318.

POOR: Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home $2,150.

AIRPORT: City Service Valcon $27,952.48; Golden West $115.17; Mead & Hunt, INC $9,775.66

LIBRARY: Bywater Solutions $515.; Golden West $236.84; OverDrive INC. $248.71; MASTERCARD: Refunds -46.57; Mt. Rushmore Telephone $321.48; Amazon Books $2,179.85; SD Library Association $306.; Booklist $205.; ChatGPT $21.24; Repairs $90.96

EXTENSION: Golden West $91.84; Keri Cochran $654.11; MASTERCARD: Refund Quality Inn -$16.06; Quality Inn 4H State $401.99; Quill $154.45

WEED & PEST: Amy Rambadt $228.49**;** Golden West $23.69; Kim O'Connor $520.; Paul Johnson $61.50; Paul Van Bockern $229.25; Robert Knapp/Knapp Ranch Holdings, LLC $736.57; Ron Anderson $200.; Sue Hillard $292.93; Warne Chemical & Equip Co INC $27.93; MASTERCARD: Custer Ace Hardware $43.58

PLANNING: Golden West $119.97; Secretary of State Office $30.; Starr Insurance $97.50

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: Golden West $210.13; Butler Machinery Co INC $350.36; CBH Cooperative $6,188.10; Culligan Water $6.95; Custer Ace Hardware $280.13;

Floyd's Truck Center – Rapid City $159.16; French Creek Supply INC $708.63; G&H Distributing of Rapid City $37.28; Grimm's Pump Service INC $1,195.52; MG Oil Company $29,737.05; Pop's Grocery Shoppe $12.19; TrueNorth Steel $4,992.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Black Hills Electric Coop $58.40; Golden West Technologies $1,080.; Golden West $46.22

COUNTY BUILDINGS: Custer Ace Hardware $28.98; Custer Heating & Air Conditioning $1,072.45; Kieffer Sanitation $421.38; Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation/TK Elevator $1,001.39; MASTERCARD: Court House Repairs/Maint $148.89

ELECTION: Election Systems & Soft $1,151.19; MASTERCARD: Walmart Election Food $341.41

D. Conflict of Interest Declarations – None

E. Public Comment – No one from public spoke.

F. CHS Employment Program

1. Alese Deuhr to discuss and approve CHS Employment Program Opportunity with Custer County. She spoke about the employment program, Project Skills, that is run through Custer High School, connected with DHS VOC Rehabilitation (VOC Rehab) through the State of South Dakota. She stated the program employs students with disabilities, age 16+, through local businesses and organizations. The purpose being, to give these students employment training they may not otherwise have, and to be part of the community with a job coach. The job coach and the managers of that business work together to better understand the uniqueness of each student and how they may experience employment in a different way. The students work for the business or organization, but are employed and paid by VOC Rehab; as well as anything insurance wise. Lintz asked how many students are in the Project Skills program. Deuhr said she has had 5 students employed working at various businesses in Custer. Hartman asked if it is for the whole school year or semester? Duehr said each student is given 250 hrs which breaks down to approximately 2hrs/day, 4days/week which generally lasts the school year. Duehr said each student's progress is tracked via a working chart and through checking in with the business managers to see how they are doing. Linde asked if this needs to be looked at by legal counsel. Legal counsel asked if written materials can be provided. Duehr will provide written materials to HR to forward to legal counsel. Linde said they will go through it and have Aaron review it and put it on another agenda.

G. Finance Office

Dawn presented the August 2026 Financial Update. Revenues $472,281.77; Expense $1,366,051.63; Register of Deeds $19,115.50; Sheriff's Office $1,517.56; Clerk of Courts $6,356.76; Motor Vehicles (41.8% of registrations) $94,842.71; Treasurer's checks written $618,226.52; End Cash Balance $6,357,871.89. As of August 31st, 2026, over-all surplus of $515,000. for this year's budget. Update acknowledged by Linde and Hartman.

H. Elections

1. Request approval to hire approximately 45 election workers for the General Election, to be held November 3, 2026. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

I. Planning: Terri Kester, Planning Director, presented

1. Gauthier variance request. Parcel 012546, Brian Gauthier. Reason for variance, concrete poured encroaching on the property line. Applicant requested to be 10.8 ft from property line. Request was presented and approved on September 1, 2026 by the planning commission. Planning commission recommends the Board grant final approval. Certified letters were sent to the neighbors two times; no response was given. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye: motion carried. No public comment.
2. Request 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 ID:006014 & 006015 (28.19 acres) Windsong Valley LLC. Request was presented and approved by Planning Commission on July 7, 2026. Planning Commission recommends the Board grant final approval. Motion to approve by Linde; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
3. Request Final Plat of: LOTS 1, 2 & 3 OF WESTWIND PINES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE NE ¼ SW ¼ and NW ¼ SE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T6S, R5E, BHM, CUSTER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. PARCEL ID:015749 Westwind Corp. LOT 1, 1.86 acres; LOT 2, 2.03 acres; LOT 3, 2.40 acres. Request was presented and approved by Planning Commission on September 1, 2026. Planning Commission recommends the Board grant final approval. Motion to approve by Linde; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
4. Request: Final Plat of: WHEELER TRACT 1A AND WHEELER TRACT 2A OF WIND DANCE FARMS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN GOVT. LOTS 3 AND 9 OF SECTION 6, T4S, R4E, BHM, CUSTER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. PARCEL ID:015301 &001600, Scott Wheeler. Applicant/deed holder Scott & Julie Wheeler proposed lot line adjustment. Tract 1, 14.01 acres; Tract 2, 5.56 acres; Request was presented and approved by Planning Commission on August 4, 2026. Planning Commission recommends the Board grant final approval. Motion to approve by Hindle; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

5. Request approval of revised Planning Technician job description and to advertise & hire for Planning Technician vacancy. This is a full-time, fully benefited position with hourly wage starting at $19.04. Motion to approve by Busskohl; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

J. Library: Sarah Myers, Library Director, presented

1. Request commission to reach out to Hermosa Town Board RE: Hermosa library lease renewal. Sarah Myers asked if liaising could begin with the Town of Hermosa regarding the Hermosa library lease because the 2028 deadline is approaching. She stated the Hermosa building committee & Library Board discuss this issue at every board meeting; good progress is being made. Hartman suggested a motion to have Legal draft a letter to Hermosa to see if they would be willing to extend the library lease. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

K. 8:30 Public Hearing: Jesse Doyle, Highway Superintendent, presented

1. 5-year Road & Bridge improvement plan. Daniel Cichosz from Brosz Engineering was introduced as assisting in the 5-year plan, specifically bridge inspections. Doyle stated Custer County is sitting "very well" with the condition of its bridges as it currently stands. Doyle also mentioned, for 2027, the county has been awarded a Bridge Improvement Grant for the Cheyenne River Bridge on CH 656. This is to correct an initial construction error to where the end walls are deteriorating and need to be redone to protect the structure. Doyle assured the commission, the bridge is not in danger of collapsing. This is just preventive maintenance so the bridge will last even longer. Doyle noted another bridge project coming up in 2031, is the Lower French Creek Bridge by Stockade which is actually located in Custer State Park. He said the county is charged with the maintenance of the bridge and purposed speaking with Jason Gooder, the Custer State Park Superintendent, and ask him about the Park helping with the cost of replacing the bridge. Busskohl asked about using pipe in the rebuilding of the bridge. Doyle said it would be an excellent way to alleviate some cost of the rebuilding. Lintz had previously asked about Battle Creek Crossing on Battle Creek Road. Doyle stated Battle Creek Road has washed out 3 times and in the event it does again "let mother nature do the work for us" and then go in under emergency and install the "box" they already have for that project. Doyle asked for public comment. Dale Ruzicka asked if the pricing for Mag/CL or the grading aggregate stated on the funding page of handout would be increasing over the 5-year plan. Doyle said pricing probably would change. He is looking at the idea of "piggy-backing" contracts to obtain better deals. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

L. Highway Department: Jesse Doyle, Highway Superintendent, presented

1. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Knoll Crt S34 T3S R4E. Motion to approve by Busskohl; seconded by Linde; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
2. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Mica Ridge Rd S10 T3S R4E. Motion to approve by Hindle; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
3. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Hendrickson Trail S10 T3S R4E. Motion to approve by Linde; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
4. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Hazelrodt Cutoff S33 T3S R5E. Motion to approve by Busskohl; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
5. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Lower French Creek Rd S3 T4S R5E. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
6. ROW Occupancy request from Golden West Telecom for buried fiber optic facility at Kiddville Dr S11 T3S R3E Motion to approve by Hindle; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

M. Black Hills Works Foundation: Tamie Hopp, Director

1. Hopp presented 2027 financial disbursement request. She started out by thanking the commission for, almost a decade, supporting Black Hills Works and their work at Crazy Horse Memorial. BHWF is requesting $5,000. for 2027 to go towards the transportation impact. Hopp stated that Crazy Horse Memorial pays a stipend towards mileage, but they are putting 8000 miles on their vehicles in the May-October season. Funds would help keep up with the wear and tear on the vehicles. Linde commented on the “great job” BHWF does and how much it is appreciated.

N. Sheriff’s Department: Derrick Reifenrath, Sheriff, presented

1. Authorization to purchase items for the City Contract. Reifenrath stated he has a list of items needed for fulfillment of the City Contract that are not included in the Sheriff’s Department 2026 or 2027 budget. He is asking for permission from commission to proceed. The list of items will be brought to Dawn McLaughlin. Reifenrath will seek approval for items on future agendas as needed. Linde had a question from the general public asking “Custer City gets 6 new vehicles? Custer City gets 6 new portable radios?” Reifenrath clarified they were for Custer County. He also explained the 6 new deputies being hired to fulfill the City Contract will rotate between the city and county.

2. Authorization to purchase 6 2027 Ford F-150 Police Responders with upfitting for City of Custer contract positions at a total cost of $417,996.60. Finance Officer Dawn McLaughlin stated the vehicles will come out of the 2026 budget. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
3. Authorization to purchase 6 portable radios for City of Custer contract positions at a cost of $76,958.76. Motion to approve by Hindle; seconded by Busskohl; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.
4. Authorization to purchase 6 mobile radios for City of Custer contract positions at a cost of $38,344.80. Motion to approve by Busskohl; seconded by Linde; vote taken, all aye: motion carried.

O. SAFETY: Marc Moore, Safety: approve Safety Program Changes and Financing.

1. Moore suggested making the Safety position a separate position working 2-3 days/week to help strengthen and create interface with department supervisors and employees. Moore stated the collateral safety person is normally an employee in another department, and the safety duties take away from the department. He said it is common in industry to have all departments contribute to the safety budget, thus, creating accountability. Commissioner Busskohl stated he appreciates a job well-done by Moore but is unsure if additional funding is in the budget at this time. Busskohl said more will be known after the budget hearings.

P. Commission

1. HVAC-Joseph Panza stated he is waiting for pricing information from JAM and Custer Heating and Cooling.
2. Meeting Schedule—9-3-26 Budget Hearing at 8:00 AM; 10-3-26 Lincoln Day Dinner; 10-03-26 Fairburn Bazaar.
3. Meeting Reports—Linde-YMCA (cancelled); Busskohl-Search & Rescue; Custer City Council.

Q. Executive Sessions

1. Motion to enter and exit Executive session as per SDCL 1-25-21(1) Personnel; Executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(3) Legal and Executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(4) Contract made by Busskohl; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Executive Sessions entered at 9:04 AM and concluded at 10:15 AM with no action taken.

R. Adjourn

Motion by Busskohl and seconded by Linde to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 AM. The next meeting will be at 8:00 AM, October 7, 2026 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

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Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: _____

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