

September 16, 2025
Unapproved Minutes
Union County Commissioners

The Union County Board of Commissioners met in regular session September 16, 2025, at the Courthouse in Elk Point, SD at 8:30 a.m.

Members present Ustad, Dailey, Joffer, Ballard and Kimmel.

Motion Dailey, seconded by Ballard to approve the agenda with the addition of Courthouse building and Planning and Zoning. Carried.

Motion Kimmel, seconded by Ustad to approve the minutes from September 2, 2025 meeting. Carried.

Bank Balances

AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

August 31, 2025

Total amount of deposits in bank	\$1,912,394.24
Total amount of actual cash	\$2,921.77
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	\$89,131.83
Investments	\$14,083,859.46
Cash Variance	\$-401.83
Credit card outstanding	\$14,191.69
Total	\$20,023,998.55

*Note: These figures include all funds administered by the county including city, schools & township revenue and other pass-through accounts

Monthly Reports

Sheriff’s Office Federal Prisoner & INS room & board fees - \$18,968.33
The Register of Deeds reported \$13,220.50 in transfer tax and \$13,180 in fees
Clerk of Courts \$29,161.62
Veteran Service- 58 Contacts
Nurse Donations \$0

Annual Budget

Motion by Kimmel, seconded by Ballard to adopt the 2026 budget with no changes from Provisional Budget. Roll Call Vote: Dailey-aye; Ustad-aye; Ballard-aye; Kimmel-aye; Joffer-aye. Vote 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR UNION COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Tax Levy in

COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Dollars	\$'s/1,000
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:		
* General County Purposes (10-12-9)	8,743,145.00	3.024
LIMITED LEVY (10-12-21) - SUB TOTAL		
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:	8,743,145.00	3.024
*County Snow Removal Fund		

(34-5-2)		
*County Road and Bridge (10-12-13)	719,426.00	0.249
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg. (7-25-1)		
Bond Interest Sinking (7-24-18)		
Ag Building (7-27-1)		
UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB TOTAL	719,426.00	0.249
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB-TOTAL	9,462,571.00	3.273
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76)	65,485.00	1.253
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	82,026.00	0.133
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	9,610,082.00	4.659

* These Amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.

As of September 16th, 2025 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue

RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR
Union County, South Dakota

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,
Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and
Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Union County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, South Dakota,

this 16th day of September, 2025.
The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Union, County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Union County for the year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
Union County, South Dakota

_____	Chairman
Kevin Joffer	
_____	Commissioner
Mike Dailey	
_____	Commissioner
Tom Kimmel	
_____	Commissioner
Peggy Ustad	
_____	Commissioner
Bob Ballard	
ATTEST _____	County Auditor
Katie Winquist	

Travel
Motion by Ustad, seconded by Dailey to approve travel for Deputy Gardini to Pierre for training September 23rd and 24th. Carried.

Abatement
Motion by Ballard, seconded by Ustad to approve abatement 2025-089 Flood \$91.28. Carried.

Department Heads
Welfare Steckelberg, Nurse Heirigs, Extension Fritsch, Fair/Weed/Extension Tabke, VSO Schenzel, and EMA Wescott all gave monthly updates.

Highway
Motion by Dailey, seconded by Dailey to approve Tina Swigert at \$22.13/hour. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Carried.
Motion by Dailey, seconded by Ustad to approve the low bid of \$274,733.23 by Persing Excavating for structure 64-042-050. Carried.
Motion by Ballard, seconded by Ustad to sign WETLANDS FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY UNIT CREDITS SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Item 3. Sale of FCU Credits: If already issued, or upon the Corp’s issuance and Permittees’s acceptance of the Section 404 Permit, to include the transfer of GPI of the legal responsibility for the Mitigation Requirement, and the approval of the sale of 2.28 FCU Credits, Permittee agrees to purchase from GPI and GPI agrees to sell to Permittee, 2.28 FCU Credits. Permittee will pay GPI the sum of \$23,000.00 for each FCU Credit being sold and purchased herein, for the total price of \$54,440.00(the Purchase Price) for structure 64-080-34 replacement project. 4-ayes, 1-nay. Carried.

Fairground Building Leasing
A public auction was held for fairground building and land leasing. The winning bids and bidders are listed below:
Hoop Barn - \$500 Tristan Rhodes, Alcester Towing
Farmland - Larry Donnelly \$175/A (Total \$1751.05)
Beef Barn - David VanEngen \$450
Meeting Room - TriCity Hay Sale \$100/month (Prorated @ 7 mo Total \$700)
Showring - \$1200 Lance Sogn
Parking Lot - No bid

Sheriff
Sheriff Prouty discussed LPR cameras with the board.

Dakota Dunes Traffic Study

Dakota Dunes CID Tramp met with and updated the board on the traffic study performed in Dakota Dunes.

Executive Session

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Ustad to enter executive session for personnel per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 11:22 a.m. Carried. Chairman declared the board out of executive session at 11:36 a.m.

Veteran's Memorial

Members of the Veteran's Memorial committee were present to discuss memorial design ideas.

Claims

Motion by Kimmel, seconded by Dailey to approve claims as presented. The Following Claims Have Been Audited, Approved, and Warrants Drawn on the Same: BW Payroll 9/5/2025: \$101,906.89; State's Attorney \$560.00; Register of Deeds \$1,010.95; Sheriff \$26,949.01; Jail \$24,390.30; Communications \$14,946.77; WIC \$427.80; Nurse \$279.00; Highway \$31,884.31; VSO \$1,458.75; BW Payroll 9/19/2025: \$102,391.93; State's Attorney \$800.00; Register of Deeds \$1,182.71; Sheriff \$28,867.11; Jail \$23,030.04; Communications \$15,338.27; Nurse \$139.50; WIC \$223.20; Highway \$30,821.01; VSO \$1,990.09; Jurors \$3,336.02; Absolute Mobile Shredding (Maint) \$40.28; AgriVision Equipment Group (Rep) \$167.30; Alcester Municipal Utilities (Util) \$105.28; Alliance Communication (Util) \$245.97; Angel Law (Pub Def) \$1,303.41; Arctic Ice (Supp) \$41.00; AT&T Mobility (Util) \$33.26; Avera McKennan Hospital (ER) \$863.00; Barkley Asphalt Paving Co (Rep) \$100,930.08; Batteries Plus (Supp) \$68.85; Beresford Municipal Telephone (Util) \$228.02; Best Western Of Huron (State Fair) \$1,554.00; Brian's Repair Inc (Maint) \$1,504.14; Butler Machinery Co (Rep) \$475.00; Capital Sanitary Supply (Supp) \$349.36; Century Link (Util) \$71.62; Certified Languages Intern (Interp) \$113.85; Chapel Hill Funeral (Assistance) \$1,895.00; Chesterman Co (Rep) \$258.00; Children's Inn (Allotment) \$1,730.67; Clay Rural Water System (Util) \$59.00; Clay-Union Electric Corp (Util) \$97.63; CNA Surety Direct Bill (Notary) \$50.00; Cole Papers Inc (Supp) \$591.28; Continental Research Corp (Supp) \$1,720.05; Dakota Dunes North Sioux City Times (Pub) \$500.53; David Steckelberg (PerDiem) \$433.22; Dean Schaefer (Court Reporter) \$931.00; Debra Severson (PerDiem) \$26.00; Department Of Health (Labs) \$2,835.00; Dockendorf Equipment Co. (Rep) \$1,728.00; Eakes Office Solutions (Supp) \$224.49; Elk Point Ace Hardware (Supp) \$283.40; FastSigns (Supp) \$248.61; Filter Care (Supp) \$307.80; Fox Law Firm (MI) \$207.51; Hirshfield's (Supp) \$87.77; Hometown Leasing (Maint) \$145.98; Hydraulic Sales (Rep) \$36.82; I-State Truck Center (Rep) \$13.49; Jack's Uniform & Equip (Supp) \$1,143.60; James Prouty (Supp) \$170.98; Jerry Buum (PerDiem) \$68.00; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers - (Rep) \$1,371.17; Jones Food Center (Supp) \$26.07; Justin Keegan (Supp) \$84.00; Katie Winkvist (PerDiem) \$80.00; Kevin Joffer (Mileage) \$56.28; Knoepfler Chevrolet (Maint) \$101.68; Language Line Services (Interp) \$117.33; Lawson Products Inc (Supp) \$680.49; Leader Courier (Pub) \$500.53; Lewis & Clark BHS (MI) \$225.00; Lewis Family Drug (Meds) \$3,008.00; Lincoln County (MI) \$36.67; Loffler Companies, Inc. (Maint) \$160.66; Loren Fischer Disposal (Dumpster) \$279.11; Mark Katterhagen (MI) \$24.00; Michael McGill (MI) \$1,472.80; Microfilm Imaging System, (Maint) \$105.00; MidAmerican Energy Co (Util) \$23.63; Midway Service/Vollan Oil (Supp) \$19,447.22; Midwest Wheel Companies (Rep) \$1.70; MPH Industries, Inc (Supp) \$236.25; MSC Industrial Supply Co (Supp) \$235.23; Myrl & Roys Paving (Construction) \$80,810.62; Myron Hertel (PerPiem) \$52.00; New Century Press (Pub) \$596.96; North Sioux City Fire EMS (Ambulance) \$350.00; Northern Truck Equipment (Rep) \$216.72; O'Reilly (Supp/Rep) \$867.27; Ollies 2.0 (Meals) \$10,829.50; Olson's Pest Technicians (Pest Control) \$290.00; One Office Solution (Supp) \$429.99; Pharm Chem Inc (Labs) \$912.60; Premier Communications (Util) \$266.86; Rees Mack Sales & Service (Rep) \$96.60; Riverside Technologies Inc (Maint) \$4,482.00; Runnings Supply Inc (Supp) \$379.95; Sandra V Guzman (Interp) \$180.00; Sanford Health (Autopsy) \$2,492.00; Sanford Health Occupational Med (Labs) \$134.00; Sanford Laboratories (Labs) \$313.00; SD Dept Transportation (Rep) \$24,387.39; SD Network Against Family Violence (Membership) \$200.00; Shawn Tabke (PerDiem) \$247.42; Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc (Rep) \$21.97; Sioux Laundry Inc (Maint) \$1,421.47; Sioux Sales (Supp) \$272.70; Siouxland Sign Pro (Supp) \$415.00; Sooland Bobcat (Supp) \$99.80; Southeast Farmers Coop (Diesel) \$1,905.31; State Industrial Products (Supp) \$607.62; Thomson Reuters (Maint) \$45.37; Transource Truck & Equipment (Rentals) \$4,374.00; TransUnion (Maint) \$75.00; TransWest (Rep) \$254.97; Uline (Supp) \$212.37; Union County Electric (Util) \$396.00; Val Larson (MI)

\$24.00; Verizon (Util) \$1,255.88; Verizon Wireless (Util) \$219.14; Vestis (Maint) \$140.40; Vestis (Maint) \$22.60; Wass Funeral Home (Assistance) \$2,000.00; Yankton Co Treasurer (MI) \$163.25 Carried.

EMA Building

Discussion was had about issues at the Spink EMA building. EMA Wescott will look at options for a new space.

Courthouse Improvement

Board is revisiting courthouse addition.

Planning & Zoning

Discussion was had about development in the county and Planning & Zoning.

Adjournment

Motion by Kimmel, seconded by Ballard to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. until September 30, 2025. Carried.

ATTEST: _____
Katie Winkvist, Auditor Kevin Joffer, Chairman
Union County Union County Board of Commissioners

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