

AGENDA
Codington County Board of Commissioners
Codington County Court House, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown SD
Commission Chambers, Room #114
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Nomination and action to elect temporary Chair for April 14, 2026, meeting due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair**
3. **Call for public comments. Public comment may be submitted in person or via telephone at 605-882-6248 or 605-882-6297**
4. **Conflict of interest items**
5. **Action to approve April 14, 2026, agenda**
6. **Action to approve April 07, 2026, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners**
7. **Discussion/possible action relating to Flock Safety Agreement as presented by James Simmons**
8. **Monthly Reports**
 - a. **States Attorney**
 - b. **Auditor**
 - c. **Director of Equalization**
 - d. **Community Service Director**
9. **Discussion/possible action to authorize Chair to sign annual renewal contract with Face It Together for Peer support services with COSSUP grant funds**
10. **Discussion/possible action to authorize Chair to sign annual renewal contract with Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars to provide sober housing using COSSUP grant funds**
11. **Action to approve Auditor's Acct. w/Treasurer and note monthly Register of Deeds fees**
12. **Note the Board will meet as a County Board of Equalization at 1:00 PM, April 14, at the Court House**
13. **Note the Board will meet as a Consolidated Board of Equalization at 6:30 PM, April 14, in the chambers of Watertown City Council**
14. **Action to approve abatement applications**
15. **Action to approve claims for payment**
16. **Action to approve automatic budget supplements**
17. **Action to approve personnel changes**
18. **Action to approve travel requests**
19. **Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:**
20. **Old Business**
21. **New Business**
22. **Open**
 - a. **Public Comments**

b. Commission Comments

23. Action to enter into Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2

(1) Discussion of personnel issues (SDCL 1-25-2(1))

(2) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2(3))

(3) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives (SDCL 1-25-2(4))

(4) Discussion of pricing or marketing strategies when public disclosure may harm the competitive position of the county owned business (SDCL 1-25-2(5))

(5) Discussion of information pertaining to the protection of public or private property (SDCL 1-25-2(6))

24. Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items.

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**Official Proceedings
County of Codington
Codington County Court House
14 1st Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201**

April 07, 2026

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 07, 2026, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel (via ZOOM), Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Randall Schweer, and Troy VanDusen; VanDusen, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by J.T. Fey.

CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS

Chair VanDusen called for public comments to be taken up during the open portion of the meeting; none were offered. There were no conflict-of-interest items to note.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the agenda for April 07, 2026, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

4-H Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer, updated the Board: Shooting Sports continues on Tuesday and Thursday nights, the State 4-H Shoot is April 24-26 in Ft. Pierre, at this time we have 57 youth registered for the state shoot with registration ending April 16, 2026; 4-H Shooting Sports still has raffle tickets that can be purchased from the shooting sports families or at our office, a big thank you to our 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer coaches; we do have a team of youth that have qualified for the Daisy National Shoot in Arkansas, July 10-13; I'm teaching Adopt-A-Cow Dairy in Waverly for kindergarten and 2nd grade along with Ave Maria School 1st grade, this is an SDSU Extension K-2 curriculum; we will wrap up our 4-H Cloverbud afterschool meetings in April and a Cloverbud Camp is scheduled for June 24th, 2026.

Veterans Service Officer, Jay Roberts, updated the Board: metrics for the month, 136 open claims (working claims) 56 pending action from VA, 80 completed (YTD), Hamlin 16 open (working claims) 8 pending from VA, 8 completed (YTD), currently working for 8 veterans and have completed 3 claims for veterans from outside our county; \$16,392 for the month March 2026, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase \$40,804; \$69,045 for the month of March 2026, retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$246,513; 3 veteran DAV transports in March, 2 - currently scheduled for April, currently 3 drivers with 1 application being processed to become a driver; CURRENT - March 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. M-Day Pre-Retirement Seminar held at the Watertown Readiness Center, Eric and I attended this event and have since had a couple of veterans reach out to us for assistance; March 24, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. What's Brewing outreach event at the Watertown Readiness Center, would like to thank the Sea of Goodwill for hosting the Veterans and Dependents Informational briefing event on March 24, 2026, we also appreciate the SDDVA Secretary, Jeremiah Schneider, for attending along with some of his staff and the VA personnel who came to brief everyone in attendance, the event was well attended, and we look forward to hosting another event like this in the future; been answering questions from veterans and dependents on their taxes on VA compensation/DIC - reminder is that all compensation/pension/DIC is tax free and they will not receive a 1099-R; advertising for Volunteer Drivers to drive the DAV van; FUTURE - meeting

Codington County, 07 April 2026

with the commanders on April 7, 2026 at the VFW; radio shows KWAT – 8:30 and KXLG – 9:05 on April 9th, 2026; April 16th, 2026, Eric and I will be attending a SDDVA Mini conference, so the VSO office will be closed; April 22nd, 2026, at 2:15 p.m. outreach event for families and members at Aventura Nursing Home in Watertown.

SEASONAL MEMORIAL PARK CUSTODIAL POSITION

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to advertise to hire a seasonal Memorial Park Custodial position; all voted aye; motion carried.

DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE PREMIUM RENEWAL

The board noted correspondence regarding the County's renewal premiums for insurance with Delta Dental of South Dakota. The County's group claims experience and trends analysis suggests a 16.1% increase in rates. Delta Dental will limit the County's rate increase to 5%. Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the following rates and cost share for employee dental insurance coverage for the time period beginning June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, all voted aye; motion carried:

Single coverage premium: \$52.62 – paid by the County

Two party coverage premium: \$94.72 – County share \$47.36, Employee share \$47.36

Family coverage premium: \$137.88 – County share \$68.94, Employee share \$68.94

COUNTY AND CONSOLIDATED BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION

The Board noted that the County Board of Equalization will meet at 1:00 p.m., April 14th, 2026, at the Court House and the Consolidated Board of Equalization will meet at 6:30 p.m., April 14th, 2026, in the chambers of the Watertown City Council.

SALARY CLAIMS

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve for payment the following March salary claims; all voted aye; motion carried.

Commissioners: 12,482.75 total salaries. Auditor: 25,194.62 total salaries. Co. Treasurer: 50,801.55 total salaries. States Attorney: 60,935.59 total salaries. Gov. Buildings: 22,571.99 total salaries. Dir. Equalization: 62,580.60 total salaries. Reg. of Deeds: 33,613.97 total salaries. Veterans Service: 13,349.31 total salaries. Sheriff: 150,682.71 total salaries. Jail: 174,728.05 total salaries. Coroner: 5,167.20 total salaries. Welfare: 38,768.49 total salaries. CO. Nurse: 6,456.62 total salaries. Park: 0 total salaries. Ag. Bldg.: 13,391.03 total salaries. Co. Extension: 14,573.75 total salaries. Weed: 6,413.70 total salaries. Planning Board: 0 total salaries. Road & Bridge: 125,326.20 total salaries. Emergency Management: 16,896.53 total salaries. Crime Victim: 9,332.90 total salaries. W.I.C.: 5,939.65 total salaries. 24/7: 8,060.46 total salaries Total 857,267.67

Breakdown of withholding amounts which are included in the above:

S.D. Retirement 82,068.84; VSP 977.06 eye insurance; S.D. Supplemental Retire. 5,405.00 suppl. retire.; Sanford 116,761.85; Reliance Standard Life Insurance 1228.67 life ins.; Delta Dental 7,738.70 ins.; Codington County 8,513.83 employee HSA contribution; AFSCME Council 65 535.60 employee union dues; AFLAC 4,165.63.; VSP 443.05 eye insurance; John Hancock 3,515.00 suppl. retire.; AFLAC 1,727.40 ins.; Sioux Valley Credit Union 21,318.60 employee payments; John Hancock Roth 400.00 suppl. retire.; SDRS Supplemental Retirement 5,000.00 Roth retirement; Teamsters Local Union 120 469.00 employee union due; Codington County Deputy Sheriff's Association 135.00 employee union dues; ReliaBank Dakota 57,237.05 federal withholding; ReliaBank Dakota 77,668.28 social security; ReliaBank Dakota 18,164.46 Medicare; United Way 25.00 employee contributions; Health Equity 8,513.83 employee HSA contribution.

PERSONNEL CHANGE

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the following personnel changes: Jacob Redman, part-time Corrections Officer, Jail, G35/Step A, \$27.66 per hour, effective 4-01-2026; Edwin Henry, part-time Corrections Officer, Jail, G35/Step A, \$27.66 per hour, effective 4-01-2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve the following travel request: Emergency Management office staff to attend Region Exercise; all voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gabel provided a construction update on the new jail. The alarm system is completed; Commissioner McElhany reported that the 14th Ave. Bridge project is ahead of schedule. Last week they poured the deck, and put up the guard rails and side rails, he also mentioned that the Nurse and WIC offices have moved out of their building and now are temporarily located at the State Building.

OPEN

Public Comments – James Simmons, informed the Board about his safety concerns with the Flock cameras that currently the Sheriff’s Office is demoing.

Commission Comments – Commissioner Johnson announced that he withdrew his petition and will not be running again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to enter executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Discussion of personnel issues (SDCL 1-25-2(1) and (2) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2(2)) at 9:33a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:23 a.m., and no action was taken. Human Resource Representative, Natalie Remund, Veteran Service Officer, Jay Roberts, and Auditor, Brenda Hanten, were present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by McElhany to adjourn at 10:24 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

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Published once at the total approximate cost of \$ _____

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Codington County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of the County of Codington as of the last business day in March 2026.

Cash on Hand	\$5,741.99
Checks in Treasurer' possession	\$305,030.57
less than 3 days	\$0.00
Credit Card Charges	\$9,067.44
Cash Items	\$382.40
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$320,222.40

RECONCILED CHECKING	
Reliabank (Memorial Park)	\$1,000.00
Reliabank Dakota	\$25,152,178.99

INVESTMENTS	
SD Public Funds Investment	\$1,115.28
Plains Commerce Bank CD's	\$0.00
Colliers Securities	\$25,023,438.58

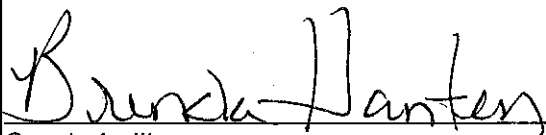
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$50,497,955.25
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GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:

General	\$8,077,651.58
General restricted cash	\$500,000.00
Sp. Revenue	\$8,148,822.05
County Jail Build	\$30,994,014.09
Bond Redemption Fund	\$263,205.09
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Custodial	\$2,514,262.44
Schools	\$ 1,485,565.36
Townships	\$ 84,095.67
City/Towns	\$ 251,619.32

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	\$50,497,955.25
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Dated this 9th day of April 2026



County Auditor

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CODINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR

AUDITOR'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH TREASURER

CODINGTON COUNTY

DATE: April 9, 2026

CASH ON HAND IN TREASURER'S OFFICE

Silver and Pennies.....	\$79.99
Ones.....	\$217.00
Fives.....	\$385.00
Tens.....	\$510.00
Twenties.....	\$1,500.00
Fifties.....	\$150.00
Hundreds.....	\$2,900.00
Cash Items.....	\$382.40
Credit Card Charges.....	\$9,067.44
Checks.....	\$305,030.57

TOTAL CASH ON HAND

\$320,222.40

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

<u>Reliabank (Memorial Park)</u>	\$1,000.00
<u>Reliabank Dakota</u>	\$25,152,178.99

INVESTMENTS:

<u>SD Public Funds Investment Trust</u>	\$1,115.28
<u>Plains Commerce Bank CD's</u>	\$0.00
<u>Colliers Securities</u>	\$25,023,438.58

OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES:

\$50,177,732.85

GRAND TOTAL CASH AND BALANCES:

\$50,497,955.25

GENERAL LEDGER CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES BY FUNDS:

General Fund	\$8,077,651.58
General Fund restricted cash	\$500,000.00
Sp. Revenue Funds	\$8,148,822.05
County Jail Build	\$30,994,014.09
Bond Redemption Fund	\$263,205.09
Sp. Revenue Funds restricted cash	\$0.00
Custodial Funds	\$2,514,262.44

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH

\$50,497,955.25

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED
REGISTER OF DEEDS STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH
OF MARCH, 2026

The sum of **\$34,380.50** in fees has been collected by me as Register of Deeds for MARCH, 2026

Ann Rasmussen being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Register of Deeds in and for CODINGTON COUNTY, State of South Dakota; that the foregoing statement is a true and correct report of all fees collected by me as such Register of Deeds, as required by law, during the month of MARCH, 2026

Ann Rasmussen

Register of Deeds

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April 2026

Bunch Hanken

CERTIFIED BIRTHS

State Children's Fund (\$2.00)	\$ 242.00
County General Fund (\$5.00)	\$ 605.00
State EVRSS Fund (\$5.00)	\$ 605.00
State General Fund (\$3.00)	\$ 363.00

TOTAL \$ 1,815.00

CERTIFIED DEATHS

County General Fund (\$5.00)	\$ 910.00
State General Fund (\$4.00)	\$ 728.00
State EVRSS Fund (\$6.00)	\$ 1,092.00

TOTAL \$ 2,730.00

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CODINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR

Receipt Totals

By Date: 3/2/2026 12:00:00 AM - 3/31/2026 11:59:59 PM; Departments: All; Cash based.

Summary:

Codington County
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 8:37 AM

Receipt Item Totals

	Document:	Paid	Charged	Debited	Total
	Non Document:	\$26,599.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$27,799.00
		\$4,985.00	\$1,934.90	\$0.00	\$6,919.90
	Subtotal:	\$31,584.00	\$3,134.90	\$0.00	\$34,718.90

Payment on Account Totals

Applied:	\$2,796.50
Refunded:	\$0.00
Unposted:	\$0.00
Net Posted:	\$2,796.50

Payments & Refunds

ACH:	\$17,782.50
Cash:	\$2,698.00
Check (Refund):	-\$2.00
Check:	\$13,902.00
Total:	\$34,380.50

Revenue Account Activity

	Total Received	Paid on Receipt	Applied from POA	Adjusted
101-0-321.00 Marriage License 1	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
101-0-341.21 Reg. Deeds Filing/Recording 2	\$8,646.00	\$7,821.00	\$825.00	\$0.00
101-0-341.22 Reg. Deeds Transfer fees 3	\$17,243.00	\$17,243.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
229-0-321.00 Domestic Abuse Marriage Lic. 6	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
726-0-209.00 Reg. Deeds Fees - State 8	\$3,030.00	\$2,300.00	\$730.00	\$0.00
101-0-341.29 Reg. Deeds Other Fees 4	\$3,091.50	\$2,015.00	\$1,076.50	\$0.00
250-0-341.21 M&P Relief ROD Filing/Rec 7	\$1,014.00	\$915.00	\$99.00	\$0.00
769-0-209.00 M&P Relief ROD Allocation 9	\$676.00	\$610.00	\$66.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$34,380.50	\$31,584.00	\$2,796.50	\$0.00

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PERSONNEL TRANSACTION - NEW HIRE/CHANGE OF STATUS

EMPLOYEE NAME : Steve Deville	DATE: 4/7/2026
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EFFECTIVE DATE: 4/15/2026	POSITION TITLE: Technician Park	DEPARTMENT: Memorial Park
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CURRENT STEP:	NEW STEP: BB-B
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CURRENT PAY RATE:	NEW PAY RATE: \$20.86
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REASONS FOR CHANGE:

Seasonal Memorial Park rehire

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE Steve R. Deville

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE Steve McHenry

DATE 4-8-2026

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS _____

DATE _____

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE OR ANNIVERSARY DATE.

CODINGTON COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REQUEST

Department Weed & Pest

Name of traveling employee _____

Employee title _____ Employee status exempt nonexempt _____

Purpose of travel Meeting

Method of transportation County vehicle

Destination _____

Departure date and time _____ Destination arrival date and time _____

Return departure date and time _____ Return arrival date and time _____

Costs of travel

Conveyance expense (airplane, vehicle mileage, vehicle rental, etc.) fuel

Lodging expense _____ \$0.00

Meals \$14 Registration \$0

Other costs _____

Overtime costs involved in the requested travel _____

Can the traveling employee's hours be flexed to reduce or eliminate overtime costs?

Yes No _____ If no, why _____

Is this travel a budgeted item? Yes No _____

County Commission

Travel request approved: yes _____ no _____ Comments _____

Commission Chairman, _____ Date _____

CODINGTON COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REQUEST

Department Weed & Pest

Name of traveling employee _____

Employee title _____ Employee status exempt nonexempt _____

Purpose of travel Fogger Recalibration

Method of transportation County vehicle

Destination _____

Departure date and time _____ Destination arrival date and time _____

Return departure date and time _____ Return arrival date and time _____

Costs of travel

Conveyance expense (airplane, vehicle mileage, vehicle rental, etc.) fuel

Lodging expense _____

Meals \$0 Registration \$0

Other costs _____

Overtime costs involved in the requested travel _____

Can the traveling employee's hours be flexed to reduce or eliminate overtime costs?

Yes No _____ If no, why _____

Is this travel a budgeted item? Yes No _____

County Commission

Travel request approved: yes _____ no _____ Comments _____

Commission Chairman, _____ Date _____

CODINGTON COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REQUEST

Department: Treasurer's Office

Name of traveling employee: _____

Employee title: _____ Employee status exempt ___ nonexempt X

Purpose of travel: _____ Workshop

Method of transportation County Vehicle: County Vehicle

Destination: _____

Departure date and time: _____ Destination arrival date and time: _____

Return departure date & time: _____ Return arrival date & time: _____

Costs of travel

Conveyance expense (airplane, vehicle mileage, vehicle rental, etc.): TBD

Lodging expense: \$519.54

Meals: \$92.00 Registration: \$220.00

Other costs: Unknown

Overtime costs involved in the requested travel _____

Can the traveling employee's hours be flexed to reduce or eliminate overtime costs?

Yes X No _____ If no, why _____

Is this travel a budgeted item? Yes ___ No ___

County Commission

Travel request approved: yes _____ no _____ Comments _____

Commission Chairman, _____

Date _____

CODINGTON COUNTY

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REQUEST

Department: Treasurer's Office

Name of traveling employee: _____

Employee title: _____ Employee status exempt ___ nonexempt X

Purpose of travel: _____ Workshop

Method of transportation County Vehicle: County Vehicle

Destination: _____

Departure date and time: _____ Destination arrival date and time: _____

Return departure date & time: _____ Return arrival date & time: _____

Costs of travel

Conveyance expense (airplane, vehicle mileage, vehicle rental, etc.): TBD

Lodging expense: \$519.54

Meals: \$92.00 Registration: \$220.00

Other costs: Unknown

Overtime costs involved in the requested travel _____

Can the traveling employee's hours be flexed to reduce or eliminate overtime costs?

Yes X No _____ If no, why _____

Is this travel a budgeted item? Yes ___ No ___

County Commission

Travel request approved: yes ___ no ___ Comments _____

Commission Chairman, _____ Date _____