

**SPINK COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
REDFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Spink County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at the Spink County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Dave Albrecht, Brian Johnson, Brett Knox, Kevin Siebrecht, and Suzanne Smith. Chairman Brian Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Knox, to adopt the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Siebrecht, seconded by Knox, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 Commission meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Grow South Dakota 2027 Budget Request

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present.

SHERIFF

Jenna Appel, Sheriff, reviewed current prisoner confinement costs and expenditures for the 911 grant exceeding the approved amount, requested approval to apply for grants, and filed training requests.

CONFINEMENT COSTS

Motion was made by Knox, seconded by Siebrecht, to set the confinement cost rate for all Spink County prisoners at the daily contracted rate of the holding facility for the entire post sentence confinement, effective March 17, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION

Motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Smith, to approve applying for Homeland Security grant for the purchase of an updated camera server and security cameras for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center, at an approximate cost of \$26,900, with 100% grant reimbursement; and to apply for a second Homeland Security grant for the purchase of two Motorola APX 4500 mobile radios, at approximate cost of \$9,809.84, with 100% grant reimbursement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Robert Gehm, NorthWestern Energy, reviewed NorthWestern's application for County natural gas franchise renewal.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE
NATURAL GAS PIPELINES AND MAINS ALONG THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF SPINK COUNTY
(26-14)**

WHEREAS, NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, a South Dakota corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (Northwestern), has filed an application with the Spink County Board of Commissioners pursuant to SDCL 7-8-23 on February 19, 2026, seeking the right to construct, lay, maintain and operate natural gas pipelines and mains along the county highways located in Spink County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Spink County Board of Commissioners has the jurisdiction and authority to grant the application of NorthWestern as set forth in paragraph I above, subject to such conditions as it may desire to impose.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Spink County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the application of Northwestern dated February 19, 2026, for permission to construct, lay, maintain and operate natural gas pipelines and mains on and along Spink County Roads is granted subject to the conditions set forth herein.
2. That this grant is for a period of twenty (20) years from and after March 17, 2026, or as may be extended by the Spink County Board of Commissioners in writing at a subsequent date.
3. That as consideration for this grant, Northwestern agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Spink County, its officers and employees from any and all liability, damages, claims, demands or otherwise, whether the same is based on contract or otherwise in law or in equity associated with the design, construction, installation, laying operating, inspecting, repairing, maintaining, replacing, and removing pipes, mains, valves, and all other devices used in connection with the operation of its natural gas pipeline located pursuant to this grant, except such liability, damages, claims or demands which arise as a result of the negligence of the county, its officers, employees or agents.
4. That as additional consideration for this grant, NorthWestern agrees to restore, at its expense, the affected areas in as good condition as before said work was commenced and replace any structures affected, i.e. culverts and signs; and if the county road should be rebuilt or construction and maintenance of the county road requires the removal or relocation of the pipeline, it shall be solely at the expense of NorthWestern.

5. That the rights and conditions by this grant shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of NorthWestern.
6. This grant shall further be subject to all rules and regulations as are prescribed by the State of South Dakota relating to the construction, operation and maintenance of gas pipelines and mains.
7. That this grant shall not be effective until execution of the acceptance of the conditions set forth below by NorthWestern.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Knox, to adopt the above resolution. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Dated this 17th day of March 2026, at Redfield, South Dakota.

Brian Johnson, Chairman
Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Theresa Hodges, Auditor
Spink County, South Dakota

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Knox, to grant the same leave as given by the State of South Dakota to employees and to close Spink County offices all day on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th, 2026, with the following policy: each full-time employee will be compensated for eight hours regular pay on April 3rd and eight hours regular pay on April 6th. If an employee is required to work a full shift, eight hours will be added to their vacation record for April 3rd and/or eight hours will be added to their vacation record for April 6th – under no circumstances will premium pay be paid for those hours. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

BID ACCEPTED

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Siebrecht, to accept Beadle County's low bid from TrueNorth Steel, Huron, SD, for corrugated metal culverts, effective 1/1/26 through 12/31/26. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Bid specs, minutes, affidavit of publication and award letter are on file in the offices of the Spink County Highway Superintendent and the Spink County Auditor.

BIDS

Motion was made by Knox, seconded by Siebrecht, to remove from the table the 2026 Highway Supply and Weed Chemical bids. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2026 HIGHWAY SUPPLY AND WEED CHEMICALS BIDS

Chemical: 2,4-D Amine, 4lb/gal – Nutrien Ag 15.60, Van Diest 16.25; Diglycolamine- Nutien Ag 34.70, Van Diest 33.25; Picloram 2 lb./gal; 2 1/2 gal containers-Nutrien Ag 51.20, Van Diest 48.80; Aminopyralid- Nutrien Ag 285.00, Van Diest 285.00; Diflufenzopyr; 7.5 lb. containers Nutrien Ag 44.40, Van Diest 41.25; Glyphosate 4lb/gal – Nutrien Ag 13.50, Van Diest 13.10.

CONCRETE PIPE & CONCRETE BRIDGE MATERIALS

Rinker Materials, Rapid City, SD, and Hollaway Construction, Inc., Parker, SD, extensive pricing sheets available in Highway & Auditor Offices.

CRACK SEALING:

Highway Improvement, Sioux Falls, SD -2.05 Nuvo Gap / 1.70 Type 4 per lb. crack sealant applied; Z&Z Seal Coating, Inc. Billings, MT -1.93 Nuvo Gap/1.70 Type 4 per lb. crack sealant applied.

LOADING & HAULING GRAVEL

Belly Dump \$/Ton/Mile \$/Hour: Odland 38 Ton Trailer & Pup \$0.22/mile; Odland 40 Ton Trailer & Pup \$0.22/mile; Carr Trailer & Pup \$0.22/mile; Williamson 45 Ton Trailer & Pup \$0.22/mile; Odland 26-28 T Belly Dump \$0.28/mile; Carr Trailer \$0.28/mile, Williamson 30 Ton Trailer \$0.28/mile.

HOT MIX

Lien Transportation, Aberdeen Plant, \$90 per ton; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, Aberdeen Plant, \$90 per ton; Asphalt Paving & Materials, Huron Plant, \$74.50-78 per ton.

MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE

Envirotech Services, Rapid City, SD, \$2.05 per gallon.

PAVER LAID ASPHALT

Bituminous Paving, Inc. \$115/ton; Asphalt Paving & Materials \$124.70/ton; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$144.50/ton; Lien Transportation \$165/ton.

PEA ROCK

Northern Con-Agg, LLP, Watertown SD, \$7.65/ton.

PEA ROCK HAULING

Per Ton Per Loaded Mile: Odland 0.17/mile; Carr 0.17/mile; Williamson 0.17/mile.

ROAD GRAVEL

H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction 1" Minus Crushed \$9.50/ton S Ranch Pit; Odland Construction & Gravel 1" Minus Crushed \$10.00/ton Odland Pit, 1" Minus Screened \$7.50/ton Odland/UCC Pit, Pit Run \$5.00/ton Odland/UCC Pit; Williamson Trucking 1" Minus Crushed \$9.00/ton Clark Pit, Pit Run \$5.50/ton Clark Pit; CT Sibson Gravel & Crushing 1" Minus Crushed \$7.75/ton Gilbert Pit; Woodward Farms Inc 1" Minus Crushed \$10.00/ton Woodward Pit; Hanlon Brothers 1" Minus Crushed \$14.15/ton Hanlon Pit, 1" Minus Screened \$12.65/ton Hanlon Pit, Pit Run \$11.40/ton Hanlon Pit.

ROAD OIL

Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA, Fog Seal \$423.65T / 1.80 Gal; MC-70 \$1158.74T/ 4.56 Gal; MC-3000 \$910.74T / 3.80 Gal; CRS-2P \$738.65/3.14 Gal.

2026 EQUIPMENT RENTAL BIDS

Track Excavator: Hanlon \$220, Kimlicka \$225.00, Williamson \$225.00, HF Jacobs \$240.00, Hanlon \$240.00, Lien Transportation \$245.00, Odland \$250.00, Kimlicka \$250.00.

Bridge Culvert Crane Service: Hollaway extensive pricing sheet.

Side Dump: Hanlon \$145.00, Williamson \$150.00, HF Jacobs \$170.00, Odland \$180.00, Lien Transportation \$210.00, HF Jacobs \$230.00.

Dump Truck: Carr \$120.00, Hanlon \$140.0, Lien Transportation \$145.00, Odland \$150.00, Kimlicka \$150.00.

Dozer: Carr \$175.00, Kimlicka \$225.00, Lien Transportation \$280.00.

Loader: Hanlon \$150.00, Williamson \$175.00, Carr \$190.00, Kimlicka \$200.00, Odland \$200.00, Lien Transportation \$240.00.

Skid Steer: Carr \$135.00, Hanlon \$140.00, Williamson \$150.00, Kimlicka \$175.00, Odland \$175.00, Lien Transportation \$180.00.

Tractor & Low Boy Trailer: Hanlon \$180.00, Williamson \$200.00, Kimlicka \$250.00, Odland \$250.00, HF Jacobs \$250.00, Lien Transportation \$280.00.

Motion was made by Knox, seconded by Albrecht, to accept the following bids: Nutrien Ag's low bid of \$15.60 for 2,4-D Low Amine; Van Diest's low bid of \$33.25 for Diglycolamine; Van Diest's low bid of \$48.80 for Picloram; both Nutrient Ag Solutions' and Van Diest Supply Co.'s bids of: and \$285.00 for Aminopyralid; Van Diest's low bid of: \$41.25 for Diflufenopyr; and Van Diest's low bid of \$13.10 for Glyphosate; accept both bids for concrete pipe & concrete bridge materials from Rinker Materials & Hallway, depending on availability and location; accept the low bid for crack sealing from Z&Z Seal Coating; accept all bids for loading and hauling gravel depending upon location and availability, accept all bids for hot mix, depending upon location and availability; accept the only bid for magnesium chloride from Envirotech Services; accept Bituminous Paving, Inc.'s and Asphalt Paving & Materials bids on paver laid asphalt, depending on availability and location; accept the only bid for pea rock from Northern Con-Agg; accept all bids for pea rock hauling, depending upon location and availability; accept all bids on road gravel, depending on location and availability; accept the only bid for road oil from Jebro Inc.; accept all bids on equipment rental depending upon location and availability, except the following due to cost: Lien Transportation's bids for side dump, dozer, loader and tractor & low boy trailer; and HF Jacobs' bids for side dump and tractor & low boy trailer. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

PERMIT TO LAND AIRCRAFT

Motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Siebrecht, to approve Dakota Air Spray's Permit to Land Aircraft on Spink County Highways for 2026. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Better communication with landowners on parking trucks on private land and with the Highway Superintendent informing of days the permit will be utilized will be required of the company.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/PERSONNEL

At 9:29 AM a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Knox, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, with Theresa Hodges, Auditor, present. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Brian Johnson declared the Board out of executive session at 9:48 AM, with the following action taken: Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Knox, to approve an employee's FMLA leave request. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE REQUESTS

Motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Siebrecht, to approve the following expense requests:

- Tracey Millar, DOE, Sally Schwab, Assessor, Online USPAP Training;
- Ericka Dale, Assessor, Online Drone Training;

- Ericka Dale, Denise Fliehe, Kristi Hausvik, Assessors, USPAP Course, Pierre, SD;
- Jenna Appel, Sheriff, Brett Christman, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Conference, Deadwood, SD;

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Smith, to deny the following expense request:

- Tracey Millar, DOE, Sally Schwab, Denise Fliehe, Ericka Dale, Assessors, SDAAO Conference, Sioux Falls, SD;

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND REPORTS ALLOWED

Motion was made by Albrecht, seconded by Siebrecht, to approve the following claims and reports. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS		SDAAO	1125.00
AUTO VALUE REDFIELD	20.75		
MCQUILLEN CREATIVE GROUP	322.98	REGISTER OF DEEDS	
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	5.36	A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	85.78
CHAMPION MEDIA, LLC	586.28	CONNECTING POINT	118.50
		NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	81.30
ELECTION			
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	5.55	VETERANS SERVICE	
		CONNECTING POINT	40.25
JUDICIAL SYSTEMS		NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	68.74
DAKOTA GROUP	2500.00		
		INFO TECHNOLOGY	
AUDITOR		CONNECTING POINT	660.59
A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	44.77	NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	294.68
CONNECTING POINT	123.00	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	964.71
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	120.98		
		SHERIFF	
TREASURER		APPEL OIL COMPANY	2743.68
A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	102.12	CHUCK'S BODY SHOP LLC	80.00
CONNECTING POINT	120.75	CONNECTING POINT	936.58
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	61.93	REDFIELD FORD	149.80
QUILL	356.92	AUTO VALUE REDFIELD	216.98
		LAMB MOTOR COMPANY	45951.00
STATES ATTORNEY		NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	237.97
COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	194.00	REDFIELD ACE HARDWARE	66.03
CONNECTING POINT	42.50	REDFIELD CITY	107.00
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	75.16	VERIZON BUSINESS	717.66
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	200.00		
		JAIL	
CT APPT ATTY & CLERP		BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFF	1785.00
COMPUTER FORENSIC RESOURCES	720.00	FAULK CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2700.00
KRISTEN KOCHKIAN	670.00		
		MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		LEWIS & CLARK BHS	225.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	179.68	YANKTON CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	50.00
CONNECTING POINT	42.50		
CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE	3993.85	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISA	
GARRATT CALLAHAN CO	374.43	SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	60.00
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	67.72		
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	4764.53	MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD	
REDFIELD ACE HARDWARE	352.13	YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER	184.25
REDFIELD CITY	267.50		
		COUNTY FAIR	
DIRECTOR EQUALIZ.		BALOUN-ARTHURS PLUMBING	112.25
A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	166.10	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	546.45
APPEL OIL COMPANY	35.13	REDFIELD CITY	57.75
CONNECTING POINT	441.83		
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	106.52	EXTENSION	

A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	83.81	MCQUILLEN CREATIVE GROUP	26.52
CONNECTING POINT	78.25	NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	40.00
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	74.22	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2295.28
WEED CONTROL		ODLAND GRAVEL, LLC	52781.62
CONNECTING POINT	40.25	POWER PLAN (RDO)	768.90
PLANNING BOARD		SBS LUMBER & HARDWARE	31.98
A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	166.09	REDFIELD CITY	111.00
CONNECTING POINT	40.25	CHAMPION MEDIA, LLC	151.42
MCQUILLEN CREATIVE GROUP	51.74	RICH'S REPAIR LLC INC	5.98
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	10.91	THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	420.00
CHAMPION MEDIA, LLC	38.39	E-911	
RD & BRG - ADMIN		NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	209.10
AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE	572.00	VOICEPRODUCTS SERVICE, LLC	6435.10
APPEL OIL COMPANY	462.99	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
CONNECTING POINT	161.00	APPEL OIL COMPANY	32.40
DOLAND CITY FINANCE OFFICE	66.11	CONNECTING POINT	42.50
JOHNSON OIL COMPANY, INC.	2139.75	NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	37.84

REPORTS

- February 2026 Register of Deeds Statement of Fees Collected: \$7,444.50
- February 2026 Report of Payments Received to Reimburse Poor Liens: \$0.00
- February 2026 Highway Superintendent Report of Collections Made:

Road & Bridge Fund	\$250.00
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- Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer – 2/28/2026

Checking Accounts	\$2,248,387.54
Savings Accounts	936,920.96
Certificates of Deposits	3,830,000.00
Cash Change Accounts	100.00
Cash & Cash Items	<u>106,470.29</u>
Total	\$ 7,121,878.79

Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM until 8:30 AM, Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Brian Johnson, Chairman
Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Theresa Hodges, Auditor
Spink County, South Dakota

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