

**Unapproved**  
**MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Britton, South Dakota**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 2026 at the North Marshall Fire Hall. Members present were Schuller, Kilker, Medhaug and Luttrell. Commissioner Bender was present via teleconference. Commissioner Schuller presided. The meeting was open to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.

**AGENDA:**

Medhaug moved, Luttrell seconded to approve the agenda for January 21, 2026. All members voted aye.

**MINUTES:**

Bender moved, Kilker seconded to approve the minutes for January 6, 2026. All members voted aye.

**CLAIMS:**

Medhaug moved, Kilker seconded to approve and pay the following claims. All members voted aye. PAYROLL by department: January 15, 2026 Commissioners 2519.35; Auditor 5642.01; Treasurer 4887.61; States Attorney 2246.41; Courthouse 2010.52; Director 6274.84; Register 4467.01; VSO 901.29; Community Building 370.00; Sheriff 25690.30; Welfare 620.77; Nurse 440.12; Ambulance 10922.78; Extension 1713.08; Weed 52.08; Zoning 2873.81; Highway 19857.12; E911 12881.67; Emergency Management 813.44; WELLMARK: 25119.39; THE STANDARD: 378.20; DELTA DENTAL: 712.85; COLONIAL LIFE: 71.30;

EMPLOYER FICA & MEDICARE: First Savings Bank 7709.79

EMPLOYER SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM: 5998.90

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	271.56
ASSOC OF SD COUNTY WEED &	700.00
BAHR CDL SERVICES	2,040.00
BAUS REPAIR	343.95
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	7,697.10
CARLSON HARDWARE HANK	404.71
CDJ ELECTRIC PLUMBING	174.52
CDW GOVERNMENT	2,816.42
CENEX FLEETCARD	85.43
CENTURY LINK	272.20
CLIFF'S ONE STOP	34.87
COLE PAPERS INC	210.06
CORNWELL DRUG	98.00
DAKOTA ELECTRONICS	27.50
DAMAR FARMERS ELEVATOR	3,598.17
DAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFIC	4,825.00

DELANEY NIELSEN SANNE SPC	1,440.00
DUSTBUSTERS INC	31,746.00
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	776.01
FIRST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION	4,000.00
FOERSTER TESTING LIMITED	9,725.00
FULL CIRCLE AG	936.71
GROBES GROCERY & HARDWARE	103.03
HOFLAND, DUSTIN	971.00
HOLLAND BROS OIL COMPANY	3,231.01
HOLLAND NAPA AUTO PARTS	24.99
I & S GROUP, INC.	9,037.41
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	5,424.03
KEN'S FOOD FAIR	111.30
KIERA BENNETT	124.24
LAKE REGION ELECTRIC	745.29
LEHR SANITATION SERVICE LL	300.00
LOGAN SMITH	627.00
MARCO INC	587.07
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	47.68
MARSHALL COUNTY MEDICAL C	66.00
MARSHALL COUNTY HEALTHCARE	43.77
MARSHALL COUNTY PUBLISHING	318.14
MAXWELL ELECTRIC LLC	839.00
MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTAN	133.00
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	100.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	253.95
PCC INC	1,061.20
PHARMCHEM, INC.	63.90
PITNEY BOWES	2,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	261.57
RAPKOC LAW, PROFF L.L.C.	4,662.75
SAMUEL SWANSON	95.50
SD ASSOCIATION OF	800.00
SD DEPT TRANSPORTATION	902.75
SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATOR	365.00
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE'S ATTOR	825.95
SOUTHSIDE EQUIPMENT	485.30
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	49.95
T-MOBILE	951.11
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	192.77
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPME	1,792.17
TRI STATE WATER, INC.	151.25
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	28,792.03

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	1,860.65
VESTIS	40.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one was present to make public comment.

**COUNTY CORONER:**

Coroner Dan Neiber and Deputy Coroner Lori Amerman met with the board to discuss the pay rate per coroner run and autopsy run. Neiber stated that the amount of paperwork and investigation required for coroner calls is extensive and he feels that the pay should be increased. The Coroner pay has not been increased in the past several years. Kilker moved, Medhaug seconded to increase the Coroner pay to \$400 per run and \$400 if an autopsy is required. Deputy Coroner pay will remain at \$100 if acting as Deputy but will increase to \$400 if acting as Coroner. All members voted aye.

**AMBULANCE:**

Lori Amerman, Primary Advisor and Pam Bard, Secondary Advisor met with the board to give a report on the Ambulance Service in 2025. The ambulance crew in 2025 consisted of 1 Paramedic, 1 EMT-I, 5 EMT-B, 3 EVOC drivers, 2 EMT Ride-Along (EMT in training). These volunteers put in a total of 18,111 hours of call time in 2025. There were a total of 319 ambulance runs as well as 69 "other" runs.

**RETIREMENT:**

The Marshall County Commissioners would like to thank Laurel Behnke for his many years as an EMT on the Marshall County Ambulance service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

**WELFARE:**

Linda Haaland, Welfare Director, met with the board to present a welfare claim. Kilker moved, Medhaug seconded to approve a claim to Langford City for Utility Assistance for \$500. All members voted aye.

**HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN:**

Medhaug moved, Kilker seconded to pass the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MARSHALL COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS Marshall County has experienced severe damage from strong winds, flooding, hail, heavy snow, heavy rain, and tornadoes on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety;

WHEREAS a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after nearly one year of research and work by Marshall County Emergency Management, NECOG, and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Committee;

WHEREAS the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face the County;

WHEREAS a public meeting was held to review the Plan as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Chairman and the Marshall County Commission that:

1. The Marshall County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Marshall County,
2. The respective County official identified in the strategy of the Plan is hereby directed to implement the recommended action assigned to them. This official will report annually on the activities, accomplishments, and progress to Marshall County Commission, and
3. The Marshall County Emergency Manager will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the County Commission. This report shall be submitted to the Commission by November 1st of each year.

All members voted aye.

#### **RESOLUTION: Fire Suppression/FEMA**

Kilker moved, Luttrell seconded pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture requesting that they receive an update on an appointed designee for Marshall County on who can request assistance from the state wildland fire coordinator in fire suppression in Marshall County pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11.

WHEREAS, if Marshall County needs fire suppression assistance from state wildland fire coordinator, the fire will most likely be an emergency situation that needs an immediate response.

WHEREAS, Marshall County will have a quicker response to the emergency situation if it has a single designee that can request assistance from the state wildland fire coordinator rather than the whole Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, Marshall County has a Marshall County Emergency Management Office that plans and coordinates for the County's response to emergency situations. It would be appropriate to have the Director of the Marshall County Emergency Management Office be the designee for Marshall County to request fire suppression assistance from the state wildland fire coordinator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by a majority vote of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners that the Director of the Marshall County Emergency Management Office is hereby appointed the designee of Marshall County to request assistance from the state wildland fire coordinator to request fire suppression assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11. The Director of the Marshall County Emergency Management Office is allowed to obligate Marshall County Funds in their request for fire suppression assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11. This appointment shall start immediately and shall continue with the Director of the Marshall County Emergency Management Office until Marshall County Board of Commissioners appoints a different designee.

All members voted aye.

Commissioner Luttrell was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

**VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER:**

Medhaug moved, Kilker seconded to approve Marshall County's participation in the State aid for salaries of County Veteran Service officers per SDCL 33A-1-31. All members present voted aye.

**RESIGNATION:**

The board accepted the resignation of Alecia Pearson, Community Building Janitor, effective February 4.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY:**

Victor Rapkoch, State's Attorney met with the board to discuss the County Health Insurance Stipend. Rapkoch is considered a part-time State's Attorney under state law and is therefore entitled to prorated benefits under the personnel policy.

Medhaug moved, Kilker seconded to raise Rapkoch's annual salary to \$58,156.66 effective December 28. All members present voted aye.

**GIS:**

Kilker moved, Medhaug seconded to authorize the chair to sign the letter of agreement with First Distirct Association of Local Governments for County GIS 911 Data Maintenance. All members present voted aye.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:**

Katrina Johnson, Director of Equalization met with the board to inform them that she will be changing to a web-based GIS called ArcPro. This will cost about \$2,000/year rather than the current GIS program that was costing \$2,173.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Medhaug moved, Kilker seconded to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 at 11:25 am to discuss contract negotiations. All member present voted aye. The chairman called the board out of executive session at 11:30 am.

**ADJOURN:**

Medhaug moved, Luttrell seconded to adjourn. All members present voted aye.

**ATTEST:**

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Matthew Schuller, Chairman

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Megan Biel, Auditor

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