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Faulkton was full of life this weekend with “All Roads Lead to Faulkton” and so Much More



Faulkton was buzzing with energy this weekend! From “All Roads Lead to Faulkton” to bridal showers, children’s theatre, and the high school Formal held at the Orient Legion Hall, it was a weekend full of laughter, celebration, and strong community spirit.

Thank you to all who traveled to show their support for our children’s Theatre, High school formal.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone in Faulkton and to all who traveled in to shop and support our local businesses ♡ Your support truly makes a difference!

Remember—every time you shop local, whether during special events or throughout the year, you’re helping our community

thrive ♡ Participating hometown businesses for All Roads Lead to Faulkton included: Bauer’s Super Valu, BerMac,

Blondies, Buttercup, Corner Consignments, The Shops, By the Creek Boutique, Homan Hardware, Kindred Kottage, and Quilter’s Corner.



Children’s Theatre



Faulkton Formal



Letter from editor

Dear Editor,
 Been wanting to say something for a couple of weeks now and I think it's time to stand for one of my fellow Sheriff's who is running for reelection in Faulk County! Yep, Sheriff Kurt Hall, who has become a great friend to me and many others in the Office of Sheriff. Over the years Kurt and I have had many similar experience in our terms as County Sheriff's and helped each other in numerous situations, whether through conversation or action. Our experiences have helped us gain knowledge that contributes in a positive and common sense approach to law enforcement. Kurt has been a proven leader in the past for the citizens of Faulk County and will continue to do so in the future. He has volunteered his time for many positions and committees in the SDSA - South Dakota Sheriff's Association, WSSA - Western States Sheriff's Association, NSA - National Sheriff's Association and serves our state on Pardons and Parole board as a representative of the Sheriff's. One of the biggest benefits to Faulk County is the construction of the new jail that Kurt worked and rallied behind to have built. Kurt has chosen to serve in one of the most honorable positions there is, the elected Office of Sheriff, and do it in a place he truly cares about, Faulk County, SD!!!

VOTE KURT HALL!!!
 Bill Stahl Sulley County Sheriff
 Paid for by Kurt Hall

Faulk County 4-H State Shoot April 24-26

Our regular 4-H Shooting Sports season has come to an end. This year, we had 42 youth participate in the program, with an impressive 39 members qualifying for the State Shoot.

These members will travel to Pierre/Ft. Pierre the weekend of April 24-26 to compete at the state level. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the season have truly paid off.

Throughout the year, participants practiced in a variety of disciplines, building not only their shooting skills, but also confidence, focus, and sportsmanship. The growth seen in each of these youths has been outstanding.

We are incredibly proud of all our members and wish our state qualifiers the best of luck as

they represent Faulk County at the State Shoot.

- *Indicates state qualifier
- Aida Anderson - *Air Pistol, *Air Pistol Silhouette
- Jacob Bisbee - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Lydia Blachford - *Archery, *Air Pistol, *Air Pistol Silhouette, *Air Rifle, *22 Rifle Silhouette, *22 Rifle
- Asher Bowman - *Archery
- Harvey Breen - *Archery
- Maysa Brown - *BB Gun
- Tate Brown - Archery
- Boston Demery - *BB Gun
- Breelyn Demery - *BB Gun
- Ryan Demery - *BB Gun
- Hesten Edgar - *Air Pistol, *Air Pistol Silhouette, *Archery
- Tilden Edgar - *BB Gun, *Air Pistol, *Air Pistol Silhouette, *Air Rifle
- Larken Edgar - *BB Gun, *Air Pistol, *Air Pistol Silhouette
- Kyler Hammond - *BB Gun, *Air Rifle
- Kudder Hammond - *BB Gun, *Air Pistol
- Finley Hansen - *BB Gun
- Ella Hartung - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Kinsley Hartung - Archery, *BB Gun
- Collin Hayes - *Archery
- Aubrey Horning - *BB Gun, *Air Pistol, Archery
- Josie Horning - *BB Gun, *Air Pistol, Archery
- Brynlee Hyatt - *BB Gun
- Hayli McGaugh - Air Pistol, *Air Rifle, BB Gun
- Wyatt Miller - *Archery, *BB Gun
- Harley Oakley - Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Lannie Oakley - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Rozzi Oakley - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Brynlee Rasmussen - *Archery
- Cully Schilder - *Air Pistol
- Emma Schilder - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Ethan Schilder - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
- Jacob Schilder - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun, *22 Pistol
- Levi Schilder - *Air Pistol

- Cora Slunicka - *Air Pistol, *BB Gun
 - Ruger Slunicka - *Air Pistol, *Archery, *BB Gun
 - Cambri Stephenson - *BB Gun
 - Levi Stolpe - Archery
 - Samuel Trefz - *Archery
 - John Kolbe Trefz - *Archery
 - Kamden Wieseler - *Air Pistol, *Archery
 - Paul Wilkins - *BB Gun
- Thank you to all the parents and coaches who dedicate their time to this program—we truly couldn't do it without you!
- Coaches: Jim Slunicka, JD Anderson, Doug Trefz, Justin Schilder, Chris Hammond, Matt Blachford, Cory Slunicka, Kyle Bowman, Brady Schilder, Jessie Breen, Brady Hartung, Jake Horning, Dustin Poor, Loni Warrilow.
- Be watching for photos from the Annual 4-H Drawing & Fun Night Awards on April 22, as well as results from the State Shoot in May.

Faulk County Library's New Books in April 2026

- Adult Fiction**
- Theo of Golden by Levi Allan
- Finlay Donovan Crosses the Line by Elle Cosimano
- Dog Person by Camille Pagan
- Judge Stone by James Patterson and Viola Davis
- Trust No One by James Rollins
- The Bright Spot by Jill Shalvis (Large Print)
- Adult Nonfiction**
- The Lie You Don't Know You Believe by Jennie Allen
- Judy Blume: A Life by Mark Oppenheimer
- Rage and the Republic: The

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- Unfinished Story of the American Revolution by Johathan Turley
- High School Fiction**
- The Enchanted Green House by Sarah Beth Durst
- Juvenile**
- The Giants: Erin and Yrso by Lylian (Graphic Novel)
- Patrick Mahomes: MVP Quarterback Who Gives Back by J.G. MInyard (Nonfiction)
- The Perfect Secret (Magic Puppy) by Sue Bentley
- Scooby-Doo! And The Rowdy Rodeo by James Gelsey
- Big Top Scooby-Doo! By Kate Howard
- Scooby-Doo! The Case of the Fright Flight by Michael Steele
- Scooby-Doo! The Terror of the Bigfoot Beast
- Elementary**
- Scooby Doo! And the Rotten Robot by Mariah Balaban
- Scooby-Doo! And the Alien Invaders by Jesse McCann
- Scooby-Doo! And the Fishy Phantom by Jesse McCann
- Scooby-Doo! And the Phantom Cowboy by Jesse McCann
- Scooby Doo! The Apple Thief by Gale Herman
- Scooby-Doo! The Camping Caper by Gail Herman
- Scooby-Doo! Football Fright by Gail Herman
- Scooby Doo! Map in the Mystery Machine by Gail Herman
- Scooby Doo! Snack Snatcher by Gail Herman
- Scooby Doo! The

- Thanksgiving Mystery by Gail Herman
- Scooby Doo! And the Witching Hour by Gail Herman
- Scooby Doo! And the Cupcake Caper by Sonia Sander
- Scooby Doo! And the International Express by Sonia Sander
- Scooby Doo! The Captain's Curse by John Szaklis
- Scooby Doo! Creepy Cowboy Caper by Michael Steele
- Scooby Doo! The Escape from Mystery Island by Michael Steele to Catch a Falling Star by Heidi and Daniel Howarth
- Bluey: Unicorse Hey, Hey! by Ludo Studio
- Fancy Nancy: Pajama Day by Jane O'Connor
- Henry and Mudge: The First Book by Cynthia Rylant
- One Last Snoot Boop by John Gaff
- Diggers (Mighty Machines) by Amanda Askew (Nonfiction)
- The Great Narwhal Rescue by Sandra Markle (Nonfiction)
- Board Books**
- Baby's First Ocean by Bendon
- Paw Patrol: Count on the Easter Pups by Random House
- Noah and the Ark by Rebecca Strong

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Not the Biggest Town. Not the Loudest. So Why is Everyone

Calling About Faulkton?

By Tiffany Paul, Licensed Realtor with eXp Realty

There is a shift happening and it's not loud. It doesn't show up in headlines. It doesn't need to. It shows up in phone calls.

I'm hearing it more and more. Not just "Is that house still available?" But pauses. Longer conversations. Questions that go deeper than real estate. "Tell me about the town."

"What is it like to actually live there?" "Why does this place feel different?"

And the truth is, Faulkton is different. Not in a way that tries to convince you. In a way that stays with you. Because This Isn't About Real Estate Anymore

People think they are calling about houses. They aren't. They're calling because something in them is tired. Tired of noise. Tired of rushing. Tired of living in places where everything is close, but nothing feels connected. They don't always say it like that. But you can hear it. And when they find Faulkton, something shifts.

From the Outside Looking In

They see what most places have forgotten how to be. They see a movie theater that still matters. A carousel that wasn't built for attention, but for joy. A medical center that means security. Manufacturing that means stability. Professionals who didn't just pass through, but chose to build something here. They don't see a town trying to catch up. They see a town that never lost its footing.

And Then They Notice Something Else

They notice what isn't here. No rush. No pressure to keep up. No sense that life is slipping

by faster than it should. And for a lot of people, that's the first time in a long time they've felt that.

The Truth Most People Don't Say Out Loud

People are leaving the cities. But not just for space. They are leaving because somewhere along the way, life stopped feeling like life. It became schedules. Deadlines. Traffic. Noise. Everything started to feel temporary. Disconnected. And now they're searching for something they can't always explain.

Faulkton Is That Answer

Not because it's perfect. Because it's real. This town didn't happen by accident. It was built by people who believed in something long term. People who planted roots without knowing who would one day benefit from them. You can still feel that intention.

In the Fly Club where people gather without needing a reason. In the mural on the elevator that doesn't just decorate, it says, "Welcome". In the way people look at each other, not past each other. That doesn't fade over time. It deepens.

So Why Faulkton??

I get asked that all the time. Why here? Why not somewhere bigger or more obvious? And the answer is simple. Because Faulkton hasn't been diluted. It hasn't been reshaped to fit trends. It hasn't been overbuilt or overpromised. It's still what it was always meant to be. And people can feel that the second they start paying attention.

What I See Every Day

I see people call out of curiosity. And stay because something in them recognizes this place. They don't just like Faulkton. They connect to it. And once that happens, it's hard to ignore.

This Is the Moment

Faulkton is standing in a space most towns never get. Still undiscovered enough to feel like a secret. But strong enough to handle what is coming. Because the truth is, the tide is shifting. People are done chasing what doesn't matter.

They are done trading peace for pace. They are done living in places that never quite feel like home.

And When They Find Faulkton

They don't just see opportunity. They see a life they forgot they could have. A slower morning. A real conversation. A community that doesn't just exist, but shows up.

This Town Was Built to Last

Long before any of this attention. Long before the calls started coming in. The people who came before planted something here with intention. Not just buildings. Not just businesses. A way of life. And now, years later, that foundation is still holding strong.

Faulkton Isn't Becoming Something New

It is finally being seen for what it already is. A place where life makes sense again. A place where people still matter. A place that didn't lose itself trying to become something else.

And as someone who talks to people every day, people who are searching, questioning, and hoping, I can tell you this. They aren't just looking for a house anymore. They're looking for something real. And whether they can explain it or not, they are finding it in Faulkton.

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Community Garden Project to Start this Summer

The United Church of Faulkton Mission Team is excited to announce a community garden project coming this summer!

We are currently seeking a donation of clean dirt, along with someone willing to help deliver it to the church. Your support will help make this project possible!

As part of this effort, we will be sponsoring a salsa garden at the church and offering lick tubs, soil, and a variety of FREE seeds to anyone in the Faulkton area interested in growing their own garden this summer.

If you have questions, would like to donate, or are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie at (314) 229-9312.

Let's grow something great together! 🌻

Record Notes

Weather

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| Tues., April 7 | 44 | 20 | |
| Wed., April 8 | 55 | 26 | |
| Thurs., April 9 | 40 | 18 | |
| Fri., April 10 | 56 | 20 | |
| Sat., April 11 | 70 | 42 | |
| Sun., April 12 | 78 | 50 | |
| Mon., April 13 | 64 | 46 | |
| Tues., April 14 | 66 | 40 | |
| Wed., April 15 | 75 | 44 | tr. |
| Thurs., April 16 | 84 | 43 | .02 |
| Fri., April 17 | 52 | 25 | |
| Sat., April 18 | 50 | 18 | |
| Sun., April 19 | 51 | 25 | |
| Mon., April 20 | 73 | 31 | |

Scott Armstrong, Observer
The total amount of moisture in 2026 is 2.81 and ended 2025 with 1.52.

Faulkton Area Coming Events

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April 23: Early Release at 12:45 p.m. with Teacher In Service starting at 1 p.m.

April 23: Faulkton Area Arts Council meeting at 6pm at King Insurance.

Apr. 23: Golf meet at Lakeside Country Club starting at 10:30 a.m. Track in Warner (Field events Only) starting at 3 p.m. 5th grade Volleyball match against Hitchcock-Tulare starting at 6 p.m. in Tulare.

April 24: MS golf in Ipswich starting at 1 p.m. All-School Play Matinee at 1:45 p.m. then evening performance at 7 p.m.

April 25: Golf meet in Ipswich starting at 10 a.m. with a Track meet also in Ipswich starting at 10 a.m.

April 29: Autumn Leaves will meet at 12:30 at the Senior Center.

Post Office New Phone Numbers

- Faulkton 605-252-5719
- Cresbard- 605-282-1903
- Onaka - 605-252-5848
- Orient - 605-853-5143
- Seneca - 605-982-1917

Faulkton Legion Post #102 - Monthly meeting is the **FIRST Monday** of the month at 7 pm at the Legion Hall!

Buttercup phone number! To Order your drink call **605-850-1763**. **Buttercup SPRING HOURS open Tues - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Every Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.** + If the easel is out, STOP IN!

Angel Among Us Daycare and FFA are collecting POP TOPS for the Ronald McDonald House to help families stay for free with loved ones while in the hospital.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA/NA) is now back in session at Our Savior Lutheran Church, every Thursday at 8 p.m. If needed you may contact 605-216-5142. Cresbard Cemetery Board is seeking donations to meet expenses. They can be sent to the board c/o Ashley Kretschmar, PO Box 42, Cresbard, SD 57435.

The Faulk County Cancer Support Group is available to provide information and assistance to those with cancer in Faulk Co. and surrounding area. For more information, or to find out meeting dates and times, please contact April Sorensen at 605-598-1147.

There is help: food pantry available at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1013 Court Street, in Faulkton, sponsored by the Faulk Co. Ministerial Assoc. phone 605-598-6590, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. thru Thurs.

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The 1st half taxes are due by Thursday, April 30, 2026. They can be MAILED (postmarked on or before April 30th) or we have a drop box on the west side of the building next to the back door (if you use the drop box they have to be in there by 5 pm on Thursday, April 30, 2026 or there will be interest charged after business hours).

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Obituary

Harvey Schraeder

Harvey Schraeder, 81, of Faulkton, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Luce Funeral

Home, Faulkton. Burial will take place in Faulkton Cemetery.

Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton has been entrusted with Harvey's arrangements. (www.luceluzereck.com)

The Day the Prairie Turned Pink

Faulkton residents and visitors alike have no doubt slowed their cars from time to time as they have driven by the "Pink Castle". You can't help but appreciate the beauty of this historical home as it sits against the blue South Dakota Prairie sky. Depending upon the time of day you pass, you can note the subtle color changes as the sun makes its way across the sky.

When the Pickler Mansion was built, Faulkton was nothing more than a prairie town inspired by the vision of its founders. But the "Pink Castle", as residents have affectionately called it for years, stands as a testament to John and Alice Pickler's vision for Faulkton.

I'm sure many of us have wondered, why pink? The 20-room Pickler Mansion was completed in its totality in 1894. At its completion, it probably was a mixed bag of colors. We need to remember

that the house was constructed section by section. Some portions were built on site, while others were moved in (more on that in a later story).

At its completion, Alice Pickler enlisted the services of local artist Charles Greener. Greener made a name for himself for painting many landscapes that reflected the beauty of the area. Today, his best-known works are called "Honkers at Sunrise" and "An Early Start." But perhaps his greatest accomplishment is the painting "Looking Toward Washington". This work was presented to President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge.

Oral history collected from Pickler family members recount that Greener insisted that the color of the house should reflect the colors of the Victorian era that represented wealth and social standing. The most expensive colors of the time were red and pink. Mrs. Pickler preferred pink, so pink it was!

In 1894, paint did not come in the tidy little cans we get

today. It needed to be mixed by the painter using pigments and materials of the time. In this era, pink paint was considered to be more valuable than gold due to the expensive pigments that were used to create the pink hue. It is believed that the original color was more of a salmon than pink, but over time the color faded to reflect the pink color. We know this fading happens today with the modern paint we are currently using on the Pickler Mansion.

One might be able to assume that Greener used the pigment Alizarin Crimson. This was first made from coal tar in 1868. It was popular at the time and much cheaper than other options. Perhaps Greener used Rose Madder, which was still available at the time; although, it was more expensive and less permanent than Alizarin Crimson.

We will probably never know how Greener created the original pink color of the mansion. What we do know is that the color has endured as stubborn as the prairie itself. It has stood against the

prairie winds that overtime seemed to fade everything to the color of dust. But with its tenacity, the "Pink Castle" continues to blush against the South Dakota sky.

In the coming days when you pass by the "Pink Castle", take the time to pause and appreciate its beauty against that perfect blue prairie sky.

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Faulkton Senior Living News

by Joyce Kalkman

We are still waiting for the April showers. Whenever they come we will be very thankful. Our residents are thankful to be up and ready for exercise and activities every day. Janet, our activity czar, gets the mornings started off with a good regimen of exercise every day. The residents all like the loosening up of their muscles with the 2 lb. weights and then kicking the two large balls around. Strengthening the upper body and the legs are both important. The bingo activity in the afternoon is always looked forward to. This time we had our new resident, Carl Bauman, at the helm calling the numbers, while Ronalee Isack, Jan Martinmaas and Leota's daughter, DeAnn assisted the players. Joyce discussed the free numbers for the day and we came up with 52 and 74 being the temp was 74 on Sunday and 52 on Monday. Quite a change! Lucky winners for the game were Cecelia Schmidt, Dorothy Downing, Leota Turner and Vonnie Bowar. Coconut cream pie, juice and coffee was a good treat after the game.

Tuesday morning started out with each resident given a soft ball to work with. After squeezing it with their arms, thighs and back muscles it was time to bat 3 extra large balloons around with a foam rubber bat. They all batted the three balloons as hard as they could, trying to always keep them up in the air and off the floor. In the afternoon Janet and Joyce were gone so the residents had time to work on their Word Search papers, color pictures or just visit.

It was time for rosary and the mass for the Catholics Wednesday morning. Deb Weinrich leads the rosary and is also the lector at mass. Father Brian arrived to say Mass and also to visit with our residents.

He discussed the Gospel of John 3:16-21 God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. The light came in to the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. Everyone who does wicked things hates the light. God wants us to be united with him eternally. He has opened heaven's gates and welcomes us because His love is everlasting. He not only loved the whole world but you! Praise to you Lord for the way you love each and every person you have made.

This Wednesday was also Craft Day when the smiley, crafty Wecota ladies came with their cool ideas and good treats for our residents. We always know it will be a fun and delicious afternoon! Thanks to Dawn Buckwalter, Linda Dickoff, Beryle Session, Vi Neiderbaumer, Kelly Haselhorst and Charlotte Barondeau for showing our residents how to make a flower arrangement out of cup cake holders along with glue, fake flowers and some other doo dads, it all ended up very cute! The residents also got to enjoy Charlotte's Monster Cookies

and Sugar Cookies made in the shape of a cross.

By the time Thursday got here the residents were all hepped up for a fun time to spend their bingo bucks. Plenty of bargains to choose from were spread out all over the dining room. The tenants and residents know just what they want. Thanks to the CNA's for assisting our residents. Also thanks to Ronalee for being the banker and to Mike, the housekeeper for helping get everything set up and put away. Later Joyce served a good treat to all our residents. Thanks to Pam Hutchinson for baking and decorating a delicious red devil's food cake. Nobody refuses this treat. Thanks also to our sponsor the Rachel Circle, couldn't do it without you.

Friday morning Janet and the residents are busy exercising with the 2 lb. Weights. They did all kinds of different movements for strengthening the upper body. After exercising the ankles they did some deep breathing and said the vowels. They ended with batting the balloons around with the foam rubber bats. This seems to always put everyone in a good mood for the day. Of course they are always in a good

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mood and ready for bingo in the afternoon. Our resident, Carl Bauman, really enjoys calling the bingo numbers and we enjoy him too! Janice Fuelner picked out her favorite free numbers for the game. Winners were Bonnie Anderson, Cecelia Schmidt and Glenda Meister. Everyone always remembers its root beer float day too, so Janet makes sure they all get one.

Pastor Avery held Worship Service Sunday afternoon. She also played the organ for the hymns "Come Christians Join to Sing" and "He Lives". Pastor's homily was on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 and Jesus rising from the dead after He gave his life to forgive our sins. The


disciples that were on their way to Emmaus were joined by Jesus but did not recognize him. Later in the evening when Jesus was with them at table while breaking and blessing the bread, they knew it was Jesus who had been raised from the dead. Jesus thank you for making yourself known to me. Prayers were said for the Leura Lewis family as they mourn the loss of their mother and grandmother. Closing Hymn was "Because He Lives".

Pastor and the residents all enjoyed sugar cookies, juice and coffee after the service.

We send our love prayers and sympathy to the family of Leura Lewis, who passed away.



PHEASANTS FOREVER MEETING!
Wednesday, April 22nd
at 6:00 PM
at J&J's!
Attendance is Important!
New Members Needed!



Happy Birthday

Yvonne Melius celebrates her 90th birthday April 30th. She is blessed with 5 children, 16 grandkids, 32 great grandchildren, and 7 great great grandchildren. If you would like to send her birthday wishes mail them to:

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NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX OPT OUT ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF \$4,000.00 RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TOWN OF ROCKHAM do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$4,000.00 starting with calendar year 2026 taxes payable in the calendar year 2027. This opt out will be for 10 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2036. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount. Tynan Anderson, Finance Officer,

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No. 97, April 22, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on May 5th at 7:30 AM in the Faulk County Courthouse to consider in full or in part the following proposed Conditional Use permit:

I. Permit No. 20260004 by Thunderbird Hutterian Brethren for a Conditional Use permit. The request, if granted, would permit the applicant to use the following property SE1/4 20-120-70 34390 SD HWY 20 Faulkton SD in the following manner: Class A CAFO in the "A" Agriculture Zone 6500 Head Finishing Hog Barn.

All persons interested therein may appear and be heard before the Board of Adjustment at said hearing or may file written comments with the Administrative Official PO Box 309 Faulkton SD 57438 prior to said hearing.

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No. 98, April 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS ITEM BY SEALED BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council within and for the City of Faulkton, South Dakota, shall consider sealed bids submitted by Friday May 8th 2026 by 4:00 pm to the City Finance Officer, City of Faulkton, P.O. Box 21, Faulkton, SD 57438, for a 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer and 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck, that has been declared surplus:

- Specifications:
• 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer
• 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck

For additional information or to view the item please contact Kasey at 605-530-1093.

All bids received must be sealed in an envelope marked 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer or 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck on the outside of the envelope. Enclose a check for the amount of your bid. The Council will open bids at the May 11th 2026 council meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. The City has the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the City Council, Faulkton, South Dakota.

Trisha Adams

Finance Officer
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No. 99, April 22, & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO VACATE STREETS AND ALLEYS IN THE UNINCORPORATED TOWN OF WECOTA FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, FAULK COUNTY SOUTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given that a petition requesting that certain public streets, alleys, ways, be vacated in the town of Wecota in Freedom township, Faulk County, South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL: 31-3-6, as hereinafter specifically described has been received by the board of supervisors of Freedom township, that the petition may be examined by contacting the clerk of Freedom township. The specific description of the property being requested to be vacated is as listed.

STREETS= Legal description to vacate are. Holscher, Polack, Going, Lehman streets, all running north and south from Ways Addition block One, south to Third Ave. Total of four (4) streets approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, seven hundred and eight (708) feet in length.

AVENUES= legal description to vacate are.

Fourth avenue, running from Holscher street east to Main Street, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred twenty-one (621) feet in length.

Fourth avenue, running from Main Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition blocks two and three, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred eighty-seven (687) feet in length.

Fifth avenue, running from Holscher street east to Main Street, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred twenty-one (621) feet in length.

Fifth avenue, running from Main Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition blocks one and two, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred eight seven (687) feet in length.

Second avenue, running from Lehman Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition blocks four and five, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, two hundred and four tenths (200.4) in length.

First avenue, running from Lehman Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition block five, approximately forty (40) feet in width, one hundred ninety-nine and seven tenths (199.7) feet in length.

ALLEYS= legal description to vacate are.

Alley within Ways Addition block two, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred two and seven tenths (202.7) long.

Alley within Ways Addition block three, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred two (202) feet in length.

Alley within Ways Addition block four, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred one and six tenths (201.6) in length.

Alley within Ways Addition block five, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred and four tenths (200.4) in length.

Alleys within blocks one (1) four (4) five (5) eight (8) all approximately sixteen (16) in width, two hundred eighty-eight (288) feet in length.

Alleys within blocks two (2) three (3) six (6) seven (7) all approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred eighty-eight (288) feet in length.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that the board of supervisors of Freedom township will hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of the above-described public streets, alleys, and ways. Such a meeting will be held Monday the 4th day of May 2026 at 7:00 o'clock PM, at J.D.Wecota. Any person interested in in the proposed action may be present at the said date

and time and present their information, opinions, and/or arguments relative to the proposed action. Any person(s) unable to attend this meeting may deliver their written opinion for consideration by the board of supervisors. Such testimony should be delivered prior to the date and time of the scheduled hearing by mail or in person to Clerk of Freedom Township, Gerald Barondeau, 15315 Wecota Ave, Wecota South Dakota 57438.

Freedom Township clerk Gerald Barondeau

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No. 100, April 22, 2026

Cresbard Town Board Meeting

April 13, 2026

Town Board of Cresbard met at 7 PM, Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Community Center. All members were present. Meeting called to order by President Ketchum. A number of town residents were present to ask questions about what is going on with the water project and how the project will be moving forward.

Jamie Sprenger from IMEG was present to cover the progress of the project. 7 blocks of water main remain to be installed, 16 blocks of storm sewer installation remain and then water

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service to each property. City will have a meeting with Midwest Assistance Program to assess current fees to make sure they will meet requirements for loan repayment.

Vetter Family addressed the board about putting a lighted flag out by the Welcome to Cresbard sign in memory of Wayne (Red) Vetter. Motion made by Ketchum, seconded by Holm to approve this project.

Motion was made by Wegner to donate \$1000 to the Area IV Senior Nutrition program, was seconded by Holm.

Rick gave his report on what has been happening on the maintenance side of things. Rick will be doing some upkeep, repairs and updates at the park bathrooms in the near future.

Minutes of last meeting were read, financial report was given, motion was then made by Holm, seconded by Wegner to approve both.

The following bills were presented for payment: Marilora Nipp / wages 753.80; Rick Leonhardt / wages 2,229.35; Postmaster / stamps 234.00; Venture / phone 47.07; NWPS / electricity 992.34; Faulk County Record / supplies 85.06; Reuer / garbage ser. 820.00; US Treasury / payroll taxes

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854.50; Performance Oil / propane 365.94; Area IV Nutrition / donation 1,000.00; CAN Surety / FO Bond 525.00; SD Public Health / water testing 20.00; VoWac / postage & newsletter 37.69; Borah / jet sewer line 1,904.91; Kim Leonhardt / newsletter 60.00; WEB Water /supply 3,681.04; SD 811 / locates 44.10; JD Financial / repairs 352.21; Gene Toennies / fuel 175.80.

Motion was made by Holm, seconded by Wegner to approve and pay all bills.

Motion was made by Wegner, seconded by Holm to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7 PM at the Community Center.

The Board welcomes you to attend the next scheduled meeting to share your ideas and/or concerns. Please contact Marilora at 605-216-0148 at least 48 hours in advance to be placed on the agenda. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marilora Nipp, Finance Officer, Town of Cresbard

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Guest Chef Serves Up Local Beef Stir-Fry

On Wednesday, the school kitchen welcomed a special guest. Chef Michael Demos from Taher prepared a delicious beef chow mein stir-fry for students to enjoy.

The meal featured beef donated by local farmers, giving students a fresh and healthy farm-to-school lunch. It also gave them an opportunity to try something new and flavorful.

The visit was also a fun experience for the school's kitchen staff, who worked alongside Chef Demos, picked up new cooking tips and enjoyed having him in the kitchen.

With plenty of empty plates by the end of lunch, the special meal was a big success.

Trojans Gain Experience in Challenging Conditions at Miller Meet

By: Raegan Geditz

The Trojans golf teams faced a tough test at the Miller meet, windy conditions and a demanding course challenged both teams, but also provided valuable early-season experience.

Head coach Brice Cunningham noted strong improvements from the girls' team, especially in their consistency throughout the

round. "The girls' team had a more consistency in Miller," Cunningham said. "Miller's course is a challenge as every hole provides an opportunity for trouble. I felt as a girls' team that we did a better job of hitting consistent shots."

Leading the way for the Lady Trojans was Anika Mueller, who gave an impressive performance with a third-place finish, ending just five strokes behind the state champion. Raegan Geditz also contributed with a ninth-place finish, helping the team secure second place overall behind a strong Miller team. These performances highlighted the team's ability to stay composed on a difficult course.

On the boys' side, the conditions proved more difficult to manage. "The boys struggled a bit more in Miller," Cunningham said. "It was windy and we didn't adjust our game to the conditions. It was a great opportunity to play a challenging course in tough scoring conditions. Hopefully we gained some valuable experience, and we can learn to adjust to the conditions."

Despite the challenges, Drake Mueller led the boys with a tie for eighth-place. The meet served as a reminder of the increasing competition in the region. "Golf in our area continues to get better and better as far as the competition

level goes," Cunningham added. "We will need to improve and work out some of the snags in order to achieve our goals."

As the season progresses, the Trojans will look to build on this experience and continue improving, especially when facing the unpredictable South Dakota wind.

- Varsity Girls- 2nd as a team
 3rd place - Anika Mueller - 85
 9th place -Raegan Geditz - 101
 Brooklyn Kast - 108
Varsity Boys
 8th place - Drake Mueller - 86
 Henry Bossly - 93
 Landon Dikoff - 97
 Spencer Melius - 105



Brooklyn Mueller



Faulkton girls basketball team had three athletes chosen for Lake Region Conference this year. 1st Team was Anika Mueller, 2nd Team Brooklyn Mueller, and Honorable Mention Presleigh Martinmaas.

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**FHS Track Results for:
Meet: Gettysburg Middle
School Meet
April 13, 2026**

MS Girls: 800 Run Blake Bowman 4th 3:00.00; 1600 Run Lola McCamly 7th 6:58.55; Anna Martinmaas 8th 7:12.90; 200 Hurdles Joey Edgar 1st 36.51; Shot Put Maddix Bray 8th 24' 0"; Discus Naomi Epp 8th 58' 7"; Long Jump Blake Bowman 4th 13' 3.5"; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 1st 30' 0.5"; 800 Relay 6th 2:14.84 (Sydni Bisbee, Joey Edgar, Hayli McGaugh, Raya Cotton); 800 Relay 7th 2:16.66 (Naomi Tanner, Blake Bowman, Tiah Baloun, Ava Arbach); 1600 Relay 2nd 5:25.97 (Anna Martinmaas, Blake Bowman, Naomi Tanner, Lola McCamly); 800 Relay 3rd 5:35.35 (Joey Edgar, Raya Cotton, Landry Remily, Sydni Bisbee).

MS Boys: 200 Dash Waylon Adams 4th 29.23, Kaden Kaup 8th 30.18; 400 Dash Kaden Kaup 3rd 1:05.75; 800 Run Paxton Hartung 3rd 2:38.09; 1600 Run Paxton Hartung 5th 5:51.90; Long Jump Waylon Adams 2nd 15' 5"; 800 Relay 2nd 1:59.09 (Henry Homan, Kaden Kaup, Waylon Adams, Everett Miller); 1600 Relay 2nd 4:38.32 (Henry Homan, Kaden Kaup, Waylon Adams, Paxton Hartung).

Comments:
We had a very good first meet for our middle schoolers. For many of these athletes, it was their first track meet. We have

worked for weeks now on getting in shape learning what is all involved and today we were able to put that to work. We, as coaches, felt our athletes did very well. There were many teams there to compete against. Good competition is fun to watch.

Overall, we placed in many of the events we entered in, whether it was running, throwing, or jumping events. It was fun to watch these athletes compete and we had a great cheering section. The athletes all competed very hard. We did have some athletes from last year set personal bests and that is fun to see. We will continue to grow as the year goes. Now we need to go back to practice and continue to work on the fundamentals so that we can see the athletes get stronger and improve their times in the running events and distances in the throwing and jumping against. Again, we are very proud of the performances of all our athletes.

**FHS Track Results for:
Meet: Roncalli Geffdog
Relays Meet
April 16, 2026**

Girls: 1600 Run Austina Sorensen 4th 5:45.17; 100 Hurdles Hadley Edgar 3rd 18.26, Presleigh Martinmaas 5th 18.52; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 1st 32' 4"; Long Jump Brooklyn Mueller 6th 14' 10.25"; High Jump Maggie Bautzmann 5th 4' 8"; Rhyann Roseland 8th 4' 4"; 800 Relay 6th 2:01.71 (Hadley

Edgar, Presleigh Martinmaas, Khloe Kaup, Maggie Bautzmann); Medley Relay 2nd 4:46.23 (Hadley Edgar, Khloe Kaup, Presleigh Martinmaas, Austina Sorensen).

Boys: 1600 Run Korbin Stark 2nd 4:58.39; 110 Hurdles Spencer Schulte 4th 19.65; 300 Hurdles Spencer Schulte 6th 50.39; Shot Put Weston Senn 3rd 43' 5.5"; Discus Weston Senn 3rd 121' 5"; Javelin Weston Senn 1st 154' 8"; Long Jump Marken Cazeau 8th 16' 3"; 1600 Relay 3rd 3:49.76 (Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Korbin Stark); 3200 Relay 1st 8:54.22 (Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Korbin Stark); Medley Relay 4th 4:07.29 (Marken Cazeau, Tristen Baloun, Max Martinmaas, Logan Niederbaumer).

Coach Spicer's Comments:

It was a good day to have a meet. The weather was nice and there was some really good competition at this meet. There were some awesome teams at both the A and B level. The weather started out a little windy, which is expected in South Dakota, but as the day went on, the wind died down and it was a beautiful day to compete.

We increased a lot of the distances in our jumps and throws and decreased times in our individual runs and relays. Our boy's 3200 relay consisting of Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, and Korbin Stark, placed first again. This team lowered their time by

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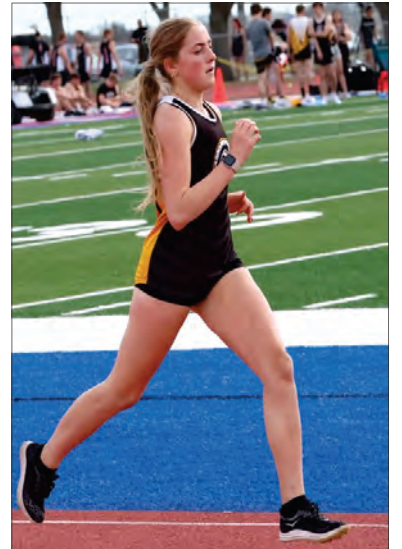
**4th-8th Grade Band
Performs at Contest**

Forty-four local band students in grades 4-8 traveled to Aberdeen on Wednesday, April 18, to compete in a regional instrumental contest.

Under the direction of Mrs. Mickelson, the students earned high marks across all age groups. The fifth-grade band received a II+ rating, while the middle school band followed with a strong I- rating.

The highlight of the day came during the individual performances, where all 16 students who performed solos earned Superior ratings.

Results:
Fifth Grade Band: II+ rating
Middle School Band: I- rating
Soloists: Superior ratings



Austina Sorensen

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**Medical Minutes by Jean Mitchell, OT
Arthritis**

Hearing the word "arthritis" can feel overwhelming, but it's important to remember—arthritis is not a diagnosis that means giving up activity. In fact, it's often a reminder that movement matters more than ever.

Arthritis causes joint pain, stiffness, and sometimes swelling, which can make it tempting to rest more and avoid activity. However, staying active is one of the most effective ways to manage symptoms. Gentle, regular movement helps keep joints flexible, strengthens the muscles that support them, and can actually reduce pain over time.

This is where occupational therapists (OTs) and physical therapists (PTs) can make a big difference. PTs will help you find safe, effective ways to move your body and create personalized exercise programs to improve strength, flexibility, and balance—helping you stay mobile and confident. OTs will help you continue doing the activities that matter most to you. They can teach joint protection techniques, suggest easier ways to complete daily tasks, and recommend tools that reduce strain on your joints.

The goal isn't to push through pain—it's to move smarter, not harder.

If you're living with arthritis and finding it harder to stay active, talk with your healthcare provider about a referral to therapy. With the right guidance and support, you can stay moving, reduce discomfort, and continue enjoying your daily life.

Arthritis isn't the end of activity—it's the beginning of learning how to move in ways that support your body for the long run.

Please bring your insurance and identification information to your appointment

April 22nd

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

Echo-cardiograms
Nephrology

April 23rd

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

Ultrasounds
Carr Clinic

April 24th

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

April 25th

ER: 24/7

April 26th

ER: 24/7

April 27th

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

April 28th

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

Ultrasounds

April 29th

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

Echo-cardiograms

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Day of the Child El Día de los Niños

What's wonderful about being a child? You have your own special day! In 1998, the U.S. Congress named April 30 as "Day of the Child" – a day to honor kids, to promote their well-being, and to encourage good reading and writing skills. This national celebration borrows from the traditional Mexican holiday, "El Día de los Niños," and is a day for fun, family and friends. What will you be doing on the Day of the Child?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

1. Draw and color pictures or _____ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a _____ on the street.
3. _____ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and _____ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try _____ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, _____, ice cream.
7. Go to a children's _____ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your _____ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages – English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menudo _____ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write _____, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a _____ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).

Make a piñata!



Clues for crossword puzzle:

- 1: dance
- 2: puppet
- 3: authors
- 4: carnival
- 5: posters
- 6: money
- 7: parade
- 8: stories
- 9: juice
- 10: picnic
- 11: piñata
- 12: library
- 13: paper
- 14: history
- 15: cook-off

Celebrating Children!

12. Have a blast with family and friends making a _____ and then breaking it.
13. Hear Hispanic _____ read their books aloud.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their _____ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
15. Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the _____ to a children's organization.

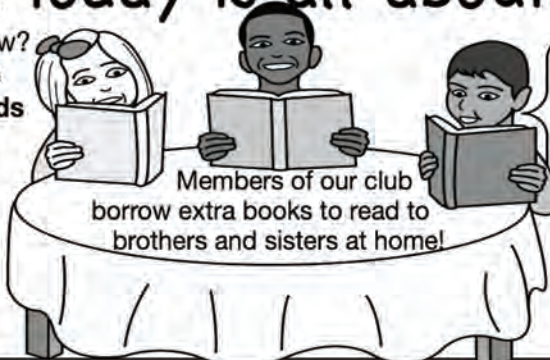


How would you describe the children you know? Find and circle all of these words about children:

responsible
learning
singing
leaping
skipping
safe
hopes
health
future
dreams
happy
jumping
respect
laughter
dancing

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We formed our own book club. We meet at the library to choose books.

Bilingual Books

Books that are **bilingual** are books that are written in 2 different languages. People like to use these to learn another language.

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2. *Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations* by Jose-Luis Orozco.
3. *Giants of Science/Gigantes de Ciencia-The Wright Brothers* by Anna Sproule.
4. *An Illustrated Treasury of Latino Read-Aloud Stories: 40 of the Best-Loved Stories for Parents and Children to Share* by Maite Suarez Rivas.

Check out these books written in English and Spanish!

What Do These Spanish Words Mean?

We speak and read in English and in Spanish! We are bilingual. We enjoy teaching our friends Spanish words. Here are some of the words we have shared. Can you match them to their English translations?

cascarones book

libro confetti-filled eggshells

school candy

caramelo escuela



gato niños

father soccer cat

fiesta

padre mother children fútbol

madre holiday

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Faulkton School Board Apr. 13 Proceedings

No. 94, April 22, 2026

Board of Education Meeting Minutes Faulkton Area School District 24-4 Faulk, Hand, Hyde and Potter Counties, South Dakota

Monday, April 13, 2026 6:00pm
Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a meeting of the School Board of Faulkton Area School District 24-4, of Faulk, Hand, Hyde and Potter Counties, South Dakota, was held on April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faulkton School Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board

| Mar-26 | General Fund | Capitol Outlay | Special Education | Bond Redemption | Food Service | Drive Ed. Fund | T & A |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance | 1,299,950.00 | 1,371,845.15 | 610,503.63 | 26,428.48 | 136,978.14 | 9,995.43 | 110,754.77 |
| Beginning Cash | 1,249,996.88 | 1,371,845.15 | 610,503.63 | 26,428.48 | 136,978.14 | 9,995.43 | 95,630.43 |
| Investments | 49,953.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,124.34 |
| Receipts | 238,579.85 | 42,867.78 | 35,622.89 | 23,802.88 | 21,224.08 | 18.70 | 10,419.36 |
| Expenditures | 347,211.49 | 37,733.65 | 63,969.69 | 0.00 | 28,188.54 | 0.00 | 11,327.51 |
| Ending Balance | 1,191,318.36 | 1,376,979.28 | 582,156.83 | 50,231.36 | 130,013.68 | 10,014.13 | 109,846.62 |
| Ending Cash | 1,141,353.74 | 1,376,979.28 | 582,156.83 | 50,231.36 | 130,013.68 | 10,014.13 | 94,712.42 |
| Investments | 49,964.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,134.20 |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | |
| Food Service Sales | | | | | 13,271.85 | | |
| Federal Food Service Reimb. | | | | | 7,695.79 | | |
| Bee Cause Project Grant | 1,500.00 | | | | | | |
| Medicaid Indirect | 634.16 | | 634.17 | | | | |
| State of SD-State Aid | 146,995.00 | | | | | | |
| Gym Memberships | 150.00 | | | | | | |
| Activity Passes/ Gate Receipts | 500.00 | | | | | | |
| Credit Cards Fees Collected | 222.55 | | | | | | |
| Yearbook Sales | 1,269.00 | | | | | | |
| Other Refunds/Reimb. | 15,883.92 | | | | | | |
| Bank Interest | 2,382.58 | 2,568.22 | 1,142.92 | 49.48 | 256.44 | 18.70 | |
| Hyde County | 3,416.12 | 1,498.01 | 1,258.80 | 882.98 | | | |
| Potter County | 298.64 | 201.22 | 169.09 | 118.61 | | | |
| Hand County | 18,609.10 | 8,730.75 | 7,336.57 | 5,146.17 | | | |
| Faulk County | 62,532.70 | 29,869.58 | 25,081.34 | 17,605.64 | | | |
| Total Receipts | \$254,393.77 | \$42,867.78 | \$35,622.89 | \$23,802.88 | \$21,224.08 | \$18.70 | \$0.00 |

March 2026 Imprest Payments:
Fees: Webster School \$350.66, Desmet School \$97.22, Ipswich School \$295.88, Timber Lake School \$277.41.

Supplies: Danica Mickelson \$46.48.
Travel: Shayne Geditz \$46.61, Kortney Hastings \$155.84, Chad Spicer \$109.99, Melissa Geditz \$40, Nichole Melius \$35.54, Kyle Erdahl \$74.48, Chase Casper \$55.88

April 13, 2026 Bill Payments:
Aberdeen Awards \$35 Supplies, Amplify Education \$2,354.20 Software, ASBSD \$30 Fees, Aussie Pouch Co. \$226 Supplies, Bantz Gosch Cremer Peterson \$128 Services, Bauer's Super Valu \$378.26 Supplies, BerMac \$682.82 Services/Gas, Blick Art Materials \$173 Supplies, C.Eagle Construction \$15,348.73 Building Project, Cardmember Services \$2,981.27 Supplies/Equip./Books/Fees, Casino Lanes \$600 Services, Century Business \$1,999.21 Services/Debt Service, CHS \$9,103.08 Propane, City of Faulkton \$458.15 Water/Sewer, Cole Papers \$1,777.64 Supplies, Delta Dental \$4,625.26 Dental Insurance, Demco \$445.48 Supplies, Digitability \$499 Software, ECO Lab \$150.87 Supplies, Educational Innovations \$37.40 Supplies, Faulk Co. Record \$386.87 Publishing/Supplies, FAMC \$8,333.38 Services, Faulkton School \$1,585.99 Reimb. Imprest Fund, Flinn Scientific \$998.57 Supplies, Follett Content Solutions \$99.88 Library Books, Follet Software \$1,117.47 Software, G&R Controls \$767.50 Repairs, Gopher \$2,134.25 Supplies, Hanson Construction \$1,122.45 Services, Homan Hardware \$2,579.90 Supplies/Equip., Innovative Office Solutions \$335.58 Supplies, J.W. Pepper \$844.33 Supplies, Jones School Supply \$661.24 Supplies, Jostens \$465.02 Supplies, K&D Busing \$27,220.26 Busing Contract, KC Lumber \$93.14 Supplies, King Insurance Agency \$611 Insurance, Lakeshore \$274.86 Supplies, The Library Store \$195.31 Supplies, Nichole Melius \$1,341.37 Travel, Menards \$199.98 Equip., Nasco \$134.60 Supplies, NSC Pearson \$147.20 Supplies, Northwestern Energy \$7,146.60 Electricity, NSU \$82.35 Textbooks, Principal Conference \$250 Fees, RCC Staffing Solution \$2,500 Fees, Really Good Stuff \$456.52 Supplies, Reuer Sanitation \$750 Services, Rochester 10 Inc. \$663.85 Supplies, Kayla Roseland \$509.28 Travel, SASD \$2,258 Fees, Savvas

Learning Co. \$1,557.92 Supplies, Scholastic \$432.20 Supplies, School Specialty \$2,955.97 Supplies, SD Historical Society \$175 Supplies, Sheraton \$696 Travel, Stephanie Sorensen \$6,377 Services, The Standard \$101.76 Insurance, Stryker Sales \$1,030.50 Supplies, Taher \$27,361.15 Food Service Contract, Taylor Music \$217.97 Supplies/Repairs, Teachers Pay Teachers \$355 Supplies, Time Management Systems \$10.29 Services, USI \$2,255.53 Supplies, Venture Communications \$514.38 Services, Wellmark \$46,675 Insurance, April 2026 Payroll: General Fund: \$270,617.06 w/ benefits, Special Ed. \$58,259.80 w/ benefits, Food Service \$2,137.51 w/ benefits.

2025-26.116. School Calendar Amendment. Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Aesoph, to approve the 2026-27 School Calendar Amendment. The amendment includes correcting the Easter holiday to March 26th & 29th, and moving the spring break dates to March 11th & 12th. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.117. SDHSAA Membership. Motion by Bossly, seconded by Aesoph, to approve the SDHSAA membership for the 2026-27 school year. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.118. ASBSD Health Insurance Renewal Resolution & Participation Agreement. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Clement, to adopt the Associated School Boards Protective Trust – SD School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement and Adoption and Renewal Motion effective July 1, 2026. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.119. Resignation. Motion by Aesoph, seconded by Bossly, to approve the resignation from Kortney Hastings, as part-time maintenance, effective March 27, 2026. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.120. Stage/Concessions Roof Quotes. Motion by Bossly, seconded by Clement, to approve the low bid from L&D Roofing & Construction to complete the roof above the stage and concessions stand. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Martin discussed the following topics with the board: 1. Fire & Safety, 2. Robot Naming, 3. Student 365

Chairman, Aaron Lorenzen, at 6:05 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call of members present were Kelly Aesoph, Matt Bossly, Glenna Clement (via speakerphone), Aaron Lorenzen, and Ryan Nelson. Also present were Superintendent Dan Martin, Business Manager Lisa Hushka, and Elementary and Principal/Special Education Director Melissa Geditz.

2025-26.114. Agenda Approval. Motion by Bossly, seconded by Aesoph, to approve the proposed agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Acknowledgements. No acknowledgements were made.

Conflict of Interest Waivers. No waivers were presented.

Open Forum. No comments from the public were made.

2025-26.115. Consent Agenda. Motion by Nelson, second by Clement, to approve the following consent agenda: minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting, March 2026 Financial Statement, March 2026 Imprest Report, March 2026 Trust and Custodial Fund Report, and payment of the presented bills for April 13, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

| Food Service | Drive Ed. Fund | T & A |
|--------------|----------------|-------|
| 13,271.85 | | |
| 7,695.79 | | |

Discussion, 4. 5-year Capital Outlay Plan, 6. School Year Update, 7. Grants, 8. Good News/Thank You, 9. Land Exchange

Elementary Principal/Sped Director's Report. Mrs. Geditz discussed the following topics with the board: 1. Children's Theater, 2. Smarter Balanced Testing, 3. Faulkton FCCLA/FAMC Health Fair, 4. Bubble Gum Day, 5. Duct Tape the Principal Day.

Middle School/High School Principal Report. Chairman Lorenzen read Mr. Cassens' report that discussed the following topics with the board: 1. Class Registrations, 2. Brentwood HS Registrations, 3. Freshman Impact, 4. Smarter Balance/ACT Update.

2025-26.121. Executive Session. Motion by Nelson, second by Aesoph, to go into executive session at 6:30 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (#1, #4). #1. For the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor; #4: For the purpose of preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives; as set forth in SDCL 1-25-2. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.122. 2026-27 Certified Contracts. Motion by Nelson, second by Aesoph, to offer 2026-2027 contracts to the following staff, with salaries subject to 2026-2027 negotiations: Nicole Aesoph, Vanessa Bowman, Chase Casper, Laura Cassens, Brice Cunningham, Lacey Currington, Val Dahlquist, Darby Duncan, Kyle Erdahl, Gianne Ganotisi, Shayne Geditz, Kari Haberling, Erica Hadrick (.21%), Vanesa Hall, Alicia Hammond, Katie Hansen, Melissa Hayes, Falynd Hempel, Kristen Hericks, Kathleen Melius, Nichole Melius, Jasmin Mendez, Danica Mickelson, Dylan Mickelson, Christina Reid, Alex Schilder, Grace Schlechter, Mallory Schlechter, Mary Schlechter, Ryan Sime, Tanya Sime, Chad Spicer, Jonathan Stahl, Robert Stahl (0.25%), Shae Stephenson, Taren Undlin, Cortney Warren (.62%), and Ashley Wieseler. All members voted aye except for Clement who abstained. Motion carried.

2025-26.123. Adjournment. Motion by Clement, second by Nelson, to

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adjourn at 8:44 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Business Official, Lisa Hushka Board Chairman, Aaron Lorenzen Published one time at the total approximate cost of \$135.64.

No. 95, April 22, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2026

The Faulkton City Council met in regular session on April 13, 2026 in the City Hall meeting room with Finance Officer Trisha Adams and the following council members present: Linda Bartholomew, Chris Geiger, Dave Hadrick, Ryan Kast, and Steve Wanner. Not present: Jamie Kaup. Others present: Tomelyn Taylor, John Huss, Mike Demery, Gloria Bode, Amber Martinmaas, JoDee Bryant, Brad Paul and Kasey Kopecky. Mayor Slade Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all those present reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Open Forum: Nobody spoke.

2026.4.37 Approve the Agenda: Changes made from Barking Dogs to Nuisance Dogs. Councilman Hadrick moved, seconded by Kast to approve the proposed agenda. Unanimous.

2026.4.38 Minutes: Councilman Geiger made the motion, seconded by Wanner to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting. Unanimous.

2026.4.39 Financial Report: Motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Kast to approve the finance report. Unanimous.

2026.4.40 Claims: The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Hadrick. Unanimous. **Payroll Total: \$18,432.94**

Mayor: \$600.00, Finance Officer: \$3,750.00, Street Department: \$5,987.62, Water & Sewer Department: \$5,245.32, Council: \$2,850.00

A1 BODY INC \$2,630.99 P O O L PAINT; BERMAC INC. \$145.37 DIESEL; Butler Machinery Co. \$3,086.00 LAND LEVELER; CITY OF FAULKTON \$243.81 CITY HALL WATER/SEWER; COMMON SENSE MANUFACTURING \$2,306.79 BENCH REPAIRS; DACOTAH BANK CREDIT CARD \$1,066.00 MISCELLANEOUS; DAVE HOLT \$64.00 METER REFUND; Faulk Co Highway Dept \$563.92 DIESEL; FAULK COUNTY RECORD \$175.43 PUBLISHING; HANSONS INC. \$688.78 HAUL SNOW; HEALTH POOL OF SD \$7,139.94 GROUP HEALTH INS. PREMIUM; HELMS & ASSOCIATES \$78,082.90 RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN; HOMAN HARDWARE \$340.03 SUPPLIES; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE \$2,514.85 941 Taxes; Melanie Carter LLC \$2,000.00 SUMMER ADVERTISING PLAN; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY \$4,667.40 STREETLIGHTS; QUILL CORP \$529.45 PRINTER SUPPLIES; RICHARDSON LAW FIRM \$740.75 LEGAL FEES; RURAL DEVELOPMENT \$4,256.00 water prj debt pymnt; RURAL DEVELOPMENT - SEWER \$8,944.00 water prj debt pymnt; SD Dept of Revenue \$142.20 AUG 2025 UNPAID TAXES; SD RETIREMENT \$1,763.53 SD Retirement; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLA \$250.00 ROTH CONTRIBUTION; SHANE HANSON \$100.00 METER REFUND; THE AUTO SHOP \$80.53 OIL CHANGE; US BANK \$11,771.46 WATER PROJECT PHASE 2; VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOP \$341.74 FO PHONE, INTERNET FAX, WEB; WEB WATER \$11,941.18 WEB WATER; WINWATER \$950.00 SOFTWARE SUPPORT.

City Maintenance Report: Kopecky stated with the nice weather they will start getting parks, ballpark and pool ready soon. Working on the ballpark playground grant equipment purchase. Talked with Northwestern Energy about new light to be installed on 8th Ave late Summer early Fall.

OLD BUSINESS

2026.4.41 Airport Land Acquisition: Mayor Roseland

presented the council with a pay request from Helms and Associates for \$4,100.00 and \$72,982.90 & Richrdson Law Firm for \$740.75. Motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Geiger to approve the pay requests. Unanimous.

2026.4.42 DOR Property Tax Discretionary Formula: JoDee Bryant spoke and said that Faulk County is set to allow New Agriculture, Industrial and Commercial new builds to receive tax breaks for five years. Faulk County Director of Equalization applies the formula automatically. Formula is 20-40-60-80-100.

NEW BUSINESS

2026.4.43 Street Closing: John Huss with Lyric Theatre asked the council about closing Court Street from 9th Ave S to the alley between 8th Ave S & 8th Ave S on Saturday April 25th from 12:00pm - 9:30pm for their Car/Grease Lightning Show. The council had no objections. Councilman Wanner motioned, seconded by Geiger to approve the street closing. Unanimous.

2026.4.44 Faulkton Area Economic Development City Clean Up: Gloria Bode and Amber Martinmaas brought up potential for a city clean up. No vote was made.

2026.4.45 Historical Society Rubble Fee: Mike Demery asked the council to wave the Rubble Fee when tearing down the back half of the Museum. Councilman Hadrick motioned, seconded by Bartholomew. Unanimous.

2026.4.46 Faulkton Wings and Wheels Fees, Wild West Days: Tomelyn Taylor, with The Flying Club, asked for the city's assistance to pay for the porta potties that are going to be supplied out at this event this year. Councilwoman Wanner moved, seconded Bartholomew to approve. Unanimous.

2026.4.47 Asphalt Paving Quote: The city will be going off Faulk County's Quote. Have not received quotes as of yet but the County will get them to us when received. Councilman Hadrick moved, seconded by Geiger to approve going off Faulk County's Quote. Unanimous.

2026.4.48 Fire Department Energy Bill for Siren: Motion by Councilman Kast, seconded by Wanner to take over bill from Northwestern Energy regarding weather/fire siren for the city of Faulkton. Unanimous.

2026.4.49 Declare Surplus Item: Motion was made by Councilman Wanner, seconded by Geiger to declare the following item as surplus. Unanimous. 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer and 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck. Mayor Roseland appointed Chris Geiger, Linda Bartholomew and Kasey Kopecky as the appraisal board.

OTHER BUSINESS

2026.4.50 Executive Session: Time: 7:31 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Geiger, seconded by Kast to go into executive session for litigation and/or personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2. Out of executive session at 7:44 p.m.

2026.4.51 Nuisance Dogs: Trisha Adams was directed by the council to pursue an ordinance change about barking dogs, dogs at large and nuisance dogs. Councilman Kast moved, seconded by Hadrick to contact the City's Attorney. Unanimous.

2026.4.52 Hire Seasonal Help: Councilman Geiger moved, seconded by Kast to hire the following employees at the wages listed below. All approved.

- Don Hahler – Rubble Site \$14.00/hour
- Bill Becker – Carousel \$13.50/hour
- Brooke Niederbaumer – Seasonal Maintenance \$18.50/hour
- Ruby Kopecky – Seasonal Maintenance \$15.00/hour

2026.4.53 Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Geiger. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Slade Roseland, Mayor
Trisha Adams, Finance Officer
Published one time at the total approximate cost of \$69.47.

Faulk County Commissioners Apr. 8 Proceedings

No 96, April 22, 2026

FAULK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING April 8, 2026 (Unapproved Minutes)

Chairman Allen Hadrick called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Those present were: Commissioner Dwight Hossle, Commissioner Allen Hadrick, Commissioner Kevin Horning, Commissioner Bruce Edgar, Commissioner Lee Hansen, State's Attorney Emily Marcotte (via phone) and Auditor Aimee Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2026.4.1 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Kevin Horning seconded it to approve the minutes of the March 3rd, 2026 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH:

2026.4.2 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to approve the following payroll and bills paid throughout the month. Motion passed unanimously.

STATE TREASURER STATE REMITTANCE \$59,132.54; DACOTAH BANK TRANSPORT EXPENSES \$1,221.68; FAULK COUNTY TREASURER TREASURER'S TRUST \$2.22; SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2026 APPORTION \$168,146.70; TOWNSHIPS FEBRUARY 2026 APPORTION \$12,234.09; TOWNS FEBRUARY 2026 APPORTION \$20,467.66; AFLAC FMLA \$50.28; AMERITAS VISION FMLA \$10.36; HEALTH POOL OF SD FMLA \$976.62; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES UTILITIES \$27.90; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY UTILITIES \$3,889.87; SDACO FEBRUARY 2026 M&P \$104.00; VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES \$2,383.75.

Salaries: Commissioner's \$3,764.25; Auditor's \$7,463.36; Treasurer's \$7,124.75; State's Attorney \$4,128.40; General Government \$756.16; DOE \$5,948.03; ROD \$5,988.55; Veteran's \$701.44; Sheriff's \$23,022.13; County Jail \$61,340.16; Coroner's \$585.64; County Nurse \$0; Ambulance \$5,205.21; WIC \$0; Library \$6,894.91; Extension \$3,416.48; Weed \$0; Road & Bridge \$36,706.29; E-911 \$0; Emergency & Disaster \$1,568.00.

APPROVAL OF PRESENTED BILLS:

2026.4.3 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to approve the presented bills to be paid out of the appropriate funds. Motion passed unanimously.

A&B BUSINESS, INC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$177.79; HOMAN ACE HARDWARE SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$245.76; AGTEGRA COOP SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$1,542.68; AMERICAN SOLUTIONS SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$174.94; AREA IV SENIOR NUTRITION PRISONER MEALS \$23,783.40; AT&T MOBILITY UTILITIES \$479.47; THE AUTO SHOP LLC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$564.75; AUTUMN LEAVES SENIOR CNTR MARCH PAYMENT \$1,574.50; BAUER'S SUPER VALU SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$969.25; BECK LAW OFFICE SUBMITTING 1099's \$53.10; BERMAC INC. SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$795.19; EDWARD BOWLER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE \$11.00; BUTLER MACHINERY SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$191.96; CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE \$250.00; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS CONTRACT \$291.58; CGI, LLC CCA \$1,470.30; CHARM-TEX INC SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$110.32; CHS INC UTILITIES \$1,174.53; CITY OF FAULKTON UTILITIES \$230.45; CLIMATE CONTROL REPAIRS/STOCK UNIT \$10,175.00; CORNERSTONE DETENTION ELECTRONIC REPAIRS \$425.00; DACOTAH BANK SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$1,022.21; MIKE DEMERY SNOW REMOVAL \$100.00; DEPT. OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$200.00; FAULK COUNTY RECORD PUBLISHING \$604.77; FAULK COUNTY TREASURER SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$2.44; FAULKTON AREA MED. CENTER AMBULANCE MANAGEMENT \$3,072.50; FAULKTON REXALL DRUG SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$72.04; GILLETTE LAW OFFICE CAA \$435.65; HANSON'S INC SNOW REMOVAL \$1,450.00; HOMAN

HARDWARE SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$14.99; HOMAN WELDING LLC SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$99.92; DWIGHT HOSSLE WEED & PEST CONFERENCE \$233.18; HOUSE OF GLASS INC SUPPLIES/REPAIRS \$929.72; IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY LIVESCAN MAINTENANCE \$3,619.00; INGRAM BOOKS \$984.61; LEWIS DRUG INC. PRISONER MEDS \$17.06; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC. SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$441.74; ALLEN LOEB MARCH 2026 \$165.00; LUCE FUNERAL HOME PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$1,200.00; LYLE SIGNS, INC. SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$1,609.85; MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$450.00; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$689.80; ROBERT MILLER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE \$11.00; PCC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$1,414.97; PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$130.00; PLASTIC WORKS SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$3,697.50; DREW PLOOSTER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE \$11.00; BRIAN POTTER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE \$11.00; REUER SANITATION UTILITIES \$180.00; SD SECRETARY OF STATE VOTER LISTS \$50.00; SD ASSOC ASSESSING OFFICERS CONFERENCE \$300.00; SONNY'S AUTO PARTS & REPAIR SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$1,627.10; ROCKY SPECK TRAVEL & CONFERENCE \$11.00; SPINK COUNTY AUDITOR E-911 \$8,894.04; TALIAFERRO LAW FIRM CAA \$1,812.50; TENNANT ELECTRIC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$1,137.32; THEE GLASS DOKTOR REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE \$345.91; TRANSOURCE SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$3,918.18; TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$3,230.50; ULINE SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$172.17; VESTIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$549.36; VICTOR LUNDEEN COMPANY SUPPLIES & MATERIALS \$239.95; WAGWORKS, INC. HSA FEE \$15.75; STEVE WANNER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE \$11.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2026.4.4 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Kevin Horning seconded to go into executive session at 1:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor. Motion passed unanimously. State's Attorney Emily Marcotte was also present via phone. The Commission came out of executive session at 1:38 p.m. No action was taken.

State's Attorney- Emily Marcotte:

No updates at this time.

Road and Bridge- Konni Giesen:

BID LETTING FOR THE FOLLOWING: Paver Laid Hot Mix, Chip Sealing, Road Oil, Cold Mix & Hof Mix, Gravel Hauling, Magnesium Chloride, and Road Maintenance. **All Bids are on file in the Auditor's Office.**

Paver Laid Asphalt:

Jensen Rock and Sand Inc: \$149.50/ton

Bituminous Paving Inc. \$159.00/ton (less than 1000 tons) and \$139.00/ton (more than 1000)

Lien Transportation: \$196.00/ton (east of Faulkton) and \$226.00/ton (west of Faulkton)

2026.4.5 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Bruce Edgar seconded it to accept the bids from Bituminous Paving Inc. and Jensen Rock and Sand Inc. for paver laid hot mix for a 1-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Chip Sealing:

Bituminous Paving Inc.: \$2.34/sq. yd. with oil; \$2.94/sq. yd. without oil; \$2.29/sq. yd. for fog seal application

Jensen Sand and Rock: \$.61/ sq. yd. without oil

2026.4.6 Commissioner Lee Hansen made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to accept the chip sealing bids from Jensen Rock and Sand Inc. for a 1-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Road Oil:

Jebro Inc.: MC-70 \$1,297.92/ton 5.1071/gal; MC-3000 \$1,026.48/ton 4.2787/gal; CRS2-P \$757.92/ton 3.2193/gal; AE150S \$737.92/ton 3.1128/gal; MC800 \$1072.92/ton

4.3783/gal; CSSIH \$537.92/ton 2.2916/gal

2026.4.7 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to accept the bids from Jebro Inc. for road oil for a 1-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Cold Mix/ Hot Mix:

Lien Transportation: Item (A) ½" \$90.00/ton; Item (B) ¾" crush \$90.00/ton

Jensen Rock and Sand Inc.: Item (A) Hot Mix ½" crush \$90.00/ton; Item (B) ¾" crush Hot mix \$90.00/ton; Item (C) Cold Mix \$185.00/ton

2026.4.8 Commissioner Lee Hansen made a motion and Commissioner Kevin Horning seconded it to accept the bids from Jensen Rock and Sand Inc. for Hot Mix (Items A & B) and Cold Mix (Item C) for a 1-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Gravel Hauling:

Bids vary based on distance, equipment and truck load capacity.

Oban Construction LLC: \$.18 ton per loaded mile

Odland Gravel LLC: \$.22 to .28/ ton per loaded mile

Hanson's Inc: \$.20/ton per loaded mile or \$150.00/hr.

JW Enterprises LLC: \$.20/ton per loaded mile or \$150.00/hr.

2026.4.9 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Bruce Edgar seconded it to accept the bids from JW Enterprises LLC, Oban Construction LLC, Hanson's Inc., and Odland Gravel LLC subject to availability for gravel hauling for a 1-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Magnesium Chloride:

EnviroTech Services, LLC: \$1.70/gal

2026.4.10 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to accept the bid from EnviroTech Services LLC in the amount of \$1.70/gallon for magnesium chloride for a 1-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Road Maintenance:

Odland Gravel LLC: \$65.00/mile/ blading; \$200.00/hour retrieving; \$200.00/hour/snow removal

2026.4.11 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to accept the Road maintenance bid from Odland Gravel LLC for a 2-year period. Motion passed unanimously.

Quartzite Materials:

2026.4.12 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to go off Miner County's Bid from Spencer Quarries Inc. for Quartzite Materials for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Dacotah Bank-Sandy Sprenger & Sara Wilkins:

Sandy and Sara explained the benefits of the Dacotah Works Program. Faulk County agreed to participate.

OPEN TO PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE CONCERNS:

Dean Neiderbaumer was present to discuss the probability of relocating or updating the tonnage on the load limit postings. The Board decided the signs would remain where they are located and the limits would remain as they are posted.

Brent Koens was present to express his concerns surrounding his termination of employment from the Faulk County Sheriff's Office.

Secure SD-Mike Waldner:

Mike Waldner was present to discuss the Secure SD Program. The board will revisit his suggestions at the next meeting.

Sheriff-Kurt Hall:

Sheriff Hall handed out the jail report for March. Kurt updated on the training for new Spillman Program. They hope to have it up and running in May. Sheriff Hall reported the termination of employment of Brent Koens.

March 2026 prisoner revenue=\$86,598.33

2026.4.13 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to hire Cody Brooks as a full-time deputy at \$24.00/hr. with benefits and a 6-month probationary period effective April 8th, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.14 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Kevin Horning seconded it to hire Velda Boke as a part-time dispatcher without benefits and with a 6-month probationary period effective January 23rd. Motion passed

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unanimously.

2026.4.15 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to increase Emily Otter's wages to \$22.37/hour due to the successful completion of her probationary period effective in March payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.16 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to promote Jason Demery to Jail Administrator and increase his wages to \$26.50/hour effective in April payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.17 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to promote Brian Bell to assistant Jail Administrator and increase his wages to \$25.50/hour effective in April payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.18 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to increase Nathan Sindelar's wages to \$58,000/year effective in April payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.19 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to increase Jon Otter's wages to \$56,000/year effective in April payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2026.4.20 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded to go into executive session at 4:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor. Motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Kurt Hall was also present. The Commission came out of executive session at 4:14 p.m. No action was taken.

Road and Bridge-Konni Giesen:

2026.4.21 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Kevin Horning seconded it to hire Brent Koens as a full-time Highway Maintenance crew member at \$26.00/hr. His accumulated benefits from Sheriff's Department will temporarily be transferred to the Highway Department for a 60-day period. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.22 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to pay for CDL K certification fees for the Highway department staff that needs this update in the amount of \$43.00/person. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.23 Commissioner Lee Hansen made a motion and Commissioner Bruce Edgar seconded it to approve (5) Applications of Occupancy by FEM ELECTRIC for L8, L5, CR 7-2, CR 5-2, and CR 11-3. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.24 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to declare a (K4) CB radio surplus at no value. Motion passed unanimously.

4H Coordinator- Marie Wienrich:

Marie addressed the board about hiring for summer help in the 4H office. She will review what was approved at budget time and hire a candidate of her choosing that meets the County and SDSU's guidelines.

Director of Equalization- Geoff Bray:

2026.4.25 Commissioner Dwight Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to approve plat showing Sorensen Addition in the SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 118 North, Range 69

West of the 5th P.M., Faulk County, South Dakota. Motion passed unanimously.

Weed Board:

Commissioner Hossle plans to publish Noxious Weed notices again soon.

Auditor-Aimee Law:

Aimee updated the board on Senate bill 175 and Senate Bill 96. The next regular Commissioner Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5th beginning at 8 a.m. and the June Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4th at 8 a.m. to canvas the votes of the 2026 Primary Election.

REVIEW OF AUDITOR/ TREASURER ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026:

Total Cash on Hand \$57,515.57; Checking Account Balance \$2,406,055.32; Investments \$354,336.07; Cash change fund with Register of Deeds \$ 50.00; Cash change fund with County Law \$ 50.00; Library fund \$15,028.70; TOTAL \$2,833,035.66.

Other Business:

The board reviewed the Emergency Manager Mitigation Performance Report.

2026.4.26 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to approve the drainage application for Eric Melius on W1/2 of Section 27, Township 119 North, Range 68 West of the 5th P.M., Faulk County, South Dakota. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.27 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Bruce Edgar seconded it to approve the Emergency Management quarterly report for the 1st quarter of 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.28 Commissioner Lee Hansen made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to approve the disinterment permit application by W.K. and C.K. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL TIME:

2026.4.29 Commissioner Lee Hansen made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to allow the following for travel of County employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Veterans Service Officer David Huss for 2026 Spring Mini Conference April 15th in Pierre, SD.

Deputy Sheriff Nathan Sindelar for Sex Offender Registry Training April 7th-9th in Deadwood, SD.

Emergency Manager Albert Spangler for Salamander Credentialing Training March 31st in Pierre, SD.

ADJOURNMENT:

2026.4.30 There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Horning made a motion and Commissioner Hadrick seconded it to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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This year's event supported the nonprofit organization called Project Outrun. They sponsor kids (ages 1 to 18) who are battling cancer and let them design their very own pair of custom athletic shoes. It's all about helping them "outrun" their diagnosis with some personally designed new shoes.

To raise the money, we stayed busy all night. We served a big meal of pulled pork and macaroni and cheese for a free-will donation. We also held a pie auction, and all that money went straight to our total. To get our elementary involved in the project, we hosted a

shoe design contest and winners were selected by the senior basketball players and received a candy prize.

After counting everything up, we are so excited to announce that we made over \$2500 in profit! Because of the generosity of our community, we are donating every single penny to Project Outrun. This means we are officially sponsoring over 15 kids, giving them the chance to design their own shoes.

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who ate at our meal, bided or bought a pie, or supported us in other ways. We appreciated the Mueller family for donating the pulled pork and Dacotah Bank for providing the bottled water for our meal. A special thanks to our pie bakers; JoAnn Aesoph, Deb Roseland, Vanessa Bowman, Judy Grabinski, Nikki Dikoff, Mo Wernsman, Darlene Zens, Darci Martinmaas, April Sorensen, Cindy Sime, Katie Hansen, and Ashley Kreschmar. Also thank you to Pam Hutchinson for donating a Pam Cake. We appreciate everyone's support for this year's Suits and Sneakers.



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