



Charles Mix County Commission

Colin Soukup, Chairman
Kory Standy, Vice Chairman
Nick Stotz, Commissioner

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CHARLES MIX COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – January 5, 2026

The Charles Mix County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the County Courthouse on Monday, January 5, 2026, in the Commission Room. Auditor Jason Gant opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with Commissioner Colin Soukup, Commissioner Nick Stotz, Commissioner Kory Standy, and State’s Attorney Steve Cotton present.

Commission Elections:

Auditor Gant called for nominations for Commission Chairman.

A motion by Standy and second by Stotz to nominate Soukup for Chairman. A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Soukup for Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor Gant called for nominations for Commission Vice Chairman.

A motion by Soukup and second by Stotz to nominate Standy for Vice Chairman. A motion by Soukup and second by Stotz to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Standy. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Soukup begin presiding over the meeting.

Agenda:

A motion by Soukup and second by Stotz to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2025, Board of Commissioners regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Members:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to approve the following board appointments.

Stotz to the RC & D, Lewis & Clark, Drainage, District III & E911 Boards

Soukup to ROCS, Drainage, Juvenile, Fair and Extension Boards

Standy to the Weed, Drainage & Landfill Boards

Auditor Gant as Alternate to all Boards.

All in favor, motion carried.

Newspapers:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to declare the Platte Enterprise, Charles Mix County News, Lake Andes Wave, and Wagner Post as the official newspapers for the County. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Notices:

A motion by Standy and second by Soukup to publish all public notices on the County’s website in addition to publishing in the official newspapers. All in favor, motion carried.

Mileage, Meals, & Lodging:

A motion by Soukup and second by Stotz to have the County follow SDCL 3-9 for mileage, meals, and lodging rates for travel. All in favor, motion carried.

Holidays:

A motion by Standy and second by Stotz to approve the following Holidays for 2026 when County Offices will be closed. All in favor, motion carried.

January 1 – New Year’s Day

January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr Day

February 16 – Washington’s Birthday

April 3 – Good Friday

April 6 – Easter Monday

May 25 – Memorial Day
June 19 – Juneteenth Day
July 3 – Independence Day
September 7 – Labor Day
October 12 – Native American Day
November 11 – Veteran’s Day
November 26 – Thanksgiving
November 27 – Thanksgiving
December 24 – Christmas
December 25 – Christmas
January 1, 2027 – New Year’s Day

Election Polling Locations:

A motion by Soukup and second by Stotz to approve the following Election Polling Locations for the 2026 Primary and General Elections. All in favor, motion carried.

- Precinct 01 – Wagner Armory
- Precinct 02 – Dante Church Center
- Precinct 03 – Wagner Armory
- Precinct 04 – Marty Community Building
- Precinct 05 – Lake Andes 4-H Center
- Precinct 06 – Lake Andes 4-H Center
- Precinct 07 – Pickstown Rainbow Room
- Precinct 08 – Geddes Multi-Purpose Building
- Precinct 09 – Platte Community Building
- Precinct 10 – Academy Fire Hall
- Precinct 11 – Platte Community Building
- Precinct 12 – Geddes Multi-Purpose Building
- Precinct 13 – Ravinia Fire Hall

Wage Resolution:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to adopt Wage Resolution 2026-01 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-01
2026 Wage Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Charles Mix County Board of Commissioners adopt the following wage and policy scale for Charles Mix County Employees to be effective December 21, 2025, through December 19, 2026. This Resolution, when adopted, will nullify all previous wage scales.

Assessor: Denise Weber, Director of Equalization, 83,500.56 per year; Joann Mazourek, Assistant, 26.55 per hour; Diane Von Eschen, Assistant, 23.90 per hour; Taylor DenBesten, Assistant, 22.14 per hour; Becky Meritt, Assistant, 21.68 per hour

Auditor: Jason Gant, Auditor, 90,451.66 per year; Melissa Schrader, Deputy, 27.38 per hour; Peg Avant, Administrative Assistant 21.92 per hour

County Commissioners: Nick Stotz, 17,980.82 per year; Colin Soukup, 17,980.82 per year; Kory Standy, 17,980.82 per year

Coroner: Chad Peters, 280 per case

Custodian: Randy Winckler, 31.38 per hour; Kurt Breen, Assistant, 21.35 per hour

Emergency & Disaster: Mike Kotab, Manager, 40,000.22 per year; Joel Kotab, Assistant, 20,000.24 per year

Extension/4-H: Jo Cee Feddersen, Administrative Assistant, 22.71 per hour; Fair Board Members, 100.00 per meeting plus mileage

GIS Administrator: Karen Krcil, 30.23 per hour

Highway Department: Doug Cimpl, Highway Superintendent, 78,961.74 per year; Jerry Horst, Foreman, 33.13 per hour; Mike Fuchs, Foreman, 32.97 per hour; Chad Koopal, Foreman, 32.97 per hour; Nick Holter, Crewman, 30.51 per hour; Rodney Wright, Crewman, 29.69 per hour; Nathan Bierman, Crewman, 26.45 per hour; David Bailey, Crewman, 23.28 per hour; Brien Roberts, Crewman, 23.28 per hour; Chance Blaha, Crewman, 23.04 per hour; Jeremy Woessner, Crewman, 22.80 per hour; Alex Fischer, Crewman, 22.58 per hour; Cydney Porter, Crewman, 22.58 per hour; Teresa Arreola, Administrative Assistant, 21.47 per hour
Jailers: Jarred Niehus, Jail Sgt, 30.47 per hour; Warren Bender, 29.50 per hour; Thomas Miller, 26.76 per hour; Kevin Oberbroeckling, 25.22 per hour; David Petrik, 25.17 per hour; Jason Robertson, 24.65 per hour; Chel Larsen, 24.81 per hour; Douglas Holter, 23.90 per hour; Cierra Keen, 24.51 per hour; Lee Porter, 23.25 per hour; Christina Habben, 23.25 per hour; Nichole Frank, 23.25 per hour; Shift differential pay – 0.50 more from 6 pm – 6 am

Nurses & WIC: Lynn Namminga, Administrative Assistant, 30.25 per hour

Registrar of Deeds: Julie Pavel, Register of Deeds, 87,689.42 per year

Sheriff Department: Randy Thaler, Sheriff, 113,575.02 per year; Derik Rolston, Chief Deputy/Investigator, 84,566.82 per year; Tanner Novak, Deputy Sgt, 32.40 per hour; Janet Budavich, Deputy, 31.48 per hour; Trevor Deurmier, Deputy, 30.41 per hour; Gage Nelson, Deputy, 30.32 per hour; Eugene Niehus, Deputy, 29.21 per hour; Peter Eng, Deputy, 29.21 per hour; Cole Menholt, Deputy, 29.50 per hour; Alex Burkel, Deputy, 29.21 per hour; Shift differential pay – 0.50 more from 6 pm – 6 am; Amanda Frandsen, Administrative Assistant, 28.30 per hour; Tina Gramkow, Administrative Assistant, 21.25 per hour
States Attorney: Steven Cotton, States Attorney, 123,622.20 per year; Craig Parkhurst, Deputy, 57,044.78 per year; Abigail Harer, Administrative Assistant, 26.77 per hour
Treasurer: Michelle Wentland, Treasurer, 89,068.20 per year; Julie Wright, Deputy, 22.15 per hour
Veteran Service Officer: Jerry Seiner, 44,593.64 per year; Karen Krcil, 1,500 per year
Weed & Pest Department: Josh Rouse, Weed Supervisor, 59,116.72 per year; Dustin Hartley, Assistant, 22.14 per hour; Weed Board Members, 100.00 per meeting plus mileage
911 Dispatchers: Paul Namminga, 31.38 per hour; Tammy DeJong, 27.45 per hour; Kevin Carda, 26.76 per hour; Shift differential pay – 0.50 more from 6 pm – 6 am
911: Randy Thaler, 911 Coordinator, 8,939.58 per year; Karen Krcil, 30.23 per hour; Board Members, 100.00 per meeting plus mileage
Election Workers: Election School, 100.00 per day; Precinct Superintendent, 400.00 per day; Precinct Worker, 350.00 per day; Absentee Board, 25.00 per hour; Election Night Worker, 25.00 per hour; Post Election Audit Board, 25.00 per hour. All plus mileage
Base Wages Full Time and Part Time:
Administrative Employees: 21.25 per hour
Highway Crewman Employees: 22.58 per hour
Sheriff Deputy – Certified: 29.21 per hour
Sheriff Deputy – Uncertified: 27.88 per hour
Jailer / 911 – Certified: 23.90 per hour
Jailer / 911 – Uncertified: 23.25 per hour
All wage scales are subject to amendment and change by the Board of Commissioners.

Highway Department:

Superintendent Doug Cimpl and Kent Austin with Loiseau Construction reviewed the advantages of full depth reclamation on existing paved roads. No action taken.

Fund Transfers:

A motion by Soukup and second by Stotz to approve Resolution 2025-12. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-12

A Resolution for Fund Transfers

Whereas, expenses were incurred by the Charles Mix County Commission due to unexpected expenses, we, the County Commission, hereby authorize the County Auditor to transfer the following Funds prior to December 31, 2025:

FROM: \$4,500 General Fund

TO: \$4,300 911 Communications Fund
\$ 200 Emergency Management Services Fund

Personnel:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to
Approve 16 hours of sick time from Rod Wright to another employee.
All in favor, motion carried.

Open Meetings Handout:

State’s Attorney Cotton reviewed and discussed the Attorney General Open Meetings handout for review by the Commission. The Commission confirmed their review with Soukup stating Yes, Standy stating Yes, and Stotz stating Yes.

Auditor Update:

Auditor Gant reviewed budget reports for 2026. No action taken.

Next Meetings:

The next Commission meetings are at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 22nd at the Courthouse and at 10:00 am on Thursday, February 12th at the Courthouse.

Adjourn:

A motion by Standy and second by Stotz to adjourn at 11:03 am until the next Regular Session Thursday, January 22nd, at 10:00 am at the Courthouse. All in favor, motion carried.



Colin Soukup, Chairman

Jason Gant, Auditor