

Charles Mix County Commission

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CHARLES MIX COUNTY Board of Commissioners Regular Session – February 19, 2026

The Charles Mix County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the County Courthouse on Thursday, February 19, 2026, in the Commission Room. Chairman Colin Soukup opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with Vice Chairman Kory Standy, Commissioner Nick Stotz, State’s Attorney Steve Cotton, and Auditor Jason Gant present.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2026, Board of Commissioners regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

No bills for this meeting.

Highway Department:

Superintendent Doug Cimpl reviewed bridge repairs, Golden West request, Wahehe bridge, and resurfacing Geddes Oil Road. No action taken.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Mike Kotab and Assistant Director Joel Kotab discussed the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan update scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 9am at the Courthouse in the Commission Room. No action taken.

Personnel:

A motion by Standy and second by Stotz to

Approve Joel Kotab as Director of Emergency Management effective 2/15

Approve Mike Kotab as Assistant Director of Emergency Management effective 2/15

All in favor, motion carried.

Department of Legislative Audit:

Auditor Toby Qualm discussed the 2023-2024 audit. Various questions were asked by the public.

State’s Attorney:

State’s Attorney Cotton discussed adding public comments to the agenda, Golden West resolution and Randall Water letter.

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Resolution:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to approve Resolution 2026-03. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2026-03

Resolution for Use of Public Right-of-Way

By Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES MIX COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC UTILITY TO OCCUPY THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN CHARLES MIX COUNTY AND GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.

WHEREAS, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (“Golden West”) is a telecommunications company providing telecommunications services in Charles Mix County, as such terms are used and defined in SDCL Chapter 49-31;

WHEREAS, in the provision of its telecommunications services, Golden West makes use of the public right-of-way in Charles Mix County for the placement and installation of its cables, wires, and other related and ancillary facilities and equipment;

WHEREAS, Golden West desires to upgrade portions of its existing telecommunications network from copper wire to fiber-optic cable in order to improve and enhance the level of telecommunications services available in Charles Mix County and requires access to the County's public rights-of-way for such purposes (the "Project");

WHEREAS, in contemplation of the Project, Golden West has filed three Applications for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways each dated February 12, 2026 with the Charles Mix County Highway Department, each of which applications includes a map depicting the County roadways which will be affected by the Project. True and correct copies of the applications as filed are attached to this Resolution and are incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the "Applications");

WHEREAS, Charles Mix County hereby permits Golden West to enter upon the County's public rights-of-way for purposes of installing, constructing, repairing, replacing, maintaining, and operating its telecommunications network as contemplated in connection with the Project;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, Golden West agrees to restore the public right-of-way to a condition which is equal or better than that which existed prior to the construction of the Project;

WHEREAS, Golden West agrees, at its own expense, to move or alter the location of its telecommunications network and facilities located in the public right-of-way if required for the maintenance, repair, or upgrade of the adjacent public roadway and the associated grading by Charles Mix County or other governmental entity;

WHEREAS, Golden West will comply with all applicable statutes, laws, and regulations relating to the safety of traffic on the adjacent roadway during the construction or maintenance of the Project;

WHEREAS, Golden West will repair any damage to the area of the public right-of-way and the adjacent roadway caused by the installation of its telecommunications facilities and equipment in the public right-of-way;

WHEREAS, Golden West will construct and install any roadway and approach crossings in the manner described in the Applications regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, Golden West agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, Charles Mix County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liabilities, or other claims of any kind or nature, which are attributable to Golden West's use or occupancy of the public right-of-way for purposes of the Project.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026.

Colin Soukup, Chairman

Kory Standy, Vice Chairman

Nick Stotz, Commissioner

Attest: Jason Gant, Auditor

Randall Community Water District Letter:

A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to approve the letter to Randall Community Water District clarifying that 402nd Avenue in Rouse Township is a current road and no vacating of road documentation has been filed with the County. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Report:

A motion by Standy and second by Stotz to approve the 2025 Annual Report. All in favor, motion carried.

SD Department of Health:

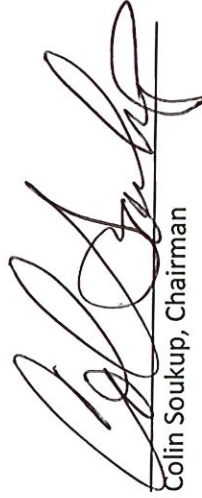
A motion by Stotz and second by Standy to approve the 2026 Department of Health contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meetings:

The next Commission meetings are at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 12th at the Courthouse and at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 26th at the Courthouse.

Adjourn:

A motion by Standy and second by Stotz to adjourn at 12:17 pm until the next Regular Session Thursday, March 12th, at 10:00 am at the Courthouse. All in favor, motion carried.



Colin Soukup, Chairman



Jason Gant, Auditor