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October 7, 2026
Regular Meeting
Slope County Commission

The meeting was called to order at 9 A.M. by Chairman Ouradnik with Commissioners Teske and Sonsalla present.

Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Kirby Baier, Slope County Superintendent of Schools, met with the commissioners to give an update on the school. The teacher from the Philippines is here. There is more scrutiny being put on the schools with 4 day weeks.

Cindy Ornsbey, Slope County Recorder, she is still working on getting a server for her office. Consolidated has quoted her $98/month for services.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, presented the investment report for September.

Commissioner Teske presented the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

"RESOLUTION"

WHEREAS, a check dated July 23, 2025, in the amount of $927.53, was issued to Rainy Butte Township, and

WHEREAS, such payment was voided due to a stale date,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a replacement check be issued in the amount of $927.53.

Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, met with the commissioners to discuss road issues. Gravel will be able to be crushed on the Horse Creek Grazing Forest Service land after a meeting with the crushers and the Forest Service. Discussion was held on potential gravel crushing at Randy Christianson's. There is more gravel available but, Randy would like more per yard. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to change the gravel purchase policy to pay $2.50 per yard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor. Also discussed was the purchase of 2 rakes at $5500 each and future gravel projects.

No one was present at the budget hearing. Having no proposed changes, Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Discussion was held on a funding request from Roosevelt Custer Regional Council. The commission will respectfully decline.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor to approve the following vouchers subject to all withholding taxes: 100.10 Bowman Ace Hardware; 688.41 Bowman Auto Parts Co; 166953.75 Brase Drilling; 1990.00 Brosz Engineering Inc; 1124.00 City of Bowman; 1640.00 City of Rhame; 165.00 Dakota Beverage Equipment Services LLC; 3018.25 Dickinson Public Library; 2171.59 Election Systems & Software; 1065.00 Energy Tech Systems; 3404.00 Fox Hills Fencing; 711.19 Mid-American Research Chemical; 450.00 National Association of Counties; 3000.00 Neal Wahl; 135.00 New Vision Security LLC; 80873.00 Northern Improvement; 328.00 Postmaster; 2350.40 Scranton Equity; 1270.21 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 1253.63 Southwest Water Authority; 153.85 The Badlands Patriot LLC; 234.80 West Plains Inc; 369.82 Westlie Motor Company; 454.91 Boss Office Products 1,712.53 Butler Machinery Company 416.05 Consolidated Telcom 807.80 Information Technology Department 16,564.84 ProPoint Cooperative 2,416.00 Southwest Multi-County Correction Center 140.47 Staples Advantage.

Discussion was held on a retirement party for Commissioner Sonsalla. Commissioners Ouradnik and Teske will provide a meat and cheese tray and the county employees will provide cookies or bars. The party will be held on November 5 from 2-4 p.m. following the commission meeting.

Commissioner Ouradnik presented a motion to appoint Colleen Germann as the State Fair Board representative for Slope County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Ouradnik presented a motion to transfer $3500 from the General Fund to the Records Preservation Fund as requested by the Slope County Recorder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske. Upon a roll call vote, Ouradnik and Teske voted Aye and Sonsalla voted Nay. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the complaints that have been received for improper election advertising by the current county recorder. Commissioner Ouradnik has talked to her and believes that she will get her information changed to comply with the law.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 A.M.

Scott Ouradnik, Chairman
Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor