

County Commissioner's Special

Meeting September 22, 2026

The board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Shannon Dieterle, Sandra Felchle and Roddy Schilling. Others present were: Corey Lutt, Casey Lutt, Darin Frueh, Luke Peterson, Kyle & Kristi Jensen, Pat & Sheila Faul, Melissa Pfennig, Jaiden Bauer, Gerald Spear, Doc Kitto, Todd Lasher, Tracy Stein, Levi & Jess Boehm, Lori Hollenbeck, Steve Eisenbeisz, Robin and Christine Peterson, Robin Bauer, Tristan Thompson, Trent Naser, Scott Spear, Connie Werth, Melissa Lauer, Brenda & Kerry Dockter, Darci Gahner, Neil Martwick, Roberta Hunt, Amanda Saueressig, Lee Wahl, Samantha Roubal Brandon Lauer, Teresa Naser, Chris & Nadine Tedford, Bill Voegelé, Teresa Risovi, Shelby Faul and Ladd Erickson. The meeting was moved to the Courtroom due to large number of attendance of the public and the Community Room flooring was being repaired.

Chairman Dieterle reported for the record that the previous County Park meeting prior to this special County Commission meeting was held at Hoffer Lake Recreation to conduct a walk thru inspection on the new paved road and was found satisfactory. An agreement will be sent next month from the Federal Highway Adm. signing off on the project. Dieterle asked the public if there were any questions on that road project. No questions were given.

Dieterle stated the purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the new year policing contract with the McClusky City Council, consider filling vacant Deputy Sheriff position and finalize the Preliminary County Budget for 2027.

Dieterle requested the City of McClusky representatives to come

forward to present the City of McClusky budget to cut in half the City policing contract amount, but are open to negotiations. Dieterle read out loud the County/City policing contract. Samantha Roubal, Mayor, and Lee Wahl, Council member, stated the City of McClusky is suggesting to eliminate the task force amount and equipment amount and split total amount in half.

States Attorney, Ladd Erickson, suggested to the board to reject the County/City policing contract if only half the contract payment amount is not there. The Sheriff's dept. can not operate on less or 2.75 officers and the other main problem is the timeframe of changing the County/City Policing contract amount right before budget hearings are set is not acceptable. Changes need to be considered with the County/City policing agreement in June a couple of months prior to the budgeting process.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, stated by cutting the policing contract in half will only allow 6% of the Deputies time that will set them up for failure to do their job.

Sandra Felchle asked Naser if the majority of the policing contract is for patrolling for the City or enforcing the City's ordinances. Naser stated patrolling is the majority of time spent for the policing contract.

Public comment/questions were opened up to the floor for 5 minutes each or less at this time. Many comments/questions were stated.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to reject the policing contract with the City of McClusky, seconded by County Commissioner Felchle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

McClusky City Mayor, Roubal asked what does McClusky City do now for policing. Erickson suggested he can help go thru their budget upon contacting the City Attorney if that was ok and have a special City meeting to cut other line items.

Naser read part of the letter that he sent to the County Commissioners in April where he requested a 20%

increase in pay for the 2027 budget and that he is not the highest paid elected official in the County. Naser also requested that Carson Kraemer be re-hired.

All County salaries were discussed with requests to have adjustments be made, however; with the year-end balance (reserve) decreasing so much from prior years, salary adjustments can't be done at this time.

Erickson recommended to the board to consider a motion if the City of McClusky approves the full amount of the policing contract for 2027 then the vacant Deputy position would be hired.

The COPS grant for the School Resource Officer was reviewed also. The McClusky-Goodrich School did not pay anything towards the School Resource Officer as first agreed. For 2027 year McClusky-Goodrich School has received a Title 1 grant for SRO services in the total amount of \$23,513.00 that will help with Sheriff's Dept expenses.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to make a motion to amend the motion on the table to approve filling the vacant Deputy Sheriff position contingent on the City of McClusky approving the full amount of the policing contract, seconded by County Commissioner Felchle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to second the original motion, no further discussion. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

A special meeting will be held October 2nd, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. to finalize the County Preliminary Budget meeting.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to adjourn the meeting, seconded by County Commissioner Felchle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

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