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MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONDUCTS ITS FIRST MEETING OF 2026

Sioux Falls, SD – The Minnehaha County Commission conducted its first official meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The Commission elects its Chair and Vice-Chair annually at this meeting. Commissioner Karsky was elected to serve as Chair and Commissioner Bleyenberg to serve as Vice-Chair.

Commissioner salaries increased 10.75% to \$40,268.80, reflective of recommendations from the 2025 compensation and benefits study. The Commission Chair receives an additional \$1,518.40 and the Vice-Chair receives an additional \$1,019.20. The additional pay for the Vice-Chair is new this year, in recognition of their additional duties.

The Commission also designated the official county newspapers for 2026. It is required by SDCL 7-18-3 to designate at least three legal newspapers, but the Minnehaha County Commission has designated four legal newspapers since 2019. Brandon Valley Journal, Garretson Gazette, Minnehaha Messenger, and The Dakota Scout were designated as the 2026 legal newspapers for Minnehaha County.

In addition to these actions, Dr. Kenneth Snell was reappointed as the Minnehaha County Coroner. This appointment occurs on an annual basis.

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