

1. Amended Proposed Meeting Agenda

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[BID OPENING - SPECIAL MEETING AMENDED PROPOSED AGENDA 25 MAY
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1.1. Meeting Information Packet

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[RESIDENCY POLICY RESOLUTION.PDF](#)
[RESOLUTION FEE FOR LICENCE DECALS.PDF](#)



LAWRENCE COUNTY

SOUTH DAKOTA

"Where Beauty and Adventure Meet"

Lawrence County Commission Agenda
Commission Room ~ 90 Sherman Street,
Deadwood, South Dakota
Wednesday, May 25, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

1:00 p.m. ~ Call Meeting to Order



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - *I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

~ General/Pending Business

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve Agenda Declare Conflicts Resolution #2022-15, A Resolution Amending the County Residency Policy Resolution #2022-19, A Resolution Amending State Law To Update Additional Charges Allowed For Mailing Decals and Plates

~ Tony Vie, Elevatus Architecture

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION: Public Safety and Service Center Project Bid Opening

1:15 p.m. ~ Items from the Public

BOARD DISCUSSION: Items raised by the public for discussion (3 minute limit per person. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman)

1:30 p.m. ~ Items From Commissioners

BOARD DISCUSSION: Items raised by commissioners for discussion/Committee reports

1:45 p.m. ~ Adjourn

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION: Adjourn

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* Times are approximate. Agenda subject to change as announced at the start of the meeting.

** Next Regular County Commission Meeting: June 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

*** Special County Commission Meeting: May 31, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. (Award bid for Public Safety and Service Center Project)

Version date: 05/06/2022

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LAWRENCE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2022-15
AMENDMENT #2
LAWRENCE COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Commissioners have adopted the Lawrence County Personnel Manual to establish a fair system of personnel administration; and

WHEREAS, updates need to be made to the manual to ensure the fair and equitable system is updated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective June 14, 2022 and upon favorable passage of this resolution and until otherwise revised, the following revision is hereby adopted for

ARTICLE II
GENERAL POLICIES

2.12) RESIDENCY: Generally, County employees will not be subject to a residency policy, however certain positions with the County require residency within the County to include: elected officials, department heads, employees who drive a county vehicle to and from work.

The County Commission may issue such waivers on a case-by-by case basis upon a finding of special circumstances existing warranting a waiver.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2022.

FOR THE BOARD:

Randall Rosenau, Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda McGruder, Auditor

LAWRENCE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2022-19

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING CURRENT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
LAW 8 32-5-127 TO UPDATE ADDITIONAL CHARGES ALLOWED FOR MAILING
DECALS AND PLATES**

WHEREAS, SDCL §32-5-127 states "in addition to the registration fees required by this chapter, the department or county treasurer shall collect from the owner one dollar per decal or set of decals and five dollars per license plate or set of plates when decals and plates are sent to the owner through the mail."; and

WHEREAS, SDCL §32-5-127 was last amended by the Legislature in 2009 and the cost of sending decals and plates thru the United States Postal Service has increased significantly since; and

WHEREAS, as an example, the cost of mailing out a flat rate priority envelope has increased by 81% since 2009. The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) completed its years-long review and deemed the existing rate-setting system inadequate. The recent PRC ruling provides the Postal Service more rate authority when establishing prices for mailing services, providing them the ability to adjust prices based on declining mail volumes and growing logistics costs; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service proposed dominant price changes were developed in light of the recent ruling and are a major component of the Delivering for America 10-year plan which allows for a review and adjustment of market dominant prices twice per year in January and July; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way citizens conduct business in general which has also resulted in an increase in the number of decals and plates being mailed to owners; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is an open registration state therefore the number of decals and plates being mailed out to owners each year continues to steadily increase; and

WHEREAS, the current charges allowed per SDCL §32-5-127 are not sufficient enough to cover the actual cost of the mailing (postage), the cost of the envelopes, labels, ink, etc. and the

difference is being passed on to the other property tax payers in the Counties; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2021, Lawrence County had 53,366 registrations which includes non commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota will be issuing new license plates in 2023 and the numbers of plates that will be sent to the owners thru the mail will continue to further the negative financial impact on Counties and taxpayers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that SDCL §32-5-127 be amended to read as follows:

"In addition to the registration fees required by this chapter, the department or county treasurer shall collect from the owner two dollars per decal or set of decals plus a one dollar handling fee and ten dollars per license plate or set of plates plus a two dollar handling fee when decals and plates are sent to the owner through the mail in order to cover the actual cost of postage and handling."

Dated this 25th day of May, 2022.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda McGruder, Auditor