

October 27, 2025

The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in special session on October 27, 2025, in the Miner County Courthouse Commission Room. Members present: Joe Bechen, Tim Neises, Kari Jo Carlson and Mike Clary. Members absent (for the first half of the meeting): Kathy Faber. Others present at the meeting were Colonial Life representatives Cody Oien and Dominic Antrobus, Miner Insurance agent Curt Neises, Sheriff Rob Eggert, Director of 911 & Dispatch Services, Cora Schwader, Highway Clerk Amie Kidd, Deputy Auditor Justin Brandsma, Custodian Lori Kiehl and Director of Equalization Tami Severson.

Chairman Bechen called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Neises and carried to approve the agenda, as presented. The minutes of the October 21st meeting were approved. No report of meetings attended. No one appeared for public comment.

Motion by Neises, seconded by Clary, and carried to pay the following claims: Co Employee \$172.27 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT; James Valley Landscape \$144.50 REPAIRS; McLeod's \$492.36, Quill \$14.58 SUPPLIES; Northwestern Energy \$31.41 UTILITIES.

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Oldham-Ramona-Rutland Dissolution Plan from the SD Dept. of Education.

Motion by Carlson, second by Clary, and passed to authorize Auditor Mommaerts to sign the contract for migration to a .gov website through SecureSD.

Two quotes for property & liability insurance have been received, one from Miner Insurance and one from the SDPAA. Curt Neises was present on behalf of Miner Insurance. Comparing the two coverages is difficult due to how differently claims would be handled. The different insurance structures were discussed. Sheriff Eggert spoke on behalf of the resources provided when the county is insured through SDPAA. There was a concern with valuations potentially going up and changing the quote for SDPAA; Carlson will contact Lynn Bren of SDPAA to discuss. Motion by Neises, second by Faber and carried to postpone the decision until November 4th.

Colonial Life benefits were discussed. Cody Oien and Dominic Antrobus were present on behalf of Colonial Life. Motion by Carlson to change the county-paid life insurance & AD&D \$25,000 policy from Reliance to Colonial Life and offer Colonial Life insurance package to employees, effective January 1st. Clary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned until November 4th, 2025. Dated this 27th day of October 2025.

Joe Bechen, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, Miner County Auditor