

# SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## Friday, May 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CT

Becker-Hansen Building/Commission Room - 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

**COMMISSIONER PRESENT:** Rick Vallery

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Austin Simons, Chairman  
Chris Frick, Vice-chairman  
Lynn Jensen  
Jaf Karim  
Larry Nelson  
Don Roby  
Ron Rosenboom  
Mike Vehle

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Karla Engle, Mark Leiferman, Sam Weisgram, Becky Hoffman and Kari Kroll

### DOT STAFF PRESENT

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Joel Jundt and Mike Behm

### OTHERS PRESENT

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Jason Reaves – South Dakota Chapter/American Concrete Pavement Association and Toby Crow- Association of General Contractors (AGC)

Chairman Austin Simons called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 9:00 a.m. CT. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

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Simons opened the floor to the Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waiver pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapter 3 – 23.

No members of the Commission disclosed a conflict or requested a waiver.

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Simons asked for a motion to approve the April 23, 2026 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vehle and seconded by Roby to approve the April 23, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Simons opened the floor to public input.

No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

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Sam Weisgram, Office of Project Development, presented to the Commission the following bid letting results:

May 6, 2026

**Modify Intersection & Lighting**

1	08LL PH 0014(257)10 TRU-FORM CONSTRUCTION, INC. US14 EL & WL - Jct of Old US14 in Spearfish	Lawrence County \$1,308,932.10
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**Centerline Rumble Stripes**

2	09UT PH 0020(245) Aurora, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Gregory, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, Sanborn, Turner, Union County Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC Mitchell Region	\$911,138.40
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**Cold Milling, Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing, Pipe Work and Intersection Improvements**

3	067V, 06D1, 06D8 NH-PT 0018(222)311, NH 0281(122)0, P 0043(26)0 SPENCER QUARRIES INCORPORATED US18 - Fm W of SD43 to US281; US281 - Fm the NE State Line to the Jct with US18; SD43 - Fm the NE State Line to the Jct with US18	Gregory County \$13,487,504.59
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**LSDC Overlay, Approach Rail, Approach Surfacing, Bridge Rail, Curb Repair, End Blocks**

4	08K8 NH 0281(129)79 BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC. US281 - 8.5 N of I90 over W Br Firesteel Ck	Aurora County \$538,373.10
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**Pavement Restoration, CRC & NRC Concrete Repairs, Spall Repair, Sealing, Stitching, Tie Bar Retrofit**

5	09X5 IM-P 0022(103) BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC. Various Locations in the Sioux Falls Area	Lincoln, Minnehaha County \$2,390,000.00
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**Asphalt Surface Treatment**

6	09WN NH-P 0013(173) BITUMINOUS PAVING, INC. Various Locations in the Huron Area	Beadle, Buffalo, Clark, Hand, Hyde, Spink County \$4,547,617.84
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**Asphalt Surface Treatment**

7      09WX NH-P 0023(73)      Clay, Hutchinson, Yankton County  
The Road Guy Construction Company Inc      \$2,356,225.85  
Various Locations in the Yankton Area

**Rout & Seal**

10      09WJ P 0033(48)      Mellette County  
Highway Improvement, Inc      \$71,607.80  
Various Locations in the Winner Area

**Crack Leveling**

11      09X1 NH-P 0012(329)      Brookings County  
Journey Group Companies      \$249,130.45  
Various Locations in the Watertown Area

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Roby and seconded by Jensen to approve bids #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Asphalt Surface Treatment**

8      09WW NH 0033(49)      Tripp County  
BITUMINOUS PAVING, INC.      \$231,499.90  
US 18 from Winner to 1 mile east of Colome

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Frick and seconded by Vallery to approve bid #8. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Rout & Seal**

9      09WH NH-P 0012(328)      Brookings, Clark, Codington, Hamlin, Kingsbury County  
Z AND Z SEAL COATING INC      \$288,272.03  
Various Locations in the Watertown Area

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vehle and seconded by Rosenboom to approve bid #9. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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**Mowing & Weed Spraying**

1      00SW(00)7, 8, 9 & 000I, P, N-271      Turner County  
Midwest Constructors      \$512,723.49  
Turner County VS1 Site

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vallery and seconded by Frick to reject this bid. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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**PCC Shared Use Path**

2 09QN P TAPR(59) Moody County  
Timmons Construction, Inc. \$393,455.26  
Flandreau - Along 480th Ave fm the Path at Royal River Casino to W 3rd Ave, Along W 3rd Ave fm  
480th Ave to W Pipestone Ave, Along W Piepestone Ave to Industrial Park Rd

**Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing of Bridge Decks & Approaches**

3 0952 IM 0020(239) Lincoln County  
DOUBLE H PAVING, INC \$222,694.88  
Various Locations Throughout the Mitchell Region

**Rout & Seal**

6 09WD NH-P 0021(190) Buffalo, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Minnehaha County  
Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance \$773,330.67  
Various Locations in the Mitchell Area

**Rout & Seal**

7 09WC NH-P 0013(172) Hand, Kingsbury County  
Roadway Services, Inc. \$58,547.28  
Various Locations in the Huron Area

**Crack Leveling**

8 0AA9 NH 0033(50) Bennett County  
Highway Improvement, Inc \$157,111.05  
Various Locations in the Winner Area

**Pavement Markings**

9 07XA PH 000S(448) Pennington County  
Traffic Services Company LLC \$231,772.90  
Various locations on the local system in the Rapid City Region

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jensen and seconded by Roby to approve bids # 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Grading, Structures (6x6 CIP or Precast, 2-10x6 CIP, 3-10x4 Precast, 7x6 CIP or Precast, 242'-6" Prestressed Girder, 64' Prestressed Girder, 10x10 CIP or Precast, 3-12x5 CIP), PCC Surfacing, Asphalt Concrete Surfacing**

1 034J, 0A9K IM-CR-EM 0901(187)44 Meade County  
HEAVY CONSTRUCTORS, INC. \$77,697,290.36  
190 E & W - Fm E of Exit 44 to W of Exit 48; Exit 46 (Elk Creek Rd)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vehle and seconded by Rosenboom to approve bid #1. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Asphalt Surface Treatment**

4 09WP IM-P 0021(191) Aurora, Brule, Davison, Gregory, Hanson, Lyman, McCook County  
BITUMINOUS PAVING, INC. \$6,121,162.94  
Various Locations in the Mitchell Area

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Roby and seconded by Rosenboom to approve bid #4. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Asphalt Surface Treatment**

5 09WV IM-NH-P 0012(332) Brookings, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Moody,  
Roberts County  
BITUMINOUS PAVING, INC. \$4,278,173.55  
Various Locations in the Watertown Area

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Vallery and seconded by Karim to approve bid #5. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Secretary Jundt noted that project #1 from the May 13, 2026 bid letting is the highest dollar amount awarded for a highway or bridge construction project in the history of the Department of Transportation.

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With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Simons declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m. CT.