

SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CDT

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Mike Behm, Karla Engle, Mark Leiferman, Sam Weisgram, and Kari Kroll

DOT STAFF PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Craig Smith and Travis Dressen

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: 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.

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.

Simons asked for a motion to approve the September 10, 2026 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vehle and seconded by Rosenboom to approve the September 10, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Simons asked for a motion to approve the September 22 - 23, 2026 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vallery and seconded by Vehle to approve the September 22 - 23, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Simons opened the floor to public input.

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

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

October 7, 2026

Interstate Fence

1	OACX IM 0902(194)109	Pennington County
	Nespor Fence	\$446,720.00
	I90 W – Fm Exit 107 (Cedar Butte Rd) to Exit 131 (SD240)	

Cold Milling, Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing & Signing

2	07YY NH 0212(213)282	Faulk, Spink County
	Asphalt Paving & Materials Company	\$10,643,089.02
	US212 - Fm Orient Corner E to Redfield	

Cold Milling, Asphalt Concrete Resurfacing, Modify Intersection, Structure (10x4 Precast RCBC) & Pipe Work

3	06R5 NH-P 0044(232)377	Hutchinson, Turner County
	KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST LLC	\$3,288,364.41
	SD44 - Fm US81 to Marion	

Structure (116'-6" Prestressed Girder) & Approach Grading, Asphalt Concrete Surfacing

4	05H1 NH-B 0212(194)266	Faulk County
	Journey Group Companies	\$5,089,022.00
	US212 - Fm 1 W of Faulkton to Airport Rd	

Structure (4-12x12 CIP RCBC) & Approach Grading

5	09MQ BRO-B 8058(34)	Spink County
	BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$944,914.50
	Structure 1 W & 3.2 N of Bloomfield on 405 Ave over Foster Ck, SN 58-290-388	

Structure (2-12x8 Precast RCBC) & Approach Grading

6	09MR BRO-B 8026(37)	Grant County
	Stateline Excavating LLC	\$523,975.75
	Structure 3.7 W & 2 S of Albee on 163 St over the South Fork of the Yellow Bank Rv, SN 26-293-210	

Replace Joints (Asphalt Concrete Bridge Joints)

7	09DX P 0044(243)70	Pennington County
	Corr Construction Services, Inc	\$110,151.55
	SD44 - 6.3 SE of Farmingdale	

Construct Median & Ramp Crossovers

8	09TY IM 0292(100)55	Lincoln County
	MIDLAND CONTRACTING, INC	\$1,995,850.60
	I29 - Exit 56 (Fairview) Interchange; I29 - 0.7 S of Exit 62 (US18E); I29 - 3.7 N of Exit 47 (SD46)	

Interchange Lighting

9	0A9V IM 0295(50)132	Brookings County
	Builders Electric	\$317,238.44
	I29 - Exit 132 (US14 Brookings)	

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jensen and seconded by Frick to approve all the bids presented. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Simons declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m. CT.