

SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CDT

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

COMMISSIONER PRESENT: Rick Vallery

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

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

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Karla Engle, Mark Peterson, and Ryan Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jeremy Martinez

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.

Simons disclosed a potential conflict of interest on Item #5 of Attachment #1. Simons has previously disclosed the matters which form the basis for the potential conflict of interest and the Commission has granted a waiver of that potential conflict of interest. Simons stated he plans to recuse himself from the discussion and vote on Item #5 of Attachment #1.

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

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:

April 1, 2026

Box Culvert Extensions (2-8x3 CIP, 9x9 CIP, 2-10x5 CIP, 8x8 CIP, 10x8 CIP)

2	034U IM 0907(77)309	Aurora, Davison County
	Hollaway Bridge and Culvert, Inc	\$1,199,661.50
	190 E & W - 0.9 W, 0.6 E of Exit 310 (US281), 1.7 W, 0.8 W of the Aurora/Davison Co Line, 0.3 E of Exit 325 (Betts Rd)	

Structure Removal (31' Reinforced Concrete Bridge)

3	09M3 BRO-B 8042(54)	Lincoln County
	Hollaway Bridge and Culvert, Inc	\$43,308.00
	Structure 6 miles W & 2.5 miles N of Beresford on 465 Ave over Blind Ck, SN 42-010-265	

Asphalt Surface Treatment

6	09WT P 0041(187)	Pennington County
	Simon Contractors of South Dakota, Inc.	\$1,173,247.25
	Various Locations in the Rapid City Area	

Rout & Seal

7	09WK IM-NH-P 0023(72)	Bon Homme, Hutchinson, Union County
	Highway Improvement, Inc	\$232,380.83
	Various Locations in the Yankton Area	

Corridor Signing

8	04H0 PH 0030(19)	Jackson, Jones, Lyman County
	BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$2,427,000.00
	Pierre Region	

Median Cable Barrier

9	08Q8 PH 0022(443)	Lincoln, Minnehaha County
	BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$5,095,000.00
	I29- Fm I90 to 1 mile S of Exit 68	

Durable Pavement Markings

10	06TG, 07XC PH 0010(176), PH 0010(179)	Brookings County
	SIR LINES-A-LOT, LLC DBA DAKOTA TRAFFIC SERVICES	\$381,370.00
	Various locations on the State System in the Aberdeen Region	

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

Asphalt Concrete Bridge Resurfacing, Joint Repair & Bridge Repair

1	0A46, I6YH P 0016(110)59, 016AW-468	Pennington County
	Simon Contractors of South Dakota, Inc.	\$401,259.00
	US16A E & W - At the Keystone Interchange	

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

Chairman Simons handed the gavel to Vice-chairman Chris Frick and recused himself from the discussion and vote of the following bid item.

Asphalt Surface Treatment

5	09WQ NH-P 0032(48)	Dewey, Edmunds, Walworth, Ziebach County
	Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc.	\$3,335,164.09
	Various Locations in the Mobridge Area	

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vallery and seconded by Vehle to approve bid #5. All present voted aye by roll call vote, except Simons who recused himself. The motion carried.

Chairman Simons returned to preside over further business of the Commission.

Weisgram shared that bid #4 is still under review and will be presented to the Commission at the April 23, 2026 meeting.

Pipe Work

4	095A NH-P 0031(57)	Haakon, Jackson, Stanley County
	A-G-E Corporation	\$3,750,258.53
	Various Locations Throughout the Pierre Area	

Director Mike Behm, Division of Planning & Engineering, addressed the Commission with a request to change the scheduled May 14, 2026 conference call meeting to May 15, 2026 at 9 a.m. CT. This change would accommodate a second letting that has been added for May 13, 2026.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jensen and seconded by Rosenboom to reschedule the May 14, 2026 conference call meeting to May 15, 2026 at 9 a.m. CT. 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 9:11 a.m. CT.