

Minnehaha County Commission Approves Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

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Sioux Falls, SD – The Minnehaha County Commission approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026), following a series of budget meetings and public hearings. The total budget, excluding interfund transfers, is \$132,633,413, which is a 1.5% increase from the FY 2025 budget. The budget was developed under a strategy that sought to limit the growth of County expenses without sacrificing the high-quality services residents rely on and State Law requires. No new opt out is levied in the FY 2026 Budget.

“Once again, Minnehaha County’s budget demonstrates the Commission’s continued commitment to delivering high-quality, required services in a fiscally prudent manner,” said Chair Dean Karsky. “It’s a realistic budget that fully recognizes the inescapable fiscal pressures of providing for public safety and justice, maintaining and constructing our road network, and preparing for the future through smart capital improvements.”

The \$132,633,413 FY 2026 Budget is distributed across 15 separate funds – the General, Library, Building, Fire, and Bond Redemption funds are the only funds that receive financing through property taxes which represent 58% of all revenues received by the County. Other major revenue sources include back taxes, wheel taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for goods and services, fines and forfeits, interest, licenses and permits, and use of cash reserves.

Other Highlights of the FY 2026 Budget:

- \$73.9M for critical public safety and justice needs like law enforcement, public defense, emergency management and communications services, and juvenile justice.
- \$16.8M for the maintenance and construction of nearly 350 miles of County roads and 200 bridges.
- County levies for the General, Building, and Bond Redemption Funds total 2.933, which is the lowest County levy rate since 2012 and is a 1.25% decrease from FY2025.
- Seven new positions were approved: two deputy attorneys each within both the State’s Attorney and Public Defender Offices; one deputy attorney within the Public Advocate Office; and two Correctional Officers.

For more information and to view FY 2026 Budget documents go to <https://budget.minnehahacounty.gov>.



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