

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06-1

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING REIMBURSEMENT TO YANKTON COUNTY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS HEARINGS INVOLVING BUFFALO COUNTY RESIDENTS FOUND WITHIN YANKTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to South Dakota law, each county is served by a county board of mental illness, and such boards have jurisdiction over commitment, treatment, and safekeeping proceedings for persons subject to involuntary mental illness proceedings; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota law provides that emergency mental illness proceedings are initiated through the county board of mental illness in the county where the allegedly mentally ill person is found, and hearings may be conducted at the South Dakota Human Services Center or other appropriate facility in Yankton County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, residents of Buffalo County, South Dakota may be found within Yankton County, South Dakota, or may be transported to or located at facilities within Yankton County in connection with emergency mental illness proceedings, commitment hearings, review hearings, or related proceedings under SDCL Title 27A; and

WHEREAS, the Yankton County Board of Mental Illness may be required to conduct hearings or related proceedings for persons who are residents of Buffalo County when such persons are found within Yankton County or are otherwise subject to proceedings conducted in Yankton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Buffalo County finds it appropriate and in the public interest to certify that Buffalo County will reimburse Yankton County for the lawful and reasonable costs assessed by Yankton County for mental illness hearings conducted by the Yankton County Board of Mental Illness for residents of Buffalo County, subject to proper billing and verification; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Buffalo County, South Dakota, as follows:

1. Buffalo County hereby certifies that it will reimburse Yankton County, South Dakota, for lawful and reasonable costs charged by Yankton County for mental illness hearings and related proceedings conducted by the Yankton County Board of Mental Illness for any person who is a resident of Buffalo County and who is found within Yankton County, South Dakota, or whose hearing is otherwise conducted in Yankton County under applicable South Dakota law.

2. Reimbursement under this Resolution shall be made upon receipt of an invoice, statement, or other documentation from Yankton County identifying the proceeding, the person involved, the basis for Buffalo County residency, the date of the hearing or proceeding, and the amount charged.

3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as waiving Buffalo County's right to review any invoice or charge for accuracy, lawful authority, reasonableness, residency, duplication, or proper allocation of costs.

4. The Buffalo County Auditor, State's Attorney, and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners are authorized to take such ministerial actions as may be necessary to process, verify, and pay approved reimbursement requests consistent with this Resolution and applicable law.

5. This Resolution shall remain in effect unless and until amended or rescinded by further action of the Board of County Commissioners of Buffalo County, South Dakota.

Dated this 7 day of July, 2026

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

by


Chair, Buffalo County Board of County
Commissioners

ATTEST:

by


Buffalo County Auditor