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Minnehaha County Commission Approves Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Sioux Falls, South Dakota – The Minnehaha County Commission approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY 2027), following a series of budget meetings and public hearings. The total budget, excluding interfund transfers, is \$144,605,790.

“One of the takeaways for Minnehaha County is the stability, that the levy rate is stable over the years, and we have emphasized that predictability to the taxpayers,” Commissioner Joe Kippley said. “I think we can take pride that we have funded our missions and our core functions at the county while giving predictability to the taxpayers.”

The \$144,605,790 FY 2027 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. FY 2027 property tax revenues include \$3.5M in additional opt out which partially replaces expiring opt outs. Other revenue sources include back taxes, wheel taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for goods and services, fines and forfeits, interest, licenses and permits, and the planned use of cash reserves.

Other Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget include:

- \$74.8M for critical public safety and justice needs like law enforcement, public defense, emergency management and communications services, and juvenile justice. These expenses are approximately 72.8% of the total General Fund Budget.
- \$20.4M 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 2.940, which is a 0.24% increase compared to FY 2026.
- Eleven new positions were approved to include seven jail correctional officers, one investigator each for the Public Defender and Public Advocate Offices, one Deputy State’s Attorney, and one records technician for the Register of Deeds.

For more information and to view FY 2027 Budget documents, please visit <https://budget.minnehahacounty.gov>.