

IN A MINUTES NOTICE

Part four

Yankton Co. Commission lowest paid in large S.D. counties

Editor's Note: This is the fourth story in an Observer series titled "In a Minutes Notice." These articles highlight information and news value in meeting minutes and other public notices in newspapers. Part four compares Yankton County Commission pay with other counties in the state and region.



Yankton County Commission meetings are held at the Yankton County Government Center on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting at 4 p.m.

Yankton County commissioners are the lowest paid among county boards in the 12 largest counties of South Dakota.

Yankton County ranks ninth in S.D. in county population with 22,702 residents, according to 2015 census estimates. Following is a listing of the state's 12 most-populous counties ranked in order of commissioner pay:

1) Minnehaha County is the biggest county in South Dakota with 185,197 people. Minnehaha Co. commissioners are paid **\$27,019** per year. The chairman receives \$28,019.

2) Codington County is the sixth biggest county in S.D. with 27,939 people. Codington Co. commissioners are paid **\$21,500** per year. The chairman is paid \$22,700.

3) Brown County is the fourth biggest county in the state with 38,785 people. Brown Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid an annual salary of **\$21,335**.

4) Lincoln County (population 52,849) is the third biggest county in S.D.

Lincoln Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$20,900** per year.

5) Pennington Co (pop. 108,702) is the second-biggest county in the state. Pennington Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$18,000** per year.

6) Brookings County (pop. 33,897) is the fifth-biggest county in S.D. Brookings Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$17,224** per year.

7) Davison County (pop. 19,858) is the 10th-biggest county in the state. Davison Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$16,547** per year.

8) Beadle County (pop. 18,372) is the 11th biggest county in S.D. Beadle Co. commissioners are paid **\$15,796** per year. The chairman receives \$18,915.

9) Meade County (pop. 26,986) is the seventh-biggest county in the state. Meade Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$15,649** per year.

10) Hughes County (pop. 17,555) is the 12th-biggest county in the S.D. Hughes Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$15,031** per year.

11) Lawrence County (pop. 24,827) is the eighth-biggest county in the state. Lawrence Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$13,485** per year.

12) Yankton County (pop. 22,702) is the ninth-biggest county in the S.D. Yankton Co. commissioners are paid **\$12,706** per year. The chairman receives \$13,528.

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Among eight area counties, including the six

counties that touch Yankton County's borders, Yankton Co. commissioners rank fourth in annual pay. The regional list includes:

1) Cedar County, NE (population 8,711) is the fourth-biggest county in the Yankton region. Cedar Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$36,000** per year.

2) Knox County, NE (pop. 8,565) is the fifth-biggest county in the region. Knox Co. commissioners are paid **\$23,113** per year. The chairman receives \$24,313.

3) Clay County, SD (pop. 13,964) is the second-biggest county in the region. Clay Co. commissioners are paid **\$19,012** per year. The chairman is paid \$20,337.

4) Yankton County, SD (pop. 22,702) is the biggest county in the region. Yankton Co. commissioners are paid **\$12,706** per year. The chairman receives \$13,528.

5) Union County, SD (pop. 13,140) is the third-biggest county in the region. Union Co. commissioners are paid **\$11,940** per year. The chairman receives \$13,140.

6) Bon Homme County, SD (pop. 7,046) is the smallest county in the eight-county region. Bon Homme Co. commissioners are paid **\$10,200** per year. The chairman receives \$12,984.

7) Hutchinson County, SD (pop. 7,301) is the seventh-biggest county in the region. Hutchinson Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$10,000** per year.

8) Turner County, SD (pop. 8,209) is the sixth-biggest county in the region. Turner Co. commissioners, including the chairman, are paid **\$7,200** per year, plus \$45 for every meeting attended.

Note: All South Dakota counties in this story have five-person commissions. In Nebraska, Cedar County has a three-person commission and Knox County is governed by a seven-person board of supervisors.

Sources: January 2017 meeting minutes of the 19 counties included in this article.

GIVE 5, CHANGE LIVES challenge

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton's mission is to change lives and improve our community by mobilizing people and resources to drive strategic impact in Education, Financial Stability, and Health.

In an effort to raise the final monies needed to reach the 2017 Community Campaign Goal, supporting over 52 local human service programs, United Way is conducting a GIVE 5, CHANGE LIVES challenge the month of March.

GIVE 5, CHANGE LIVES asks community members to give \$5 and tell 5 friends to do the same.

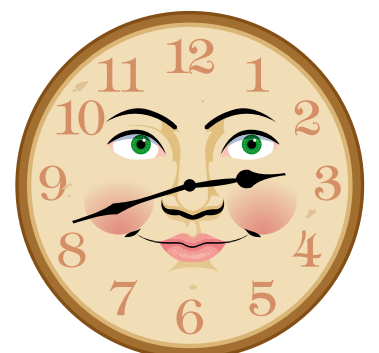
Look for United Way's GIVE 5, CHANGE LIVES challenge on social media. Start a social giving campaign, share with your friends, and help United Way reach their record breaking Community Campaign Goal. You can also text the word YANKTON to short code 41444, to be led to the United Way giving site.

Other ideas on how you or your organization can raise funds, get creative! Host an employee pizza party, a bake sale, or hold a "Jeans Day" at your place of employment during the month of March to raise funds for United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton.

For every \$5 donated, you can enter to win an iPad Mini donated by Wal-Mart. Monies raised can be brought to Yankton Hy-Vee on Thursday, March 30 and donated in your organization's name during United Way's GIVE 5, CHANGE LIVES Last Blast fundraising event.

For more information on United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton and the impact made by your donation, visit www.yanktonunitedway.org/give5changelives.

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