



Policy Update

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Summit Carbon Solutions Reapplies for North Dakota Permit and Begins Iowa Hearing

The North Dakota Public Service Commission recently denied Summit Carbon Solution's permit to transport captured carbon dioxide and permanently sequester the carbon in North Dakota. The reason Summit was denied the permit is because it had "failed to meet its burden of proof to show that the pipeline will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota." Summit is in the process of reapplying for the North Dakota permit.

This past week, Summit began its hearing with the Iowa Utilities Board (Iowa's version of the Public Utilities Commission). The public evidentiary hearing regarding the proposed pipeline will involve testimony from multiple entities, including landowners. The hearing is expected to last several weeks.

To learn more about the North Dakota Public Service Commission's decision, please click [here](#).

To learn more about the Iowa Utilities Board, please click [here](#).

Legislative Summer Study on County Funding Meets for the Third Time

The summer study on county funding and services met in Pierre for their third meeting on August 16. The goal of this study is to examine the administration and funding of certain services to be provided by county governments. In particular, the study seeks policies that encourage regionalization, consolidation, or alternate provision of services to gain efficiency for county governments and taxpayers. Revenue streams for county governments are also being discussed.

The meeting included a variety of ideas from various legislators. These ideas included shifting a portion of the state alcohol tax to counties, giving counties some of state's surplus funds each year, and allocating to counties some or all of any permanent reduction in the state sales tax. There were also ideas such as letting counties take an administrative fee for collecting and distributing property taxes and for search and rescue, giving the state more responsibility in funding for indigent legal services, and consolidation and regionalization of services. The committee will now meet at the SD Association of County Commissioners annual meeting in Sioux Falls on September 13.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Farm Bureau Hosts Forums at Dakotafest

South Dakota Farm Bureau hosted two forums at Dakotafest. On Tuesday morning, SDFB hosted a forum to highlight South Dakota's agriculture leaders. The forum included South Dakotans who serve on an agricultural organization at the national level. SDFB also hosted a Congressional forum on the upcoming Farm Bill. The panel was moderated by former Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Jaspers. South Dakota's entire Congressional Delegation was in participation.

To rewatch the forums, please click [here](#).

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