



# Policy Update

**September 22, 2023**

## **County Funding & Services Summer Study Discusses Proposals**

The County Government Funding and Services Committee met in Sioux Falls to discuss potential legislative proposals for the upcoming 2024 Legislative Session. The day was filled with public testimony from various individuals and entities as well as discussion on 22 proposals. These proposals ranged from creating an upper limit on public defender costs to creating a grant program to encourage regionalization of county services. The common theme in many of the proposals was to shift the burden of county-provided services to the State of South Dakota.

To learn more about the committee, please click [here](#).

## **Navigator CO2 Pipeline Postpones Operations in South Dakota**

Navigator CO2 Pipeline recently announced it is postponing some of its work in South Dakota and it is reallocating resources elsewhere. The company said in a statement that it is postponing some of its "right of way work in certain areas, like South Dakota and some parts of Iowa." This follows a recent permit denial from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission denied Navigator's permit on the grounds that it could not meet the statutory requirements listed below.

1. Will comply with all applicable laws and rules;
2. Will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social or economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area;
3. Will not substantially impair the health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants; and
4. Will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of the governing bodies of affected local units of government.

A written permit-denial order from the Public Utilities Commission will be due by September 26. Once the order is released, Navigator will be able to see the black and white details on how to proceed with the project.

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

## **Soybean Processing Plant Breaks Ground in Mitchell**

A new soybean processing plant recently broke ground near Mitchell. The new plant will cost approximately \$500 million to build, employ an estimated 85 full-time employees, and have a processing capacity of 35 million bushels of soybeans annually. The plant is expected to be operational by 2025. The soybean plant is a project of South Dakota Soybean Processors. South Dakota Soybean Processors already operate two processing plants in Miller and Volga.

To learn more about the project, please click [here](#).

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