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## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** January 15, 2026  
**To:** Deadwood City Commission  
**From:** Kevin Kuchenbecker, Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Officer  
**Re:** 2026 City of Deadwood Oral History Project

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The City Archives is requesting permission to hire Vicki Dar of Deadwood, South Dakota to collect and transcribe (10) oral histories as part of the 2026 City Archives budget. The Deadwood Oral History Project is in its twenty-third year and has recorded and collected 211 individual histories (attachment A). Topics include longtime residents, Deadwood High School Alumni, the advent of legalized gaming, former City and Historic Preservation commissioners, former Homestake Slime Plant employees and the development of the Michelson Trail.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their January 14, 2026 meeting and recommend approval.

**Motion:**

***Move to enter into a contract with Vicki Dar, independent contractor, to collect and transcribe (10) oral histories as part of the 2026 oral history project. The cost for this project will not exceed the amount of \$6,750.00 and will come out of the 2026 Archives budget.***