

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at 9:00 am. Chairperson DeVonne Losing called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer and Commissioner Shane Mentzer in attendance. States Attorney Koch was also present for the meeting.

Chairperson Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

No one was present during the scheduled time for public comment.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the June 3rd and the June 24th special meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$6,390,525.02; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,484,480.36; Custodial Funds - \$206,173.41 = \$10,081,178.79 total.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow the following claims:

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$2,695.56; Townships- \$8,717.92

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,616.43
	Auditor/Election	\$6,980.79
	Treasurer	\$5,904.00
	States Attorney	\$5,735.53
	Government Buildings	\$4,038.40
	Director of Equalization	\$6,364.59
	Register of Deeds	\$4,578.17
	Sheriff	\$21,706.49
	Coroner	\$107.65
	Emergency Management	\$1,735.50
	Extension	\$2,092.85
	Weed	\$3,938.70
	Road & Bridge	\$30,655.83
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	Ambulance	\$7,545.10
	24/7	\$271.03

TOTAL	\$105,481.41
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GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B	copier rental	\$317.14
A-Ox	oxygen	\$82.66
Alpena Co-op	fuel	\$6,538.48
Alternative HR	HR support	\$348.75
Amkota	supplies	\$158.92
AT&T	cell phones	\$393.95
Baker's Repair	Dixon repair	\$840.96
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$3,360.00
Blue, Wheeler & Banks	CAA fees	\$926.00
Brosz Engineering	professional fees	\$1,852.50
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
City of Huron	911 Surcharge	\$2,591.09
City of WS	utilities (\$1,016.06 reimbursed)	\$3,247.29
Core Logic	handbook	\$383.95
Diamond Mowers	parts	\$3,792.60
Employees	medical reimbursement	\$3,075.62
Henry Schein	supplies	\$152.42
Human Services Center	mental health services	\$591.90
J&M Specialties	filter	\$15.57
Katterhagen, Mark	mental illness board	\$20.00
L&M Sanitation	bill for clinic pickup- 6mo	\$900.00
Larson, Val	mental illness board	\$20.00
Lewno, Lucy	mental illness board	\$198.73
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$145.00
Lincoln County Treasurer	mental illness eval	\$256.66
Martinez, Jen	judge achievement days	\$313.96
Motor Clinic	repairs, oil change	\$250.55
McLeod's	supplies	\$44.65
NAPA Central	parts	\$173.98
PCC Ambulance Billing	monthly fees	\$1,478.24
Postmaster	PO Box rent	\$168.00
Ramkota Hotel	conference lodging	\$112.00
Reemployment Assistance	2 nd quarter payment	\$130.30
Runnings	supplies	\$177.51
Safe Place of Eastern SD	2 nd quarter apportionment	\$55.00

Sanford Medical	medical exam	\$5,004.00
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
SD Pub Health Lab	blood draw tests	\$40.00
SD Sheriff's Assoc	patches	\$41.50
SDAAO	class fees	\$500.00
Springs Food	supplies	\$16.29
Thomson Reuters	books	\$639.57
Total Oil	fuel	\$1,141.30
True Dakotan	publishing	\$307.29
True North Steel	tank	\$1,050.00
TwoTrees Technology	monthly fees, new equipment	\$3,113.50
Venture	utilities	\$1,320.89
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	supplies, subscription	\$1,041.34
Wellmark	health ins (\$2,137.38 reimbursed)	\$14,302.10
Westendorf Electric	repair lights	\$158.10
WW Tire	tire	\$857.51
Yankton County Sheriff	mental illness fees	\$50.00
TOTAL		\$62,957.85

Ryan Jensen, Parks & Rec, was available to update the board on the projects completed at the 4-H Ballfield this summer. The batting cage has been set and concrete poured in the dugouts. The committee received a grant from the Community Foundation for \$2,500 and a grant from Central Electric \$1,100. The committee will be approximately \$1,380 short for paying all of the concrete work. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to cover the remainder of the concrete bill for the dugouts.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented five warrants that have been uncleared from the General account for 2 years. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve RESOLUTION 2025-10, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS ISSUED BY JERAULD COUNTY OUTSTANDING FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with SDCL 7-12-17, the board of county commissioner may, by resolution, cancel any check or warrant that has not been presented for payment at any time within two years of the date on which the check or warrant was issued and

WHEREAS, the following is a list of the checks and warrants outstanding prior to June 30, 2023 and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to cancel these items in the check register and cease to carry these as outstanding checks.

Date	Number	Name	Amount
12/29/2021	31951	Olinger, Levi	\$11.68
11/28/2022	32930	Cashman, Sara	\$122.36
2/3/2023	33145	Jerauld County Ambulance	\$215.00
3/27/2023	33323	Willman, Blake	\$11.02

3/27/2023 33337 Terkildsen, Grant \$29.38
Dated this 8th day of July 2025.

DeVonne Losing, Jerauld County Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:
Shannon Fagerhaug, Jerauld County Auditor

The commission board reviewed the Secondary Road fund. The fund has absorbed Wessington Springs Township as of July, 2024. The County is now responsible to maintain 3 townships and an additional 29 miles of road service. Due to the addition, the board would like to increase the Secondary Road Opt Out to allow the County to maintain each of the Secondary Road townships as well as possible. Moved by Hein, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve RESOLUTION # 2025-11 FOR OPT OUT. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SECONDARY ROAD – DALE, MEDIA & WESSINGTON SPRINGS TOWNSHIPS OF JERAULD COUNTY does state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$24,000.00 starting with the calendar year 2025 taxes payable in the calendar year 2026. This opt out will be for 3 years, which will be thru taxes payable in the calendar year 2028. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least two-thirds vote of the board. This opt out will REPLACE, NOT BE IN ADDITION TO, the current Secondary Road Opt Out in place. This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing board within twenty days of the first publication of this decision. Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount. Devonne Losing, Board Chairperson, Charles Bergeleen, Board Member, Walt Hein, Board Member, Fred Krohmer, Board Member, Shane Mentzer, Board Member
Dated this 5th day of July, 2023.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge. The department is almost done with ditch mowing. Brian has been looking for a replacement for the skid loader. He will present some quotes at the next meeting. The county roads have all been sprayed for weeds. There are a few townships left to complete. The board asked that the department make that a priority until all townships have been sprayed.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Coop
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.69	\$2.64
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.69	
Unleaded gas, Pump	\$3.02	
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.35	
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	\$3.30	
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.84	\$2.52

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award Bulk Ethanol Gas and #2 Dyed Diesel, Truck to Alpena Coop. All other fuel bids were awarded to Total Oil, Inc. as indicated above.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 10:40 am per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 10:55 am.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to update the board. The Ambulance policy handbook has been emailed out to all board members. They will review the policies and sign off on them at the next meeting. It was brought to Deb's attention that PCC Ambulance Billing, did not increase rates as asked earlier this year. They will be increasing them as of July 1st. The County will need to have a signed contract with Sanford and Avera in order to allow them to transfer the flight crews to and from the hospital. SA Koch will start drafting something up. The department would like to work on purchasing an Auto-lift in 2026. The board asked that Deb look into grant options and donations to achieve that. Deb will be traveling to school on July 21st-22nd. The board asked that Deb take all transfers possible to assist with revenue for the Ambulance. There have been a few crew members resign due to moving. The board asked that a plan be developed for coverage of any emergencies when one unit is on a transfer. Incentives to any new EMT trainees with a monetary reimbursement for school was also discussed.

Christina Karsky, DOE, presented a plat to the board for review. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve Plat #2025-9 High Country Wetland Easement Tract1.

RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Jerauld County, South Dakota, that the plat of HIGH COUNTRY WETLAND EASEMENT TRACT 1, A SUBDIVISION OF TE SW ¼ OF SECTION 4, T 107 N, R 64 W OF THE 5TH P.M., JERAULD COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2025.

DeVonne Losing
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson of the Board of County
Commissioners of Jerauld County

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned does hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Jerauld County, South Dakota, at a regular meeting held on July 8, 2025, approving the above-named plat.

Shannon Fagerhaug
Auditor/Deputy Auditor, Jerauld County

Christina updated the board on county sales this year.

In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had three people receiving poor relief for the month of June.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for July meetings.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a waiver for Jerauld County table usage for Leap to Lane events. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the waiver for the equipment.

The board moved to discussion on passing an opt out for the Jerauld County Ambulance service. The costs of the Ambulance have been exceeding the return on revenue and has left the County with a projected deficit by the end of this year. The board has explored the options to assist in funding the Ambulance to keep it operating for the future. With aging equipment and Ambulance units, the board will start to set aside funds for replacement costs. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve RESOLUTION # 2025-12 FOR OPT OUT. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF JERAULD COUNTY does state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$150,000.00 starting with the calendar year 2025 taxes payable in the calendar year 2026. This opt out will be for 5 years, which will be thru taxes payable in the calendar year 2030. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least two-thirds vote of the board.

The additional taxes received by the county pursuant to this opt out will be used solely for operating costs and supplies for the Jerauld County Ambulance.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing board within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

Devonne Losing, Board Chairperson, Charles Bergeleen, Board Member, Walt Hein, Board Member, Fred Krohmer, Board Member, Shane Mentzer, Board Member

Dated this 8th day of July, 2025.

Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director of SD Assoc of County Commissioners & County Officials, stopped in to update the commission board on the Fall County Convention that will be held in Pierre in September of this year. Kris also gave them a summer study and legislative update for this year. She encouraged the commissioners to reach out to their district legislators to keep them informed of Jerauld County's position on laws and county funding.

The Foothill Rodeo club had a local contractor do some updates to the crow's nest at the 4-H arena. The board was approached to consider covering half of the work, which is proposed to be approximately \$4,000 in total. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to assist with half of the payment for the crow's nest work when the invoice is submitted.

Jenny Hammrich, Third Circuit Court Administrator, had reached out to Auditor Fagerhaug to update the board on the Clerk of Court's office remodel. Since the initial approval of expenses, the original contractor could not get the materials needed. A new bid was recently submitted by a different contractor and the cost of the project has increased by approximately 3%. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the project at the increase.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board that Jerauld County will host a What's Brewing Veteran's event in the Community Room on Wednesday, July 30th. SDDVA Secretary Schneider will be available, along with other members of the SDDVA team and VSO Thomas. Look for more information in the True Dakotan soon.

Commissioner Mentzer updated the board on plans to fix the handrail on the East side of the courthouse ramp. He will reach out to a local contractor to look into the work.

Auditor Fagerhaug updated the board on surplus.

The budget requests from several entities for 2026 were presented to the board. Each request will be discussed and finalized at future budgeting meetings. The board did an initial review of the budget for 2026.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, starting at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Losing at 2:45 pm.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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