

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 am. Chairman Shane Mentzer called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, and Commissioner DeVonne Losing in attendance. Commissioner Fred Krohmer was not present for the meeting. States Attorney Dedrich Koch was also present.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

No one appeared at the designated time for public comment.

Ryan Jensen, Summer Rec Program, was present to update the board on the program. There are a few items that the ballfield is in need of this year, including agrilime and a cap on the fence around the field. Ryan stated that Woonsocket would be interested in splitting a load of agrilime with the county, someone just needs to be contacted to haul. Commissioner Hein stated that he would check into an option to haul agrilime from MN. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the purchase of half of the agrilime load and a yellow cap for the fence. Ryan will get quotes to the board and allow the county to take care of the purchasing. Ryan then reported other items that they would eventually like to have added to the ballfield. These included concrete in the dugouts and along the exterior, a cover for the bleachers, and a flagpole in center field. The board will look into options for grant money, or programs that can assist with those items, and get back to the Summer Rec Program.

Kyle Evenson, Dennis Scheel, and Reed Engle were available to represent the American Legion. Leo Channel was available to represent the VFW. Kyle reported the current status of the Legion building. Due to the situation, there are currently 10 guns that need to be stored in another location. The American Legion asked the board if they would consider storing them at the courthouse. The board said that they had spoken with law enforcement about having them located within the courthouse and it would pose a safety issue, potentially interfering with any safety inspections. The other issue would come with access to the courthouse on weekends to get the guns for funerals, etc. Commissioner Bergeleen stated that he had reached out to the museum and they were willing to store them, if need be.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the March 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,368,715.45; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,426,368.74; Ambulance Fund - \$64,615.93; Custodial Funds - \$403,167.90 = \$8,262,868.02 total.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to file the following reports and allow the following claims:

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid    Cities- \$4,400.09; Townships- \$14,724.95

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,469.90
	Auditor/Election	\$6,475.19
	Treasurer	\$6,007.42
	States Attorney	\$5,662.86
	Government Buildings	\$1,324.92
	Director of Equalization	\$5,657.30
	Register of Deeds	\$4,424.45
	Sheriff	\$21,316.80
	Coroner	\$223.80
	Extension	\$1,665.12
	Weed	\$406.50
	Road & Bridge	\$27,544.81
	9 1 1	\$218.72
	Ambulance	\$7,072.26
	24 / 7	\$392.70
	TOTAL	\$91,864.75

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	copier rental	\$210.39
A-Ox Welding	oxygen supply	\$62.47
Alpena Coop Service	fuel	\$123.99
Amkota	supplies	\$354.71
AT&T	cell phones	\$300.03
AWMMC	nurse assistance	\$389.69
B&L Communications	radio	\$607.00
B&S Services	tire repair	\$40.00
Baker's Repair	repair, oil change, batteries	\$1,541.03
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$1,235.00
Butler Machinery	parts	\$1,036.91
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	propane utilities	\$829.86
City of Huron	911 professional services	\$1,684.58
City of Huron	teleprinting services	\$770.00
City of WS	utilities - \$1,874.95 reimbursed	\$4,337.05
Connecting Point	labor, monthly fees, new pc/monitor	\$3,919.90
Employees	health reimbursement	\$2,023.06
Dakota Fluid Power	tank kit	\$709.48
Henry Schein	ambulance supplies	\$1,248.52
Horn Law Office	mentally handicapped fees	\$217.80

Humm Dinger	truck load of #2 dyed diesel	\$21,016.00
Iverson Ford	skid plate	\$131.80
Jones Supply	supplies, vacuum	\$1,288.81
K&M Tire	set of tires for Sheriff patrol	\$481.48
L&M Sanitation	2 months of service	\$200.00
Lewis Drug	prisoner care medication	\$174.57
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$139.00
Livestock Judging.com	membership, split with WS school	\$300.00
Marshall & Swift	software upgrade	\$1,259.95
McLeod's	election supplies, envelopes	\$429.78
Mid Dakota Rural Water	tower service	\$175.00
Mitchell Safehouse	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter apportionment	\$60.00
NAPA Central	supplies	\$907.58
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$133.51
PCC Ambulance Billing	monthly fees	\$1,086.04
Reemployment	reemployment assistance	\$344.89
Runnings	supplies	\$1.99
Santel	911 utilities	\$30.00
Scheel, Audra	reimbursement for travel	\$303.44
SDDOH	blood draws	\$180.00
SDDAO	2024 assessing annual conference	\$470.00
SDACO	spring conference dues	\$645.00
SD Federal Property	supplies	\$203.00
Springs Food Market	supplies	\$31.67
Steinley Real Estate	2024 Nat USPAP training	\$195.00
Titan Machinery	supplies	\$9.75
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,841.33
True Dakotan	publishing, business cards	\$1,014.41
True North Steel	RAIF culverts – Franklin 20%	\$35,652.96
True Value	supplies	\$58.45
Venture	utilities	\$1,255.72
Verizon	extension hot spot	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	supplies, dues, subscriptions	\$311.46
Wellmark	health ins - \$2,530.70 reimbursed	\$14,777.19
Westendorf Electric	repair to outlet	\$273.83
TOTAL		\$108,255.16

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

Reed Engle, Custodian, was available to update the board on county buildings. New ceiling tiles have been ordered for the Ag Building and clinic as some were destroyed by water and construction. A shed to house the skid steer and snow blower was quoted. The commissioners reviewed the quote and asked for more information. The ramp on the east side of the building needs some repair. The board asked Reed to contact Kim Baker to see if he could assist. Auditor Fagerhaug presented a quote for flooring in several areas within Horizon Clinic. The quote will assist the board with budgeting for 2025. Commissioner Bergeleen informed the board that he had been aware that the bleachers at the 4-H grounds were taken for an event and no renter agreement and certificate of insurance had been given to the board. The board asked the auditor to draft a letter and send it to all 4-H members and families to ensure everyone is aware of the new process.

Brady Younie, Highway Assistant Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge. The crew has been blading roads. Brady asked the commission board about load limits and if the posted signs could be taken down. They agreed that they could come off as of today. The board was presented the Pavement Marking Agreement from SDDOT for review. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to sign the agreement for pavement marking within Jerauld County.

Fuel bids were presented to the board:

Fuel bids:	<b>Total Oil</b>	<b>Alpena Co-op</b>
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$3.10</b>	\$3.15
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$3.10</b>	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>NA</b>	
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.80</b>	
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	<b>\$3.55</b>	
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>NA</b>	
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.12	<b>\$2.999</b>

Moved by Hein, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to award the #2 Dyed Diesel by Truck to Alpena Co-op, and all other fuel bids to Total Oil as indicated in bold above.

Wanda Tapken was present to speak with the board about an ambulance bill. The board discussed the situation with her and came to the conclusion that the hospital administrator may need to be contacted by Wanda regarding her concerns.

Lori Cowman, Director of District III, was available to update the board on the 2023 Performance Report. The board was able to discuss projects that were assisted within the county and follow up with the results. The board inquired about any assistance with ballpark improvements through District III. They were encouraged to reach out to the office to get more information.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was present to discuss the Ambulance. The Ambulance is waiting to hear on the amount of grant money assigned through the Regional Services Designation (RSD) grant. The initial ask was approximately \$130,000.00 to replace equipment. If they do not get the full amount in this first cycle, they are encouraged to reapply for the remainder. Deb presented the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) policy to the board and SA Koch for review.

Jen Fouberg, Public Health Manager, and Lacy Eaton, Jerauld County Community Health Nurse, were present to update the board on activity and answer any questions on the 2024 SDDOH contract for Community Health Services. Lacy reported that she is currently at the Community

Health Office in Wessington Springs every Thursday. She then has responsibilities to cover a region of other counties the rest of the week. She did make it clear that she is available by phone 5-days a week to all residents within her region. The board discussed the contract and the availability of services. Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to not sign the 2024 SDDOH contract for Community Health Services as it is currently written. Jen will get back with the state and have a new contract drafted with the terms that the commissioners requested.

Chairman Mentzer reported to the board that Sheriff Weber had contacted Lamb Motors to trade Deputy Krueger's Explorer in on his new patrol pickup. Lamb agreed to give a descent trade value on the Explorer, after stripping it of all equipment. The board gave Sheriff Weber authority to do the trade.

Christina Karsky, DOE, was available to complete her performance review and present the county books. DOE Karsky gave the board an update of what she had accomplished within the office since being hired and what she plans to do this year. She reported that summer help had been found and she would work with the new hire to get the required paperwork completed before the June start date. The board thanked her for the update.

At this time, the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met as Jerauld County Board of Equalization. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to convene as Jerauld County Board of Equalization. All members signed the County Board of Equalization Member Oath of Office.

DOE Karsky presented the assessment books to the board. The board was made aware that the books for Dale and Media Townships were available in her office if the board wished to look through them. No appeals were filed at the county level this year. The board was given the Appeal Process Guide from SDDOR. DOE Karsky presented the 2024 Jerauld County Averages and Summary of Values. The 2023 Rural Sales Ratio list was also available for review.

The county did have four stipulations on Wessington Springs town parcels that were resolved within the office. There was one appeal form filed at a township meeting that did not meet the deadline to file.

A total of thirty qualifying applicants, seven of which were new, for the Elderly & Disabled Assessment Freezes were presented. The assessed valuation for the qualifying properties is \$993,328. There was one applicant that missed the deadline by 1 day. This applicant has been approved for this assessment in the past. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the application. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve all Elderly & Disabled Assessment Freezes as recommended by DOE Karsky.

Seven qualifying applicants for Disable Veteran Property Tax Exemption were presented. The assessed valuation for the qualifying properties is \$683,387. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the applications as recommended by DOE Karsky.

One application for Renewable Resource Energy Credits was reviewed. The tax exemption amount is \$78,960. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the application as recommended by DOE Karsky.

One parcel will be adjusted by \$26,393 due to flooded land.

Unfactored growth for Jerauld County for 2023 pay 2024 is \$4,189,778 with \$212,760 of that in TIF #1.

There are currently Forty-Eight tax exempt organizations within the county with a total value of \$1,782,068 exempt from taxes.

Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn as Jerauld County Board of Equalization until April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and reconvene as Jerauld County Board of Commissioners.

Tara Peterson, Jerauld County Appointed Treasurer, was present to update the board on leave of absence. Treasurer Peterson first asked the board if they would want to consider adding a return check fee policy to the county policies. The board discussed this option and tabled it until the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to make a decision. Treasurer Peterson gave the board the dates of leave for herself and Deputy Treasurer Barber from July through September.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 2:18 pm for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 2:55 pm.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board that she was not aware of any staff trainings in April. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for April meetings.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a 4-H Barn Rental Agreement for a youth event. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Walt, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the rental agreement for the event.

Commissioner Bergeleen brought up the timing of reimbursement to employees for expenses. At this time, all employees are reimbursed on a monthly basis at payroll. Auditor Fagerhaug checked with a few other counties and found that one did the same process and the other county reimbursed at commissioner meetings. The board chose to table the discussion until the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a breakdown of expenses for the Jerauld County 4-H Youth Advisor to travel to Boise, Idaho for the National Conference for Extension 4-H Agents. Moved by Losing, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve Jerauld County portion of expenses for the conference.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board of a quote she received from Krohmer Plumbing for replacement filters on the new heating and cooling units. The filters are a unique size and are not readily available, which is why she had asked Krohmer's to assist with finding them. Due to the unique size, they are more expensive than a basic size. The board gave the Auditor authority to order enough of the filters to do a full replacement on all the units.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a debt collection assignment from AAA Debt Collection agency. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 3:05 pm per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to consult with legal counsel regarding debt collection. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 3:10 pm. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to proceed with debt collection efforts on the account presented.

The board will reconvene as the County Board of Equalization Tuesday, April 23, at 8:00 am.  
The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, starting at 9:00 am.

Moved by Losing, seconded by Hein, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 3:30 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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