

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. Chairperson DeVonne Losing called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, and Commissioner Fred Krohmer in attendance. Commissioner Shane Mentzer was available for the meeting by phone. States Attorney Koch was also available for the meeting.

Chairperson Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Krohmer did declare a conflict of interest regarding decisions on Emergency Management. Moved by Krohmer, 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 Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and the September 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$6,117,096.32; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$2,822,238.13; Custodial Funds - \$212,937.67 = \$9,152,272.12 total.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid    Cities- \$4,515.81; Townships- \$16,740.28

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,594.90
	Auditor/Election	\$9,262.11
	Treasurer	\$5,911.21
	States Attorney	\$5,735.52
	Director of Equalization	\$6,410.00
	Register of Deeds	\$4,578.17
	Sheriff	\$22,426.46
	Emergency Management	\$1,729.93
	Ag Building	\$4,647.11
	Extension	\$4,374.16
	Weed	\$417.26
	Road & Bridge	\$29,824.56
	9 1 1	\$210.25
	Ambulance	\$3,630.04
	24 / 7	\$135.56
	TOTAL	\$102,887.24

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B	copier rental	\$260.05
A-Ox	oxygen	\$82.66
Alpena Coop	fuel	\$6,885.07
Amkota	supplies	\$12.76
AT&T	cell phones	\$392.91
Avera Occ Med	substance abuse screening	\$88.70
Avera Weskota Mem Hosp	nurse assist	\$437.65
B&S Services	repair hose ends	\$104.10
Baker's Repair	service, tire mount, mower repair	\$2,034.21
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$1,270.00
Black Hills Land & RV	youth advisor camper for State Fair	\$1,364.95
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
City of Huron	911 Surcharge	\$2,712.12
City of WS	utilities (\$1,190.38 reimbursed)	\$4,260.02
Dakota Oil	supplies	\$1,636.12
Dept of Legislative Audit	final billing for 2022-2023 audit	\$8,554.00
Dorris, Tonya	blood draw	\$80.00
Employees	health reimbursements	\$2,002.56
FleetPride	parts	\$392.99
Holiday Inn	conference lodging	\$1,025.00
Horizon Healthcare	substance abuse screening	\$193.05
IState	supplies, parts	\$373.57
Katterhagen, Mark	mental health board	\$20.00
L&M Sanitation	2 months of service, R&B/Clinic	\$510.00
Larson, Val	mental health board	\$20.00
Lewno, Lucy	mental health board	\$198.74
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$145.00
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$22.65
PCC Ambulance Billing	service fee	\$2,272.73
Safe Place of Eastern SD	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter apportionment	\$85.00
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
Scheel, Audra	reimbursement for travel	\$365.08
SDACC	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter CLERP insurance	\$1,782.00
SDACHS	2026 Highway Superintendent dues	\$600.00
SD Dept of Health	blood lab work	\$50.00
SD Developmental Center	apportionment	\$60.00
SD Human Services Center	monthly fees	\$1,191.90

SDPAA	2026 property & liability insurance	\$70,262.71
SD Public Safety	teletype service- 6 months	\$2,340.00
SD Unemployment Insurance	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter payment	\$57.06
Springs Food Market	supplies	\$169.40
Springs Inn	LEPC meal	\$356.46
Springside Sales	mower parts	\$606.76
Syrstad, Mike	fenders for CAT	\$1,500.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$1,527.38
True Dakotan	publishing	\$675.43
Trugreen	lawn application	\$404.00
Twotrees Technology	monthly fees, labor, firewall	\$1,900.00
Venture	utilities	\$1,318.44
Verizon	utilities	\$51.62
VISA- AB&T	supplies, parts, dues, scanner	\$904.50
Wellmark	health ins (\$2,730.18 reimbursed)	\$12,554.71
Weskota Manor	maintenance/mowing	\$228.90
Westendorf Electric	disconnect work	\$212.95
Yankton County Treasurer	mental illness hearing	\$151.25
Yankton County Sheriff	serve papers	\$50.00
TOTAL		\$136,967.16

FUNDED DEPRECIATION:

Avera Weskota Med Center	grind & pave asphalt	\$7,430.85
Avera Weskota Med Center	sprinkler work	\$11,027.92
TOTAL		\$18,458.77

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

Kelly Thomas, County Health Nurse, was available to give the board her annual report. The current hours for the Jerauld County Public Health Clinic is every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 9:30am-3:30pm. RN Thomas has been completing services to include; Maternal and Child Health, immunizations, and school health activities. All visits are by appointment scheduled in advance by calling 605-353-8467. The office is available by phone at any time throughout the week.

Troy Duxbury, along with Audra Scheel, were available to represent the Old Grade Trail project team through the Chamber. Mr. Duxbury updated the board on the history of the project and the status as of now. Several pivotal parties will be in the community for the next couple of days to meet with local residents and businesses to gather their perspective of where they see the project going. Auditor Fagerhaug will be meeting with the group to represent and educate on the 4-H program at the barn/arena grounds.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge matters. Commissioner Hein approached him about holding a blading class for all employees. Brian was open to it and will further discuss details with Hein. There are several areas of concern with county

roads. Those were discussed with Brian. Brian presented a draft for an approach application. The board reviewed it and asked Brian to change a few items on the application. This will become a new process for anyone that wishes to put in an approach. The board informed Brian that he will be responsible to complete Performance Evaluations on all of his employees and recommend any pay increases to the board in December. More information will be coming out on that this month.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	<b>Total Oil, Inc.</b>	<b>Alpena Coop</b>
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$2.57</b>	
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.57</b>	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.75</b>	
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.32</b>	
#2 Clr Diesel, Truck	<b>\$3.25</b>	
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.69	<b>\$2.65</b>

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

Ann Scheel, Custodian, was available to discuss the buildings. The Ag Building roof quotes have been trickling in. Ann has received a quote from a couple of companies. The commissioners discussed the best action to take. It was decided that removing the current tin roof that is leaking and putting new tin back on would be most beneficial. The board asked that local contractors be approached for the option before final decisions are made. Ann visited with the board about the upcoming Weed & Pest grant request. The board asked her to reach out to her state contact on a few items that are needing to be replaced. The Expedition is in the shop and the outlook is not good. Ann will know more next week. The Grasshopper mower at the highway shop has been in the shop often this summer. The board asked that Ann look into mower replacements on surplus.

Sheriff Weber was available to speak with the board. The board asked that he show a presence on a few well-traveled roads where speed has become a complaint. Sheriff Weber said that he will plan to begin patrolling those areas. The board then also informed Sheriff Weber that he will be responsible to complete Performance Evaluations on his deputies and recommend any pay increases to the board in December.

DOE Karsky was available to present Resolution #2025-21 for the board to review. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, Krohmer voted nay, all other commissioners voted aye. Motion carried to approve Resolution #2025-21.

Jerauld County Commission

WHEREAS, Hebron Hutterian Brethren, Inc. desires to establish an egg grading and washing facility which has been determined will require a Solid Waste Permit from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR); and

WHEREAS, Jerauld County has conditionally approved siting the proposed facility; and

WHEREAS, the siting of this proposed facility is not in conflict with any established laws or ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Hebron Hutterian Brethren, Inc. will file a solid waste application with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR); and

WHEREAS, DANR will review that application to determine that the facility can be operated within the South Dakota laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, DANR may recommend the approval of the permit with conditions adequate to safeguard the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Minerals and Environment will review, modify, approve, or deny the permit if the tentative recommendations and/or conditions of the permit are contested by any interested party; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Jerauld County is required by South Dakota law SDCL 34A-6-103 to approve of a solid waste facility prior to the issuance of a solid waste permit;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County Commission of Jerauld County hereby approves construction and operation of the proposed facility to be operated under the terms of a solid waste permit to be issued by the Board of Minerals and Environment.

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 by the Jerauld County Commission in regular session at Wessington Springs, SD.

Signed: DeVonne Losing, Chairperson Jerauld County Commission

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Jerauld County Auditor

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a notification to the board and DOE Karsky from the DANR regarding the notice of a permit for a lagoon for the Hebron Hutterian Brethren, Inc.

Auditor Fagerhaug passed out the health insurance renewal packet for December 1, 2025-November 30, 2026. The board reviewed the plan premiums in comparison to the total on reimbursed dollars for approved medical expenses. Krohmer requested information on the low-deductible plan to compare to the current plan.

Auditor Fagerhaug passed Notes of Thanks to the board.

Eric Schroeder, EM, was available to update the board on Emergency Management. EM Schroeder has been looking into options for a mass notification system in the case of an emergency. The board asked that he get price quotes and more information about the procedure to get the system set up. Eric notified them that there would be an IMAT training in Oacoma this February. He would like them to consider sending him.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 1:40 pm for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 2:50 pm.

The Ambulance does own an outdated iPad without Wi-Fi access currently and the crew has asked for an updated option to chart while on a call. Quotes for an iPad with internet access were reviewed. The board told Eric to go ahead and order a new one. Rod Huisman had delivered receipts for EMT testing and fingerprinting that were presented to the board for reimbursement approval. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to reimburse the expenses at the next payroll.

Auditor Fagerhaug reported that she will be attending the Secretary of State Election Workshop at the end of October and will be taking Election Coordinator Natasha Waters as well. Highway Superintendent Kolousek also reported that he will be attending the SDLTAP Road Conference October 21-22. Moved by Hein, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for October meetings.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, starting at 9:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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