

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting. Chairman Shane Mentzer called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer and Commissioner DeVonne Losing in attendance. States Attorney Koch was also absent for the meeting.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Losing update the board on the interviews for Jerauld County Treasurer that took place on October 10th. Below are the minutes of that session.

Commissioner's Room

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Commissioner's in attendance: Charlie Bergeleen, Fred Krohmer, Walt Hein and DeVonne Losing. Shane Mentzer was absent.

At 5:00 p.m. the Commissioner's went into executive session to interview applicants for the Jerauld County Treasurer position. Motion by Fred Krohmer and seconded by Charlie Bergeleen.

Executive session ended at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Charlie Bergeleen to raise Julie Barber's position to \$40,000.00 per year and she would stay in the position as Deputy Treasurer and Deputy DOE. Fred Krohmer seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Motion by Walt Hein to offer Tara Peterson the position of Jerauld County Treasurer with a starting salary of \$40,000.00 per year. Starting with a six-month probationary period at 90% of the offered salary. Charlie Bergeleen seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Fred Krohmer would contact Julie Barber and he would also contact Tara Peterson.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

DeVonne Losing

Dan Kruse was available to speak with board about weed control. Dan gave an update on the problem areas that were acted upon this summer and all incidents have been resolved. Dan attended a district meeting in Mitchell with James Reiner, Jerauld County Weed Supervisor, last week. Dan also informed the board that he will be resigning from the Jerauld County Weed Board. The board thanked him for all of his years of service to the weed board.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the October 5th regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,701,090.51; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,473,203.92; Ambulance Fund - \$69,217.21; Custodial Funds - \$1,355,839.79 = \$9,599,351.43 total.

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

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,336.45
	Auditor/Election	\$6,109.71
	Treasurer	\$6,490.31
	States Attorney	\$5,105.49
	Government Buildings	\$3,745.44
	Director of Equalization	\$6,174.70
	Register of Deeds	\$4,266.86
	Sheriff	\$20,514.48
	Coroner	\$107.65
	Extension	\$1,615.55
	Weed	\$133.05
	Road & Bridge	\$26,528.03
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	Ambulance	\$9,015.75
	24 / 7	\$378.85
	TOTAL	\$93,740.96

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	copier rental	\$154.25
Alpena Coop	fuel	\$94.05
Amkota	supplies	\$372.89
AT&T	cell phones	\$299.99
Aurora County	lien satisfaction	\$688.80
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$380.00
Capital One	supplies	\$206.66
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
Child & Family Services	flu shots for employees	\$460.00
City of Huron	911 surcharge	\$1,663.71
City of Huron	teleprinting	\$770.00
City of WS	utilities (\$1,108.88 reimbursed)	\$3,820.04
Clubhouse Hotel & Suites	election school lodging	\$107.84
Connecting Point	technology support	\$682.00
Dorris, Tonya	blood draws	\$80.00
Election Systems & Software	annual maintenance	\$1,262.63
Employees	medical reimbursement	\$2,548.51

H&S Heating, Cooling	repair heater at barn	\$124.48
John Deere Financial	repair supplies	\$2,626.43
K&M Tire	tires	\$500.00
L&M Sanitation	2-month service fee	\$190.00
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$133.00
McLeod's	supplies	\$99.90
Motor Clinic	oil change	\$71.54
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$483.10
Postmaster	postage	\$158.94
Premier	parts	\$38.61
Sanborn County	nurse admin payroll, lien satisfaction	\$1,817.46
Santel Communications	911 utilities- 2 months	\$30.00
SD Counties	4 th quarter CLERP dues	\$492.00
SDACC	Nat Center for Public Lands	\$1,000.00
SD DOT	pavement marking invoice	\$463.76
SD Dept of Public Safety	boiler inspections	\$160.00
SDML Workers Comp	2024 WC insurance premium	\$20,682.00
State Bar of SD	2024 dues	\$540.00
Springs Food Market	supplies	\$178.51
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,627.13
True Dakotan	publishing	\$415.01
True Value	supplies	\$502.20
Venture	utilities	\$1,152.83
Verizon	utilities	\$50.05
VISA- AB&T	dues, subscription, supplies, lodging	\$2,246.12
Wellmark	health ins (\$3,264.79 reimbursed)	\$15,158.53
Weskota Manor	maintenance fees	\$248.62
Wheelco	parts	\$49.79
Winter Service	parts	\$113.10
W.W. Tire	tire o-rings	\$119.70
TOTAL		\$66,244.18

AMBULANCE:

A-OX	oxygen	\$58.75
Baker's Repair	shirts, battery	\$407.90
Best Western Ramkota	EMS conference	\$273.00
Lodging at the Springs	EMT lodging	\$120.00
PCC Ambulance Billing	service fees	\$3,483.67
Stryker Sales	equipment	\$222.56
Sweet Grass	cookies	\$57.28

Total Oil	fuel	\$423.79
Traveler's Motel	EMT lodging	\$300.00
True Dakotan	publishing	\$54.00
Venture	utilities	\$93.94
VISA- AB&T	supplies	\$255.82
Wenzel's Pheasant Lodge	EMT lodging	\$200.00
TOTAL		\$5,950.71

FUNDED DEPRECIATION

Avera Queen of Peace	equipment purchase	\$41,570.00
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had three people receiving poor relief for the month of October.

Kathy Bergeleen, Farm Bureau Insurance, was available to present the new health insurance policies for renewal. The board discussed the best options to offer to the county employees. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2024 renewal of the Wellmark SimplyBlue 6000 health insurance plan for all employees of Jerauld County.

Mark Steichen, Franklin Township representative, was available to speak with the board and Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, about upgrades to bridges within their township. The township took advantage of the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund and replaced a failing bridge with culverts this summer. They have a plan to do that again next year with another bridge structure replacement. In reassessing the initial project, the township found that by adding one culvert the water would flow with the same consistency as the failed bridge. He presented an amendment to Franklin Township's initial application to add a third culvert to the project. Moved by Hein, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the amendment for Franklin Township.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge matters. Donald Hammond and another representative, Brosz Engineering, was also present to update the board on the recent bridge inspection for county bridges. The inspection went well with all county structures in good shape. He presented the structural condition of two bridges to the board. This inspection is performed annually. Brian moved into county road intersection signage. There have been some changes at intersections with concern. The county will continue to monitor those intersections. The Highway department will be moving back to 5 8-hour days as of November 20th. Brian will begin to gather quotes for a mower, blades and tires for the department. He will update the board at the December meeting.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:

	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Co-op
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.99	\$3.15
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$3.09	NA
Unleaded Gas, Pump	\$3.32	NA
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.74	NA
#2 Clr Diesel, Truck	\$3.99	NA
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.99	\$4.20
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	NA	\$3.55

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award all fuel bids to Total Oil, Inc.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to update the board on Ambulance status. An EMT Course will be held again in May of 2024. Deb reported that she will be needing new course books for that class as the books have been revised. Currently, there is one high school student that has chosen to take the EMT course for high school and college credit. The board was asked what the county would need for the course. The board decided that the cost of supplies is all they would like refunded for offering the course to the school. Deb presented one bankruptcy notice to the board. The State EMS Conference that Deb attended was a good experience. Deb discussed payroll options for the board to consider in 2024.

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

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the renewal of the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License from Horseshoe K Ranch & Gun Club at 23539 365th Ave., Kimball, SD.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the renewal of the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License from Pheasant Crest Lodge Inc. at 23625 365th Ave., Kimball, SD.

Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2024 contract with Davison County Jail for \$105.00/day.

Sheriff Weber was present to speak with the board. Commissioner Losing informed him of an incident in Alpena where 911 had been called and the caller was told that the department would make a note of the incident. No further action was taken. Sheriff Weber reported that should never have happened and he would look into the details of the situation. The UJS Courthouse Security Assessment, completed in October, was discussed. There are many areas for the courthouse to improve on security. The board asked Sheriff Weber to get some quotes for upgrades and report them back at as soon as possible.

The board discussed the WIC and County Health Nurse contracts with the State of South Dakota. Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to not sign the WIC contract with the State of South Dakota effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. With the termination of the WIC contract, Jerauld County will no longer be entering into an agreement with Sanborn County on 50% of a County Health Nurse Clerical Position as of January 1, 2024.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the CY2023 South Dakota Department of Health Nurse Contract effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the contribution to the National Center for Public Lands with 1% of the LACTF dollars receive for a total of \$1,000.00.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a list of office equipment and air conditioning units for surplus. Moved by Hein, seconded by Krohmer. All members voted aye. Motion carried to surplus all items. Some equipment will be destroyed as it is no longer in working condition. All other items will be advertised and sold at the courthouse on December 1st at 4:00pm.

Jerauld County will be updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan with the assistance of District III in 2024. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve Resolution #2023-9.

APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANT AGENT

For the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program

WHEREAS **Jerauld County** is submitting a Hazard Mitigation Assistance application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS **Jerauld County** is required to appoint an Applicant Agent for the purpose of signing documents and assuring the completion of all application documents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Jerauld County** appoints Auditor Shannon Fagerhaug as the authorized Applicant Agent.

Dated this 7th day of November 2023.

Appointing Authority

Name: Shane Mentzer
Jerauld County Commission Chairperson

Appointed Agent

Name: Shannon Fagerhaug
Jerauld County Auditor

The board reviewed the First Amendment to the Agreement and Lease of Real and Personal Property of Avera Weskota Memorial Medical Center. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the amendment to the agreement that will terminate on December 31, 2024.

The revised Law Enforcement Contracts with Alpena and the City of Wessington Springs were presented. Both municipalities had reviewed and signed the contracts. Moved by Hein, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the contract that will be effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the Budget Supplement Resolution that will be published before a public hearing is held at the December 12 commissioner meeting.

A bill for services that were not approved by the commission board was presented. The board agreed that the bill would not be paid and Commissioner Krohmer would follow up with the company to address the bill.

Commissioner Mentzer updated the board on the 4-H barn and work to the outside Southwest side.

Audra Scheel, 4-H Youth Program Advisor, was not available to attend the meeting in person. Auditor Fagerhaug presented a report to the board with the year-in-review for the 4-H program. A waiver for the upcoming Springs Showdown was also presented to the board. Moved by Hein, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the use of the 4-H barn for the calf show.

The board discussed payroll options for 2024. Auditor Fagerhaug will prepare numbers for the board to review at the December meetings.

Jerauld County received a Loss Control Survey from Safety Benefits in October. The survey was positive with a few safety recommendations. The board was presented with the recommendations. They asked that each department work on the improvements and complete them within the requested time frame.

The courthouse will be closed on November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day holiday. It will again be closed on November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12th at 9:00am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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