

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 am. Chairman Shane Mentzer called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walter Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer, and Commissioner DeVonne Losing in attendance. States Attorney Dedrich Koch was also present.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No one was present for public comment.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the February 7th regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,085,262.53; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,380,110.34; Ambulance Fund - \$138,589.95; Custodial Funds - \$304,175.58 = \$7,908,138.40 total.

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

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,336.45
	Auditor/Election	\$5,881.86
	Treasurer	\$6,381.23
	States Attorney	\$5,103.49
	Government Buildings	\$4,142.88
	Director of Equalization	\$6,252.59
	Register of Deeds	\$4,264.86
	Sheriff	\$20,361.18
	Coroner	\$107.65
	Extension	\$1,420.98
	Road & Bridge	\$28,939.70
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	24 / 7	\$505.24
	TOTAL	\$87,090.33

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

-81 Enterprises	part	\$3.20
A&B Business	office supplies	\$111.76
Agtegra	softener salt	\$41.66
Alpena Coop Service	fuel, propane	\$8,215.95

Alpena Fire Dept	2023 Fire Protection Dues	\$850.00
Amkota	supplies	\$116.88
AT&T	cell phones	\$346.11
B&S Services	tire repair	\$25.00
Baker's Repair	vehicle maintenance	\$1,008.90
Butler	parts	\$652.97
Capital One Commercial	supplies	\$91.91
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
Certified Languages Int'l	interpreting	\$84.15
City of Huron	911 professional services	\$1,557.23
City of WS	utilities - \$2,072.31 reimbursed	\$3,974.39
Connecting Point	monthly service, firewall	\$532.00
Dakota Oil	oil supply	\$2,421.10
Grayson Auto	parts	\$17.65
Employees	health reimbursement	\$44.08
Humm Dinger	prisoner supplies	\$7.33
I-State Truck Center	parts	\$471.40
Jones Supplies	supplies	\$111.32
Krohmer Plumbing	payment on HVAC project	\$148,181.52
Krohmer Plumbing	repair	\$392.67
L&M Sanitation	service fee for 2 months	\$180.00
Lewis & Clark BHS	mentally handicapped fees	\$184.00
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$133.00
MARC	supplies	\$371.10
McLeod's	office supplies	\$45.24
Mid-State Organized Crime	membership	\$100.00
NAPA Central	parts	\$281.64
Nationwide	notary bond	\$50.00
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$56.68
PJs Machine & Repair	fabrication	\$276.07
Postmaster	postage	\$206.33
Rolling Hills Vet	drug dog supplies	\$230.07
Runnings	supplies	\$119.16
Sanborn County	nurse admin assistant payroll	\$1,444.70
Santel	911 service	\$110.58
Scheel, Audra	reimburse for supplies	\$13.31
SD Dept of Public Safety	teletype service	\$2,340.00
SD DOT	professional service	\$1,543.56
SDSU Extension	advisor salary	\$19,337.47
SD States Attorney's Assoc	2023 membership dues	\$715.00

State of South Dakota	notary oath & bond	\$30.00
Sun Gold Trophies	plaque	\$45.00
Total Oil	fuel, diesel	\$5,383.78
True Dakotan	publishing	\$617.10
True North Steel	blade parts	\$2,996.40
True Value	supplies	\$117.28
Two Way Solutions	call charge	\$224.75
Venture	utilities	\$1,161.81
Verizon	extension internet	\$60.08
VISA- AB&T	travel, subscription, supplies, dues	\$686.53
Volesky, Ron	CAA fees	\$1,482.00
Weed & Pest Conference	2023 conference dues	\$440.00
Wellmark	health ins - \$3,050.93 reimbursed	\$15,007.69
Wessington Springs Fire	2023 Dale/Media Fire Protection	\$2,817.00
TOTAL		\$228,246.51

AMBULANCE:

Employees	payroll	\$8,458.14
A-OX	oxygen	\$121.02
AWMMC	nurse service	\$445.01
Henry Schein	supplies	\$489.27
Quadax	monthly fee	\$125.24
Total Oil	fuel	\$341.29
Venture	utilities	\$93.94
Wellmark	health insurance	\$677.24
TOTAL		\$10,751.15

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

Dan Kruse, Jerauld County Weed Board Chairman, was available to update on county weed control. Dan attended the State Weed & Pest Conference in February and wanted to ensure the commissioner board was aware of their responsibilities to the program. There have not been any applications turned in for the advertised Weed Supervisor position. The Weed Board and Commissioner Board will reach out to contacts. The board discussed having a Weed Board member assist with on-site visits in the case of weed control issues for the future.

Brian Kolousek from the highway department was present to discuss roads. Brian was asked to place load limits on the roads at his discretion as the snow starts to melt. The board decided to have a Load Limit resolution prepared to keep the limits on after April 30<sup>th</sup>. They will reevaluate and approve that at the next meeting if necessary.

Sealed bids for road and bridge projects were opened with the following results:

Excavator by the hour at under 50,000 lbs. at \$225.00 per hour - **Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLC**

Excavator by the hour at over 50,000 lbs. at \$300.00 per hour - **Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLC**

Hauling gravel at \$0.26 per ton per mile - **Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLC**

Excavator by the hour at over 50,000 lbs. at \$225.00 per hour – **Argo Excavating**

Hauling by the ton mile from pits throughout Jerauld County for gravel, oversized, sand, clay, etc. minimum 5-mile haul. Belly dump only @ \$0.27 per ton per mile - **Argo Excavating**

Hauling rip-rap from Spencer Quarries @ \$0.265 per ton per mile - **Argo Excavating**

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to accept all bids as listed in **bold print**.

Fuel bids:	Total Oil	Alpena Co-op
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$3.03</b>	
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$3.03</b>	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$3.36</b>	
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.58</b>	
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	<b>\$3.85</b>	
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$3.89</b>	
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$3.29</b>	\$3.29

Due to both bidders having the same price on #2 Dyed Diesel, Truck, a coin toss was completed with Total Oil winning the toss. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award all fuel bids to Total Oil. The board discussed looking into bids for a bulk transport load for summer months.

Brian presented quotes on skid steer attachments for removing trees and rocks from roads and ditches. The board gave Brian the approval to purchase the best option for the removal. The board discussed payroll within the Highway Department. As some of the part-time employees are not paid consistent wage, the board took action to correct that inconsistency.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to increase Craig Hoffman to \$19.60 / hour effective immediately.

A part-time application was presented by Brian. Moved by Hein, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to hire James Reiner as a part-time Equipment Operator at \$18.17 / hour effective immediately.

The board discussed moving the Highway Department to 10-hour days. It was decided that they would move to 10-hour days as of March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to discuss the Ambulance. The process of transitioning the billing to PCC is going well. Debt collection was discussed as accounts will now be sent through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party with PCC. Items that should be considered to increase for maximum reimbursement were brought up by PCC and will be discussed at the next Ambulance Board meeting. A mock accident is planned to be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the school. It is held to bring awareness to those attending proms this spring. Deb began Coroner training online and plans to be fully trained in the next month. The ambulance is still short on volunteers responding to calls. The Ambulance Board met earlier and discussed how to assist with more help. The board decided to offer out-of-town EMTs/Paramedics paid weekday and weekend call. The weekend pay will be \$250/weekend plus paid calls. A 12-hour shift during the week will be \$150/shift plus paid calls. Per diem will also be offered at State rate for meals, mileage and lodging.

Sealed bids for the demolition of the courthouse before the HVAC project were opened with the following results:  
Complete demolition of boiler, associated pipe, pumps and radiators at \$22,000.00 – **Glissman Salvage, LLC**  
Removal and Disposal of boilers, piper and radiators at \$44,642.00 – H&R Salvage  
Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award the bid to Glissman Salvage, LLC as listed in **bold print**.

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

Moved by Hein, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the fire protection contract between Wessington Springs Fire Department and Dale Township in the amount of \$954.00 for one year commencing April 1, 2023.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the fire protection contract between Wessington Springs Fire Department and Media Township in the amount of \$1863.00 for one year commencing April 1, 2023.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve Resolution #2023-3.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jerauld County Board of Commissions as follows: that

WHEREAS, the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable and in the best interest of Jerauld County to utilize services provided by the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division with regard to fire suppression assistance if needed; and

WHEREAS, Jerauld County is required to designate a representative of Jerauld County with authority to obligate county funds in its request for fire suppression assistance from the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County Commission of Jerauld County hereby appoints Shane Mentzer, Jerauld County Chairman, DeVonne Losing, Jerauld County Vice-Chairman, Charles Bergeleen, Jerauld County Commission, Walter Hein, Jerauld County Commission, and Fred Krohmer, Jerauld County Commission, to be the County Designees for fire suppression assistance from the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, effective March 7, 2023.

Aye   5  

No   0  

Absent       

Shane Mentzer, Chairperson of the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

Kelly Larson, Maintenance, was available to discuss projects with the board. There are doors at the county clinic, Ag building, and courthouse that need repair and/or replacement. Kelly is working with a local contractor to complete the repairs. The HVAC project has started within the courthouse. Kelly has been working with the crew to prepare rooms for storage and installation.

Auditor Fagerhaug reported that Ben Rostyne had purchased an additional amount of chemical for weed spraying this spring. After the initial spray, he will need to take stock of the inventory and most likely will have to order more product for fall.

The board reviewed a portion of Jerauld County labeled “That Part of Media”. This area’s existence has been questioned for many years. The board plans to discuss this further before taking action to dissolve it.

The board discussed one property that had been taken for unpaid taxes this year. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to declare Lot 9 Block 6 Smart & Seminary 1<sup>st</sup> Addition as surplus and sell at public auction on April 4, 2023 at 9:30 am. The auction will be held on the steps of the Jerauld County Courthouse. A notice will be placed in the paper ahead of the sale.

A Thank You from Dunham Historical Society was presented to the board.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the 2022 SD Governor's Office of Economic Development annual report for their review.

A new county website has been set up and available to the public. Each department has their own page to find helpful information and links to forms for various services. The commissioners were encouraged to get on the website and look around. It will continue to evolve as we learn what other items would be pertinent to have available to the public. The website can be found at [www.jerauldcountysd.com](http://www.jerauldcountysd.com). Thank you to Audra Scheel for taking the time to get everything set up.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am and the board will reconvene as the County Board of Equalization on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 2:15 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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