

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. 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 in attendance for the meeting.

Chairperson Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda. Conflicts of interest were declared for Commissioner Krohmer concerning Emergency Management.

Beth Magistro was available for public comment to update the commission board on the Ambulance Opt Out and her intentions to inform the voters of Jerauld County.

Angela Waldner, ROCS CEO, was available to report on the status of ROCS Transportation and Senior Dining within Jerauld County. She provided the board with good information on how the services are provided. Ms. Waldner ensured the board that all locally donated money would stay with Wessington Springs ROCS program. The board was able to brain-storm ideas for fundraising within the community. Jerauld County will also plan to increase their current allocation to the program.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the July 9th regular meeting and the July 16th 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- \$2,669.12; Townships- \$9,677.92

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,594.85
	Auditor/Election	\$6,889.74
	Treasurer	\$5,762.04
	States Attorney	\$5,735.53
	Government Buildings	\$4,582.09
	Director of Equalization	\$6,024.05
	Register of Deeds	\$4,578.17
	Sheriff	\$25,994.28
	Emergency Management	\$1,871.54
	Extension	\$2,001.81

Weed	\$610.16
Road & Bridge	\$26,570.93
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Ambulance	\$7,237.51
24 / 7	\$135.52
TOTAL	\$101,798.62

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	office supplies	\$314.72
A-Ox	oxygen	\$80.25
Alpena Coop	fuel, repairs	\$9,009.19
Alternative HR	monthly services	\$348.75
Amkota	supplies	\$92.37
Artistic Custom Badges	badges for Sheriff	\$209.50
AT&T	cell phones	\$393.95
B&S Services	tire repair	\$380.72
Blue, Wheeler & Banks	CAA fees	\$1,290.00
Broken Heart Ranch	refund for repairs	\$1,510.15
Butler Machinery	parts	\$285.00
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
Central Plains Construction	cement work	\$1,380.38
CHS	tank rental, fuel	\$647.47
City of Huron	911 Surcharge	\$2,615.14
City of WS	utilities (\$1,019.12 reimbursed)	\$3,680.71
Cummings Plumbing	fix pipe & connector	\$181.85
Davison County Auditor	VSO quarterly payment	\$2,062.50
Dean Schaefer Court Report	court reporter fees	\$30.00
Easton Construction	½ of crow's nest update	\$2,213.00
Fischer, Wayne	achievement day judge	\$336.68
G&R Controls	labor for repair	\$212.50
Employees	health reimbursements	\$49.00
Henry Schein	supplies	\$485.42
Hodges Badge Company	achievement day ribbons	\$337.97
Human Services Center	mental health fees	\$611.63
Jones Supplies	supplies	\$572.22
Krohmer Plumbing	repair units, clean drain	\$793.23
L&M Sanitation	2-month fee	\$210.00
Lewis & Clark BHS	mental health fees	\$225.00
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$145.00
McLeod's	office supplies	\$711.94

Menards	supplies, ceiling tile	\$198.59
NAPA Central	parts	\$32.12
Office Peeps	toner	\$652.83
Pheasantland Industries	name badges	\$400.00
Postmaster	postage	\$236.77
Reemployment	unemployment	\$130.30
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
SD DANR	storm water permits	\$400.00
SDACC CLERP	3 rd quarter CLERP	\$1,782.00
Springs Food Market	supplies	\$15.88
Springs Inn	LEPC meal	\$350.46
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,737.36
True Dakotan	publishing	\$1,177.59
Truegreen	lawn care	\$221.96
True Value	supplies	\$2.49
TwoTrees Technology	monthly fees, contracts for software	\$16,595.25
Venture	utilities	\$1,309.20
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	supplies, travel, subscription	\$1,505.81
Weber, Matt	achievement day judge	\$380.90
Wellmark	health ins (\$2,137.38 reimbursed)	\$13,132.57
Weskota Manor	maintenance fees	\$171.85
Yankton County Treasurer	mental illness hearing	\$151.25
Yankton County Sheriff	mental illness hearing	\$50.00
Youngberg, Luci	mental illness hearing	\$264.00
Zoss, Delaney	achievement day judge	\$111.64
TOTAL		\$73,687.14

FUNDED DEPRECIATION

AWMMC	radiology room & equip	\$194,865.30
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had two people receiving poor relief for the month of August.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge. Brian reported no applications for the open position. The department is laying new gravel. Reports of bad road spots were discussed. The South Oil road will be patched soon. Brian continues to price skid loaders for replacement. The board discussed a date for the R&B 5-year plan review and approval. The date will be September 2, 2025 at 8:30 am.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Coop
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.59	

Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.59	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	\$2.96	
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.34	
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	\$3.30	
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.69	\$2.61

Moved by Hein, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award the #2 Dyed Diesel bid to Alpena Coop. All other bids were awarded to Total Oil, Inc as indicated above.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to discuss the Ambulance. Deb presented the board with a copy of the updated Ambulance Handbook. The board will review the changes and approve them at the next regular meeting. Deb reported that she has become a Certified Ambulance Privacy Officer (CAPO). She encouraged the board to look into coverage for Privacy Breech Insurance. Deb has been approached by a few community members willing to become EVOC certified. Deb asked the board to consider changing the Ambulance District lines to move the North edge to the county line. The board asked Deb to speak with Beadle County and get a resolution from them to present at the next meeting. They also asked that all residents that would be affected by the movement of the border be notified.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 11:40 am per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 12:10 pm.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 to allow necessary expenses for August meetings.

The District III Statement of Extension for 2026 was presented to the board. The fees for 2026 will be \$11,632. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the Statement of Extension with District III for 2026.

The Victim Witness Services agreement was presented to the board for approval in 2026 at \$2,200 share. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2026 Victim Witness Services agreement with Beadle County.

The Glacial Lakes and Prairies Tourism budget request was presented to the board. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the Glacial Lakes and Prairies budget request at \$300 for 2026.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented two waivers for Jerauld County equipment usage and 4-H arena event usage. Each waiver had a proper certificate of insurance attached. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the waivers.

Eric Schroeder, Emergency Management, was available to update the board. Eric has been working with the State to get updated ID cards for all first responders and county employees. He reported that their will be a mock drill at Avera Weskota Memorial Medical Center on August 18th. All community responder organizations are planning to partake. EM Schroeder updated the board on the recent storm report. Eric plans to send out community education through the county Facebook page. Eric presented a Drought Disaster Resolution to review. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the following:

RESOLUTION 2025-16

WHEREAS: Extreme drought conditions have existed in Jerauld County throughout the 2025 growing season. This drought has been further increased by little snow and moisture during the winter of 2024-2025.

WHEREAS: Crops and livestock will be and have been affected due to the drought and abundance of grasshoppers.

WHEREAS: Pasture, grassland and hay land will not produce and dugouts are empty due to the effects of the drought.

WHEREAS: These drought conditions have and will create serious personal, family and community problems, not capable of being resolved with available local resources.

WHEREAS: Jerauld County has limited resources to combat and alleviate the situation caused by this drought.

WHEREAS: Jerauld County recognizes the long-term effects of this drought situation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jerauld County Board of County Commissioners declares that a drought and agricultural disaster condition exists in Jerauld County, and declares Jerauld County a Drought/Agricultural Disaster Area.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners for, and on behalf of the citizens of Jerauld County, requests the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare Jerauld County a drought/agricultural disaster area, and requests the Governor petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Jerauld, South Dakota, a drought/agricultural disaster area.

Adopted this 5th day of August, 2025.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson, Jerauld County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Jerauld County Auditor

At this time, the Jerauld County Commissioner Board held the first reading of Ordinance #2025-17.

JERAULD COUNTY BURNING ORDINANCE

NO. 2025-17

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Jerauld County are charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Jerauld County, including all property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) § 7-8-20(18) authorizes the Jerauld County Commission to prohibit or restrict open burning, after consultation with local fire officials and law enforcement officials, in order to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Manager/Fire Coordinators for Jerauld County has consulted with local fire officials and law enforcement officials concerning the threat of wildfire from open burning under certain climatic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Jerauld County have determined that in the interest of the public health and safety, it is prudent to prohibit open burning (open fire) when climatic conditions indicate the threat of wildfire in Jerauld County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Jerauld County, pursuant to SDCL § 7-18A-8, hereby deem it necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety to adopt the restrictions set forth in this Ordinance and it is the intent of the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Board.

WHEREAS, South Dakota Law provides for the civil enforcement of each violation of this ordinance by imposing a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation, together with injunctive relief pursuant to SDCL 21-8. These penalties are not exclusive, and additional criminal and/or civil penalties may also apply.

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Ordinance "open burning" shall be defined as any of the following occurring on private and State lands in Jerauld County:

A. **Open Fire:** Means any outdoor fire, including a campfire and a burn barrel. Open Fire shall not include charcoal grills, industrial/residential incinerators, Outdoor Fireplaces, liquid fuel grills, or branding iron burners as defined herein.

B. **Charcoal Grill:** Means a metal or stone device **not** resting on the ground with a metal grate designed to cook food using charcoal briquettes.

- C. **Industrial/residential Incinerators:** Means an **engineered** self-contained unit made of non-combustible material, with a locking door, small side vents, and an elevated stack with a screen on top. Must be located **Not Closer** than 15 feet to any combustible surface and **Continually Attended**.
- D. **Liquid Fuel Grill:** Means a metal or stone device designed to cook food using gaseous combustible fuel (LPG Liquid Propane Gas, LNG Liquid Natural Gas).
- E. **Burn Barrel:** Means a metal container used to hold combustible or flammable waste materials so that they can be ignited outdoors for the purpose of disposal.
- F. **Outdoor Fireplace:** Means a manufactured appliance constructed of non-combustible materials, with a maximum fuel area of three (3) feet, constructed to include a screen, chimney or other device placed above the fuel area so that the heat source is contained in such a manner that sparks or embers are not allowed to freely escape into the open atmosphere. An Outdoor Fireplace may be fueled by cut or split wood or liquid fuel and must be located **Not Closer** than 15 feet to any combustible surface and **Continually Attended**.
- G. **Branding Iron Burner:** Means a stove, furnace or device constructed of non-combustible materials used to heat irons for the purpose of branding livestock, fueled by cut or split wood, or liquid fuel and constructed so that the heat source is contained in such a manner that sparks or embers are not allowed to freely escape into the open atmosphere and located **Not Closer** than 15 feet to any combustible surface and **Continually Attended**.
- H. **Campground:** Means any commercial campground that is permitted by Jerauld County or the State of South Dakota that is operated by said agency, or private individuals or corporations.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Jerauld County Commission enacts this Ordinance to prohibit or restrict open burning and that the use of all fireworks, except for fire department approved private or public displays complete with fire suppression standby services, be prohibited in order to protect the public health and safety pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 7-8-20(18).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Emergency Services or in his absence, the fire chief, be hereby authorized to expand the level of this fire ban and impose additional burn restrictions at their discretion consistent with increase fire hazard conditions.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation, together with injunctive relief pursuant to SDCL 21-8, and the costs for suppressing any fire, including response fees, mutual aid assistance from other agencies or fire departments, reimbursement to governments for suppression efforts and compensation to the firefighters for time lost from their employment, be born directly by the individual or individuals responsible for setting the fire.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that enforcement of this ordinance may be temporarily suspended under conditions set by Resolution of the Jerauld County Commission when fire conditions improve.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2025 at Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Jerauld County Auditor

DeVonne Losing, Chair Jerauld County Commission

The board will hold a Public Hearing and Second Reading with Adoption of the ordinance above on September 2nd. A notice will be published in the paper.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 2:08 pm per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 2:55 pm.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the limit rates for the requested quote on the County's liability coverage. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, Krohmer abstained from vote, all other members voted aye. Motion carried to approve to increase General, Auto and Law Enforcement liability coverage to \$5 million.

The National Opioid Settlement has offered a new settlement. The state of South Dakota has agreed to participate and Jerauld County will become a benefactor as a subdivision. Moved by Hein, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve and sign the Participation Form for the Purdue Direct Settlement.

Christina Karsky, DOE, was available to present three plats to the board to review.

Plat #2025-13 HINES OUTLOT 1

RESOLUTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

It was moved by Shane Mentzer, seconded by Charles Bergeleen, motion carried that the plat of "HINES OUTLOT 1", a replat of N. 190' of the E. 154' of Outlot 12, The N. 57' of the S. 573' of Outlot 12 & Outlot B of Outlot 12 Auditors Addition to Alpena, Jerauld County, South Dakota, a part of the NW ¼ Sec. 11, Twp. 108 N., Rge 63 W. the 5th P.M., to the Town of Alpena, Jerauld County, South Dakota, as described above and drawn hereon, be approved and the Auditor hereby is instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and to certify the same.

I, Shannon Fagerhaug, County Auditor of Jerauld County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the County Commission of Jerauld County, South Dakota, at its meeting on August 5 A.D., 2025.

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor, Jerauld County, South Dakota

Plat #2025-14 HINES OUTLOT 2

RESOLUTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

It was moved by Shane Mentzer, seconded by Charles Bergeleen, motion carried that the plat of "HINES OUTLOT 2", a part of the S. 516' of Outlot 12, and all of Outlot 13 except the W. 114' of the East 262 3' of the N. 254' of Auditor Addition to Alpena Village, Jerauld County, South Dakota, a part of the NW ¼ Sec. 11, Twp. 108 N., Rge. 63 W. the 5th P.M., to the Town of Alpena, Jerauld County, South Dakota, as described above and drawn hereon, be approved and the Auditor hereby is instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and to certify the same.

I, Shannon Fagerhaug, County Auditor of Jerauld County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the County Commission of Jerauld County, South Dakota, at its meeting on August 5 A.D., 2025.

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor, Jerauld County, South Dakota

Plat #2025-15 FIRESTEEL RANCH ADDITION

RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Jerauld County, South Dakota, that the plat of TRACT 2 OF FIRESTEEL RANCH ADDITION IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 26, T 107 N, R 64 W OF THE 5TH P.M., JERAULD COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to lay, 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 5th day of August, 2025.

DeVonne Losing, 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 August 5, 2025, approving the above-named plat.

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor, Jerauld County

Auditor Fagerhaug presented notices to the board. Teresa Fonder, Deputy Auditor/Extension Secretary, turned in her retirement notice effective September 25, 2025. The board accepted this notice and would like to thank Teresa for all of her years of service to the county.

The rest of the meeting was spent on determining the budget for 2026.

Offices will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd starting at 8:30 am with R&B 5-year plan, then roll into the regular meeting and Provisional Budget Hearing. The commission board will again meet for a special Final Adoption of the 2026 Provisional Budget on September 16th at 8:30 am.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 4:00 pm.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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