

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 4th, 2024, at 9:00 am. 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 present for the meeting.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,341,298.13; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,363,343.88; Ambulance Fund - \$84,475.75; Custodial Funds - \$147,936.29 = \$7,937,081.05 total.

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

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2023 special meeting.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to complete the business for 2023 and to reorganize for 2024.

Commissioner Mentzer was nominated for Chairman. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein that nominations cease and the county auditor cast a unanimous ballot for Mentzer. All members voted aye.

Commissioner Losing was nominated for Vice-Chairman. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen that nominations cease and the county auditor cast a unanimous ballot for Losing. All members voted aye.

Kelly Larson, Maintenance, was available to discuss training for his newly hired replacement. Kelly informed the board that his last work day will be February 16th. The board took the time to thank him for all of his dedication and service to the county.

Alan Dougan was not available to come to the meeting as scheduled.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$852.71; Townships- \$2,799.65

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B	printer rent	\$66.95
Alpena Co-op Service	fuel	\$92.48
AT&T	utilities	\$299.99
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$2,375.00
Brule County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$496.00

Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
Connecting Point	monthly service	\$682.00
District III Planning	2024 dues, GIS System	\$14,783.00
Employees	medical reimbursement	\$379.21
J&M Specialties	repair bulb	\$50.50
Lexis Nexis	monthly subscription	\$139.00
Reemployment Assistance	quarterly unemployment	\$112.30
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
Scheel, Audra	reimbursement on travel	\$126.00
SD Dept of Health	blood draws	\$40.00
SD States Attorney's Assoc	2024 membership dues	\$714.89
State 4-H Office	tags for 2024	\$210.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$1,247.15
True Dakotan	publishing	\$632.37
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	equip, supplies, postage, toner	\$2,257.57
Volesky, Ron	CAA fees	\$6,458.00
Wellmark	health ins (\$3,590.72 reimbursed)	\$18,926.14
Wheelco	parts	\$140.05
TOTAL		\$50,488.68

AMBULANCE:

Henry Schein	supplies	\$177.59
Total Oil	fuel	\$290.93
VISA- AB&T	dues, conference	\$350.00
TOTAL		\$818.52

Chairman Mentzer made the following appointments:

- Board of Adjustments (Planning & Zoning) – Tabled for February meeting
- Weed – Tabled for February meeting
- Planning & Development District III – Commissioner Bergeleen
- Drainage Board – All Commissioners
- Tri-County Land Fill – Commissioner Bergeleen
- Highway Department – Commissioner Hein (lead), All Commissioners
- Hospital – Commissioner Losing and Auditor Shannon Fagerhaug
- Law Enforcement – All Commissioners
- Mental Illness – Jim Taylor and Jim Miskimins, co-chairmen
- Revolving Loan Fund – Commissioner Krohmer
- Barn Committee Member – Commissioner Hein and Commissioner Mentzer

Ambulance – Commissioner Mentzer, Linda Schacht, Ed Gray, Christina Christensen, Eric Schroeder, Jim Vavra, Blake Willman

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

Moved by Losing, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried that pursuant to SDCL 28-17-1 through 28-17-6 the sum be established for county burial of \$2,000.00 for complete burial and vault. Grave digging will be extra. Mileage of \$0.75 cents a running mile after the first 50 miles, not to exceed 200 miles. Oversize will be extra.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to designate the True Dakotan as the official newspaper.

Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried that all sheriff sales be held at the east door of the courthouse.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to designate the following polling places for 2024 elections:

- Precinct 1 - Jerauld County 4-H Building
- Precinct 2 - Jerauld County 4-H Building
- Precinct 3 – Alpena Community Center
- Precinct 4 – Jerauld County 4-H Building
- Precinct 5 – Jerauld County 4-H Building

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to pay election poll workers at \$175 per election with an additional \$25 for attending the schooling provided by the Auditor’s office. All election workers involved in the post-election audit process will be paid at \$25/hr.

Auditor Fagerhaug delivered an Oath of Office to newly appointed Jerauld County Treasurer, Tara Peterson.

Chairman Mentzer update the board on the status of Unit A Ambulance. The unit broke down coming from a transfer to Sioux Falls last week. Baker’s Repair determined the problem to be a catalytic converter. The unit is receiving repair at Billions in Sioux Falls under covered warranty work.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge matters. The crew continues to work on problem spots around the county following the snow. The board discussed the department’s plan on resources going into this year. Brian expressed that the highway will be in need of part-time help this spring and summer. Brian presented an application for the Rural Access Infrastructure Funds from Franklin Township. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the application from Franklin Township for assistance on the replacement of a small structure from the Rural Access Infrastructure Funding.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Coop
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.51	\$2.789
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.51	

Unleaded Gas, Pump	\$2.92	
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.39	
#2 Clear Diesel Pump	\$3.39	
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.12	\$3.65
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.87	\$3.099

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award all fuel bids to Total Oil. The board asked Brian to look into tanker fuel bids for the February meeting.

James Reiner, Weed Supervisor, was present to give part quotes for the spray equipment. The board asked him to look into one more option before making any decisions on purchasing kits. James received the schedule for the Weed & Pest Conference and plans to attend. James made a request to the board to consider getting a laptop for the Weed department so that the spray data logger equipment can be utilized to its full potential. The board spoke with James and Brian about an individual interested in the part-time spraying position.

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

There are twenty-five volunteers with the Jerauld County Ambulance Service who are covered under the Jerauld County Worker’s Compensation policy. The list is on file in the Auditor’s Office.

RESOLUTION #2024-1
2024 Wage Resolution

PER SDCL 7-7-9.1, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners adopt the following wage and policy scale for Jerauld County employees to be effective January 1, 2024. This Resolution, when adopted, will nullify all previous wage scales.

SALARIED PAY RATE

COMMISSIONERS

Charles Bergeleen	\$7,736.04
Walt Hein	\$7,736.04
Fred Krohmer	\$7,736.04
DeVonne Losing	\$7,736.04
Shane Mentzer	\$7,736.04

SALARIED PERSONNEL

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor	\$50,003.20
Tara Peterson, Appointed Treasurer	\$37,497.60 after 6 mo probation \$41,664.00
Mette Ness, Register of Deeds	\$46,820.80
Dedrich Koch, States Attorney	\$56,368.00
Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent	\$49,982.40
Jason Weber, Sheriff	\$60,569.60
Christina Karsky, Director of Equalization	\$41,664.00

Debra Fastnacht, Ambulance Director \$42,000.00

HOURLY PAY RATE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Paul Sheldon, Deputy Sheriff \$21.25
Dawn Lake, Deputy Sheriff \$22.69
Michael Krueger, Deputy Sheriff \$22.69
Regina Teveldal, Administrative Assistant \$17.65

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Christopher Cashman \$20.40
Kathy Jensen \$19.00
Ben Rostyne \$20.40
Edward Schroeder \$20.40
Luke Starkey \$20.40
Brady Younie \$22.40

CLERICAL

Julie Barber, Deputy Treasurer & D O E / Planning & Zoning \$19.23
Teresa Fonder, Extension/4-H Secretary, Deputy Auditor/R O D \$19.23

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

Kelly Larson- Through 2/25/23 \$19.03
Reed Engle- Effective 1/16/23 \$16.43 after 6 mo probation \$18.25

CORONER (Per Case)

Debra Fastnacht \$100.00

BOARD MEMBERS (Per Meeting Attended)

Weed & Pest \$20.00
Planning & Zoning \$20.00
Ambulance \$20.00

Commissioner Hein moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Losing seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Shane Mentzer

Voting Nay: None

Fred Krohmer
Walt Hein
Charles Bergeleen
DeVonne Losing

Motion passed and resolution adopted this 4th day of January, 2024.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

The board was presented a jail contract for Brown County at \$100/day. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2024 Brown County Jail Contract.

The board took action to pay a stipend of \$20/month for cell phone usage to the following positions: Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Emergency Management Director, Maintenance Personnel, and Ambulance Director.

The board authorized the Auditor to pay bills due prior to the regular scheduled meeting if the unpaid bill would result in additional charges. These include the following: City of Wessington Springs, AB&T Visa, Venture, Verizon, and Wellmark.

The commission board will comply with current law enforcement contracts and increase the agreement fee by 3%. Letters will be sent out to the respective entities notifying them of the increase.

The county designated holidays were reviewed for 2024. The board also looked at any meeting dates that would be too early in the month to pay bills effectively. Local vendors affected by any meeting date changes will be notified of the change on a monthly basis.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 11:05 am for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 11:10 am.

Offices will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 11:25 am.

Shane Mentzer, 2023 & 2024 Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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