

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 12th, 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 present for the meeting until noon.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

AJ Karsky was available for public comment. He spoke with the board regarding the Ag Building and functionality of the space for shooting sports. The discussion moved to removing the center wall and keep the doors as a partition options as needed. The board agreed to look into options for a contractor to look at the space and give recommendations for next month's meeting.

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

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,666,948.31; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,366,593.83; Ambulance Fund - \$52,489.23; Custodial Funds - \$328,791.95 = \$8,414,823.32 total.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$2,093.55; Townships- \$7,040.19

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,336.45
	Auditor/Election	\$7,339.12
	Treasurer	\$12,238.35
	States Attorney	\$5,665.22
	Government Buildings	\$5,752.57
	Director of Equalization	\$6,968.90
	Register of Deeds	\$5,971.62
	Sheriff	\$26,698.62
	Extension	\$2,032.61
	Weed	\$456.29
	Road & Bridge	\$32,902.66
	9 1 1	\$218.65
	Ambulance	\$9,521.42
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TOTAL

\$119,607.81

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

AAA Collections	professional fees	\$40.00
A&B Business	office supplies	\$156.01
Amkota	supplies	\$89.96
AT&T	cell phones	\$299.99
Avera Occupational Med	substance abuse screening	\$88.00
B&S Services	oil change	\$130.28
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$95.00
Brule County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$620.00
Butler Machinery	parts	\$104.59
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
City of Huron	911 surcharge	\$1,650.61
City of WS	utilities (\$1,069.86 reimbursed)	\$3,496.82
CNH Industrial Accts	parts	\$201.76
Connecting Point	technology support, equipment	\$682.00
Dakota Water Softening	yearly softener rent	\$288.00
Davison County Auditor	4 th quarter VSO payment	\$2,062.50
DMC Wear Parts	parts	\$7,574.60
Employees	health reimbursement	\$1,475.36
First Class Design	wrap for patrol	\$158.50
Henry Shein	ambulance	\$16.50
John Deere Financial	parts	\$97.65
Jone's Supplies	supplies	\$186.66
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$139.00
Mack Metal Sales	parts	\$98.07
Marcus, Laurie	blood draws	\$80.00
McLeod's	office supplies	\$72.30
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$1,723.44
Postmaster	postage	\$205.35
Rolling Hills	drug dog examination	\$111.24
Sanborn County	nurse admin assistant payroll	\$2,084.95
Santel Communications	911 utilities	\$30.00
Scheel, Audra	reimburse for travel	\$114.04
SD DOT	bridge inspection	\$133.63
SD Sheriffs' Association	2024 membership dues	\$549.89
SDAAO Treasurer	2024 membership dues	\$150.00

SD Counties	2024 SDACC dues	\$1,199.00
SDACHS	2024 annual dues	\$350.00
SD Assoc. of County Off	2024 SDACO dues	\$680.07
SDAW&P Supervisors	2024 membership dues	\$75.00
Sun Gold Trophies	award	\$45.00
Swenson, Todd	gravel	\$24,618.48
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,112.01
Tritech Software Systems	sheriff software	\$4,096.06
True Dakotan	publishing	\$491.73
True Value	supplies	\$204.54
Venture	utilities	\$1,157.36
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	subscription, supplies, gen inspect	\$1,028.65
Wellmark	health ins (\$3,590.72 reimbursed)	\$15,587.70
Wheelco	part	\$97.17
W.W. Tire	tires	\$1,672.83
TOTAL		\$78,652.38

AMBULANCE:

A-OX	oxygen	\$60.51
PCC Ambulance Billing	fees for billing	\$581.79
Postmaster	box rent	\$82.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$334.38
Venture	phone	\$93.94
TOTAL		\$1,152.62

FUNDED DEPRECIATION:

American Bank & Trust	bond principal & interest	\$109,398.23
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had three people receiving poor relief for the month of November.

At this time, the board met to hold the Public Hearing regarding Resolution #2023-10 Formal Budget Supplement for Obligations of the General Fund from Surplus Funds set aside for Government Building Improvements. Chairman Mentzer opened the hearing to public comment. There was a call for public testimony. No proponents or opponents were present for public testimony at this time. Public hearing was closed.

Motion by Hein, seconded by Bergeleen, roll call vote was taken as Bergeleen, aye, Hein, aye, Krohmer, aye, Losing, aye, and Mentzer, aye. Motion carried to approve and sign Ordinance #2023-10.

RESOLUTION #2023-10

WHEREAS: In accordance with SDCL 7-21-48 transfers may be made from surplus money in the General Fund to cover unexpected obligations.

WHEREAS: The Government Building Fund has insufficient balance of \$200,000.00 to meet the 2023 obligations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that \$200,000.00 will be transferred from surplus money in the General Fund to the Government Building Fund and be used for courthouse security updates and final costs associated with the heating and cooling system expenditures that were not billed in 2022 as budgeted.

DATED this 12th day of December, 2023.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0

Shane Mentzer, Chairperson of the Jerauld
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Jerauld County Auditor

Hub Keiser and Darold Rounds were available to represent the Wessington Springs Church Concessions Group. Hub reported that the current concession stand is sitting on the, exposing it to weather and mice. He asked the board to consider picking up the building and pouring a cement pad below it. This would close up the flooring and maintain the integrity of the building for future years. The board asked Hub to contact local contractors and get some quotes together for the project. They will approve the work when all information has been presented.

Tara Peterson, Appointed Jerauld County Treasurer, was present to discuss her status. The board clarified a few questions she had on her position. The discussion led to compensation when Connie Ness, current Treasurer, comes in to assist Tara in the future as she has agreed. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to compensate Connie Ness for training hours at \$25.00/hr effective December 26, 2023.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge matters. Brian did receive a quote for a new Bush Hog Mower at \$16,000.00 from L Double J. The board discussed the specs of the equipment and agreed to have Brian purchase the mower for next year. Brian also presented a quote on a new F-150 Ford pickup from Lamb Motors at \$46,311.00. Brian had originally budgeted for a new pickup in 2024, but there is enough left in the 2023 budget to allow for this purchase. The board agreed to have him purchase the pickup as prices will continue to increase. Brian informed the board that Chris Cashman has hit his 6-month probationary period. With no concerns from Brian, the pay will increase to 100% effective December 5, 2023. The board reviewed the Safety Manual for the R&B Department. There were no changes to the manual. The board asked Brian to have all of his employees also review the manual and sign off when completed. The board also asked Brian to start holding monthly department safety meetings. Brian stated that he would begin those as soon as possible. Brian asked to allow the employees of the R&B to work on the weed spraying equipment. Some revisions to the equipment need to be made in order to make it safe to use. The board agreed to them working on the equipment as time allowed.

The board spoke with Brian about the Weed Department and spraying going into next year. There was discussion to advertise for a part-time weed sprayer in the paper. The board will make more decisions if there is interest.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.71
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.71
Unleaded Gas, Pump	NA
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.46
#2 Clear Diesel Pump	\$3.50
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.82
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.25

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

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to discuss the Ambulance. The Ambulance board approve to have Deb attend the SDAA Conference in Pierre February 9-11, 2024. Deb Doering will also be attending the first day of the conference. A waiver of liability for job shadowing was presented to the board and States Attorney Koch for review. With no concerns on the draft, Deb will plan to have all students, not in a volunteer status, sign the waiver. Auditor Fagerhaug asked that those waivers be sent to her office to allow her to complete the steps to cover them under the county’s worker’s compensation coverage as well. Deb plans to look into options of grant usage for newer equipment after the first of the year. Auditor Fagerhaug will send her information on the SDML Stryker Grant. There will be a District III training held in Wessington Springs some time in April. The recommendations given to the county by Safety Benefits have been completed. Deb presented an Intercept Ambulance Agreement with Davison County for services. Move by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the agreement.

Christina Karsky, Director of Equalization, was available to review the sales ratios and highlight the changes going into 2024. The years of 2023 and 2024 have been very challenging. As per codified law, the Director’s office will again plan to increase assessed values within Jerauld County. DOE Karsky stated that she hopes this will be the last year for the increases and that things will begin to level out. The board thanked her for the information and stated that they would stand behind her office in the upcoming year.

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 December meetings.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve and sign the 2024 SDACC, NACo, and SDACO Memberships.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the 2024 Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU and Jerauld County for 4-H Youth Program Advisor services. Minimal changes were presented and reviewed. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the MOU for 2024.

The board discussed the open Custodian/Maintenance position within the courthouse. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to hire Reed Engle as Jerauld County Custodian/Maintenance at a wage of \$18.25/hour, starting off with a 6-month probationary period at 90% pay, or \$16.43/hour, effective January 16, 2024.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a Quit Claim Deed for two parcels that show highway right of ways, but there is and has not been, roads on these properties. It has been asked that the County quit clam the two parcels to Tim Dean's trust. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve and sign the quit claim deed.

Chairman Mentzer updated the board on the recent surplus sale held at the Courthouse on December 1st.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing payroll options for 2024.

The courthouse will be closed Monday, December 25th for Christmas holiday and Monday, January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day holiday.

The board will meet Thursday, December 28th at 9:00 am for the year-end meeting. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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