

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, at 9:00 am. Chairperson DeVonne Losing called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, and Commissioner Shane Mentzer present. Commissioner Walt Hein and Commissioner Fred Krohmer were available via teleconference for the meeting. Also in attendance was States Attorney Koch.

Chairperson Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest and no one was present for public comment.

TJ Thomas, Jerauld County Veteran Service Officer, was available to present an annual update. A bill to cut reimbursement to counties for VSO services has been presented for legislation. If passed, Jerauld will no longer receive reimbursement from the State. TJ gave an update on other legislation. The Jerauld County office was very busy in 2024 with a total of \$848,019.71 paid out to Jerauld County Veterans. The board thanked him for his hard work.

Sheriff Weber was present to discuss the Emergency Management position with the board. The board discussed options within the Sheriff Department. The board opted to wait until March meeting to make any decisions. Sheriff Weber presented an option to utilize the SD Highway Safety Grant to reimbursement wages to the department when patrolling State highways at hourly rates, or one and one-half times if the officers exceeds 40 hours in a seven-day period. The amount of overtime allowable will be established during annual grant application. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adapt the Jerauld County Overtime Policy (Section III) to include overtime for all employees of the Sheriff's Office effective February 3, 2025.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 9:52 am for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 10:30 am.

Chairperson Losing completed the following county board appointments:

Weed Board - Commissioner Hein, Lee Dougan, Jerry Fastnacht, David Kogel, Craig Shryock, Barry Krueger

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the January 7th regular meeting and January 14th special meeting minutes.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$5,642,734.01; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,433,770.12; Ambulance Fund - \$12,052.52; Custodial Funds - \$357,467.06 = \$9,446,023.71 total.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$2,717.55; Townships- \$8,788.95

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,594.85
	Auditor/Election	\$6,613.59
	Treasurer	\$8,470.57
	States Attorney	\$5,693.97
	Government Buildings	\$4,827.89
	Director of Equalization	\$7,570.67
	Register of Deeds	\$4,582.05
	Sheriff	\$21,722.72
	Extension	\$1,725.68
	Weed	\$24.10
	Road & Bridge	\$29,195.16
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	Ambulance	\$6,448.22
	24 / 7	\$271.02
	TOTAL	\$100,961.56

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	office supplies	\$286.56
A-Ox	oxygen tanks, welding supplies	\$670.47
AAA Collections	fees	\$37.50
Agtegra	softener salt	\$76.40
Alpena Coop Service	fuel	\$282.75
Amkota	supplies	\$429.30
AT&T	cell phones	\$393.95
AWMMC	nurse assistance on ambulance	\$179.56
B&S Services	oils change, thermostat	\$253.03
Baker's Repair	oil change	\$117.33
Beadle Co. Sheriff	prisoner care	\$105.00
Butler Machinery	parts	\$652.83
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	heating fuel	\$2,028.36
City of WS	utilities – \$1,888.92 reimbursed	\$4,343.98
City of WS	Dakota Ave repairs	\$438.26
City of Huron	911 service	\$2,557.18
Davison County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$210.00

Dorris, Tonya	blood draws	\$80.00
Connecting Point	monthly service, firewall	\$2,092.50
Dunham Historical	apportionment	\$2,000.00
Employees	health reimbursement	\$2,459.47
FleetPride	parts	\$2,737.78
Glacial Lakes & Prairie Assn	2025 annual contribution	\$300.00
Grand Jury Fees	juror fees & mileage	\$904.70
Iverson	new engine in patrol	\$12,444.43
Jones Supplies	supplies	\$352.60
Lexis Nexis	monthly updates	\$145.00
Menards	supplies	\$29.16
NAPA Central	parts	\$915.75
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$88.77
Postmaster	tax notice postage, townships	\$1,439.95
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
SD Counties	commissioner spring workshop	\$125.00
SDACHS	highway superintendent conference	\$150.00
SDACO	newly elected officials workshop	\$125.00
SDSU State 4-H Office	tags	\$79.00
SDW&P Conference	conference dues & membership	\$725.00
Sun Gold Trophies	plaque	\$45.00
Titan Machinery	parts	\$370.65
Total Oil	fuel	\$868.46
True Dakotan	publishing	\$640.93
Venture	utilities	\$1,256.64
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
Visa- AB&T	supplies, dues, parts, software	\$2,377.92
Wellmark	health ins – \$2,137.38 reimbursed	\$14,389.10
Westendorf Electric	new lights in courthouse & 4-H barn	\$5,584.30
White Cap	heat transfer oil	\$1,908.95
WS Library	apportionment	\$300.00
WS Senior Citizens	apportionment	\$2,000.00
WS Area Chamber & Dev	apportionment	\$3,000.00
TOTAL		\$73,258.60

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

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was available to discuss roads. Brian gave the board a resolution for Bridge Reinspection Program with Brosz designated to be hired by the SDDOT. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the

resolution for bridge reinspection work. The 2025 road work rates were presented to the board. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to increase rates on blading and mowing by \$5.00 in 2025. Brian presented an option to refurbish the H in 2025. The board will reevaluate in March. The board update Brian on policy changes.

Fuel bids:	Total Oil, Inc.
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.65
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.65
Unleaded Gas, Pump	\$2.82
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.42
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	\$3.20
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.00
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.75

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award all bids to Total Oil, Inc.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to update the board on the Ambulance. She reached out to other instructors to come in and complete an EMT course. Deb outlined the process to begin an Ambulance Taxing district. The board plans to start that process soon. The paging process is still not streamlining. The board asked Deb to set up an EVOC course as soon as possible. Auditor Fagerhaug reported to Deb on fundraising for the Ambulance according to SD Dept of Legislative Audit. The board would feel more comfortable with donations or grant usage.

The Jerauld County Weed Supervisor and two representatives of the weed board will be attending the SD Weed & Pest Conference in Huron February 19th-21st. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for February meetings.

Christina Karsky, DOE, was available to update the board on Assessment Notices. Several counties are charging a fee for the plat signing process. The board recommended that she bring that suggestion up to the Planning & Zoning Board next week and get approval.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 1:50 pm for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 2:26 pm.

Lisa Younie, Treasurer, was present to update the board on her office. The state will launch a new Motor Vehicle program on February 18th. There will be no services for motor vehicle available on February 14th. A notice will be placed on the county Facebook page and the doors of the courthouse. Lisa is feeling prepared for the launch.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the 2025 Brule County Jail contract @ \$74.00 / day.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the Minnehaha County JDC @ \$497.80 / day and the Shelter Care at LSS @ \$296.14 / day.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve Resolution #2025-2.

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 February 4, 2025.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson of the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners

Aye 5

No 0

Absent

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

Auditor Fagerhaug updated the board on the funds that will need to be addressed this year for any action due to changes that occurred after the approval of the 2025 Provision Budget. An update on the combined Jerauld County/Alpena TIF was given with guidance from the Dept of Legislative Audit.

Jerauld County will host a Towns & Townships Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 18th @ 10:00am in the Community Room. The Annual Township packets have been sent out with more information on the meeting and a notice will be in the paper next week.

Auditor Fagerhaug reported that the vin numbers on the impounded vehicles have been connected to titles in the Auditor’s office. The board will plan to surplus the vehicles and sell this spring.

The board was given notices from the SDDANR for permits and a notice from District III on grant opportunities. A quote for chemical application to the lawn was also presented. The board will review and decide at the March meeting. An example of a hardship application for the Ambulance was presented for review. The board will discuss more at the March meeting.

Offices will be closed Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents’ Day.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Losing at 3:10 pm.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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