

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 am. Vice-Chair DeVonne Losing called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen and Commissioner Fred Krohmer in attendance. Commissioner Hein and Commissioner Mentzer were absent for the meeting. States Attorney Koch was also absent for the meeting.

Vice-Chair Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kristi Hine, True Dakotan, was present to speak with the board. Starting February, the True Dakotan will be sending a county reporter to sit through the meetings and record the content via app. The recording will then be reviewed by Kristi and anything of interest will be further investigated. Kristi also handed out “A Guide to South Dakota’s Open Meetings Laws” as a reference for the commission board. The board thanked her for the information and said that they looked forward to working with her further.

Auditor’s Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$5,598,108.97; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,432,683.36; Ambulance Fund - \$10,003.04; Custodial Funds - \$192,374.82 = \$9,233,170.19 total.

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

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2024 special meeting.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to complete the business for 2024 and to reorganize for 2025.

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

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

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid    Cities- \$1,090.07; Townships- \$3,987.78

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B	printer rent	\$279.30
A-Ox	oxygen, cylinder lease	\$304.28
Agtegra	softener salt	\$38.20

Alpena Co-op Service	fuel	\$194.50
Amkota	supplies	\$169.65
AT&T	utilities	\$393.95
Baker's Repair	lawnmower tune-up, battery	\$196.95
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$95.00
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	heating gas	\$3,477.11
City of Huron	911 tax distribution	\$2,586.82
Connecting Point	monthly service	\$730.00
CLIA Laboratory Prog	lab certificate fee	\$248.00
Clubhouse Hotel	DOE lodging	\$390.646
District III Planning	2025 dues, GIS System	\$14,956.00
Kimball Midwest	parts	\$282.24
L&M Sanitation	2-month service	\$210.00
Postmaster	post office box rent	\$120.00
Reemployment Assistance	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter unemployment	\$33.34
Rolling Hills Vet	drug dog supplies	\$120.72
Runnings	extension cords, Dewalt battery	\$422.81
Santel	911 utilities	\$30.00
Safe Place of Eastern SD	apportionment	\$3,000.00
Safe Place of Eastern SD	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter domestic abuse fees	\$75.00
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
Scheel, Audra	reimbursement on travel	\$110.24
SDSU Extension	2025 4-H advisor services	\$20,310.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$9,319.66
True Dakotan	publishing	\$421.93
True Value	supplies	\$49.78
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	equip, supplies, subscriptions	\$161.57
Wellmark	health ins (\$2,639.72 reimbursed)	\$15,305.80
Weskota Manor	maintenance fees	\$123.90
TOTAL		\$74,417.48

Chairman Losing made the following appointments:

Board of Adjustments (Planning & Zoning) – Commissioner Losing, Richard Kolousek, Doug Bruckner, Bernard Olinger, Cindy Eilers

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

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present 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 Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to designate the True Dakotan as the official newspaper.

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

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to designate the following polling places for 2025 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 present voted aye. Motion carried to pay election poll workers at \$200.00 per election with an additional \$25.00 for attending the schooling provided by the Auditor’s office. All election workers involved in the post-election audit process will be paid at \$25.00/hr.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge matters. The department is planning to crack seal this winter. Brian presented an application for the Rural Access Infrastructure Funds from Franklin Township. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present 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. Brian then presented an application for the Rural Access Infrastructure Funds from County Secondary Roads Wessington Springs Township. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the application from Sec Roads Wessington Springs Township for assistance on the replacement of a small structure from the

Rural Access Infrastructure Funding. Brian presented a proposal from Brosz Engineering to provide hydraulic design services for structure No. 37-225-100 at an estimated cost of \$12,400.00. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to sign the proposal for the project. Brian did bring more information on motor grader purchasing. Due to the number of commissioners out, the board asked to table the discussion until the February regular meeting.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$2.50</b>
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.50</b>
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.74</b>
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.37</b>
#2 Clear Diesel Pump	<b>\$3.10</b>
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$2.90</b>
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$2.68</b>

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to award all fuel bids to Total Oil.

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

There are currently sixteen 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.

Sheriff Weber was available to speak with the board on the future of the county-owned drug dog. The drug dog program will no longer continue in 2025. Deputy Sheldon has made it clear that he would like to purchase the drug dog in his retirement. The board did reach out to Deputy Sheldon via phone to confirm his intent. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to have SA Koch draft a bill of sale allowing Deputy Sheldon to purchase Mack from Jerauld County for \$1.00 effective immediately. The board then followed up with Sheriff Weber on medical calls within the county.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 10:55 am for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 11:00 am.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was present to update the board on the Ambulance. The board discussed the changes to dispatching calls and the efficiency of the response. Deb will plan to update all crews effected by the changes, so that they are aware of the procedures. The board went through the Ambulance budget with Deb.

Ann Scheel, Custodian, met with the commissioners to update them on quotes from Interstate Glass for door repair and replacement at the courthouse and clinic. The board asked that Ann reach out to other vendors, if possible, to see if there were other options.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a 2025 Memorandum of Understanding from Davison County for County Veterans Service Officer visits at the same rate as 2024. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2025 VSO MOU for Davison County.

At this time, the board moved to 2025 wages.

RESOLUTION #2025-1  
2025 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, 2025. This Resolution, when adopted, will nullify all previous wage scales.

SALARIED PAY RATE

COMMISSIONERS

Charles Bergeleen	\$8,014.55
Walt Hein	\$8,014.55
Fred Krohmer	\$8,014.55
DeVonne Losing	\$8,014.55
Shane Mentzer	\$8,014.55

SALARIED PERSONNEL

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor	\$51,667.20
Lisa Younie, Treasurer	\$43,160.00
Mette Ness, Register of Deeds	\$48,484.80
Dedrich Koch, States Attorney	\$58,032.00
Jason Weber, Sheriff	\$62,233.60
Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent	\$51,646.40
Christina Karsky, Director of Equalization	\$43,326.40
Debra Fastnacht, Ambulance Director	\$43,659.20

HOURLY PAY RATE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Paul Sheldon, Deputy Sheriff	\$23.49
Dawn Lake, Deputy Sheriff	\$23.49
Michael Krueger, Deputy Sheriff	\$23.49
Regina Teveldal, Administrative Assistant	\$18.45

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Christopher Cashman	\$21.20
Kathy Jensen	\$19.80
James Reiner	\$21.20
Edward Schroeder	\$21.20
Luke Starkey	\$21.20
Brady Younie	\$23.20

CLERICAL

Julie Barber, Deputy Treasurer & D O E / Planning & Zoning	\$20.03
Teresa Fonder, Extension/4-H Secretary, Deputy Auditor/R O D	\$20.03

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

Ann Scheel, Custodian	\$20.80
<u>CORONER</u> (Per Case)	
Debra Fastnacht	\$100.00
<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u> (Per Meeting Attended)	
Weed & Pest	\$20.00
Planning & Zoning	\$20.00
Ambulance	\$20.00

Commissioner Bergeleen moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Krohmer seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Fred Krohmer  
Charles Bergeleen  
DeVonne Losing

Voting Nay: None

Motion passed and resolution adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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, 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 2025. 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.

The board reviewed a proposed resolution urging the South Dakota Legislature to Pass Eminent Domain Reform Prohibiting the Use of Eminent Domain for Private Gain. The board will plan to discuss with the intent of passing the resolution at the next regular meeting.

Auditor Fagerhaug and Commissioner Bergeleen had been approached by a member of the county to place personal business cards within the Jerauld County Courthouse. Due to the lack of a dedicated location to allow advertising within the courthouse, the board asked that no cards be brought to the courthouse.

The Newly Elected Official & Commissioner Spring Workshop will be held on April 9-10, 2025 in Pierre. Commissioner Losing will plan to attend, along with newly elected Treasurer Younie, to represent Jerauld County.

Offices will be closed Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson Losing adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

DeVonne Losing, 2024 Vice-Chairperson & 2025 Chairperson

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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