

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:00 am. Chairman Walt Hein called the meeting to order with Commissioner DeVonne Losing and Commissioner Shane Mentzer present. Commissioner Charles Bergeleen and Commissioner Fred Krohmer were available via teleconference for the meeting. Also in attendance was States Attorney Koch.

Chairman Hein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Losing, 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.

Tom Mitzel, Senior Center, was present to update the board after the meeting with ROCS. At this time, he reported that the bus is doing well. The meals program is showing a deficit of over \$6,000.00 based on ROCS data. Tom presented the account information given out at the recent meeting. The Senior Center continues to appreciate the County's support.

Scott Vaske, Sons of the American Legion, was available to get permission to use the Ag Building for their annual dart tournament on March 28, 2026. The boards will be delivered on the 26<sup>th</sup> so as to not interfere with 4-H Shooting Sports. The committee will also ensure that the building is cleaned and ready for Shoot Sports to come back in on the following Sunday. The board was asked to consider waiving the rental fees. The board agreed to that, but asked that the group make a donation to the 4-H Shooting Sports program. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow the Sons of American Legion to host their annual dart tournament in the Ag Building.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$6,286,170.65; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$2,775,468.35; Custodial Funds - \$250,845.63 = \$9,312,484.63 total.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$2,107.60; Townships- \$6,470.64

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,738.60
	Auditor/Election	\$6,986.87
	Treasurer	\$5,957.89
	States Attorney	\$5,905.63
	Government Buildings	\$3,991.81
	Director of Equalization	\$6,227.20

Register of Deeds	\$4,735.77
Sheriff	\$22,703.94
Coroner	\$107.65
Emergency Management	\$801.19
Extension	\$1,799.07
Weed	\$1,430.80
Road & Bridge	\$27,986.82
9 1 1	\$219.31
Ambulance	\$5,162.48
24 / 7	\$140.12
TOTAL	\$97,895.15

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	copier rental	\$316.16
A-Ox	oxygen tanks	\$217.14
Alpena Coop Service	fuel	\$272.42
Amkota	supplies	\$171.82
AT&T	cell phones	\$397.77
Avera Occupational Med	screening	\$37.70
AWMMC	nurse assistance on ambulance	\$299.42
Baker's Repair	tire mount, hose repair	\$269.31
Beadle Co. Sheriff	prisoner care	\$210.00
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	heating fuel	\$4,073.47
City of WS	utilities – \$1,942.56 reimbursed	\$4,297.25
City of WS	Dakota Ave repairs	\$438.25
City of Huron	911 service	\$2,612.23
Colours	parts	\$99.45
Davison County Auditor	remaining 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of VSO service	\$437.50
Dunham Historical	apportionment	\$2,000.00
Employees	health reimbursement	\$526.72
Feistner Gravel & Excav	refund on commercial motor	\$511.10
Glacial Lakes & Prairie Assn	2026 annual contribution	\$300.00
Henry Shein	supplies	\$237.17
Horizon Healthcare	screening	\$95.00
L&M Sanitation	2-month service	\$220.00
Lexis Nexis	monthly updates	\$155.88
Lyle Signs	signage	\$290.87

Master Blaster	parts	\$91.14
McLeod's	office supplies	\$1,035.35
Menards	supplies	\$108.97
Mobile Binders	records, paper	\$529.92
NAPA Central	parts	\$175.23
Office Peeps	office supplies, toner	\$786.08
PCC Ambulance Billing	monthly fees	\$1,081.19
Pheasantland Industries	shirts, vests	\$861.75
Postmaster	tax notice postage, townships	\$1,697.66
Premier	thermostat	\$39.80
Runnings	chainsaw, chain	\$366.79
Safeplace of Eastern SD	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter apportionment	\$60.00
Safeplace of Eastern SD	2026 apportionment	\$3,000.00
Sails, Leon	overpayment of registration	\$184.98
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
SD Dept of Public Safety	1 <sup>st</sup> ½ of teleprinting	\$2,340.00
SDACHS	2026 dues, short course	\$800.00
SD Dept of Health	judicial expenses	\$50.00
SDW&P Conference	conference dues & membership	\$700.00
SD Federal Property	supplies	\$222.00
SD States Attorney's Assoc	2026 dues	\$743.49
Springs Food Market	supplies	\$34.53
Total Construction	chemical storage	\$60.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,600.36
Treasurer	2026 added assessments	\$1,366.60
True Dakotan	publishing	\$564.38
Two Way Solutions	battery	\$190.98
TwoTrees Technology	monthly fees	\$735.25
Venture	utilities	\$1,298.06
Verizon	utilities	\$51.62
Visa- AB&T	supplies, dues, toner, software	\$1,773.37
Wellmark	health ins – \$2,877.61 reimbursed	\$13,530.78
Weskota Manor	clinic maintenance, snow removal	\$220.50
WS Library	apportionment	\$500.00
TOTAL		\$56,497.41

FUNDED DEPRECIATION

AWMMC	4 stack & 5 station equipment	\$12,080.00
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had two 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 Losing, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the resolution for bridge reinspection work. The department has been focusing on tree removal in January. They are looking planning to crack seal soon. The board inquired about the Viola Township agreement and asked that it be available for review in March. Brian plans to advertise for bids on the resurfacing project this month. The bids will then be opened at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The weed spray truck will be sent to Sioux Falls for work on the injectors. Brian also will have two employees trained on the maintenance of the injectors. The board discussed other equipment needs for this year with Brian.

Fuel bids:	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Co-op
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$2.25</b>	
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.25</b>	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.45</b>	
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.08</b>	
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	<b>\$3.10</b>	
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.00	<b>\$2.94</b>
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.67	<b>\$2.54</b>

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award the #1 and #2 Dyed Diesel bids to Alpena Co-op and all other bids to Total Oil, Inc. as indicated above.

Christina Karsky, DOE, presented tax abatements for Pay 2026. DOE Karsky reported that from the two wind storms, 25 parcels received damage with 5 parcels receiving abatements. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve Abatements #2026-1 for \$1,114.78, #2026-2 for \$133.56, #2026-3 for \$63.99, #2026-4 for \$546.18, #2026-5 for \$1,444.07 and #2026-6 for \$687.00.

Sheriff Weber was available to update the board on the building security projects. At this time, the department is waiting on quotes. The Sheriff's department is also looking into other equipment that will assist with location and recovery in the future.

Blake Willman, AB&T, was present to update the board on the new Fraud Protection Program labeled Check Positive Pay and ACH Positive Pay. After discussion on the programs, moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to have AB&T work with the Auditor to set up the County accounts for the protection programs.

Pat Fastnacht was available to review the newly seated Wessington Springs Development Corporation. The goal is to allow the corporation to hire a part-time executive secretary to manage programming. The corporation is asking the County for \$10,000.00 allocation to assist with that effort. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the increase in allocation to \$10,000.00 once the 2026 budget has been presented to the board.

Jalene Reiner, WS HS student, was available to get permission to use the Ag Building for an event held in March. The event will be a fundraiser for a scholarship. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow the use of the Ag Building March 7, 2026 for the event on the same conditions as the March 28<sup>th</sup> event had been agreed upon.

The Jerauld County Weed Supervisor and a representative of the weed board will be attending the SD Weed & Pest Conference in Deadwood February 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Bergeleen, 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.

Auditor Fagerhaug was approached by a member of the community to see if he could get permission to tap the Maple tree on the county ballfield property. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow the Maple tree to be tapped this spring.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve Resolution #2026-2.

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 Walt Hein, Jerauld County Chairman, Charles Bergeleen, Jerauld County Vice-Chairman, DeVonne Losing, Jerauld County Commission, Shane Mentzer, 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 5, 2026.

Walt Hein, Chairman of the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners

Aye   5  

No   0  

Absent       

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

Huron School has contacted the county to combine elections in 2026. An agreement between Jerauld County and Huron School District 2-2 was presented to the board. Huron School will hold their elections on June 2, 2026, with all races appearing on the Jerauld County ballot in the designated district areas and share the costs of combined expenses. Move by Losing, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow the combined elections for the 2026 Primary.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the SD Property Assurance Alliance Intergovernmental Agreement Update. Moved by Losing, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to sign the updated agreement.

A quote for TruGreen application at the Courthouse was presented to the board. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow the Auditor to prepay the TruGreen quote for a discount on spraying.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a quote on window treatment replacement in the courthouse. A quote for updating the spray logger for summer weed spraying was also reviewed. Ann Scheel, Weed Supervisor, had also received spray chemical quotes for product. The board reviewed each quote and will wait to make decisions at the March regular meeting.

The County will host a Township Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am in the Community Room. All Township Boards have been notified of the meeting.

Deputy Sheldon was available to present quotes on the courthouse security project to the board. The board will complete reviewing the information at the March regular meeting.

Eric Schroeder, EM/Interim Ambulance Coordinator, was available to update the board. Eric has received generator quotes. There will be an LEPC meeting held at LSI on February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm. Local businesses have been invited to the meeting. EM Schroeder reported that we have passed the peak of influenza in our area. Woonsocket Ambulance has received a new unit, but it is unfurnished. Eric was approached by a member of the crew to see how Jerauld County Ambulance can assist them. The board had designated two power cots and one stair chair to surplus back in March for sale to an interested party. The board told Eric to donate the better power cot and the stair chair to the Woonsocket Ambulance for their use. Eric presented the information on TextMyGov to the board. The board declined the service at this time.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 2:06 pm for an interview per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairman Hein declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 3:15 pm.

Offices will be closed Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hein at 3:45 pm.

Walt Hein, Chairman

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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