

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. Chairperson DeVonne Losing called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer, and Commissioner Shane Mentzer in attendance. States Attorney Koch was also present for the meeting.

Chairperson Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Krohmer did declare a conflict of interest when approving the alcoholic beverage license application. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

No one was present during the scheduled time for public comment.

Brady Younie, Assistant Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge. A notice to cut grass, weeds or brush in all townships in Jerauld County between September 15 and October 15, 2025, will be published in the True Dakotan. There will also be a notice published to remove all obstructions near road right of ways by October 15, 2025. The department has been completing mowing, hauling gravel and patching asphalt. The board inquired about ditch cleaning this fall.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Coop
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.69	
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.69	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	\$2.94	
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.29	
#2 Clr Diesel, Truck	\$3.30	
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.79	\$2.65

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award the #2 Dyed Diesel bid to Alpena Coop and all other bids to Total Oil, Inc. as indicated in bold above.

Brady presented applications for the open highway position. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 9:15 am per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 9:35 am. The board agreed to go forward with interviews when Brian can get them scheduled.

At this time, the board met to hold the Public Hearing regarding Resolution #2025-17 Jerauld County Burning Ordinance. Chairperson Losing opened the hearing to public comment. There was a call for public testimony. No proponents or opponents were present for public testimony. Public hearing was closed. No further discussion was held. Motion by Mentzer, 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 #2025-17. The ordinance will be come effective September 22, 2025.

The board then met to hold the Public Hearing regarding Resolution #2025-18 Provisional Budget for year 2026. Chairperson Losing opened the hearing to public comment. There was a call for public testimony. No proponents or opponents were present for public testimony. Public hearing was closed. The board will approve the final adoption of the 2026 Provisional Budget on September 16, 2025 at 8:30 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the August 4th and August 15th special meetings and the August 5th regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$6,152,607.36; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,286,251.81; Custodial Funds - \$157,258.54 = \$9,596,117.71 total.

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

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,594.85
	Auditor/Election	\$6,798.68
	Treasurer	\$5,532.78
	States Attorney	\$5,735.52
	Director of Equalization	\$5,888.76
	Register of Deeds	\$4,578.18
	Sheriff	\$21,842.01
	Coroner	\$107.65
	Emergency Management	\$1,376.15
	Ag Building	\$4,307.29
	Extension	\$1,910.75
	Weed	\$167.93
	Road & Bridge	\$26,168.54
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	Ambulance	\$6,344.32
	24 / 7	\$135.51
	TOTAL	\$94,699.14

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	copier rent	\$345.70
A-Ox	oxygen	\$165.32
Amkota	supplies	\$119.91
AT&T	cell phones	\$393.60
Avera Occupational Med	substance abuse testing	\$37.70
Avera Weskota Memorial	nurse assist on transfer	\$459.68
B&S Services	repair hose	\$55.32
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$1,050.00

Brosz Engineering	hydraulic project management	\$1,612.50
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	propane	\$458.74
City of Huron	911 surcharge	\$2,619.99
City of WS	utilities (\$1,299.00 reimbursed)	\$4,494.47
DCI	employee services	\$43.25
Employees	health reimbursements	\$233.11
G&R Controls	assess system	\$288.75
Heartland Glass	door work at county clinic	\$4,225.00
Heartland Custom Fencing	refund on commercial motor	\$239.75
Jeff Argo Excavating	haul gravel	\$2,775.79
IState	parts	\$640.69
K&M Tire	tire replacement	\$578.00
Krohmer Plumbing	repairs & filters	\$595.13
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$145.00
Marshall & Swift	book subscription	\$688.20
Mitzel, Thomas	mowing & spraying ball field	\$410.00
NAPA Central	filters	\$138.71
Next Level Ag	repayment on unclaimed check	\$60.40
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$54.92
Oschner, Doreen	gravel	\$24,331.58
PCC Ambulance Billing	billing fees	\$277.00
Santel	911 monthly	\$30.00
SDACC	fall convention dues	\$930.00
SD Human Services Center	monthly fees	\$1,507.58
Sungold	plaque	\$45.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$1,588.58
True Dakotan	publishing	\$856.40
Two Way Solutions	equipment	\$255.97
TwoTrees Technology	monthly charges	\$931.50
Venture	utilities	\$1,327.97
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	supplies, subscription, toner	\$440.31
Wellmark	health ins (\$2,137.38 reimbursed)	\$11,963.04
Weskota Manor	maintenance fees	\$66.15
Westendorf Electric	repair water heater element	\$215.48
TOTAL		\$67,926.27

FUNDED DEPRECIATION

Avera Weskota Memorial	radiology room & electrician	\$201,195.19
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had three people receiving poor relief for the month of August.

Eric Schroeder, Emergency Manager, was present to update the board. The August storm report has been completed. Some property damage was sustained throughout the county due to the storm. EM Schroeder and Commissioner Mentzer assisted Avera Wescota Hospital with a mock drill on August 18th. EM Schoeder has been working to assist the Ambulance with administrative duties. Returning crew members are getting set up, a board meeting will be scheduled to work with the crew and new pagers will be looked into being purchased. A revised list of Ambulance Volunteers will be on file in the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Losing has been working with Alpena community to gain more Ambulance volunteers. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, Krohmer did abstain from the vote, all other members voted aye. Motion carried to compensate EM Schroder for hours dedicated to the Ambulance at \$25.00/hour effective August 15th.

DOE Karsky was available to present Plat #2025-19 Borkowski Outlots A&B.

RESOLUTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

It was moved by Kothmer, seconded by Mentzer, motion carried that the plat of "BORKOWSKI OUTLOTS A & B" in the S.W. ¼ of Section 29, Twp. 108 North, Rge. 65 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Jerauld County, South Dakota, as described above and drawn hereon, be approved and accepted and the Auditor hereby is instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and certify the same.

I, Shannon Fagerhaug, County Auditor of Jerauld County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the County Commission of Jerauld County, South Dakota, at its meeting on September 2 A.D., 2025.

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor, Jerauld County, South Dakota

DOE Karsky informed the board that Bernard Olinger would like to resign from his position on the Planning & Zoning Board. The commissioners asked DOE Karsky to compile a list of individuals interested to appoint to that position. The compensation for serving on a county board was discussed and the commissioners will consider a change at the beginning of next year.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 11:30 am for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 11:40 am.

The board reviewed a revision to the Alcoholic Beverage License Application that had been initially approved in April, 2025. The location of the licensed premise was moved to comply with SD Codified Law. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, Krohmer abstained from the vote, all other members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License Application with the revisions.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board that the Auditor, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer will be attending the County Fall Convention held in Pierre September 8th-9th. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for September meetings.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented an agreement to participate in the New National Opioids Settlement for Secondary Manufacturers. Jerauld County will, once again, become a benefactor as a subdivision. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve and sign the Participation Form for the Secondary Manufacturers Settlement.

Representatives of the board had participated in an interview process for the open Deputy Auditor/ 4-H Extension Secretary position. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the hiring of Natasha Waters as full-time Jerauld County Deputy Auditor/ 4-H Extension Secretary at \$18.50/hour effective August 25, 2025.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented notices to the board from the State of South Dakota.

The board reviewed the current coverage of County Property and Liability under the SD Public Assurance Alliance (SDPAA).

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a report on County Surplus Funds to the board. This will be addressed at future meetings.

Ann Scheel, Custodian, was available to update the board on buildings. The A-1 Roofing company had completed an inspection and quote on the Ag Building due to a recent leak in the ceiling. Ann is waiting for the quote to come back. The board recommended that she reach out to another local contractor for a quote.

The final adoption meeting for the 2026 Budget will be held on September 16th at 8:30 am in the Commissioner Room of the Jerauld County Courthouse.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7th at 9:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 1:25 pm.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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