

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at 9:00 am. Chairman Shane Mentzer called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walter Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer, and Commissioner DeVonne Losing in attendance. States Attorney Dedrich Koch was also present.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Sue and Neal Mathis were present to speak to the board regarding posted speed limit signs in the area near their residence. Signage is inconsistent and needs to be more visible to traffic going in any direction. The board stated that they would speak to both the highway and sheriff departments regarding the concerns.

Jean Franceus was also present to update the board on concerns regarding the election process. She offered some articles to the board for reference of the insecure election process in other states. She also stated that she is very comfortable with how secure elections have been run in Jerauld County. The board thanked her for the information.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the February 6th regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,328,366.09; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,422,559.43; Ambulance Fund - \$66,273.54; Custodial Funds - \$340,748.24 = \$8,157,947.30 total.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$1,782.89; Townships- \$5,667.89

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,469.95
	Auditor/Election	\$5,750.46
	Treasurer	\$5,280.79
	States Attorney	\$5,662.85
	Government Buildings	\$13,149.39
	Director of Equalization	\$5,659.29
	Register of Deeds	\$4,424.45
	Sheriff	\$21,508.73
	Coroner	\$124.99
	Extension	\$1,026.35
	Weed	\$344.48
	Road & Bridge	\$29,845.11

9 1 1	\$218.72
Ambulance	\$8,316.70
24 / 7	\$261.78
TOTAL	\$105,044.04

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	printer rent	\$320.26
A-Ox	oxygen	\$66.23
Agtegra	softener salt	\$60.35
Alpena Coop Service	fuel	\$148.17
Alpena Fire Dept	2024 Fire Protection Dues	\$1,000.00
AmericInn	EMT conference lodging	\$263.98
Amkota	supplies, paint	\$1,010.20
AT&T	cell phones	\$301.02
Avera Weskota Memorial	nurse accompany for ambulance	\$245.02
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$1,935.00
Blue, Wheeler & Banks	CAA fees	\$993.70
Butler	parts	\$89.95
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	LP gas, heater	\$3,970.19
City of Huron	911 professional services	\$1,678.29
City of WS	utilities - \$2,289.24 reimbursed	\$4,660.15
CNH Industrial Accts	oil supply	\$207.90
Community Counseling Ser	2024 apportionment for mental	\$5,000.00
Connecting Point	monthly service, firewall	\$682.00
Fastenal	parts	\$2.66
Employees	health reimbursement	\$5,933.74
Henry Schein	supplies	\$154.19
Holiday Inn	weed and pest lodging	\$367.96
Krohmer Plumbing	repairs to pipes	\$864.05
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$139.00
Lodging at the Springs	EMT lodging	\$130.00
Mac's	supplies	\$82.98
MARC	supplies	\$352.43
Marcus, Laurie	blood draws	\$80.00
McLeod's	office & election supplies	\$529.56
Mobile Binders	ROD supplies	\$968.04
NAPA Central	parts	\$178.94
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$130.90
On Sight	support plan	\$104.51

Ramkota Hotel	election school lodging	\$228.00
Regalia Manufacturing	achievement days ribbons	\$176.36
Postmaster	postage	\$136.29
Sandness, Gary	ceiling repair	\$162.05
Santel	911 service	\$30.00
SDACC	1 st quarter CLERP	\$245.00
SD Dept of Public Safety	teletype service	\$2,340.00
SD DOT	professional service	\$110.19
Total Oil	fuel, diesel	\$9,693.27
True Dakotan	publishing	\$401.35
True Value	supplies	\$325.57
Two Way Solutions	patrol supplies	\$1,417.98
Venture	utilities	\$1,246.18
Verizon	extension internet	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	subscription, supplies	\$526.35
Weed & Pest Conference	2024 conference dues	\$805.00
Wellmark	health ins - \$2,530.70 reimbursed	\$11,454.75
Wessington Springs Fire	2024 Dale/Media Fire Protection	\$2,816.89
TOTAL		\$64,996.68

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

TJ Thomas, VSO, was available to present his annual report to the board. The office processed 55 claims in 2023 with \$565,655 in payouts. The VSO office is always available by phone with someone in the Jerauld County office on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Commissioner Bergeleen and Commissioner Hein gave a brief update from the 2024 Weed & Pest conference held February 21st-23rd. The grant to Jerauld County will be \$4,500 this year.

Brian Kolousek from the highway department was present to discuss roads. The board updated Brian on the concerns with speed limits. They discussed adding signs to the North, South, East & West roadways near Twin Lakes. Brian reported that the highway department had decided to use All-Tag for their sign program vendor. This company will allow them a database to track signs and change at will. Brian spoke with the board on moving to 4, 10-hour days for the warmer months. It was decided that they would make that change as of March 18th.

Brian presented a Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution for Use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts.

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Jerauld County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering (Consultant Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2024, at Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug
County Auditor

Board of County Commissioners of Jerauld County
Shane Mentzer
Chairman of the Board

Sealed bids for road and bridge projects were opened with the following results:

Excavator by the hour at under 50,000 lbs. at \$225.00 per hour - **Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLC**

Excavator by the hour at over 50,000 lbs. at \$300.00 per hour – **Coin flip to break the tie with Argo Excavating winning the coin flip**

Hauling by the ton mile from pits throughout Jerauld County for gravel, oversized, sand, clay, etc. minimum 5-mile haul. Belly dump only @ \$0.27 per ton per mile - **Argo Excavating**

Hauling rip-rap from Spencer Quarries @ \$0.28 per ton per mile - **Argo Excavating**

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to accept all bids as listed in **bold print**.

Fuel bids:	Total Oil
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$2.89
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$2.89
Unleaded Gas, Pump	NA
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.60
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	\$3.50
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.28
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$3.08

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award all fuel bids to Total Oil. The board discussed looking into bids for a bulk transport load for summer months.

Chairman Mentzer updated the board on the Ambulance business as Deb Fastnacht was sick and unable to attend. The Ambulance board agreed to move forward to apply for the Regional Services Designation (RSD) Grant for 100% funding on equipment. Auditor Fagerhaug also updated the board on a notice sent to the county from PCC Billing services.

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

Moved by Hein, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the fire protection contract between Wessington Springs Fire Department and Dale Township in the amount of \$953.66 for one year commencing April 1, 2025.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the fire protection contract between Wessington Springs Fire Department and Media Township in the amount of \$1863.23 for one year commencing April 1, 2025.

A permit and Certificate of Insurance from Dakota Air Spray were presented to the board. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the Permit to Land Aircraft on Jerauld County Highways.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 11:15 am per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to consult with legal counsel regarding debt collection. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 11:30 am. The board will take no action at this time.

The board discussed the county vehicle inventory. If excess vehicles are not an option to trade in on replacement vehicles, they will be surplus and sold on auction.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a quote from Dietz Lawn Care for service options. The board decided to cancel any lawn care service and have the Custodian take over that care.

The county has a surplus of desks that are in poor condition at this time. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to surplus 3 metal office desks and haul them to the city dump as soon as possible.

The board discussed the upcoming SD Grasslands Summit in Oacoma on March 18th & 19th. The board would like to have a representative attend. This will be decided at a later date.

Christina Karsky, Jerauld County DOE, was available to speak to the board about advertising for summer help. The board discussed pay options and asked that DOE Karsky advertise for the position. The board set the date of April 9th at 9:15 am for county boards. They will reconvene on April 23rd at 8:00 am to close the county books.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meeting in executive session at 11:55 am per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to consult with legal counsel. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 12:15 pm.

A Thank You from Dunham Historical Society was presented to the board.

A notice of Water Pollution Control Permit from the Dept of Ag and Natural Resources was also presented to the board for review.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the 2023 annual report to the commission board. The report has been submitted to the Department of Legislative Audit and a copy will be published this month.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th, at 9:00 am and the board will reconvene as the County Board of Equalization on April 23rd at 8:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 12:20 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of _____.