

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, at 9:00 am. Chairman Shane Mentzer called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Fred Krohmer, and Commissioner DeVonne Losing in attendance. Commissioner Walt Hein and States Attorney Koch were absent for the meeting.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A conflict of interest was declared by Commissioner Losing on the decision of awarding the Propane bid for Jerauld County from July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024.

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

No one appeared at the designated time for public comment.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the May 9th regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,783,826.37; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,425,774.77; Ambulance Fund - \$112,951.55; Custodial Funds - \$452,299.34 = \$8,774,852.03 total

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$4,986.90; Townships- \$18,129.53

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,357.98
	Auditor/Election	\$6,067.10
	Treasurer	\$6,393.06
	States Attorney	\$5,103.49
	Government Buildings	\$3,812.42
	Director of Equalization	\$6,072.65
	Register of Deeds	\$4,398.08
	Sheriff	\$20,381.17
	Extension	\$1,586.21
	Weed	\$223.55
	Road & Bridge	\$27,641.16
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TOTAL

\$85,739.99

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	office supplies	\$315.21
Agtegra	spray chemical	\$1,220.21
Alpena Coop Service	fuel	\$198.33
Amkota	supplies	\$1,083.62
AT&T	cell phones	\$287.03
Badlands Environmental Con	air quality testing	\$1,900.00
Bender's Sewer & Drain	camera to inspect culvert drain	\$995.50
Butler Machinery	parts	\$2,542.40
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
Churchill Manolis Freeman	CAA fees	\$435.90
City of Huron	911 professional services	\$1,706.96
City of WS	utilities - \$1,375.18 reimbursed	\$3,152.73
Connecting Point	monthly fees, labor	\$809.50
Dietz Lawn Service	lawn care	\$944.52
Employees	health reimbursement	\$1,305.36
Gary Zell's Auto Glass	labor	\$130.00
Jensen Construction	repair shop door	\$5,001.02
K&M Tire	tires for pickup	\$800.00
Krohmer Plumbing	clinic repairs	\$150.51
L&M Sanitation	2 months fees	\$180.00
Lexis Nexis	monthly updates	\$133.00
NAPA Central	supplies	\$75.22
Office Peeps	supplies	\$40.04
Patton, Donald	mowing fees	\$600.00
Postmaster	postage, box rent	\$791.64
Sanborn County	nurse admin assistant payroll	\$1,533.75
Santel	911 utilities	\$110.58
Scott Supply	parts	\$155.30
SD Federal Property	supplies	\$62.00
Spring Food Market	supplies	\$127.28
Sun Gold Trophies	retirement plaque	\$45.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,279.30
True Dakotan	publishing	\$776.48
True Value	supplies	\$1,124.01
Venture	utilities	\$1,171.17

Verizon	extension hot spot	\$55.08
VISA- AB&T	supplies, dues, equipment	\$813.41
Volesky, Ron	CAA fees	\$4,768.75
Wellmark	health ins - \$3,264.79 reimbursed	\$15,095.38
WW Tire	parts	\$174.89
TOTAL		\$53,271.08

AMBULANCE:

Employees	payroll	\$7,806.14
A-Ox	oxygen	\$58.75
AWMMC	nurse ride-along	\$257.92
Henry Schein	supplies	\$51.30
Quadax	monthly service fee	\$125.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$316.72
Travelers Motel	lodging for EMTs	\$675.00
Venture	utilities	\$93.94
Wellmark	health ins	\$677.24
TOTAL		\$10,062.01

FUNDED DEPRECIATION:

American Bank & Trust	interest	\$14,046.24
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had three people receiving poor relief for the month of May.

Kelly Larson, Maintenance was available to approach the board about flag sales. The Legion is unable to offer flag sales due to funding. Kelly asked for Jerauld County Courthouse to carry flags for purchase in place of the Legion. The board agreed that this was a good service to keep at the courthouse. Kelly gave an update on the heating & cooling project. Some items have been purchased for the project and tools have been borrowed from the County and may not have been returned in the same condition. This will be discussed before the conclusion of the project. Due to some miscommunication, Kelly will continue to mow the 4-H Barn and the county owned cemeteries.

The commissioner board met with Avera Weskota Memorial Medical Center staff Stephanie Reasy, Administrator/CEO and Linda Jager, Finance Partner, to review the 2024 Capital Budget. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2024 Capital Budget for Avera Weskota Memorial Medical Center.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 9:30 am per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to conduct an interview. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 10:00 am.

Brian Kolousek, highway superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge. The newly ordered road grader is currently in Huron for inspection. The board discussed road graveling plans for the department. New intersection signs have been ordered and may be put up by the

DOT next year. On May 17, via phone conference, the board made the following motion. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to hire Christopher Cashman as full-time Jerauld County Highway Equipment Operator at a wage of \$19.60/hour, starting off with a 6-month probationary period at 90% pay, or \$17.64/hour, effective June 5, 2023. Brian reported that the new employees are doing well with their positions. The County spraying is approximately 75% complete. Ben Rostyne will then switch his focus to the townships that have requested spraying.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil
Bulk Ethanol Gas	\$3.03
Ethanol Gas, Pump	\$3.03
Unleaded Gas, Pump	\$3.46
E-30 Gas, Pump	\$2.67
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	\$3.46
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	\$2.99

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

The board opened sealed bids submitted for propane to be delivered to the Jerauld County Courthouse, Jerauld County Highway Department, and Jerauld County Ag Building from July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 as follows:

- Agtegra Cooperative @ \$1.59/gallon
- Alpena Coop Service @ \$1.336/gallon
- CHS Farmers Alliance @ \$1.29/gallon.**

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to award the bid to CHS Farmers Alliance.

Sheriff Weber was present to update the board on staffing. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 11:20 am per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 11:50 am.

Sheriff Weber reported that he will be out with presentations for the Sheriffs Association and meetings on a UJS Summer Study for county funding. Brian Kolousek and Brady Younie will be traveling to Pierre June 7-8 for a Highway Superintendent's Workshop. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for April meetings.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 1:00 pm per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to conduct an interview. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 1:45 pm.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board that Lynn Bren of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance will be coming to the meeting in July to discuss the coverage on property and liability for Jerauld County. The Auditor asked that the board refer any questions on coverage to her as soon as possible and she will prepare Lynn for her visit.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board that she will be taking on some hours with in-home nursing soon. The board was understanding of her reasoning to keep her nursing license.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 2:00 pm per SDCL 1-25-2(1) to conduct an interview. Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 2:45 pm.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to hire Christina Karsky as Jerauld County Director of Equalization at \$40,000.00/year salary, starting off with a 6-month probationary period at 90% pay, or \$17.31/hr, effective June 20, 2023. The board will allow Christina to come in for an hour in the morning to train with DOE Bender until her official start date. This time will be paid at her 90% hourly wage rate.

Auditor Fagerhaug informed the board that she will begin preparing the two county opt-out resolutions for the July meeting. The board asked to keep them the same as they had been when passed 5 years ago.

Chairman Mentzer updated the board on the status of the sink hole within the hospital parking lot. The County hired Bender's Sewer and Drain to put a camera into the culvert drain and line. They found several weaknesses and rusted-out areas below. The cost to repair the line is going to be significant. The board decided that a superficial patch with gravel over the drain to fill the hole in the parking lot is necessary. There will need to be further discussion with other entities on ways to approach a long-term fix for the line underground. The board will continue to communicate with those entities to find a solution.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth holiday and closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Forth of July holiday.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5th starting at 9:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members present voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 3:20 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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